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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 28, 2012**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Craig Rose, Nickole Bouslog, Stephanie Meakin, Heidi Spaulding, Josh Sullivan, Kim Williams, Penny Musante, Pamela Perls, Rocio Smith, Jim Burton, Curtis Braxton, Will Sanford, Ex-Officio, Heather Hackett, Gina Jennings, Staff.

Board Members Excused: Joanne Nakamura, Elree Langford, Stephen Dale, Ella Liggins, Carl Tolentino, Carol McKinney, Stephanie Chapralis, Vice Chair, Suzanne Anthony, Chairperson, Ian Bremner, Ange Burnett, Lacey Friedman, and Kate Rauch.

Guests: Ron Usal, Area Board 5; Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Kelly Kramer, Tookworks; Caroline Ortiz, Care Parent Network; Kiyaki Getachew, Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.; Evelyn Struthers, Sen. Mark DeSaulnier's Office; Krista Peterson, CAAD-CCRMC; Bill Sorrell, CCC-Public Health; Bonnie Whitcomb, RCEB; Erin Rogers, Cole Vocational Services; Danon Jenkins, ALIVE-Antioch, DSP; Ken Talken, WCCUSD; Barbara Maizie, Contra Costa ARC

Welcome and Introductions-Gina Jennings, Acting Chairperson:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. and introductions were made.

- The January and February 2012 meeting minutes were unanimously approved (M/Josh Sullivan; S/Nickole Bouslog), with no corrections.
- There were no additions to the agenda. However, Kim Williams wanted to show her new iPad to everyone----it's great!

Personnel Update from Bill Sorrell, Contra Costa County Public Health:

- Bill Sorrell announced that Gina Jennings will be leaving her positions with the DD Council (CC County Public Health) and Full Circle at the end of June. Gina is taking a 1 year sabbatical, working on a water project in Kenya.
- Bill acknowledged his enjoyment working with Gina for the past 6 years and her great work with the DD Council.
- Since the County does not allow sabbaticals, she must resign her position.
- The County's HR department will fill the position in 6-12 months, as this lengthy process involves an exam, rankings and interviews.
- The County is committed to hire for the position and Bill has met with Gina, Suzanne Anthony, and Stephanie Chapralis to discuss various options until someone is hired:
 - Hire a temporary employee, with no benefits;
 - Contract with an agency to temporarily oversee council business.

Bill has drafted and distributed two announcements, one for a temporary employee and one for an agency contract. The hiring decision is made by the Board and Bill would like a decision on the temporary situation prior to Gina leaving, for training purposes. Bill recommends that the Board go down both paths, and then decide.



Discussion:

The County is unable to contract with an individual. A temp employee is eligible to apply for the permanent position. It may be important to have independent options for the temporary position.

The Board would like to thank Bill and the County for their commitment and on-going support of the DD Council.

Gina briefly described the duties of the position.

The Board unanimously approved advertising for both options (M/Josh Sullivan; S/Nickole Bouslog).

Please note that if Gina returns before the formal process is completed, she can be re-considered for the position.

Board volunteers to join Bill and Gina on the selection committee included: A representative from AB5 (Rocio or Ron), Jim Burton or designee (RCEB), Heidi Spaulding, Pam Perls, Suzanne Anthony and Stephanie Chapralis.

Annual Dinner: June 7, 2012 @ Scott's in Jack London Square:

- Invitations will be going out next week.
- Your nominations for the *Excellence in Service* awards must be in by April 20th.
- We need 6 new Board members to serve. Volunteers for the nominating committee included: Craig Rose, Josh Sullivan, Heather Hackett and Ron Usal. Anyone can make nominations. This group will set up a meeting at Panama Bay to review the nominations and make recommendations.
- Tony Anderson has confirmed to speak at this year's banquet.

Letter of Support:

On behalf of the Board, Gina wrote a letter of support for SB 1381, to eliminate the R-word from legislative language.

State and RCEB Budget Updates-Jim Burton:

Regarding the State budget, there were hearings last Monday and also this afternoon, but not a lot of action is being taken. Jim suggested they are waiting for the May revision of the Governor's proposals and a peek at the revenue picture prior to taking action. The hearings in May and June will be crucial to attend.

We need to continue to remind DeSaulnier of our presence. A cause of concern is the cash flow, as the Federal reimbursements are slow to arrive to California.

Lanterman Developmental Center in southern California is still slated for closure, modeled after the Agnews closure process.

The 4.25% payment reduction sunsets on June 30th and DDS is starting to relate the effects.

Will made a chart of how the DDS cuts for this year are being handled without further service reductions. It seems that most are 1-time funds.

Jim described the DDS budget as "razor, razor, thin" and it is hard to project at this point. At the same time cash flow continues to be of serious concern. We won't see the results of the Stakeholder Committee recommendations until early May.

Regarding RCEB, with overtime and retired employees, they enrolled over 400 more people on the waiver program during January and February----a HUGE accomplishment!



Right now RCEB is projecting an \$18 million deficiency, with cash flow concerns, as well. Jim is trying to get a line of credit in place, as RCEB is unable to borrow money. He stated that 20 out of 21 regional centers currently projecting deficiencies. The good news: The Federal government approved close to \$2 billion in Medicaid waiver funds this morning for the State of California.

Committee Reports:

- **Legislative Committee:**
We are supporting SB 1381 to eliminate the R-word from legislative documents. AB 2338 (Employment First) has been revised and is up for discussion.
- **Transition Committee:** The Transition Task Force meets the 3rd Thursday of each month in the RCEB conference room and hosts interesting speakers. Everyone is invited.
- No report from the Family Support Committee.

Announcements:

- The West County Transition and Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Ken Talken had flyers to distribute.
- Nancy Skinner honored our own Rocio Smith as "Woman of the Year"----CONGRATULATIONS!
- The Star Conference on Autism is April 21st.

Our next meeting will be April 25, 2012 at:

City of El Cerrito Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Walsh: Changing One Mind at a Time (COMAT)

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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