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**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2009**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Suzanne Anthony, Laura Beard, Curtis Braxton, Ange Burnett, Jim Burton, Dwayne Cooper, Joseph Jimenez, Mindy Lee, Anne Long, Carol McCrary, Penny Musante, Kate Rauch, Will Sanford, Pam Perls, and Heidi Spaulding.

Excused: Rosemary Almand, Ian Bremner, Stephen Dale, Elree Langford, Carol McKinney, Lauri Parks, Norma Ramos and Carol Rossi.

Guests: Laraine Domenico, Terri Demmon, Francine Davis, Jeff Resnick, Linda O'Brien, Sandra Jackson, Louise Schneiders, Shay Boomer, Melanie Kilcorse, Amanda Savage, Florence Drocan, Jan Shapiro, Jessica Treat, Krista Loomis and Joanne Nackamura.

Staff: Gina Jennings, Director

Welcome and Introductions - Anne Long

Chairperson Ann Long called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. She welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2009 Board Meeting - Minutes were unanimously approved (motion by Carol McCrary and second by Will Sanford).

Additions to the Agenda - None

Special Presentation

Laraine Domenico is a Program Specialist with the Contra Costa Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). The SELPA provides a continuum for all age children from birth to 22 for their special education needs. The mission of the Contra Costa SELPA is Collaborative Planning for Student Success through participation of families, Local Education Agencies and other organizations. The SELPA ensures compliance to regulations and laws, and can provide support in alternative dispute resolution. The SELPA does not operate programs but coordinates with groups that do. For more information you can reach Laraine at (925) 827-0949, ext. 24, and you can find further information at <http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/selpa/ccselpa.htm>.

State Budget and RCEB Update - Jim Burton

Jim began his report stating that the California State Budget has been signed, but he reminded the Board that all the details of this special session budget have not been released yet, and he does not have complete information, however based on the information he did have the following report was given.

In order to try and handle the State deficit the following three areas were agreed upon by the Big Five and approved by the Legislature just a week ago:

1. 12.7 billion in additional taxes and fees
2. 26 billion in cuts
3. 5.4 billion in borrowing

There are three types of cuts that directly affect Regional Centers and they are;



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1. A 3% cut to Regional Centers operations which has a \$165 million impact for next 16 months.
2. A 3% cut to all payments to service providers except Supported Employment and providers who have a usual and customary rate (a very small percentage) effective February 1, 2009.
3. A \$100 million cut for fiscal year 2009-2010 which will affect matching federal funds that are received for some services.

How this \$100 million dollar cut will be achieved has not been determined yet. The Department of Developmental Services has been directed to make a proposal to the Legislature on how to achieve these cuts by April 1. If there is not a plan to make these reductions there will be an additional 7.1% rate cut to service providers on September 1, 2009.

The Department of Developmental Services will be holding stakeholder meetings. This is an opportunity to listen to Teri Delgadillo, the Director of the State Department of Developmental Services, and to offer your opinion about ways to cut costs and maintain the integrity of services for persons with developmental disabilities. The 1st meeting was held in Sacramento last week and this Friday, February 27, 2009 in Oakland and March 2, 2009 in Southern California. These are important meetings and information has been distributed via e-mail. Information on Friday's meeting was distributed to the Board and membership.

Regional Center of the East Bay will keep their website updated on all information regarding these important budget issues at www.rceb.org. Other important things to know are:

- As of this date there has been no change in law or policy to Regional Center services.
- Federal Stimulus Program may help in the areas of Medi-Cal, SSI and IHSS services. At this time there have been no cuts to these programs.
- There will be a special election on May 19, 2009 and voters will be able to vote on issues like 'fund shifts' of Proposition 10 and 63 and a proposed parcel tax for Concord residents for Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

Jim concluded his report stating that billions of dollars come into our system from the Medicaid Waiver program and Regional Center of the East Bay will be working hard to increase this funding.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee-Will Sanford

Will did not have much to report as Jim had given the overview of the State issues. Other issues expected to be on the special election ballot will be spending caps and the sales tax increase time frames. Will reminded the group that the Legislative Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month in Oakland from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Transition Committee-Penny Musante - No report.

Unmet Needs - Open-No report.

Aging Committee - Anne Long-No report.

Annual Dinner Planning - Gina Jennings

Gina reported that we are in process of nailing down a keynote speaker and once that is finalized a date will be announced. She reminded the Board that Contra Costa was the host this year.

Announcements

Gina reminded everyone to submit their e-mail addresses as the Board Meeting Agenda, Meeting Minutes and Announcements will be sent electronically. This is an effort to be more environmentally friendly and reduce costs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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