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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 23, 2008**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long-Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Laura Beard, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Dwayne Cooper, Stephen Dale, Lacey Friedman, Joseph Jimenez, Mindy Lee, Carol McCrary, Penny Musante, Pam Perls, Peg Rimler, Carol Rossi, Pat Yamamoto

Excused: Rosemary Almand, Jim Burton, Ange Burnett, Betsy Katz, Elree Langford, Carol McKinney, Lauri Parks, Norma Ramos, Kate Rauch, Will Sanford, Rocio Smith, Heidi Spaulding.

Guests: Nimfa Y. Coleman, M-HDP; Francine Davis, RCEB; Elizabeth Hales, RCEB; Michael Hansen, MetDesk; Sandra Jackson, Las Trampas; Melanie Kilcorse, RCEB; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Joanne Nakamura, Congressman George Miller's Office; Whitney O'Keefe, Spectrum Center; Jan Shapiro, RCEB

Staff: Gina Jennings, Director; Pamela Newacheck, Acting Secretary

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Anne Long called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all to the meeting and everyone present introduced him or herself.

Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2008

Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motion by Carol McCrary, second by Carol Rossi).

Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda

Special Presentation by Terri Demmon, Loma Vista Adult Ed – Announcing New Aspergers' Program

The Transition Options Program (TOP) is planned to begin Fall 2008 and will address the unique needs of adults with Asperger's Syndrome and related disorders transitioning to higher education and/or employment. Students must be 18 years of age or older with an exit IEP or high school diploma. Students will attend college classes in the morning and the Loma Vista classes in the afternoon. The curriculum is currently being developed by an advisory group comprised of parents and other professionals in the field.

Funding is through the MDUSD Adult Education program, and the monies they receive are based on average daily attendance. Therefore, attendance will be extremely important. Students don't need to be Regional Center clients, nor live in the area. A monthly fee will be determined. Flyers for the program were distributed.

Annual Dinner – Gina Jennings

The Annual Dinner will be held May 29, 2008 the Radisson Hotel in Dublin. Nominations are again being requested for "Excellence in Service" awards to be presented at the dinner. Please let Gina know if you would like to be a part of the Awards Selection Committee.



Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Gina Jennings

Jim Burton and Rocio Smith are not in attendance as they are at the Assembly hearings regarding the cost containment measures that recently became law. Gina Jennings distributed a sample letter to our Legislators, asking that a sunset clause of one year be put on the permanent cost containment measures and other important issues. She also distributed a report from Acumen, LLC on the impact of cost containment measures. This is an extremely serious situation that will require everyone's support.

Board/Community Concerns

No items

Announcements

One position on the board is opening up and will need to be filled soon.

Adjournment – Anne Long

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. There is no meeting in May due to the Awards Dinner, so the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2008. Don't miss the Annual Dinner Meeting on May 29, RSVP by May 21. **There are no meetings in July or August.**

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

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