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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 28, 2010**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long -Chairperson, Laura Beard, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Jim Burton, Stephanie Chapralis, Dwayne Cooper, Joan Crook, Lacey Friedman, Mindy Lee, Ella Liggins, Barbara Maizie, Joanne Nakamura, Pam Perls, Heidi Spalding

Board Members Excused: Suzanne Anthony, Stephen Dale, Elree Langford, Carol McKinney, Penny Musante, Lauri Parks, Kate Rauch, Carol Rossi

Guests: Darcie Azzolini, We Care Services for Children; Tiffany DelPozo, Crisis Response Project; Vi Ibarra, We Care Services for Children; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Vicki McCoy, We Care Services for Children; Carol McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Evelyn Southers, Senator Mark DeSaulnier; Ken Talken, WCCUSD; Pam Thomas, RCEB

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

Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long

Chair Anne Long called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced him/herself.

- The March 24, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented. Motion made by Ian Bremner, Second by Lacey Friedman
- No additions to the agenda were made.

Special Presentation by Franco Caroll and Nicole Fouladi (RCEB Prevention and Early Intervention Services)
RCEB Prevention Program Overview

Franco and Nicole gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation on the impacts the 2009 trailer bill language had on Early Start Services. There are now two programs: one is the same as before, only with tightened eligibility requirements, and the second is for those who do not meet the new eligibility requirements, commonly called the Prevention Program. The Prevention Program focuses on case management, information and referral to other agencies and community resources. Though the Prevention Program became effective October 1, RCEB did not receive their funding until early April. The number of children currently in the Prevention Program is much less than anticipated – the projection was for 17,000, with the actual number statewide currently around 3,000. Part of the work of the Prevention Program case workers is to educate the insurance companies in the state to the new laws and mandates, as well as the parents about the new program. Key steps planned for the program are:

- Meeting with community partners to develop resources
- Increasing discussions within the medical community to continue referring children to the program
- Surveying families in Prevention Program to see what is working and what may be helpful
- Continuing discussions and obtaining feedback from community partners

Please see attached power point for more info.



Budget Update/RCEB Update – Jim Burton

State Update

- There is a new proposal from DDS recommending that all regional centers and service providers take an **additional 1.25% funding cut on top of the 3% cut which has already been continued into the next fiscal year**. This additional funding cut could serve as the breaking point for many service providers, and EVERYONE is encouraged to advocate against this by contacting legislators and/or attending and speaking out at the upcoming hearings in Sacramento.
- Upcoming hearings are on April 29 (Senate) and May 5 (Assembly).
- After the May budget revision, there will probably be an increase in hearings.
- There is a Sacramento coalition working to provide alternatives to the proposed 1.5% cut.
- There is a \$20 billion state budget deficit being discussed, with new projections due out May 7. However, state revenues have been up slightly, which may signal the beginning of a new trend.
- About \$3 billion in federal funds have been brought into the state. Though it is not the \$7 billion hoped for, it is still a positive step.
- **It is extremely important that everyone involved with the DD community continue to advocate on behalf of our consumers, and recommend that EVERYONE call their legislators and voice their opinions, objections and ideas.**

RCEB Update

- It is still hard to determine the impact of last year's cuts. The Director of DDS believes that Regional Centers will balance and no additional cuts are needed.
- First Five is giving \$50 million to the Early Start programs, which will help tremendously.
- There is a \$10 to \$11 million deficiency at RCEB – mostly due to non-allocation of funds from the state.
- DDS has agreed to look at two issues from the trailer bill language – Respite and Early Services. Many legislators are starting to realize that the cuts had results that were more devastating than originally anticipated, and adjustments to the language may be necessary.
- Discussion continues on the closing of Agnews D.C. and the proposed closure of Lanterman D.C.

Review of Final Mission Statement

Some changes were made by a grammarian, and the final version will be emailed to all.

New Committee Proposal – Media Outreach

Josh Sullivan, ALIVE Antioch, has suggested that a media outreach committee be formed. Volunteers were asked for to meet and discuss the different possibilities/opportunities for a committee such as this. Gina Jennings will contact those who stated their interest.

Committee Reports

Legislation

No report

Transition Committee

- The West County Transition Fair is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Vista Hills School in Richmond. Flyers are available.
- In September the committee will begin planning for the Fall Transition Fair.

Family Support – Lacey Friedman

Family Support will be holding their committee meeting directly following this one, with the focus on how to help new families gets connected.



Announcements

- Buddy Up Bike Ride – The George Miller Center in Concord is one of three non-profits who will be receiving monies raised from a cross-country, 30 day, 3,000 mile bike ride. The 6 biker riders will leave from GMC Concord on May 29 and arrive in Connecticut on July 2. All are invited to the pre-race celebration at GMC Concord on Friday, May 28 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The staff and consumers will be riding a stationary bike in support of those on the road, and anyone who would like to stop by and ride the bike is welcome. All 'guest' riders will have their photo taken and receive a complimentary raffle ticket.
- Congreso Familiar Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Chabot College in Hayward. For more information call (510) 851-2056.
- RES Success is opening vocation training program in Hercules. For more information call (925) 229-8228.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2010. This meeting will focus solely on the budget and proposed 1.25% cuts and the outcome of the May Revise.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

Pamela Newacheck

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Refreshments to be provided by Ella Liggins at the May meeting.

