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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
June 27, 2007

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Anne Long-Chairperson, Curtis Braxton, Ange Burnett, Jim Burton, Dwayne Cooper, Stephen Dale, Betsy Katz, Mindy Lee, Carol McCrary, Penny Musante, Lauri Parks, Pam Perls, Norma Ramos, Peg Rimler, Will Sanford, Rocio Smith, Pat Yamamoto

**Excused:** Rosemary Almond, Wilson Barfield, Ian Bremner, Lupe Henry, Elree Langford, Barbara Maizie, Carol McKinney, Stephanie Meakin, Elizabeth Wilson Palmer, Angela Quiroga, Barbara Sheehy, Diana Thomas

**Guests:** Shay Boomer, RCEB; Nimfa Coleman, Mission-Hope Day Program; Laura Corona, RCEB; Joan Crook, CARE Parent Network, Angela Gattis, CARE Parent Network; Ella Ann Higgins, RCEB; Melanie Kilcorse, RCEB Autism Coord; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Mark Melanson, Toolworks; Arek Nathanson, RCEB; Heidi Spaulding, Alive/Full Circle

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

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Anne Long called the meeting to order at 10:04am. She welcomed all to the meeting and everyone present introduced him or herself.

- Approval of Minutes from Annual Dinner Awards and March 22, 2007 meeting minutes. Both were unanimously approved
- Additions to the Agenda:
  - Stephen Dale – discussion of changes to conservatorships
  - Gina Jennings – discussion of the endorsement of Alameda County Multicultural Access Decree

**Board Community Concerns/Unmet Service Needs**

No report

**Community Announcements**

- Pam Perls has now been appointed to Area Board 5.
- Stephen Dale:
  - Major changes will go into effect July 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008 regarding conservatorships. Stephen is interested in creating an ad hoc committee soon to work with probate court.
  - Proposed using Google Calendar and ListServe, both no cost services, to help keep abreast of community services. Proposal was approved for Stephen to include ARC, Full Circle and others to see if it is a viable option. Stephen will report back in September.
- Gina Jennings proposed an endorsement of the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council Board Resolution regarding Multicultural Access. The vote was unanimous in favor of the endorsement (motion by Carol McCrary and second by Norma Ramos).



**Special Presentation – Update on Program Development in Contra Costa County and more**  
**Francine Davis, Director of Resource Development, RCEB**

Scope of Community Services Division

- Resource development – work with service providers to start new services
- Transportation – contract with different companies to provide transportation for consumers
- Quality Assurance – ensure continued compliance and improving quality and improvements of services
- Placement – Assist case managers to find best match for consumer

Scope of Resource Development – Multi-pronged approach in answer to the question “What are the needs in the community?”

- Plan and develop new services
- Vendorize service providers
- Monitor changes to make sure regulations are being followed
- Ensure seamless transitions to changes, i.e., new ownership of George Miller Centers

Barriers to Resource Development

- Competitive salaries - rates have been frozen for past four years
- Lack of start-up funds for new programs – funds have been frozen for four years
- Quality health care

New Programs

- 3-bed Children’s Crisis Facility in Oakland that serves both counties
- Working to open Adult Crisis Center
- Continued work with the Agnews Project
- Striving to show that new models can work, i.e., Agnews project
- Upcoming two-week film camp at St. Mary’s for consumers with autism. Full Circle (Gina Jennings) is the vendor for this project.

Question/Answers

- Need more LVNs and RNs to work with consumers whose medical needs go beyond licensing.
- Increase demand for transition for those with autism
- Need to expand deaf services in Contra Costa County.

**Committee Reports**

Aging Committee – Will Sanford

A six-class workshop is being planned for Fall 2007 reviewing the life planning process for when family members are no longer around to provide care. More details to come.

Transition Committee – Penny Musante

- DVC Transition Conference is scheduled for January 8, 2008, with new speakers being added
- The Transition Fair may be rescheduled in the Fall.

Transportation – Penny Musante

- County Connection has formed an accessibility committee
- Coordinating with CCHSD to discuss different models of transportation. This is a two-part program with the first part on July 19 from 9:30 to noon.

Family Support Committee - Betsy Katz

Betsy distributed the Family Support Committee’s report titled “Recognizing the Need and Renewing our Commitment”, stating that the focus of the Family Support Committee is on quality of life for the families. They have identified three major issues and needs: respite care, child care, and support groups (especially for those with young children).

Other issues mentioned:

- First 5 is funding new programs



- Four parents have been selected to be part of “Partners and Policy Making”, where many new ideas and expectations will be discussed.
- Training curriculum is available for those who would like to be leaders of support groups. The Child Care Council held a workshop last month, and over 45 parents attended.
- The DD Council recognized Betsy Katz for her hard work at the Child Care Council, improving the program and raising the awareness of the program within the community.

Legislation Committee – Will Sanford

A summary of both Assembly and Senate legislation that is currently “in the process” was distributed, and Will reviewed the key bills that can potentially impact our population: AB423, 1113, 1184, 1402, 1427, 1531 and SB 527.

**RCEB Update – Jim Burton**

Jim discussed the following issues; SB 100 the bill to address the statewide budget deficit sufficiency allocation, that fact that no budget has been signed yet, RCEB caseload growth is 40% to 50% higher than expected, may be due to the growth in Autism and the fact that Case managers wages need to be improved, as they are very underpaid along with the rest of direct service staff.

**Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**Adjournment – Anne Long**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Newacheck*

Via e-mail

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