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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
June 3, 2009 and
June 23, 2009 (Annual Dinner Meeting)**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long-Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Jim Burton, Dwayne Cooper, Stephen Dale, Barbara Maizie, Carol McKinney, Penny Musante, Pam Perls, Kate Rauch, Carol Rossi, Will Sanford, Rocio Smith, Heidi Spalding, Diana Thomas

Excused: Rosemary Almand, Laura Beard, Ange Burnett, Lacey Friedman, Joseph Jimenez, Elree Langford, Mindy Lee, Carol McCrary, Lauri Parks, Norma Ramos, Pat Yamamoto

Guests: Ann Araujo, Community Services Bureau; Stephanie Chapralis, CCARC; Joan Crook, Care Parent Network; Francine Davis, RCEB; Victoria Greenleaf, RCEB; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Joanne Nakamura, Congressman Miller's Office; Craig Rose, CIWP Antioch; Sandi Soliday, Alameda County DD Council; Barbara Townsend, Futures Explored; Jessica Treat, Toolworks; Juan Velasquez, Pathway to Choices; Maria Velasquez, Pathway to Choices

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

Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long

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 April 29, 2009 Meeting - Meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Will Sanford made the motion with the second by Jim Burton.

Additions to the Agenda – Alive/Futures Explored is having a benefit concert on Saturday, June 6 at 12:00 noon in the Todos Santos Park.

Special Presentation: Special Election and the May/June Revise – Will Sanford

In an increasingly complex state budget situation, Will provided important specifics on what has already occurred, what is currently being discussed, and what may be on the horizon. Highlights include:

- On May 19, voter turnout was low, but resounding – between 62% and 65% of those who voted were opposed to Propositions 1A through 1E. The only proposition to pass was 1F that restricts legislator paychecks when there is no budget.
- The week prior to the vote, the Governor proposed two budgets:
 - One with a \$15 billion deficit IF all the Propositions PASSED
 - One with a \$21 billion deficit IF all the propositions FAILED (that deficit now stands at \$24 billion).
- With regard to DDS, \$100 million cuts were proposed, and recommendations have been made in the form of 15 proposals that have been analyzed by stakeholders. However, the May revise went back to the January proposal which required a total of \$234 million in cuts. It was mentioned that an additional \$134 million in cuts will be devastating to our system.
- Public hearings on these proposed cuts have been packed with individuals testifying against them, but no final decisions have been made yet.



- ARC has written some simple statements to give to the DDS committee to focus on:
 - Increase federal funds
 - Increase cuts to developmental centers
 - Increase administrative and bureaucratic cuts
 - Listen to alternative trailer bill language
- Legislative Analysis Office (LAO) weighed in on cost savings of the 15 proposals. Some are easy to calculate potential savings, some much more difficult.
- The trailer bill language on the 15 proposals has to be closely looked at, as Regional Centers are not sure how to implement some of the proposals. Many of the proposals are scheduled to be implemented in the next 4 weeks, yet they still haven't been approved. It was mentioned that the proposals could work "in theory", but the language could radically change their meaning and impact.
- 77,000 people are currently on a Medicaid waiver, with a cap of 85,000 (increasing to 90,000 in November). RCEB is combing their records to add everyone who is eligible, and have brought in an extra \$240 million in net new federal funds. However, RCEB doesn't get this money – instead it goes to offset budget deficits. 63% of those in Supported Living are on Medicaid waivers across the state.
- IDA (Infant Development Association of California) is sponsoring forums to begin educating folks on the proposed cuts to Early Start. The first forum is tonight in Fremont.
- State revenues are down by 25% and California may need to borrow money to pay its bills. However, 'Wall Street' won't lend money until the budget is approved.
- There has been some discussion of eliminating CC Licensing as the oversight agency. Whether this is good or bad it is hard to tell. A quality assurance oversight board is needed, but currently it is not cohesive. This just may not be the best time to reorganize.

RCEB Update – Jim Burton

Jim acknowledged that this will be a very difficult year. RCEB is in "survival mode", and will be focusing all their energy and resources to maintain services for our consumers. Jim did mention some positive aspects that need to be recognized:

- \$12 million has been put in for optional benefits (dental, audiology, etc.).
- Current year deficiency for all Regional Centers is approximately \$40 million, with RCEB being approximately \$5 million. One important reason for this deficiency is that the state under funded for about 2,000 new clients.
- The state has finally recognized the caseload increase, and appears to have made sufficient increases in monies to cover the increase in population. The net budget for Community Services is actually a few dollars more than last year because the starting point is more realistic in terms of caseload.
- Jim reiterated that the failure of Proposition 1D to pass caused the state to increase the cut required of the DDS from \$100 million to \$234 million. However, Jim noted that this is less than it could have been.
- IHSS faces enormous cuts or full elimination.
- Jim encouraged everyone to fight the cuts and to find a way to survive this recession while keeping the basics in place. The hope will be to rebuild the program once the recession is over. No one is really thinking beyond June 30, 2010 and the steps needed at that point are unknown.
- The best way to advocate is to spell out the costs in terms of humanity, such as closing state parks vs. eliminating human health services.
- It was mentioned that the best way to get the message out is via Internet links, blogs and email. Kate Rauch has offered to help others write and/or edit.

Committee Reports

Legislation Committee – Met this month and reviewed all the information currently on the table with the May/June Revise.

Transition Committee - A plan is being developed for the January Conference to be held at DVC. The same basic format from last year will be used, with a few changes to topics, speakers, and panels.

Family Support - No report, no chair in place at this time.

Nominating Committee – Moving forward with nominations so a vote can be taken at the June 23rd Joint Annual Dinner Meeting.



Annual Dinner Planning – Gina Jennings

It was requested that everyone RSVP as soon as possible. The committee to select the recipients of the Excellence in Service Awards will meet June 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Panama Red.

Announcements

- Stephen Dale took photos at the demonstration in Sacramento. He requested that those who might want copies of the photos email him.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. Next meeting was not scheduled. **Post Script: A special meeting has been scheduled for July 15 at RCEB in Concord. The meeting will be set aside again to review all the May/June Revision implications.**

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

Pamela Newacheck

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Acting Secretary



Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2009

Board and Liaison Members Present: Please refer to dinner registration and RSVP list.

Nominating committee Recommendations – 2009 Anne Long

Anne announced the Nominations for the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council Board of Directors for 2009.

Individuals being nominated for a First Term are:

Donna Mann
Joan Crook
Stephanie Chapralis
Heidi Spauling
Ella Liggins

For the Vice Chair Anne announced the nomination of:

Suzanne Anthony for Vice Chair

Individuals being nominated for a Second Term are:

Steven Dale Ian Bremner
Carol McKinney Curtis Braxton

In addition, Curtis Braxton is up for nomination for appointment to Area Board 5 Board of Directors as an appointee of Contra Costa County and endorsed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board slate was unanimously voted in as proposed.

The following Board Members were recognized who have served their full terms of office and will be going to leave the board. Their work and dedication was acknowledged.

Rosemary Almand Ange Burnett
Carol McCrary Jim Burton
Will Sanford Pat Yamamoto

Keynote address was given by Terri Delgadillo.

The following were presented with Excellence in Service Awards:
Community Collaborations-Kathy Middleton and The City of Walnut Creek
Direct Support Services-Mike Peterson
Case Management-Fran Carey
Roz Wofsy Advocacy Award- Rocio Smith and Denis Craig

Respectfully Submitted

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