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***Special August Meeting Scheduled for August 26th!  
2009 Governor's Revisions, Changes to the Lanterman Act & What you need to know.***

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 15, 2009-Special Meeting**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Anne Long-Chairperson, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Ange Burnett, Jim Burton, Dwayne Cooper, Lacey Freidman, Barbara Maizie, Pam Perls, Norma Ramos, Carol Rossi, Will Sanford, Barbara Sheehy. **Newly elected Board Members Present:** Joan Crook, Donna Mann, Ella Liggins, Stephanie Chapralis, Heidi Spaulding,

**Excused:** Suzanne Anthony, Rosemary Almand, Laura Beard, Joseph Jimenez, Elree Langford, Mindy Lee, Carol McCrary, Lauri Parks, Pat Yamamoto.

**Guests:** Pam Thomas, RCEB; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Joanne Nakamura, Congressman Miller's Office; Walter Glaser, Toolworks; Janice Malmber, Parent; Monica Shaw, Parent; Pat Coleman, NIAD Art Center; Melanie Kilcorse, RCEB, Vi Ibarra, Parent and We Care Services; John Jones, We Care Services; Sandra Jackson, Las Trampas; Bonnie Pencon, Las Trampas; Ching Ho, Parent; Doris Cramly, RCEB; Judy Dawson, Parent; Nimfa Gamez, Mission Hope; Teri Demmon, MDAE; Leslie Werosh, CAF; Dave Johnson, Parent; J. H. Dehero, Parent; Ona Lage, City of Concord; Angie Lee, Alive-Concord; Josh Sullivan, Alive-Antioch, Angela Gattis; Parent and CARE Parent Network; Luz Arciniegas, Parent; Blanca Preaza; Parent; Lizeth Valencia; Parent.

**Staff:** Gina Jennings, Director

**Welcome and Introductions – Anne Long**

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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> Meetings** - Meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Will Sanford made the motion with the second by Norma Ramos on the June 3 meeting and Norma Ramos made the motion with the second by Will Sanford on the June 23 meeting.

**Special Presentation: California Budget Revise and the Department of Developmental Services Proposals to Achieve \$334 Million in Savings-Service Reductions - Will Sanford**

As the state budget situation continues to be unresolved and complex, Will provided important information on the current budget proposed reductions to date. He gave a brief summary on the situation, which is as follows:

- In February, the Governor's initial proposal was to reduce Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Budget by \$334 million. The Legislature approved a 3% rate reduction to service providers and directed DDS to make recommendations for additional cuts that would save \$100 million by April or services in the community would have to take an additional 7.1% decrease in rates beginning in September.
- In April, the (DDS) developed a plan to reduce an additional \$100 million. The plan resulted in 15 reduction proposals, which were approved. There was a stakeholder process involved; however, it does not appear that many of the stakeholder recommendations were put forth in the plan.



- In the May/June/July Governor's Budget Revise an additional \$234 million in cuts were proposed by DDS, these proposals did consider some on the stakeholders recommendations, increasing federal revenues and looking as some changes to the State Developmental Center system. This is awaiting final legislative approval, which is expected in the next week or two.
- There are substantial impacts to the Lanterman Act embedded in the proposed changes and they are summarized in the following areas:
  - Early Start Services
  - Non Medical Services and Therapies are being suspended (examples are; in home behavioral services, camping services and respite)
  - Changes to General Standards (examples are; least costly provider who can be used unless certain conditions are present, no funding for experimental therapies, no funding for medical or dental care if alternative coverage is available)

In addition, access to IHSS hours will be limited and SSISSP monthly checks may reduce to the federal minimum (\$830 for a single person and \$1407 for couples). Regional Centers are expected to provide funding to make for this proposed reduction for those who are in Independent or Supported Living.

Adults who receive Medi-Cal may lose optional benefits; dental care, optometry, mental health services, Audiology, Podiatry, incontinence supplies, Speech therapy, etc. There are a few new options introduced; Independent Choice Budget Model and the Custom Endeavors Option, details of these have not yet been introduced.

**These are very difficult times and the results/implications of these proposed reductions are just coming to light; the impact to services and the Lanterman Act is huge. It is essential to stay informed.**

To find out more information about these reductions or what they may mean to you, contact Area Board 5 at (510) 286-0439 or Disability Rights California at (800) 776-5746. You can also contact your local legislator at [www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html) and ask how they may help you understand these cuts and point you in the right direction for getting the help you need.

Websites for up-to-date info: [www.arccalifornia.org](http://www.arccalifornia.org), [www.rceb.org](http://www.rceb.org), [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov), [www.contracostaarc.org](http://www.contracostaarc.org)

### **RCEB Update – Jim Burton**

Jim Burton stated that as of today it is business as usual at the RCEB and until the proposed DDS changes have been put into law, Purchase of Services (POS) are being written as usual. Regarding cash flow, Jim informed the group that RCEB has obtained lines of credit as RCEB has received an IOU from the State. He believes the RCEB will be able to pay all its providers and bills in July and August. He is hopeful that the May revision process will be resolved soon and payments from the State will resume.

### **Board Action**

Based on the presentation today Ian Bremner moved that the Board meet in August in order to stay informed during this critical time. The motion was seconded by Lacy Friedman and carried. Therefore the next meeting will be on August 26. There will be a condensed agenda focusing on the outcome of the Governor's Revise.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,



Gina Jennings/Krista Loomis

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