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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 24, 2007**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long-Chairperson, Rosemary Almond, Suzanne Anthony, Laura Beard, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Dwayne Cooper, Joseph Jimenez, Betsy Katz, Mindy Lee, Carol McCrary, Pam Perls, Kate Rauch, Carol Rossi, Will Sanford, Heidi Spalding, Pat Yamamoto

Excused: Wilson Barfield, Ange Burnett, Jim Burton, Stephen Dale, Elree Langford, Barbara Maizie, Carol McKinney, Penny Musante, Elizabeth Wilson Palmer, Lauri Parks, Norma Ramos, Peg Rimler, Barbara Sheehy, Rocio Smith, Diana Thomas

Guests: Shay Boomer, RCEB, Stephanie Chapralis, CCARC, Laura Corona, RCEB; Francine Davis, RCEB; Gene Gracey, Massachusetts Mutual; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored, Garden; Alany Helmantoler, parent; Kaylee Helmantoler, client; Sandra Jackson, Las Trampas, Inc.; Melanie Kilcorse, RCEB; Krista Loomis, Full Circle; Joanne Nakamura, Congressman George Miller's Office; Priscilla Silva, Director Pathway to Choices; Juan Velasquez, Pathway to Choices.

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

Welcome and Introductions

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

Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2007

- Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motion by Suzanne Anthony, second by Carol McCrary) with the following addition:
 - Add Alany Helmantoler to Guests

Additions to the Agenda:

- The first planning meeting for the May Annual Meeting of the Contra Costa and Alameda Counties' DD Council is November 7 at the Westside Café in Berkeley at noon. Alameda County will be hosting the event this year.
- The following new board members were introduced:
 - Joseph Jimenez – Director at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Oakland for the last 9 years.
 - Laura Beard – A consumer at ARC Inroads Antioch who is working hard to meet her goals.
 - Suzanne Anthony –A parent of four children, one who has autism; this is Suzanne's third term on the board over the last few years.
 - Carol Rossi – A parent of a son who has down syndrome and is 17 years old. Carol works with the We Care Center.

Board Community Concerns/Unmet Service Needs

- No needs mentioned.

Community Announcements

- Reminder to check the back table for upcoming events.



Special Presentation – Housing Consortium Executive Director Darin Lounds

See attached Powerpoint presentation.

Key purpose of the Housing Consortium of the East Bay is develop affordable and accessible housing that works for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Committee Reports

Family Support & Unmet Needs Committee Update – Betsy Katz

Gina handed out the report *Recognizing the Need and Renewing our Commitment* prepared Betsy Katz, Gina Jennings and Lauri Parks. Everyone was asked to take a few moments to read the recommendations and consider what role the Council can take to help implement the recommendations, such as developing new resources or filling gaps in training.

Discussion items included:

- Add a fifth “bullet” titled *Transition Needs and Issues*.
- Provide opportunities for all families to attend a futures planning process such as the one that Will and Anne are participating in
- Recommend getting community input on these topics as different areas of our county have varying needs, which may require different solutions.
- How to solicit information from communities – perhaps get key individuals from different areas to participate?
- Models on mentoring parents are available – how can we adopt these models and use for our own needs?
- Francine Davis mentioned a few of the challenges RCEB has regarding these unmet needs:
- There are no funds for implement new programs due to freezes on new programs
- Timelines and budget are critical in creation of new resources - it takes 18 to 24 months to develop a new one
- Seek funding outside of RCEB, such as grants, etc.

After much discussion, Gina asked th Family Support to go back and flesh out an action plan, Betsy and Gina will meet to work on this and keep us posted.

Legislation Committee – Will Sanford

- The governor vetoed Bill 1427, but his veto response only addressed the fiduciary aspect of the bill.
- Jim Burton is testifying today in the Assembly regarding the modernizing of the Lanterman Act sponsored by Rep. Jim Bell
- There are new Title 22 licensing regulations from the CCL regarding Adult Day Programs
 - Some are regressive in nature in that they reduce the independence of the consumers.
 - Some are in conflict with Title 17.
 - Many innovative programs are not in compliance with these new regulations.
 - Fines have been implemented.
 - RCEB is concerned about many of the new regulations and is working with CCL to come to an agreement

Transition Task Force-Gina Jennings for Penny Mausante

- The Transition Fair will be held October 30 from 9am to 1pm at Willow Creek
- The Transition Conference will be January 8, 2008 at DVC

Aging Committee – Anne Long

No report, but Anne stated that there is a need for development of services for the aging population.



East Bay Autism Committee – Gina Jennings

No report yet - the first committee meeting was last week, with the next one scheduled for January

RCEB Update – Francine Davis

- RCEB has submitted its Sufficiency Of Allocation Report (SOAR) to DDS along with the other 21 Regional Centers. It is expected that the SOAR will be funded. We will be kept informed.
- Expect the Governor's January budget to be ominous as cost containment and freezes continue to be the 'theme'.
- DDS has been asked to report on cost containment efforts, which may indicate more cost containment measures to come.
- The Blue Ribbon Autism Committee has their report available through the DDS website.
- Rocio Smith is also testifying with Jim on various aspects/issues regarding the Lanterman Act at the upcoming hearings sponsored by Assembly Member Beal.

Announcements

- The Livings Options meeting is today, followed by the tour tomorrow.
- Rosemary Almond is responsible for snacks at the November meeting.

Adjournment – Anne Long

Meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm

Respectfully submitted via e-mail;

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