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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 22, 2011**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Anne Long – Chairperson, Suzanne Anthony, Jim Burton, Stephanie Chapralis, Stephen Dale, Heather Hackett, Elree Langford, Ella Liggins, Penny Musante, Joanne Nakamura, Pam Perls, Will Sanford, Heidi Spaulding, Carl Tolentino

Board Members Excused: Laura Beard, Curtis Braxton, Ian Bremner, Joan Crook, Lacey Friedman, Mindy Lee, Carol McKinney, Kate Rauch, Carol Rossi, Josh Sullivan

Guests: Rebecca Dale, Dale Law Firm; Francine Davis, RCEB; Nalani Inyavong, Intern with Rep. George Miller; Marianne Iversen, Down Syndrome Connection; Dave Johnson, California Autism Foundation; Carol Anne McCrary, CCARC; Caroline Ortiz, Care Parent Network; Hilary Shen, MDUSD

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

Welcome and Introductions – Suzanne Anthony

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and introductions were made.

- Since a quorum was not present, neither the April 27 nor the May 22 minutes could be approved. They will be voted on at the next meeting where a quorum is present.
- No changes were made to the agenda.

Budget/RCEB Update – Jim Burton

- Now that the first budget presented has been vetoed by Governor Brown, there is fear that the next budget will be an all-cuts budget. However, we are optimistic as after the annual dinner Senator DeSaulnier commented that our community has taken enough cuts recently. It was also noted that Terri Delgadillo is not working on any additional cuts.
- State revenues are improving, in the area of capital gains taxes, which is not a dependable source (as they fluctuate). Jim noted that 25% of our state revenue comes from capital gains.
- In March the \$550,000 reductions (SB74) in trailer bill law passed and went immediately into law, even though neither the March nor May budgets were approved. All 21 Regional Centers were recognized for their hard work in achieving all the cuts that were required in those trailer bills.
- To read all the trailer bills and proposals in SB74, go to rceb.org
- RCEB cash flow status: received a short payment in April, which has been corrected. It was noted that it costs \$1 million per day to maintain services at RCEB for about 15,500 consumers. RCEB has sufficient funds to make it though July, though August is questionable, and banks are not as willing to help out as in past years. Every effort is being made to meet its financial responsibilities.
- All 21 Regional Centers are going into the next fiscal year with balanced budgets.



- Regional Centers will be reviewing the impact of the March trailer bills making recommendations to DDS on which ones actually saved money.
- One of the new requirements of the trailer bills is that many vendors will be required to get an annual audit. Stephen Dale volunteered to see if he could get a list of CPA's who would volunteer their time for this task.
- There has been a strict hiring freeze at RCEB for the last year, and there are currently 41 less staff on payroll than one year ago. The impact of this is staggering to the remaining staff.

July Meeting – Gina Jennings

Since the state budget has not yet been approved, it was decided to hold a July 'Express' meeting with only the budget on the agenda. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 27.

Annual Dinner – Gina Jennings

The 22nd Annual DD Council Award Dinner was a success. Though Senator Mark DeSaulnier was late, he was able to attend and give his keynote presentation. Many thanks to the CAC for their dedicated advocacy work – their work was probably the main reason Senator DeSaulnier took the time in his very busy schedule to make it to the dinner.

Announcements

- Will Sanford: AB 350 and AB 508 are bills to watch as they could have a negative impact on Supported Employment. Also, AB 1244 could negatively impact services around self determination as it requires clients who may want to direct their services to take a 10% reductions in dollars and requires union representation for workers. CDSA and the Supported Living Network oppose the bill.
- Stephanie Chapralis: ARC of US has issued a policy paper, "Standing in the Shadows", stating that we, as a national group, are moving backwards, or stalled at best, and outlines proposed plans to correct. It was also mentioned The ARC of US is becoming quite politically active and is now considered a power player in D.C.
- Stephanie Chapralis: Contra Costa ARC is within \$3,000 of raising the last of the \$786,000 needed to remodel the final two buildings at George Miller Center Concord. Congratulations.
- Heidi Spaulding: Liz Lamach, worked tirelessly to build Matteo's Dream Park in Concord. Her son Matteo Henderson recently passed away at the age of 11. The Dream Park is accessible to children of all abilities, including those who are deaf, blind or in a wheelchair, and is located at the corner of Oliveira and Grant Streets in Concord.
- Stephen Dale: The Dale Law Firm has new offices in Pacheco that includes a large conference room (up to 30 people) that he wants to make available for use by people with disabilities. Please contact Stephen for more details or to take a tour.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27 at the Concord Regional Center office.

Respectfully submitted via e-mail,

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