

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cleo Manspeaker encouraged RCEB to open more programs for people with dual diagnoses.

Rocio Smith reported that this fall's Congreso Familiar event was attended by 700 participants. Evaluations have been returned and the feedback is very positive. Ms. Smith thanked RCEB for their continued and valued support of this important family event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Dick Long

Mr. Long reported that Executive Committee members had reviewed the draft Performance Objectives for 2007. Sheryl Kuhn reviewed the draft plan with the group and responded to questions. Mr. Long asked the Board to consider approval of the 2007 Performance Contract.

M/S/C "The Board moves to approve the 2007 Performance Contract Objectives as presented." (Sanford/Struthers) Unanimous.

Mr. Long referred members to their packets to review the language in SB 1283 that will impact the length of board member terms. Mr. Long reported that SB 1283 has been signed into law and the change will go into effect January 2007. The Executive Committee has recommended updating the by-laws of the organization to reflect this change in law.

M/S/C "The Board moves to change the by-laws to indicate that Directors can serve no more than seven years within each eight-year period and terms shall be limited to two three-year terms with the option of serving a third term of one year." (Coleman/E. Whitgob) Unanimous.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Steve Whitgob

Dr. Whitgob distributed and reviewed RCEB's 2006/2007 Sufficiency of Allocation Report (SOAR) as submitted to DDS earlier this month. RCEB is currently projecting a preliminary Purchase of Service insufficiency of \$6.6 to \$10.2 million. We anticipate an adjustment to our base allocation of up to \$7.9 million. The preliminary Operations projections are being revised due to a very recent and unexpected significant increase in health care coverage costs.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Dick Long for Ralph Griffin

Mr. Long noted that we have four board members who will be eligible for an additional one-year term in February as a result of the change in law that occurred with the final approval of SB 1283. Steve Whitgob, Anne Struthers, Bill Dycus and Dick Long have all indicated their willingness to provide an additional year of service to the RCEB Board.

M/S/C “The Board moves to have Steve Whitgob, Anne Struthers, Bill Dycus and Dick Long serve a one year term ending in February 2008.” (Sanford/Lee) Unanimous.

Mr. Long also reported that we have finalized the slate of officers for 2007 and elections will take place at the November meeting. Mr. Long requested additional nominations from the floor and with none offered, the following slate of officers for 2007 was presented.

President – Dick Long
Vice President – Anne Struthers
Treasurer – Steve Whitgob
Secretary – Rose Coleman

PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Will Sanford

Mr. Sanford reported that his group is pleased that some service providers will receive a wage enhancement increase from DDS to increase direct care staff wages. Funding will include an application and certification process to qualify and this process is expected to be complex. To qualify to receive this funding, programs are expected to spend 51% or greater of the program day in integrated community settings but Mr. Sanford noted that the funding comes with no discussion of the quality of services.

Mr. Sanford reminded the group that it is time to begin to prepare for spring budget hearings. The next PVAC meeting will be held on November 17th.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Rose Coleman

Ms. Coleman reported that Maria Marquez of Protection and Advocacy had joined her group and provided a presentation on the principles of Self Directed Services and how to ensure a successful plan.

Ms. Coleman told the Board that nominations had been presented for next year's Chairperson and the election will be held at the November CAC meeting. The meeting also included a discussion on voter registration and voting rights and responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Burton

Mr. Burton thanked Ms. Coleman for her report and acknowledged that Self Directed Services will be a very important topic for all of us to understand. Mr. Burton suggested that members check the DDS website for comprehensive information and noted that this process raises many issues and concerns but will also provide many important opportunities.

Mr. Burton reported eight regional centers exceeded their POS budgets at the end of last fiscal year. It appears that significant fourth quarter growth accounts for much of the problem but it will take more examination to clearly identify the cause of the deficits. Mr. Burton informed the group that preliminary projections for fiscal year 2006/2007 show all twenty-one regional centers projecting initial insufficiencies in their allocations. The Department of Developmental Services and regional centers will have to carefully examine all of the information provided by regional centers before we have a clear understanding of the situation. Mr. Burton cautioned that we will face a struggle to ensure that services are appropriately funded for the year. Members were reminded that California will re-estimate annual revenues in early December. It will be important to watch for changes at that time and know they will play a big part in the governor's budget proposal in January.

Mr. Burton reminded everyone that election day was approaching and there were some items on the ballot that we need to watch. Proposition 83 deals with convicted sex offenders and if approved will have a significant impact on approximately 260 consumers statewide. While a very small number of our consumers are in this group, approval of this proposition will severely limit their living options. Proposition 1C includes housing funding for developmentally disabled persons and should be followed carefully.

Mr. Burton again stated that disaster planning is a priority for this regional center. Disaster Preparedness trainings have been held in Alameda County and for service providers and another training is being planned for Contra Costa County. DDS Director, Terri Delgadillo, will also make this a priority for DDS so we hope to receive valuable information and support through their efforts to address this critical need.

Mr. Burton reported that the Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism has formed three workgroups that include early identification and diagnosis, education issues and transition to adult services. Mr. Burton informed the group that regional centers' population growth from last quarter showed 76% of new consumers with developmental disabilities had a diagnosis of autism or related disorder. There is an urgent need to plan and provide appropriate services for this population.

Mr. Burton noted that RCEB had hosted a great celebration on Saturday night in honor of Sheryl Kuhn's retirement. Hopefully, we provided her with the kind of

send off she deserves after having served as the best Director of Consumer Services this system has seen. Mr. Burton and Mr. Long wished Ms. Kuhn the very best in her retirement.

ARCA REPORT: Nyron Battles

Mr. Battles reported that the ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee had met for their annual meeting in San Diego. ARCA Director, Bob Baldo, joined the group to provide information on the issues being addressed by the organization.

Mr. Burton reported that Tony Anderson of The ARC of California provided the group with an overview of their College of Direct Support and updated members on their Partners in Policymaking initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a closed session to discuss personnel issues, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Coleman
Secretary
RCEB Board of Directors