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King County Board for Developmental Disabilities

MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2007
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Region 4, Large Conference Room
1700 East Cherry Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Board:

Kevin Bernadt
Ted Daniels
Leo Finnegan
Kevin Henderson
Don Luby
John Nesbitt

Guests*:

Chris Brandt, AtWork!
Bill Sellars, The Arc
Joanne O'Neill, KCPC, The Arc of King County
Kathy Sellars, LifeSpan
Mark Kantonen, SKCAC
Lauren Caldwell, DVR

*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

Excused:

Tom Bellamy

Staff:

Jane Campbell, KCDDD
Ray Jensen, KCDDD
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD
Marybeth Poch, DSHS/DDD/Region 4
Jan Blackburn, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

INTRODUCTIONS AND CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by the Vice Chair, Don Luby, on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02070701 Don Luby called for a motion to approve the December 2006 Minutes. Kevin Henderson so moved, Leo Finnegan seconded, and the December 2006 Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Don Luby announced the Board elected officers for 2007: Leo Finnegan, Chair and Kevin Henderson, Vice Chair.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Joanne O'Neill also announced the following trainings:

- The Social Security Benefits Workshops with Scott Leonard, King County Developmental Disabilities Division, Resource Coordinator are scheduled for: February 1, 8, and 14, 2007, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mercer Island Community Center located at 10517 35th Avenue NE, Seattle. The trainings will be repeated in May. Contact Joanne O'Neill at 206-364-4645 Ext. 8006 to register.
- The Vendor Fair is scheduled for March 3, 2007, at the Mercer View Community Center, Mercer Room located at 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island. Contact Joanne O'Neill at 206-364-4645 Ext. 8006 to register for this free training.
 - "What is an employment vendor and what you need to know" is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 - Supported Employment Services for adults with developmental disabilities will be explained from 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 - A Vendor Fair of Supported Employment Agencies is scheduled from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- The three-county (King, Pierce, and Snohomish) Housing Conference is scheduled for May 5, 2007, at the Meydenbauer Center located at 11100 NE Sixth Street, Bellevue.
- The Mental Wellness in Adults with Down Syndrome: A Guide to Emotional and Behavioral Strengths and Challenges Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Lynnwood Convention Center located at 3711 196th Street, Lynnwood. Please contact Jodi Reimer at jreimer@arcofkingcounty.org, phone at 206-364-4645 x7042, or Fax at 206-364-8140 for registration.

Subsequent to the Board meeting, Board members were forwarded an email from Jackie MacLean, Director, Department of Community and Human Services with the following update on the progress of the Metropolitan King County Council adopted Service Improvement Plan for the Veterans and Human Services Levy:

- A joint orientation for the citizen members of the Veterans Levy Oversight Board and the Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board is scheduled for February 7, 2007, and the first business meeting will be held on February 22.



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Please visit the levy homepage at www.metrokc.gov/dchs/levy to view Board agendas, meeting summaries, other online materials, and a brief introduction to the inaugural Board members.

- The draft proposed revisions to the 1999 Framework Policies for Human Services have been completed and posted online as required in the levy implementation ordinance. The draft Human Services Recommendations Report, which speaks to King County's role in regional human services, priority service areas, and the challenges and opportunities on the horizon, can be found on the levy homepage.
- The review and comment period ends on February 23 and information on how to submit feedback is available on the levy homepage. If you have any questions with regard to these materials, please feel free to contact Sherry Hamilton at 206-205-1324.

OTHER BUSINESS

The King County Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities. Prospective candidates must be a King County resident interested in assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to access available services and integrate into and become full participants in their communities. Board applications are located online at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd/board/default.aspx>. For additional information please see our web site at www.metrokc.gov/dchs/ddd or contact Michaelle Monday at 206-205-6332, TTY Relay: 711, or by email at michaelle.monday@metrokc.gov.

Leo Finnegan reported that the Sound Transit Board appointed a Diversity Oversight Committee as part of the agency's commitment to diversity in direct employment and contracting. The committee will provide independent oversight of diversity issues facing the agency, including opportunities available to minorities and women, compliance with workforce goals, review of existing plans and programs and issues affecting successful participation on Sound Transit construction projects. Leo noticed that the committee did not include into their hiring process individuals who are mentally and physically challenged. Leo encouraged anyone interested to contact Joni Earl at 206-398-5450 or Leslie Jones, Diversity Program Manager at 206-398-5047.

02070702 Don Luby asked for a motion that Leo Finnegan would draft a letter to Sound Transit requesting the inclusion of individuals with mental and physical disabilities into their diversity hiring practices. The motion was made by Kevin Henderson, seconded by Kevin Bernadt, and the Board unanimously approved.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Joanne O'Neill distributed a side-by-side of the governor's budget entitled, "Developmental Disabilities 2007-09 Budget Comparison."
- Advocacy Day begins in Olympia at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday during the legislative session and if you would like to attend contact Margaret-Lee Thompson at 425-883-6721, Joanne O'Neill at 425-746-2178, Cathy Murahashi at 425-643-4048, or Betsy McAlister at 425-867-3810.
- Bills of interest can be located on The Arc of Washington State website at www.arcwa.org.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ray Jensen reviewed the four areas of consideration for Request for Proposal (RFP) development and requested Board member participation to assist the County in the RFP development process. Leo Finnegan, Kevin Henderson, Don Luby, and Ted Daniels (available after March) volunteered.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR / DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FIELD SERVICES REPORT

Marybeth Poch reported on the following topics:

- Divisions are focusing on issues related to children with severe needs and their supports that cross over several systems.
- The Division of Developmental Disabilities will begin using the DD Assessment on June 1, 2007.
- Cindy Trokey has accepted a new position in Olympia. The new Administrative Assistant is Margaret Shields-Belisle who starts her new position in mid February.
- A letter of interest is being sent out to prospective Providers to develop another resource of licensed Residential Homes to continue to meet the need of families.

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ray Jensen provided the following updates:

- He presented "Setting Performance Goals" at the "A New Day California 2007" Conference in San Diego, CA.
- He has been invited to speak at the March 29 Supporting Employment Innovations Videoconference in Minneapolis, MN.
- He challenged each Board member to recruit one new Board member.

Ray requested an Executive Session to update Board members on DD issues.



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NEXT MEETINGS:

The Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2007, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Region 4, Large Conference Room.

The Rate Structure Workgroup is scheduled to meet on March 27, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Exchange Building located at 821 Second Avenue, 3rd Floor Conference Room. The Employment Provider Meeting is also scheduled for March 27 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the, 3rd Floor DCHS Conference Room.

ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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