

**Whatcom County
Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board (DDAB)
St. Luke's Community Health Education Center
3333 Squalicum Parkway
November 29, 2011
4:35- 5:55 PM**

Board Members Present:

Fran Armintrout
John Barry
Sarah Catudio

Todd Childs
Keith Hyatt
Carl Weimer

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Maureen Monroe, Arc
Ty Chang, Work Opportunities
Jan Driscoll, DDD
Hilde Schaff, Arc
Beverly Porter, Arc/Parent Coalition
Sylvia Fragner, WCHD

Staff

Jessica Lee, WCHD Developmental Disabilities
Anne Deacon, WCHD Human Services Manager
Vicki McClure, WCHD Human Services Clerk

1.  Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Keith Hyatt.
Introduction of Board members and guests was conducted.

2.  Minutes Approval



ACTION

Minutes of October 24, 2011 were reviewed. Minutes were approved unanimously as presented. Yea 5, Nay 0, Abstain 1

3. Items from the Board Chair:

No additions.

4. Unfinished business/Discussion

Governor's Budget Update: Jessica provided a handout outlining the Governor's proposed DDD cuts and number of clients potentially impacted state-wide.

- Elimination of "state only" funded employment supports (10 People in Whatcom)
- 15% cut to County Employment/Day Services
- Loss of Medicaid Personal Care for about 1,300 clients statewide
- Loss of Waiver/Institutional services for about 340 clients state wide
- Loss of Individual and Family Services (1,000 people statewide)
- Cut to the DDD residential rate

Addition Medicaid and health care cuts are also proposed including preventative dental care for adults and Medicaid interpreter services.

Attendees were reminded that information presented was the Governor's proposed budget, and the Legislature will be counter proposing cuts at their special session and during the regular session at the beginning of the year.

Governor Gregoire has proposed several ways to "buy back" some of the above proposed cuts:

1. Temporary .5% sales tax increase for the next three years, with voter approval.
2. Other increases and fees which could be enacted by the legislature.

Bev Porter provided a document, circulated by The Arc of Whatcom County regarding the anticipated budget cuts and what the proposed half penny sales tax could provide.

Local Funding and Service Priorities: Jessica provided a draft survey, designed for key stakeholders such as case managers. The goal is to gather information to help develop service priorities and identify need.

Jessica hopes to have information from the survey available for the January, 2012 meeting.

The health department's Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program conducted an extensive survey of families and providers serving children and youth in 2008. A synopsis of the survey was provided to attendees.

5. New Business/Discussion

2012 Calendar: The proposed meeting calendar for 2012 was provided to attendees and the schedule was accepted by acclamation.

2012 Board Nominations: A discussion form regarding nominations for officers and committee members was reviewed. The following nominees for officers and committees was proposed.

- Co-chairs: John Barry and Todd Childs
- Vice chair: Keith Hyatt
- Executive Committee: Keith Hyatt, Todd Childs, John Barry and Carl Weimer
- Nominating Committee: Carl Weimer, Fran Armintrout and Sarah Catudio



ACTION

Motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers and committee members as presented. Yea 6, Nay 0, Abstain 0.

Recommendation was made to amend the By-Laws to allow for a maximum of three consecutive terms for officers. Action will be taken at the January, 2012 meeting.

6. Committee Reports:

None

7. Public Comment

A Community member asked whether or not co-pays for services, based on ability to pay, is being considered for employment and other services. DDD staff stated that state guidelines would have to be changed, as current regulations don't allow for co-pays.

9. Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled DDAB meeting will be Mon., January 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki McClure, Clerk Typist
Edited and approved by

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