

**PIERCE COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

4:00 P.M – 5:00 P.M  
April 7, 2010

**Present:** Diana Stadden, Chair  
Amy Okeze, Co-Chair  
Karen Vindivich, Board  
Maureen Bala, Board  
Ashley Barker, Board  
Dale Colin, SAW  
Jane Brosseau, DDD  
Karen Dipol, Vadis  
Bob Riler, Aging & Long Term Care  
Michele Lehosky, PAVE  
Tara Dillard, ENSO  
Michel Raymond, SAW  
Linda Singer, DVR  
Jill McCormick, PAVE 360 Program  
Dave Stewart, Human Services Director

**Staff:** Denise Rothleutner, Staff  
Susy Stremel, Staff  
Karla Lynch, Staff  
Erin McDonough, Staff

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**Call to Order:** Diana Stadden called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** Board Members and Guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** March's meeting minutes were approved. Minutes Approved.

**New Business:** ***PAVE 360 Military Program Presentation, Jill McCormick*** – Jill passed around packets to guests that included information on the PAVE 360 program. One document included in the packet is a “Community Impact” handout. This handout includes data that states Washington State ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in the level of States impacted by the military. At the time this document was written, there were 1,471 families who had family members with a developmental disability. Jill showed a PowerPoint presentation to board members and guests. The PowerPoint is attached to the minutes. Informational.

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**Old Business:** *Legislative Update, Diana Stadden* – The few bills that managed to get through the legislature this year have been signed by the Governor. The Respectful Language Bill (2490) has been signed. The bill removes the phrase “mentally retarded” and replaces it with “intellectual disability”. The Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) has been moved to the Department of Early Learning (DEL). The change is scheduled to take place on July 1, 2010. Business practices should not change significantly if any at all. Betty Hide, Director of DEL has a special education background. The legislators are in a special session as of right now. It has been said that they are debating on what revenue package to use. Diana passed around the Arc of Washington’s 2010 budget comparisons. The issue of the RHC’s appears to be not going anywhere. In the Senate budget there is an amendment to have DSHS account for services for children with Autism and for DSHS to work with DOH regarding the fiscal impact of an autism insurance bill. The Senate also restored funding for Self Advocate and Parent to Parent programs. Diana passed around a “Tax my Soda Pop” handout that was given at the last CAC meeting. The document explains what the tax is and what kind of options there are to implement the tax. The next handout passed around was a handout given by Linda Rolf at CAC. DDD is compiling 11 focus groups around the State. The groups will be spread out among the community, three being in the RHC’s. This document is being used to help put their business plan together, and is still in draft form. A document called “Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities” was handed out.

**DDD Region 5 Update:** No DDD Update Available.

**Final Public Comment:** **Pierce Transit Updates** - Maureen mentioned that there have been some speculations that the Pierce Transit Shuttle routes may be re-routed and/or reduced. Denise suggested that Tim or Ausha from Pierce Transit come in and talk to the Board at a future board meeting. Dave stated that Pat McCarthy, the Pierce County Executive is on the Pierce Transit Advisory Board. She had stated that no final decisions have been made. Input from the community was made through community forums that took place the last few weeks. Shuttle routes have a large impact on employment services in Pierce County.

**Autism Society of Tacoma Meeting** – The next Autism Society of Tacoma meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at TACID. There will be a panel of 4 adults on the autism spectrum talking about what programs/steps have worked for them and what hasn’t. The Arc of Pierce

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County will also be putting on their "Lego Fun Club" at that time so that children can play while parents attend. Children of all abilities can attend, not just those attending the autism meeting.

**Autism Walk at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)** – JBLM will be having their Autism walk on April 17, 2010. Informational.

**Adjournment:**

The public board meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

*Handouts* – The following information/handouts were distributed and are maintained on file at Pierce County Human Services:

- Agenda
- March 2010 Board Minutes
- Arc of WA 2010 Budget Comparisons
- Tax my Soda Pop Document
- ADSA Group Information
- CCD Handout

The next Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 5, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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