

**PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

4:00 P.M – 5:00 P.M
February 2, 2011

Present: Amy Okeze, Co-Chair
Maureen Bala, Board
Amy Blair, Board
Wally Nash, Board
Michele Lehosky, PAVE
Mary Bushnell, Vadis
Dale Colin, SAW
anita delight, DDD
Bob Riler, Aging and Long Term Care

Staff: Denise Rothleutner, Staff
Susy Stremel, Staff
Athena Elrod, Staff
Erin McDonough, Staff
Daniel Gross, Staff

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Call to Order: Amy Okeze called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

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

Approval of Minutes: November’s meeting minutes were approved. Minutes Approved.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: ***Additions and/or Changes to the Agenda:***

- Quarterly Board Reports was added to “New Business”.

New Business: ***Olympia Trip, Amy Blair:*** Amy was able to go to Olympia with PC2 last week to speak with our Legislators. Board members and guests emphasized how important sharing your story is and were very thankful for Amy taking the opportunity to do so. Informational.

Governor’s Supplemental Budget, Legislative and Bill Update, Denise Rothleutner: Denise passed around the ARC of WA’s bills of interest sheet, ARC’s side by side budget comparison, a letter from Governor Gregoire to the President of the ARC, Sue Elliott and an email regarding the RHC consolidation. You can find the ARC handouts by visiting their [website](#). anita stated that Francis Haddon Morgan Center (FHMC) is slated to close by June 30, 2011. DDD is working diligently to Informational.

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find placements for the 50+ individuals who are living there. Most family's preferences have been to move their children closer to their home. Fircrest and Rainier have some capacity due to attrition. There are Steering Committees who are helping lead this process.

Adult Services Update and Rate Change, Susy Stremel: There are nine billing categories for Adult Services in Pierce County. One of those categories, Person to Person (PTP) will be going away and replaced with Individual Employment (IE). The definition of IE will be expanded to incorporate many services currently under PTP. The change will take place naturally as client's annual ISPs are done between February 2011 and June 2012. DDD has mandated that all counties in WA State bill on a tiered or hourly rate structure by July 1, 2011. Pierce County will be moving to the tiered rate structure. Counties rate structure and plan for implementation must be to DDD by May 1, 2011. The State is also looking at different ways for allocating dollars to Counties. There will be many factors that will play into this and how the money is distributed, DDD Acuity Level, employment history, etc. It will be difficult for the County to build a rate structure when the budget is still unknown. Informational.

Old Business: **Program Overviews, DD Staff:** Program overviews for Adult, Early Intervention & Information and Education were passed around and are attached to the minutes. Informational.

5 Year Plan, Denise Rothleutner: Denise passed around a draft version of DD's 5 Year Plan for 2010 – 2014. The plan is much more graphic than previous versions. Logic models are used for every program. Pierce County is in the process of releasing the Information and Education open RFQ. The plan will lay a basis for what the board is looking for when it comes time for programs to apply. Denise asked that any input be given to her or Erin within 30 days. Informational.

Final Public Comment: **PAVE Update, Michelle Lehosky:** Michelle passed around fliers for PAVE's Community Inclusion program's "Power of Youth" event. The event will be held on February 16, 2011 at Goodman Middle School in Gig Harbor. For more information on this event, please call 1-800-5-PARENT. Michelle also passed out a letter from a student at Peninsula SD who is hosting an auction to raise money for the Community Inclusion program as his senior project. Attached to the letter is a donation form a reservation sheet. Please call Josh Burkey or Donna Forbes at 253-530-4465. Informational.

Adjournment: The public board meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Handouts - The following information/handouts were distributed and are maintained on file at Pierce County Community Connections:

- Agenda
- November 2010 Board Minutes
- ARC of WA Handouts
- Program Overviews
- Email on RHC Closures

The next official Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.

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