

**PIERCE COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

4:00 P.M – 5:30 P.M  
July 1, 2009

**Present:** Diana Stadden, Board Chair  
Amy O'Keze, Board Co-Chair  
Michel Raymond, Board Member  
Alan Gill, Board Member  
Wally Nash, Board Member  
Karen Vindivich, Board Member  
anita delight, DDD  
Jane Brosseau, DDD  
Bob Furman, SAW  
Dale Colin, SAW  
Julie Wasson, PC2  
Michele Lehosky, PAVE  
Dave Stewart, Pierce County Human Services Director  
Linda Singer, DVR  
Marcus Hoch, Guest  
Amy Blair, Guest  
Frank Blair, Guest

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

**MINUTES**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M	
<b>Roll Call and Introductions:</b>	The Board and guests introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>	June's minutes were approved.	June's Minutes Approved
<b>Old Business:</b>	<b>Early Intervention Concerns Update</b> – At the last board meeting Denise shared with members that there were some concerns amongst the Early Intervention providers around Pierce County being in a “needs intervention” status with the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP). Denise passed around our most current numbers that we will be submitting to ITEIP. You can see that our numbers are increasing significantly. We are at a 95% or higher percentage in all of our indicators. Staff has been working on cleaning up the ITEIP's data base for the last 2-3 weeks. What is happening with the data system is that	Informational.

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when it prints out our compliance report, it is pulling out children who are inactive and no longer in Pierce County. It is doing this because the report from ITEIP is based on calendar events for a child. If a child moves away the system does not recognize that and still knows that it is a scheduled event. When that event does not happen we are out of compliance. This should move us from an Indicator 3 to an Indicator 1. Our Early Intervention providers did sign contracts effective July 1, 2009. Karla and Denise will be meeting with them tomorrow to discuss further budget negotiations.

Informational.

***DD Budget Updates & Contract Updates, Denise Rothleutner & Karla Lynch:***

Pierce County received their allocations from DDD on June 18, 2009. By that time it was too late, we had already sent out contracts to providers. Adult contracts went out with a 2.6% decrease; children's contracts were issued with last year's language and Information and Education provider contracts were sent out with a 15-50% reduction. Daniel Gross's position is still projected to stay with us. We are looking at whether or not we will reduce it. Emily Hart's SS Analysis position has been on hold for several months. Budget wise we feel like it would be feasible to bring it back at least part-time. Denise passed around Pierce County's budget summary for the current fiscal year. If you would like a copy of this please call Erin McDonough at (253) 798-6109. For EIS we received a total of 3.3 million from the state and ITEIP. We will be able to make it if EI providers stay within budget and bill only \$300 per month per child. For Adult services we received about 6.6 million from the state. We contracted about 7.0 million dollars out. Therefore, there is a difference of 319,000. If we go by our May and June billings of people who are actually using their money, we are really only about \$90,000 in the hole. We do have a level of attrition that occurs every year as well that we are hoping will make up the difference. Our current contract reads that we are not to transfer any dollars to our Early Intervention program. Information and Education budget was close to untouched. We received 884,000 from the state, and contracted 568,000 out. Therefore we have a balance of 232,000 remaining. We may be transferring some monies to Adult Services. Karla will have a document ready for board members and guests at the August meeting. This document will show all of Pierce County's allocations with more details to look at.

**Region 5 Report:  
anita delight**

***Region 5 Report, anita delight, DDD:*** DDD believes that they are in a fairly strong position with Adult Day health cuts. All individuals have been notified. Some individuals have voluntarily dropped out of services, and some will be private paying. Most individuals stated that they go to Adult Day Health for socialization reasons. We have small reductions in the regional mental health allocations. We have a new Regional Support

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network (RSN) in Pierce County effective today July 1, 2009. The RSN is now OPTUM. There are some rumors on the number of beds the news RSN thinks we need. In the past we have had around 25 beds and they would like to reduce that number to 16 beds. The Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC's) are being faced with massive reductions. All the residential vendors have taken a 3% cut.

**Final Public** No final comment.  
**Comment:**

**Adjournment:** The public meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

- Agenda
- June 2009 Board Minutes
- Handouts RE: Budget

The next Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Meeting will be held on August 5, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.