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Minutes of the PCC General Meeting March 19, 2011

The PCC Board Meeting was called to order by Co-President Terry DeBell at 9:50 am (15 of the 19 board members were present, quorum established). A meeting agenda was provided.

Terry provided the President's Report: A form, "Survey of Lanterman Family Needs for Community Placement" was provided, to ensure that families are being offered placement options outside of their RC catchment area if desired. DDS is still working on the Transition Guidelines Plan. DDS is arranging for tours of existing community homes to give Lanterman families more of an idea of community options. Family members have been invited into and participated in RFP process at several Regional Centers. An open forum will be added to the end of all our PCC meetings to allow families to share, comment, question.

LDC Executive Director Cheryl Bright took the podium and provided an LDC Executive Update: Some management oversight will be changing. Program 4 management will be merged into either Program 2 or Program 3. No changes will be made to Program 1 management. A letter will be sent out to reflect these changes which will become effective on May 1st, 2011. She stresses that quality of care for residents will not be affected and no resident movements are involved. Some staff have been moving to other state facilities. A staff survey was distributed and responses are coming back slowly. The primary concerns are for options and the future of state staff. A discussion of LDC staff support during resident transfers took place. LDC sitters will stay with residents who are admitted to outside hospitals when the admitting physician deems this necessary. Freedom Café hours will be changed during the weekends from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Some members voiced a concern with this change, which Cheryl took an action to address.

By-Laws Committee Chairman Tom Emerson took the podium to discuss membership comments on the Proposed PCC By-Laws. All comments were addressed and a motion to add membership dues language was made and approved. The By-Laws as amended were approved by a majority vote of members present, with a quorum of PCC board members present. The new By-Laws adoption date is March 19th 2011.

Norm Fulco took the podium and gave a very informative presentation based on a handout titled, "Do You Know, What is 962? Should Everyone Have It?" He discussed the laws related to facilities and levels of care required for residents with special health care needs.

Co-President Terry DeBell introduced Marty Omoto the Executive Director of California Community Action Network. Marty introduced himself and how he was called to advocacy for the disabled community after the loss of his disabled sister. He spoke of the importance of standing together and committed himself to helping resident families and advocates with a forum of meetings/telecons with policy makers in the DD System and in the California Legislature. His message was very powerful and well received.

Co-President Terry DeBell took the podium, thanked all the presenters and those in attendance for their support and asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. She adjourned the meeting at 12:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom J. Emerson

PCC Recording Secretary Board Members in Attendance: Anna, Terry, Dorothy F, Tom, Kathy, Dorothy D, Art, Dante, Carmen, Norm, Bob, Jackie, Lee, Elaine, Joanne, Mike