

**Disability Resource Center, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 24, 2011 Board Meeting**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

The following Board members were present, Ann Hairston, Randal Hairston, Sha' Nelms, Pam Cramer and Robert Cox, Executive Director. Present by Conference phone was Heather Freeman. Guest included Ken Hall, consumer and possible board member.

Members Absent: Smokey Cloud, Julie Graham and Rhonda Tingler,

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sha' Nelms Board Vice President at 5:34 p.m.

Review of Minutes for Acceptance:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion was made by Ann Hairston and seconded by Pam Cramer, Motion Passed.

Budget:

The budget was provided to all members two weeks prior to the meeting and copies were handed out at the meeting. The budget was presented to the board, after discussion of the budget on several line items; Randal Hairston made a motion to accept the Budget and the motion was seconded by Pam Cramer, Motion Passed.

Old Business:

State Funding

The Board was informed that at the present time both the Florida House and Senate are holding the Center in Florida harmless. This will give the Centers the same funding as the current fiscal year.

Federal Funding

The Federal funding for our current budget year is still up in the air with Congress trying to pass a budget and continuing to cut spending and programs for the current year. We have continued to hold back on spending of our Federal funds until we know the exact amount of our 2010/2011 budget. Services are continuing for our consumers but travel expenses have been curtailed. Our Federal budget year runs until September 30, 2011 and we should know our budget amount shortly.

Luau 2011

Our 5th annual Luau fundraiser will be held on April 16, 2011 and sponsors for the event are being lined up along with items for our silent auction. The event is moving forward despite the economy at the present time.

Insurance

The Board was informed that the Board and Officer insurance was paid. Also the ED is looking into all insurance policies to keep the cost down. Our Health Insurance is due to be renewed in May and we are working to possibly group our health insurance with other centers around the state in an effort to control the rising costs.

New Business:

VR Technical assistance Review

The Board was informed that the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Education will be conducting an technical assistance review towards the end of April and will be interviewing consumers, staff and board members as well as reviewing the financials of the organization.

Director's Report:

A written report was provided to all members prior to the meeting with copies handed out at the meeting. Board members commented that the report had been reviewed and found the written report helpful in keeping up with the activities of staff.

FACIL:

The board was informed that the Executive Director will be in Orlando on May for the quarterly FACIL meeting. FACIL has been working hard this year to maintain our funding at the current levels.

Other Business:

The DRC's Long Term Disability policy was discussed regarding cost control of benefits and other companies will be looked at to maintain the cost of insurance.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 19th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Motion made by Pam Cramer and seconded by Ann Hairston

Respectfully Submitted By,

Robert Cox, Executive Director