

**Disability Resource Center, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 25, 2011 Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

The following Board members were present, Ann Hairston, Randall Hairston, Sha' Nelms, Pam Cramer, Ken Hall and Robert Cox, Executive Director. Guest included Cathy Duval, consumer and possible board member.

**Members Absent:** Ann Hairston, Randall Hairston Smokey Cloud, Julie Graham, and Rhonda Tingler,

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ken Hall President at 5:36 p.m.

**Review of Minutes for Acceptance:**

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

**Budget:**

**Past Budget 2010/2011**

The budget was provided to all members two weeks prior to the meeting and copies were handed out at the meeting. The budget from the prior fiscal year was presented to the board showing where all the allocations were spent and broken down by funding stream. The budget showed state grants zeroed out and funds left in the current federal grants that end on September 30, 2011. After discussion of the budget; Sha' Nelms made a motion to accept the Budget and the motion was seconded by Randall Hairston, Motion Passed.

**Current Budget 2011/2012**

The budget for the current fiscal was provided to all members two weeks prior to the meeting and copies were handed out at the meeting. The total budget includes 12 funding streams for a total of \$433,913.00. Board members were informed that at this time we have not received our grant amount on our Federal contract and the amount is expected to decrease this year due to budget cuts in Washington. Members inquired about several funding streams and how funds are allocated in the budget. After discussion a motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Ann Hairston and seconded Sha' Nelms.

**Old Business:**

**ADA Proclamations**

During the month of July came the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the ADA. The DRC received proclamations from Bay County and the cities of Panama City and Panama City Beach

**Workshop for Deaf Community July 19, 2011**

On July 19<sup>th</sup> we held a workshop for the Deaf community at Gulf Coast State College with a good turnout.

**New Business:**

**Leadership Bay – 2011-2012 class**

Leadership Bay with the Bay County Chamber of Commerce starts on August 24, 2011 and the Executive Director has been selected as a member of the 2011-2012 class. This will allow the organization to network more with local business leaders in the community.

**CIL of SWFL (FT. Myers) Closes**

The CIL of SWFL (Fr. Myers) closes its doors on July 1, 2011. The center is not expected to reopen and it is expected that its future grants will be given to a nearby center to provide services in that part of the state.

**2011 Florida Independent Living Conference (Sept 13-14 Tampa)**

Staff will be attending the 2011 Florida Independent Living Conference in Tampa on September 13-14 for a statewide training. DRC received funds from VR to cover a majority of the costs of the event.

**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:**

FACIL is preparing a legislative platform for the upcoming legislative session that will start in January of 2012. The entire legislative session has been moved up for next year due to redistricting of the state

**Other Business:**

Sha' Nelms stated that she needed new letters for her folders that she hands out in the community and inquired about volunteers for DRC. The Executive Director informed the board that due to the lack of office space we are refrained from having volunteers at the present time.

**Social Security Benefits**

After a long discussion by board members about whether to continue to help consumer get Social Security Benefits and receive reimbursement for the process the board of Directors voted unanimous to continue the service since the DRC has been helping people receive Social Security benefits for years.

**New Board Member:**

After introduction and discussion of guest Cathy Duval becoming a board member a motion was made by Sha' Nelms and Pam Cramer, Motion Passed unanimously. Cathy Duval term of office will expire in June 2013.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Motion made by Randall Hairston and seconded by Pam Cramer.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Robert Cox, Executive Director