

California Conference of Executives  
Meeting Minutes--February 20, 2010  
Embassy Suites, Sacramento, CA

Present: Patty Schulz, The Arc of Ventura  
Ron Luter, Arc Alameda  
Tony Anderson, The Arc of Calif  
Tim Hornbecker, The Arc of S.F.  
Lori Ramirez, Arc Fresno  
Barbara Maize, Contra Costa Arc  
Connie Uychutin, Arc San Joaquin  
Fred Robinson, The Arc of Ventura

Michael McGinnis, Arc Butte County  
Linda Washington, Bayberry, Inc  
Peter Bowers, Contra Costa Arc  
Alan Fox, The Arc of S.F.  
Joyce Hearn, Orange County Arc  
Kim Olson, Alpha Resource Center  
Barbara Guenther, Placer Arc  
Jim Stream, The Arc of Riverside

Guests: Eddie Tuduri, Rythmic Arts Project, Dwight Stratton, The Arc of Calif

Call to order: Tim called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves. New CCE members were in attendance, Connie from Arc San Joaquin, Barbara from Placer Arc and Linda Washington from Bayberry.

Additions to Agenda: Barbara Guenther asked if there could be a debrief on today's training

Approval minutes: No changes to the minutes, approved as submitted. J.Hearn/M. McGinnis M/S/C

President's Report:

Tim reported that National Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida this Nov 3-6<sup>th</sup>. NCE and Arc US will be working closer together. NCE to be the training arm of Arc US. Tony is the NCE First Vice President and chairs the committee for summer leadership training. Next training will be held in Reno, NV July 29-31. Need feedback from CCE on some speakers/topics for the next training. April 12-14<sup>th</sup> is the Public Policy Conference in D.C. Tim, Alan and Tony attending. CDSA is considering sending people to the conference.

Peter reported concerns about Governor's budget and monies he has in the state's budget that probably won't come to fruition ultimately leaving a bigger hole in the budget. Tony indicated the state will be receiving dollars for Medi-care Part D from federal government. Gregg reported the Action E-list has grown considerably to help address these issues. Went from 300 to 1,000 members.

The Walmart grants to be announced this next week. There will be a sharing of information and open discussion re: transition project successes and failures.

As members of NCE you are now eligible for information technology strategic planning and support to help chapter learn the most effective use of technology and online social networking from NTE the largest provider in the nation.

Peter Burns gave info the organizational status by the Grant Thornton study. Studies show most Arcs want to move from a loosely organized structure to a larger more formal strong federation.

#### Treasurers Report:

Michael reported we have 13 paid members. New chapters weren't sure what the invoice was for until he spoke with them and explained the dues. We don't spend much but we continue to collect dues. Current balance is \$7,820. Kim suggested we use our resources and we send an executive to summer training and /or D.C. for public policy conference. Kim motioned that CCE provide one scholarship for \$1,000 to attend NCE summer training and one scholarship for \$600 for the week-long Gamaliel Foundation training in Santa Barbara. K.Olson/M.McGinnis M/S/C

Barbara Maizie asked about Rose and Kendal and the need for support of public policy PR provided this past year. We had a \$5,000 contract with them to develop target local markets around public policy. Tony said this was very helpful. We had put a couple of appeals out for monetary support but no interest shown. Much discussion about if it was worth it. Barbara motioned that CCE offer to Arc CA Board a contribution of up to \$2,500 for public policy media coverage. B.Maize/B.Guenther M/S/C

#### Nominating Committee:

Lori presented the proposed slate of officers to the CCE membership. The vote will occur at the next CCE meeting and new officers take office in July per By-laws.

President	Michael McGinnis
Vice President	Alan Fox
Treasurer	Ron Luter
Secretary	Lori Ramirez

#### College of Direct Support:

The Arc California is not the lead any longer. One example of the increase in fees was that San Francisco's fees jumped from \$4,500 to \$18,000. The Arc CA provided a counter offer but at this time has dropped the agreement. Tim shared information about Essential Learning who has various classes available. Not aware of pricing structure. Tim learned about their existence at the last convention. Tony shared he believed CDS was a positive experience with a greatly reduced cost in the beginning. However, Tony and Kim tried to negotiate a continuation contract. They have not continued working with us on negotiations. Their growth has decreased. Kim is no longer on the Board. No progress was made in working with Arc US taking the lead due to issues with past Arc US executive. Tony and Tim talking with Essential Learning reps about fee structure which is supposed to be much less than CDS. Tony feels we should focus on professionalizing the direct support staff. Kim feels it is was the most universal message that was available without having a staff trainer/classroom environment. Tim will keep us updated about other options.

Tim introduced Brian Allen with 501©Trust (unemployment program) who is sponsoring our dinner. Employee-owned company in existence for 25 years. Distributed information about benefits of the trust.

Eddie Tuduri gave a presentation of his Rhythmic Arts Project. He strongly encourages agencies offer this learning curriculum and that its success will be incumbent upon the Executive Director to lead the way. Now has a Train-the-Trainer program to help ensure the project's success.

Other issues: State Bureau of Audits. Most CCE members have received a letter (or two) from the Bureau. General discussion followed about the survey and the implications. CCE asked Tony Anderson to follow-up on this to learn more for the Bureau.

Lanterman Hearings: Fred Robinson asked if anyone would be attending the hearing next week. He believes Arc CA should have a presence there and make a statement. Fred is unable to attend. Joyce and Tony indicated they would be attending. We need to share the disparity of costs and educate parents there are other options. We will need to empathize with older parents and their concerns for the family members but hold strong to our belief that an institution is not a viable option. Tony indicated there will be some transfers to other institutions but there will be primarily placements in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Lori Ramirez  
Arc Fresno  
CCE secretary