

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee  
Regional Center of the East Bay  
Meeting Minutes January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Guests Present:** Monique Jones, Jones Caring Service; Dominick Jones, Jones Caring Service; Stephanie Marroquin, District Attorney; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Rhonda McGlashan, Compas; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Michael Minton, RCEB; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Alex Mountford, Manos Home Care; Angelique Goldberg, Futures; Ron Halog, CRIL; Lori Ojeda, Sonia Corina; Shinquell Green, Jaqui' Foundation; Beth DeWitt, RCEB; Denise Bradley, Harambe; Channon Beathy, George Mark Children's House; Nancy Eddy, DPA; Maureen Wright, Respite Inn; Shani Stewart, The ARC; Kerry Ray, The ARC of Alameda; Courtney Cadenhead, Maxim Healthcare; Leslie Werosh Vishal, Ability Now; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Amy Houcle, Novelles; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Vi Ibarra, DD Council; Craig Rose, CIWP; Creola Walker, First Transit; Jan Behr, Stepping Stones; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Sandi Soliday, DD Council; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 9:35 am. Introductions. December 8<sup>th</sup> minute approval-approved

**RCEB/State- Lisa Kleinbub**

- The Developmental Services Task Force will be meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> in Sacramento. A call in number will be available for those not able to attend. This meeting will go over the Burns and Associates report. Currently the task force is being led by Nancy Bargman
- The Respite policy will be updated to reflect the lifting of the cap on service hours. The new cap will be 40 hours of in-home services and 21 days of out-of-home services. In addition, in-home and out-of-home hours will also be exchangeable.
- Allotments of Disparity Funds from DDS have not been announced. The Department has received over 100+ responses and are slated to make an announcement on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A new community training calendar is on the RCEB website. Cultural Competency trainings are also included.
- The Governor released his fiscal budget for the next year on January 10<sup>th</sup>. A majority of the budgets surplus was marked to be put into a rainy day fund for the future. The highlights of the budget follow:
  - Moves to reimplement the 14 day holiday schedule. Legal action to stop this move has been introduced.
  - There is discussion of additional funds being allocated for the Minimum Wage increase.
  - There is a 5% increase for individuals living in the community
  - IHSS has a 7% increase in funds
  - There is an increase in funds for admin at the county level for Medical Services
  - There is a 50% increase for Home Health agencies through the HCBS waiver and fee for service.

**Presentation from Quicksolve+**

**Break-10 Minutes**

**Reports**

**RCEB Staff- Beth Dewitt**

- New minimum wage worksheets are available online. The deadline to submit the request is March 1<sup>st</sup>

- There will be updates to the Community Services side of the RCEB website within the next 1-2 weeks
- Accommodations for those who use ASL will be provided for the Competency trainings, a 3 week notice is required to make the arrangements
- Vendors who did not complete the ABX 2-1 Survey will have their rate decreased for the Direct Service Provider portion of the increase but not the admin side. Funds will be revoked going back to 10/2/17
- RCEB will be having a fiscal audit in February that will last for 5 weeks. The audit will cover 2015-2017.
- Final Rule HCBS Grant applications were due last Friday. There were 44 Unique providers who submitted proposal, 62 unique vendor numbers, 20 of which are residential providers. Announcements for grants will be made early march. Training schedules have been sent out for both Final Rule and Person Centered Thinking trainings.

#### **RCEB Board- Sister Marygrace**

- No report as there was no Board Meeting in December

#### **SCDD Regional Advisory Committee – Sheradan Nicolau**

- Sheradan was out of the office. All important dates will be sent out through email.

#### **DD Council- Sandi Soliday & Vi Ibarra**

##### **Alameda County**

- A presentation regarding Human Trafficking relating to DD population was given at the last DD Council meeting
- The next DD Council meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>, it will cover having healthy relationships
- Transition Fair provider registration forms have been sent out.
- Tri Valley Transition Night will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pleasanton Senior Center.
- ACVOAD meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the topic will be building community partnerships.
- EBLC Will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>
- On January 19<sup>th</sup> the East Bay Employment Task Force will be meeting from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and will be covering Job Development Programs.

##### **Contra-Costa County**

- The Council meeting held in December set the direction for 2018
- CC Transition Task Force will be having a series of presentations held in Concord, targeting the needs of Middle to High School aged individuals.
- Self Determination is in the home stretch for pre-enrolment. Providers interested can hold pre-enrolment meetings to give out information for those participating in the program, contract Vi to sign up. Dates are needed for February and March as well as meetings held in languages other than English.
- The next meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the new proposed budget.

#### **East Bay Legislative Coalition- Ron Halog**

- For Self Determination, HCBS and DDS have been working together to form policy. Currently: Crisis Services have been excluded from Self Determination. The Feds are interested in how the FMS rates will work, as well as how Facilities will be approved. The meeting was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- EBLC met on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to go over the new budget. They determined, while it looks like there is an increase in funds, the increase is to address those leaving the DD Centers and effectively means the same average amount of funds.
- The Legislative Breakfast will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00 AM at RCEB. All PVAC members are invited but space is limited. Please contact Sandi Soliday if you would like to attend. Targeted talking points will be shared soon.
- Regarding HR 620: Currently we are sending letters to both counties to get them on board before engaging with the lobbyists.
- The next meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, Regular EBLC will continue on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Programs- Representative**

- Wesley Moss has stepped down from the position so it is currently open to those interested
- In February we are in talks for a presentation on Sexual Health in the DD population
- In March we are having a Person Center Planning presentation

#### **Membership- Nancy Eddy**

- 4 Members are up for renewal and there are 4 new members wishing to join
- All renewed and new members were voted in
- Craig Rose has accepted the position as PVAC Secretary
- PVAC is still looking for a member to handle the Programs

#### **Public Comments**

- Concerns with current ability to address homeless DD populations will be brought up with legislators.
- Recruitment & Retentions are still a concern and require revisiting the rate structure. Many agencies are 20-40% down on staffing and cannot pay a competitive wage.

#### **Announcements**

- A Provider Concerns meeting will be held after PVAC
- CRIL is starting a Van Share service through the Get Around app. The program will be available Monday-Friday during the day.
- The Employment Task Force will be held in Oakland at 1000 Broadway.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Alex Mountford, Substitute Minute Taker