

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes February 9th 2018**

Members Present: Will Sanford, Futures; Nancy Eddy, DPAC; Jan Behr, Stepping Stones; Leslie Werosh Vishal, Ability Now; Craig Rose, CIWP; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Ron Halog, CRIL; Maureen Wright, The Respite Inn; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center.

Guests Present: Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Greg Simmons, Las Trampas; Kathy Castaneda, Castro Valley Adult; Shauna Farabaugh, SF: Somatic Sex Ed; Vi Ibarra, DD Council; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Denise Bradley, Harambe; Margie Kane, RCEB; Karen Toto, Alegria Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Nirah Baisman, MDUSD; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Sandi Soliday, DD Council; Lori Ojeda, Sonia Corina; Beth DeWitt, RCEB; Guy Houston, Mission Hope.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:45 am. Introductions. December 12th minute approval-(M/Maureen Wright; S/Leslie Werosh Vishal). Approved with two abstentions.

RCEB/State- Beth DeWitt

- Guy Houston, of Mission Hope, had a conversation with Jim Frazier at the Legislative Breakfast regarding potential funds for transportation from the recent gas tax. RCEB will be working with Guy to get more data.
- With regards to the budget, ARCA is focusing on rejecting the 14 holidays. There will be a focus on the restoration of camp as a social/recreational program. Also if developmental center properties are sold or leased, the funds reverted back to our system to create some community housing. There is a report from the Legislative Analyst Office regarding the developmental center real estate, and information may be available online. There are going to be legislative hearings in the Assembly on Mary 7th and the Senate on March 15. Lisa will probably participate in those hearings. There is also the Holden's letter request about minimum wage.
- DDS will begin RCEB's audit on February 20. It lasts five weeks. They will be looking at the fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. RCEB is struggling to get the DS1891, which are supposed to be updated every two years, but many have not been submitted. RCEB will be contacting agencies to complete the document. The other document that RCEB is asking to be completed is the BAA. Requests will go out to agencies.
 - Questions regarding the documents can go to Beth DeWitt. DDS will be looking at about 60 programs, and will be looking at rate letters, the DS1891, the BAA, claim forms, program designs.
- The closure process for SDC is on track. Many folks are successfully moving into their new homes. Potentially looking at August for all the consumers to be moved into their permanent homes.

Presentation: Sexuality in Transition: Shauna Farabaugh, SF: Somatic Sex Ed

- Shauna Farabaugh gave a presentation of her training program on sexual health competency.

Break-10 Minutes

Reports

RCEB Staff- Beth Dewitt

- The audit is the main thing going on.

- Minimum wage worksheets are due by March 1, 2018.
- The POS cycle for 2015-2016 is ending.
 - The Window for POS done between 01/01/15 and 06/30/15 is going to close.
 - RCEB will not be able to fund any unpaid services that occurred during these dates.
 - If you are owed money, it must be requested by March 15th, 2018. After that, there will be no retroactive funding for that period.
- RCEB posted an RFP for person centered thinking
 - Looking for an agency to set up curriculum to provide training services
 - For RCEB staff and vendored providers
 - Looking for train the trainers
- There will be a gathering for person centered planning.
 - Taking place on March 21-22 at the Petaluma Community Center
 - For Regional Centers, vendors, consumers and families
 - Google it for more information.

RCEB Board- Sister Mary Grace

- No report.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee – Sheradan Nicolau

- No report.

DD Council- Sandi Soliday & Vi Ibarra

Alameda County

- Next meeting on 2/14 will have a presentation on Healthy Relationships and Sexuality from Karen Toto from Alegria Community.
- The council is recruiting new board members, family members and providers. Anyone who is interested should come to 2-3 meetings and talk with Sandi or Sarah Burgett, the membership chair.
- The upcoming Transition Fair has 22 agencies signed up so far. Email Sandi if you haven't received registration material. Also, if anyone needs to update, modify, or add a agency description in the adult resource guide, contact Sandi by 2/12/18.
- The next Employment Taskforce meeting will be on 2/23 at Concord RCEB.
 - There will be a presentation on College to Career program at the College of Alameda.

Contra-Costa County

- Transition Taskforce is doing it's Crossroads Speaker Series. The first presentation is on February 15th. Geared towards students age 16 and up and their families.
- The next meeting is on 2/28 at RCEB in Concord.

East Bay Legislative Coalition- Will Sanford

- The Legislative Analyst Office report on the developmental centers is available at the LOA website.
 - It makes the counter argument to what the Department of Finance made in the budget this year, that there will be about \$100 million the state is not going to spend when the developmental centers close.
 - The Lanterman Coalition is making the argument that the DCs are mainly housing and we need affordable and accessible housing in the community. Revenue generated from the sale or lease of the lands should be used for this purpose.

- SDC is not expected to generate large revenues, but will set the stage for future DC closures.
- o ARCA is pushing out information regarding the Holden request for letters addressing local minimum wage and the impacts from the lack of funding for those. They would really like those stories addressing the hardships.
 - The letters should be sent as soon as possible ahead of the hearings in early March. A comment was made of a 2/15 deadline.
- o Legislative hearings will be taking place in March. The Assembly on 3/07, and the State Senate on 3/15.
 - People are encouraged to go and testify on the lack of affordable and accessible housing and the challenges of finding and retaining quality direct support staff .
 - Lanterman Coalition has a few talking points available.
- o Sandi Soliday gave a brief recap on the Legislative Breakfast. She gave special thanks to Sister Marygrace, on her vision in decorating the room.
- o Sandi Soliday also reported Assemblymember Jim Frazier's announcement that he will chair the newly reformed Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- o The next meeting will be Wednesday March 7th, at Alameda Public Health, 1000 Broadway in Oakland.

Programs- Representative

- Currently there is no Programs chair.
- Trudy Grable is presenting on Person Centered Thinking at the March PVAC.
- It was suggested that Julia McGriff from Schreiber Center be rescheduled for the April meeting.

Membership- Nancy Eddy

- Nothing to report.

Presentation II: Schreiber Center Referral Process; Julia McGriff, LCSW, Schreiber Center

- Sandi Soliday announced that the presenter, Julie McGriff was unable to attend due to illness, but Karen Toto from Alegria Community provided some information regarding the Schreiber Center.
 - o Currently, the Schreiber Center usage numbers are going down.
 - o The Center is going to be doing outreach and marketing.
 - o They are now going to allow direct referrals in addition to those from RCEB.
 - o Call Julia McGriff at the Schreiber Center and then let RCEB Case Manager know that the referral has been made.
 - o The Center is not just for counseling, but also for medication management.
 - o Schreiber Center is for Alameda County Residents only
 - It is funded solely through Alameda County Health, so limited by county restrictions.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Will Sanford announced that several members of the Consumer Action Committee went to the Train the Trainer on Self Determination from Sheraden Nicholau to get people enrolled. The CAC will come out to places that will host them to do that training for people who are interested in self determination. Interested people should contact Will, who will then notify the CAC. The training is 1.5-2 hours.

- Denise Bradley from Harambe announced that there will be a Vendor meeting following the PVAC meeting with the goal to help providers with HCBS and work on collaborative goals between programs. It will start at 12:15 and lunch is provided.
- Dan Hogue from Las Trampas started a lively discussion on the difficulties of recruiting and maintaining consistent and qualified direct support staff. Nearly everyone in the room participated.
- Geneva Ziaoure announced that she will be sending out the information from February's EBLC meeting.
- Sandi Soliday announced the Disability Action Day at the State Capitol building taking place in June.
- Geneva Ziaoure announced that the next PVAC meeting is on March 9th at RCEB's San Leandro location.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary

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