

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

Members Present: Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Ron Halog, CRIL; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Craig Rose, CIWP; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives

Guests Present: Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Greg Simons, Las Trampas; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa; Mako Hirota, Heiwa House; Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa DD Council; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Keith Nauman, Strides Castro Valley Adult Ed; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Amy Houd, Novelles; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Alex Mountford, Manos; Shani Stewart, Manos; Ramsay Mashy, CAF; Cristina Moraes, Creative Growth; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's House; Nicholas Aguilar, Premier HCS; Cliff Olagosele, Lifespring; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina Inc.; Emily Correia, ELM; Michael Minton, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:34 am. Introductions. The October 12, 2018 minutes approval -(M/Craig Rose; S/Shannon Beatty). Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

RCEB/State - Steve Robinson

- Steve gave an update on Self Determination that the train the trainer workshops are postponed until December. He added that people can continue to sign up.
- Steve mentioned that there have been multiple proposals for this area for disparity funding. DDS is expected to make decisions in late December.
- Steve also mentioned the DDS will be holding a focus group for the deaf community at Ed Roberts Campus on November 29th at 3:30pm. There is information on RCEB's website, and DDS is asking for people to RSVP.
- Steve gave an update on the Burns and Associates rate study. Reportedly, they are going to be sharing their reports with the Developmental Services Task Force next week. He added that it's not an open meeting; however, he expects the drafts to be made available for public comments soon afterward. DDS will be working the report to develop the recommendations to the legislature by March 2019.
- Steve announced that no decisions have been on the distribution of Bridge funding.
- Fruc Menchavez gave an update on HCBS compliance activities. Fruc announced that DDS sent out a letter on October 31st for grant concepts for the upcoming cycle. The grants concepts are for ensuring compliance by 2022. Fruc added that the criteria DDS is looking for is something unique and innovative and really emphasizes choice and community inclusion. He noted that this year, a main difference is that DDS is considering projects that may take multiple years to complete, and that are looking for a plan of sustainability. This means at RCEB, they will be looking for proposals that include changes to program design. Another difference Fruc noted was that proposal will be first reviewed by the regional center, then the regional center will forward on their recommendations. To assist vendors with their proposals, RCEB will be holding a total of four workshops. Workshops will be held on November 13 and 19th. Morning workshops will be held at the Concord office from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, and the afternoon workshops will be held in San Leandro, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Fruc noted that the deadline to submit the proposals is December 14th, 2018. Additionally, DDS will be holding a webinar on November 15th at 3:30 pm, and November 26th at 11:00 am.

- Heather Hackett from Futures asked if vendor had received a grant in previous years, would they be eligible to receive a grant in this funding round. Fruc indicated that DDS had not made that determination and recommended still apply.
- Dan Hogue from Las Trampas asked if it was possible for multiple agencies to come together to submit a joint proposal for a grant, and how they would go about doing it. Mike Minton indicated that all the providers would do the plan together and including their various vendor codes along with names.
- Steve gave a Developmental Center update. At Sonoma, as of the end of October, there are 28 individuals still living there, 11 of whom are RCEB consumers. The remaining two EBS Homes that are still waiting to be licensed just passed their fire inspections by the Fire Marshall. At Fairview DC, with a closure date set for 2021, there are still 94 individuals. At Porterville DC, there are 257 individuals living there 212 are in the secure treatment area.
- Steve mentioned that Senate Bill 175 was passed, which is to open 10 beds at Canyon Springs for individuals who need acute crisis stabilization, which part of the overall safety net services.

Presentation: Love, No Matter What (TED talk) - Andrew Solomon, writer, lecturer, Professor of Psychology at Columbia University

- Andrew Solomon gave a talk in which he explored the ways family and identify develop in the face of extraordinary circumstances.
- There was a discussion following the video that focused on subjects such as integration vs. inclusion, and ways as a community, multiple agencies could work together.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- The RCEB Board meeting took place on 10/22.
- At the meeting, several contracts were approved.
 - Brilliant Corners received start up funding to develop an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for four adolescents.
 - There was an amendment to increase SLS services.
- There was a presentation on the slate of officers going into 2019. These are the members that the board will be voting on.
- There was a report made by the Diversity and Equity Committee that focused on the idea of embracing other cultures.
 - Helping Hands did an outreach on 9/28 for families go get to know one another and learn about available services.
 - In October, there was the Golden Family Village Conference, which was hosted by Family Resource Navigators.
 - La Familia continues to have counseling and family meetings to give information on available services.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Geneva Ziaoure reported that the next Regional Advisory Committee will be held on November 28th, from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm at the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward.

DD Council - Vi Ibarra & Sandi Soliday

Contra-Costa County

- Vi announced that registration is open for the Let's Keep Learning Conference, which is educational options for after high school for individuals with disabilities. It will be taking place on December 8th at Contra Costa College in San Pablo.
 - Mail in and online registration is available.
- The Transition Task Force is working on an event called Employment is an Option that will take place in early 2019. The target audience for young people still in school, and the focus is to expand the view of students and their parents on what employment might look like. The next Transition Task Force meeting is November 15th, at 3:30 pm at Concord RCEB.
- The next council meeting is on November 28th at 10:00 am at Concord RCEB.

Alameda County

- The next Alameda County council meeting is on November 14th from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Public Health Office at 1000 Broadway in Oakland.
- The East Bay Employment Task Force is on holiday hiatus. The next meeting will be on January 25th, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Public Health Office.
- The Alameda County Transition Fair will take place on March 29th, 2019.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Ron Halog

- EBLC is looking at new federal bill called Ready for Disaster, which will hopefully be funding 10 centers around the United States with the focus on collaborating with agencies through the state on how assess disasters and to ensure that people with disabilities are going to be able to evacuate quickly.
- The EBLC did not meet in November, but will meet on Dec 5 at Alameda Public Health in Oakland. Most of the bills they will be looking at are federal bills.

Programs - Representative

- Geneva Ziaoure started a discussion on the idea of having a vendor fair for regional center case managers. This would help the case managers when recommending services to their clients.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Representative

- Michael Pereira reported that October's meeting focused on discussions around HCBS and ways programs could work together to overcome hurdles.
- The next meeting on the 11/9 at 12:00pm is going to focus on the grant process.

Membership - Nancy Eddy

- Nancy mentioned that there are going to be some current members who will be terming out, so new members will need to be voted in. She said she will bring her list to the PVAC meeting in December.
- Nancy added that people who regularly attend PVAC meetings and are interested in becoming board members to please contact her.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Karen Toto from Alegria started a conversation on workers compensation and asked if it would possible to have any experts come and talk about better options.
- Geneva announced that the next PVAC meeting will be on December 14th. The meeting will consists of reports, followed by a potluck.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary

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