

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes January 13th 2017

Members Present: Sarah Burgett, Toolworks; Ron Halog, CRIL; Sister Mary grace, East Bay Services; Creola Walker, First Transit; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Will Sanford, Futures; Shelley Crayton, Family Support Services; Ajati Sankoh, Sierra Center; Nancy Eddy, Deaf Plus; Julia Lowe, Dunganvin; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House;

Also Present: Leslie Werosh, Ability Now; EM Valencia; CA Mentor; Christina Wells, ASpiranet; Cinthia Flores, Bay Respite; Richard Perrez, Bay Respite; Susie Passeggi, Castro Valley Adult Ed; Luis Martinez, Maxim; Silvia Yeh, FCSN; Michael Pereira, Ala Costa; Craig Rose, CIWP; Angel Marshal, SCDD-Bay Area; Amy Houde, Novelles; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Kristen Caron, Pacific Homecare; Sandi Soliday, ACDDC; Arden Fredmen, NIAD; Steve Everson, APT Transit; Guy Houston, Mission Hope

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:34 am. Introductions. November 18th and December 9th minutes reviewed and approved

Jim Burton

- State news
 - Governor released budget on 1/10. Budget was as expected. No significant cuts and all initiatives related to ABX21 remain.
 - No significant increases. 1.9 billion insufficiency reported, which is not entirely accurate. Governor is concerned about the new Administration-there are many questions about the cuts to the ACA, Medicaid, sanctuary cities which will pose many risks to the state and its people.
 - Most actions will be seen at the time of the May revise. Prepare for hearings to start in March and be present to advocate for no cuts or reduction in funding.
 - Administration has proposed to end the Coordinated Care Initiative. It is determined this will cost more and there are many implications to counties where it is already in place.
- RCEB
 - Minimum wage increase: RCEB has received information about the process needed for increasing the rate from \$10 to \$10.50. For rates that are set by the state, this will begin once service for December has been paid. Staff will then process increases and have them in place in time for January billing. Rates set by DDS-they will be in touch with providers outlining what needs to be done by March 1st in order to receive the increase. Rates set by RCEB: letters are being sent to providers outlining information that will be needed.
 - Executive Director position: Jim is retiring soon and the Board is putting together a process for recruitment. Job description has been updated and posted today. A search committee in place and they are seeking input from community members, PVAC about qualities desired in a new ED. Interim ED will be Santi Rogers. Jim will be working through June with a goal of hiring a new ED by July. If the process takes longer, Santi and Jim have committed to continue assisting.

Break-Well Wishes to Jim with cake

Reports

RCEB Board-Board did not meet in December no report

- 10/24 last board meeting(4th Monday of every month)

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee-Angel Marshall

- Next regional advisory cmtee meeting 1/24/17. Will be posted on website
- Legislative Public Policy Committee: 1/17/17. Thanks to Tom Heinz for supplying an important provider overview on Employment and Affordable housing.
- RCEB Self Determination Advisory Committee has two new appointee recommendations for voting membership. Both approved by the cmtee and the SCDD recommended appointee will now go to the SCDD membership cmtee for formal approval and appointment.

DD Councils

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County (Josh Sullivan for Sandi)

- Next council meeting is 2/8/17 and will feature presentation on HCBS rules
- EBLC Town hall 2/10, themes are “unfinished Business, keeping the promise and defending the promise”
- March 25th will be the Alameda County Transition Faire. Provider forms went out last week. Registration now online
- VOAD meeting 1/26: presentation on lessons learned from Oakland’s Ghost Ship fire. 9:30-11:30 at Hayward City Hall

Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County

- CCDC hosting return of transition conference-registration open until Monday the 16th. Great panels and presenters.
- Next Council meeting is Wednesday the 25th. First meeting of the year will feature “State of the State”
- Legislative Town hall 2/10. February 1st final planning meeting
- Joint Employment task force 1/27. Meets monthly at San Leandro public health and is

East Bay Legislative Coalition- Will Sanford

- Self Determination waiver-conference call with state wide group in December. 30 questions left to answer. Clarification needed on out of home respite-temporary and intermittent or setting rule applies. Issue with the FMS payment coming out of individual budget-feds are concerned this reduces access to service. State transition plan has been submitted.
- DS task force public meeting meets 2/15 from 10-3 in Sacramento-workgroups: Safety net, Community Services and housing and employment
- RFP for rate study-need clarification on funding

PVAC Committees

Membership-no report

Programs-no update. Calendar is open

- Ron Halog nominated by Wesley Moss to Chair the Programs Committee
- Suggestion made to feature SA tool in a future meeting

Presentation: CalABLE: Providing People with Disabilities Greater Financial Security

Carrie Fisher Stone, Deputy Executive Director CalABLE Board

Working Session: RCEB Board request: Executive Director qualities-Sister MaryGrace

PVAC members listed the following qualities needed in a new ED

Large non-profit management experience

Financial management experience of large organization

Familiarity with CCC and Alameda counties

Strong advocacy skills

Passion

Excellent communicator/approachable/ Open door policy

Awareness of the vendor community and/or service provision experience

Understanding of culture and diversity

Depth of person/emotional stability

Humility

Strong moral compass/holds self and others accountable

Openness to different management styles/flexibility

Ability to think outside the box

Announcements

- Applications: Dietary Aid job program and paid internship opportunity (flyer). Partnership between Castro Valley Adult Ed and EBI. Will create potential Employment opportunities
- Project Search: Doubletree Hilton in Pleasanton launching soon
- Hire.org partnership btwn EBI CC ARC and Futures is up and going

Meeting adjourned at 11:38, Sarah Burgett, PVAC Secretary