

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee

Regional Center of the East Bay

Meeting Minutes August 11th 2017

Members Present: Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Ron Halog, CRIL; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Services; Jan Behr, SSGC; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Leslie Werosh, Ability Now Bay Area; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Craig Rose, CIWP; Guy Houston, Mission Hope; Creola Walker, First Transit; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Ajati Sankoh, Sierra Social Services

Also Present: Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's House; Michael Minton, RCEB; Nancy Eddy, Deaf Plus; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Kathy Hebert, RCEB; Susie Passeggi, Castro Valley Adult Ed./Strides; Alex Mountford, Manos; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Amy Huucle, Novelles; Karen Toto, Alegria Community; Marvin Tate, Amplified Care Center; Douglas Hollie, Heart2Heart; Sandi Soliday, Alameda Co. DD Council; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Beth DeWitt, RCEB; Denise Bradley, Harambee Community Services

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:42 am. Introductions.

Minutes Approval: July 14th minutes approved with 1 abstention

Reports:

State Update – Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director, RCEB

- State budget is relatively the same, with no rate funding changes. There was a slight increase for the RC budget due to increase in consumers
- State run crisis homes and wrap around services created and shared between regional centers throughout Northern and Southern California.
- The cap on respite services has been lifted and a new POS policy will go into effect January 1st 2018. Still trying to figure out what approval processes will be like.
- Funding for diversity projects now open to community organizations
- Adult Dental services will now use Medi-Cal dollars to bring rates back up
- AB 279 rally will be held on August 30th from 10-11 am in Sacramento. AB 279 increases rates based on local minimum wages which is strongly supported by the DD community
- Lisa Kleinbub will be available and open to visit different programs

RCEB Board – Sister Marygrace

- Meeting occurred on July 24th
- Multiple contracts approved during the meeting including 27 SLS contracts
- A new board member was approved: Dina Shapiro, RCEB consumer
- Consumer Advisory Committee has begun talks with case managers to find new committee members
- Diversity & Equity Specialist will offer training for both staff and agencies
- Diversity and Equity Committee members connected with a major Muslim center in Pleasanton to provide outreach for the Farsi speaking community

DD Councils – Sandi Soliday

- Executive DD Council meeting will be held August 17th, open to the public
 - Sheraden Nicholau from SCDD Bay Area leading strategic planning sessions
- Regular DD Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13th
- Employment Training Vendor Fair will be held on August 24th and 31st, register for the event through Eventbrite. Contact Sandi for further details
- Congreso Familiar on August 5th was wonderful and well attended
- Contra Costa DD Council on summer break.

Legislative Committee – Sandi Soliday (substitute)

- ACL has suggested to eliminate various state councils and consolidate them into a single council covering all topics and cutting the overall funding. Email has been sent out requesting concerns to be voiced before 2PM today.
- AB 1607
- The DD community opposes bill HR 620
- EBLC is scheduling federal legislative visits for later in the month. Constituents welcome

Programs—Geneva Ziaoure (substitute)

- Will discuss with group objectives for the fiscal year

Membership – No Report

- PVAC needs a membership chair. Please speak with Geneva or Sister Marygrace if you are interested in the position

RCEB Staff —Beth DeWitt

- Need Providers to fill out ABX 2-1 survey by September 30th (preferably by September 15th in case there are issues with submissions)
- Need Providers to fill out the Business Associate Agreement (BAA), currently posted on the RCEB website. Only need to fill out one per company, not per vendor or service code
 - Request for a forum will be set up to discuss the legal issues regarding the BAA
- Michael Minton, HCBS Specialist, will be holding training and visiting providers affected by the HCBS final rule throughout the remainder of the year. Lookout for his emails.

Working Session – PVAC Strategic Planning Session

- Discussed different Wins service providers have experienced within the past year
- Completed a group SWOT Analysis of: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in the local I/DD community
- Discussed in groups what the best and worst case scenarios were for providers and the DD community within the next 5 years and what service providers can do to make the best of it

Announcements

- Participation encouraged for FAME: Fostering Arts and Microenterprises happening on September 28th. Fliers passed around
- Formation of a Day Program Provider Group to meet after PVAC meetings, first meeting will be held next month (September). Contact Denise Bradley or Michael Minton to join.
- Classes will be taught by Harambee at the San Leandro Adult School with topics including: Job Skills, Social Skills, and Art for service participants
- The AB 279 rally will be held August 30th from 10-11 am in Sacramento