

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2015**

Members Present: Daniel Hogue, Las Trampas; Ramsey Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Sarah Burgett, Toolworks; Ajat Sankoh, Sierra Social Services; Wesley Moss, Premier Health Care Services; Creola Walker, First Transit; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Nancy Eddy, Deaf Plus; Patrick Jung, Pacific Child and Family Associates; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Ron Halog, CRIL; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House; Maureen Wright, Respite Inn;

Also Present: Shelly Crayton, FSSBA; Gabriel Rogin, SCDD; Carol Swanson, Aspiranet; Sandi Soliday, ACDDC; Kidada Dobbins, Stepping Stones; Angelique Goldberg, Futures Explored; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Katy Santillan, Bay Respite Care; Kristine and Francine Schwartz; Lindsay Reynolds, DA's Office; Stephanie Ross, Cole Vocational Services; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Tik Thurston, consultant; Tasnim Mcultan, ESBA; Sharmean Heffernan, CA Mentor; Craig Rose, CIWP; Jessica Davis, Enriching Lives FHA; Leslie Werosh, Cerebral Palsy Center; Veronica Santana, Clausen House; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Carol McKindley-Alvarez, Davis Street; Margie Bennett, Ala Costa; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:31am. Introductions and minute review

Minutes: Minutes for August meeting were reviewed/approved

Jim Burton, Executive Director RCEB

- Special Sessions
 - There have been proposals to address the MCO tax, IHSS restoration and increases to provider rates. Recognition goes to Senator Hernandez who worked all weekend to put together a package that would have bi-partisan support (SB2x14).
 - Regular session ends this weekend. Special session-no time line for ending. SB2x14 provides for 1.3 billion in revenue effective 7/16. This is critical and without it there will be cuts to make up for the loss in federal money. Included would be 230 million for service provider rate adjustments (about a 7% increase trying to get the number to 308 million to provide for a 10% increase).
 - Currently need 3 Republican votes-1 in Senate, 2 in Assembly. Republicans have stood firm that they will not approve any new taxes.
 - Additional bill-SB2x18 (Bonilla) is a cocktail tax of 5 cents(not beer/wine) which would bring in 244 million in revenue. Important to support this
- SDC closure
 - Three meetings held so far, fourth coming soon and will include SDC families. There have also been public meetings both in Sonoma and Sacramento. 9/21/15 will be a public hearing.
 - On 9/15/15 DDS will post a draft closure plan on their website (dds.ca.gov).
 - RCEB's budget includes a significant amount of money to develop resources to prepare for the closure, which includes money to reduce case load ratios.
 - RCEB is working to ensure that every area of a consumers IPP is addressed before placement. This includes far more than residential needs.

- There will be startup funding for new and different services and there is some latitude with respect to rates-rates need to be structured to capture 100% of cost. Watch RCEB website for RFP announcements

Presentation: RCEB Crisis Intervention Team: Working with RCEB Clients in Crisis

Sandra Regan, RCEB Forensic Specialist and Andy Hoang, Director RCEB Crisis Response Project

- Forensic Service Specialist
 - Assists and supports case managers with clients who have become involved in criminal court either as a defendant or victim of a crime
 - Provides Support from arrest to sentencing
 - Works with judges, public defenders, Das, law enforcement, CRP staff, families and vendors to explain and educate the public about RCEB services and limitations
- Crisis Response Project(CRP)
 - Proactive approach to crisis prevention and intervention. Counselors will visit clients and staff/family to introduce services. This is not in lieu of staff/caregivers, it is to assist with crisis prevention and intervention
 - When a crisis is happening, CRP can be contacted at any time to provide support and intervention
 - Goals-decrease police involvement, prevent 5150s, increase client's success in the community, increase staff ability to handle future crisis.
 - Provides intensive crisis prevention, emergency crisis intervention and follow-up services

Reports

DD Councils

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County (and for Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County *not in attendance*)

Contra Costa County

- 9/14 Provider meeting at the George Miller Center
- 9/17 Transition Task Force Meeting at 3:15
- 9/23 Outreach event with the Antioch Police Dept
- Please get comments in to the Little Hoover Committee and as always continue to reach out to legislators about service needs/funding

Alameda County

- Schreiber Center now has a psychiatrist, Dr. Lillian Lustman. Dr. Lustman has neuro-psych background. Call to find out if your client meets the Specialty Mental Health criteria.
- Email was sent out about some trainings available at the Schreiber Center
- 10/3 STAR Autism conference
- 10/10 Going to College with a Disability
- 10/14 next Alameda County DD Council meeting
- 10/15 Great CA Shakeout
- 10/23 Autism Summit: Adult needs
- 10/29 Alameda County VOAD

RCEB-Ronke Sodipo

- RCEB has been busy working on rate adjustments for CA's sick time mandate.
- DDS has been sending adjustments for those that went directly to DDS
- Negotiated rates, currently working on these. Have been sending out requests for timesheet logs to verify. Required to send to DDS by the end of the month
- Minimum wage in Berkeley going up to \$11.00. Negotiated rates need to go through Health and Safety Waiver process
- No info regarding state minimum wage increase in January(to \$10.00/hour)

RCEB Board-Daniel Hogue

No meeting in August, next meeting 9/28/15

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee-Gabriel Rogan

- Deaf Task Force at RCEB on 9/30 10-12 at RCEB and a deaf awareness/culture training for RCEB case managers is being planned for October
- Regional Advisory Committee meeting at Marin County Office of Education with a presentation from Stephen Dale on the ABLE Act
- 9/28 Employer Engagement Training 10-1pm at Alameda County building across from RCEB
- 10/23 Self Advocacy Celebration at ERC 5-7pm

East Bay Legislative Coalition-Geneva Ziaoure *(Will Sanford not in attendance)*

- SB 644(Hancock) state internships and AB 662(Bonilla) adult changing table on Governor's Desk
- SB3(Leno) Increases minimum wage to \$11/hour stuck in Assembly appropriations
- FLSA overtime regs slated to go into effect 10/13 unclear whether the Supreme Court will hear an appeal. Large impact to SLS and Respite providers
- Obama proposal to increase salary threshold to \$50,440/year
- MOU between DOR, DDS and Dept. of Education for WIOA may be made final by fall. Working on pieces related to our system.

PVAC Committees

Programs-Wesley Moss

- Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez travel training presentation in Nov and Melanie Fowler and Ronke Sodipo on Tailored Day Services

Operations(formerly By Laws)

- Working on Standard Operating Procedures

Consumer Privacy

- Waiting for website updates

Membership –Mary Brett (not in attendance)

- There is currently a PVAC vacancy(operation procedures need to be developed before replacing retiring member)

Announcements/Concerns

- Disability Unity Festival in SF 9/26 11-3, about 900 in attendance with 50 different vendors. Comedienne Nina G will be the MC

Meeting adjourned at 11:21

Sarah Burgett, PVAC Secretary