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RCEB COMMUNITY MEETING

MAY 28, 2020

COVID 19 CASES FOR PEOPLE WITH I/DD

Remember these are based on reports to regional centers

Statewide: (Total Population 354,000)

Positive Tests :324

Deaths:34

Regional Center of the East Bay (Total Population 21,000)

Positive Tests :10

Deaths :1

COVID REQUIREMENTS

- Alameda and Contra Costa continue to require shelter in place and wearing of masks in public areas.
- Orders are being Slowly Lifted
- Testing is Available to All in Contra Costa County/ Available for those exposed and symptomatic in Alameda County

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO ACCESS
- RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FOR FACE COVERINGS OR CLOTH MASKS OUTSIDE OF MEDICAL SETTINGS OR PEOPLE ARE SYMPTOMATIC
- RCEB and the STATE COUNCIL HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED SURGICAL TYPE MASKS AND OTHER SUPPLIES
- IF YOU ARE A PERSON SERVED BY RCEB AND YOU NEED SUPPLIES , PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CASE MANAGER

DEVELOPMENT OF SURGE SITES

- Public Health Professionals Expect there will to be a Surge in New Cases later in the Year
- RCEB is developing several homes that would be able to support people with positive COVID tests who are not needing hospitalization but have a need for an alternative living arrangement. Expect these to be available in the next two months

HOW CAN I GET UPDATES

- We have added a sign up link on our web site so you can add your name to get emails from us about events and information
- Check the home page of our web site to access the link

www.rceb.org

WHEN WILL PROGRAMS RE OPEN

- Service Providers Developing Plans
- Considering how to safely reopen/Will need to maintain social distancing, cleaning procedures, wearing of face
- Very soon programs and case managers will start to contact individuals about their preferences for returning.
- Transportation is a large challenge; expect changes in how that occurs.
- Plans need to follow the guidance of Community Care Licensing and the County Public Health Departments.

GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISION TO THE BUDGET

State of California began this calendar year anticipating a budget surplus and the administration proposed several new initiatives for our system.

With COVID 19, the state has a budget shortfall estimated at \$54 Billion for fiscal year (2019/20) and next fiscal year (2020/2021).

OVERVIEW

- In almost all areas of state government, new proposals made in January have been withdrawn.
- Many areas have proposed funding reductions that would be withdrawn if \$14 Billion in funding comes from the federal government by June 30, 2020.
- Unknown what happens if funding comes from the federal government later or in a smaller amount than needed. The focus of advocacy to sustain our system is with our federal representatives to have the federal government support states and local communities in addressing the impact of COVID 19.

WHAT DID THE GOVERNOR PROPOSE FOR I/DD SERVICES

- *\$470M Reduction due to Rate Reductions, Expenditure, and Utilization Reviews*
 - *Specific reductions to service categories*
 - *Reviewing expenditures*
- *\$51.5M Reduction due to Uniform Holiday Schedule Implementation*
 - *Requires day services to have “furloughs” on 14 days . Only exception is Supported Employment*
- *Adding teleservices to the waiver for services and for service coordination*
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CONTINUED IMPACTS PROPOSED

- *\$40M Reduction to Regional Center Operations*
 - *Proposed elimination of a cap on caseload of individuals not in Early Start or on the Waiver*
- *\$2.0M Savings due to Restructuring and Increasing Parental Fees*
 - *Streamlining but increasing costs for higher income families*
- *Maximizing Federal Revenues by required all potentially eligible children to apply for Medi-Cal through institutional deeming*

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN OTHER SYSTEMS INCLUDE:

- Eliminating optional Medi-Cal benefits including dental services
- A 7 % decrease in IHSS hours
- Not passing on federal SSI increases to individuals served

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- State Senate took a different approach assuming federal funding would come through and voted to have trigger reductions mid year only if federal funds don't occur.
- Still waiting on Assembly proposals
- Conference Committee will be where agreement (by June 15th) has to occur. After a budget is passed, governor still has blue pencil authority to delete items.

ADVOCACY

- Increased Federal Funding to States and Local Governments to Address Impacts of COVID-19

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QUESTIONS????