



**REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, February 27, 2017  
500 Davis Street, San Leandro  
Approved 3/27/17

**RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Hebert, President  
Evangeline Iyemura, Vice President  
Chi Lee, Treasurer  
Mike Treppa, Budget & Finance Committee Chair  
Nyron Battles, Secretary  
Morena Grimaldi, Diversity & Equity Chair  
Sister Marygrace Puchac, PVAC Representative  
Rose Coleman  
Gwen Nash-Butler

**ABSENT [excused]:**

Marie Parra  
Carmen Quinones

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Santi J. Rogers, Interim Executive Director  
Beth DeWitt, Director of Community Services  
Terri Jones, Director of Human Resources  
Lisa Kleinbub, Director of Health & Behavioral Services  
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration  
Steve Robinson, Director of Community Placement & SDC Closure Plans  
Evelyn Hoskins, Associate Director of Federal Programs  
Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Associate Director of Children Services  
Priscilla Gomez, Transportation Manager  
Regina Edwards, Case Manager  
Gabriel Mendoza, Case Manager  
Meredith Rosenberg, Case Manager  
Antonia Heinrich, Sr. Account Clerk  
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:**

Darin Lounds	Sandi Soliday, ACDDC
Cleo Manspeaker	Josh Sullivan, CCCDDC
Elizabeth Mard, DDS	Darci & Cory Trill
Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD, Bay Area	Sherry & Spencer White
Jeri Pietrelli	

**CALL TO ORDER**

President, Kathy Hebert called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay at 7:04 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Self introductions were made and a quorum was present.

**CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES**

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the February 27, 2017 agenda as presented”  
[Battles/Lee] Unanimous

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the January 23, 2017 minutes as presented”  
[Battles/Coleman] Unanimous

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Cleo Manspeaker* expressed her joy in being first a North Bay Regional Center, then a Regional Center of the East Bay client for 35 years.

*Sherry and Spencer White* spoke of the housing shortage challenges for those with developmental disabilities, and what they have experienced over the past 10 years in the Bay Area as well as in the surrounding areas.

*Darci Trill*/Golden Scalers is a RCEB vendorized mobile dental hygienist and spoke of her frustrations with Medi-Cal not supporting individuals with gum disease as of July 14, 2016.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Kathy Hebert

**Supported Living Service**

**By Popular Demand**

This Supported Living Service [SLS] provides support to clients as they live in their own homes in the community. The contract term is from 3/1/17 to 2/28/18, serving a maximum of 15 consumers, and an estimated average monthly volume/client of \$7,500. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved this contract at their meeting on 2/15/17. Questions were asked and answered accordingly.

M/S/C            “The Board moves to ratify this Supported Living Service contract with By Popular Demand following the terms stated in the contract.” [Battles/Iyemura] Unanimous

## **Transportation**

### First Transit Transportation

This contract is a renewal of an existing contract. The term is from 2/1/17 to 1/31/20 with a rate of reimbursement of \$34.01/consumer/day and \$17.27 per aide/hour. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved this contract at their meeting on 2/15/17. Ms. DeWitt added that we are waiting for the Department of Developmental Services to approve this contract, but in the interest of time, if the board can approve it while we wait for their response. Questions were asked and addressed.

M/S/C            “The Board moves to approve of the First Transit renewal contract as presented”. [Battles/Nash-Butler] Unanimous

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Report from 2/27/17 – Mike Treppa**

### Purchase of Service

Our Fiscal Year 2016-17 Purchase of Services projections remain stable with 55% of the fiscal year expenditures in base.

Based on our expenditures through January 2017, RCEB is currently projecting for Non CPP Purchase of Services Expenditures a sufficiency ranging from approximately \$1.2MM to \$4.1MM, an increase of \$390K to \$352K from the previous month’s projection.

- RCEB’s projected program development for community clients (Non-CPP) continues to be low with new programs developing slower than initially anticipated.
- Our current POS projections also include our estimated cost for the increase of the state minimum wage from \$10 to \$10.50 per hour. We are still analyzing the true cost of this mandate. At this time, the Department has not allocated the funding for the state minimum wage increase effective 1/1/17.
- Our current POS projection also does not include the potential impact of the increase in median rates retroactive to 7/1/2016. Our Community Services Dept is awaiting a letter from DDS for instructions to determine their impact.

Currently, seven Regional Centers including RCEB, are reporting a sufficiency POS budget in their projections. The Statewide Projected system has a sufficiency of \$9.4MM at a low projection, and a deficit of \$20.1MM at a high projection, which is better than in previous years at this time.

We will continue to monitor the status of our POS projections carefully until year end.

### Operations

We will monitor our operations budget and have a projected balanced operations budget for the current fiscal year of 2016-17, as we continue to hire for growth positions.

### Cash Flow status

The agency is currently maintaining a stable cash flow at this time. To date, we have been receiving full reimbursement for our claims, which is great news. DDS has announced that they will begin to offset cash advances starting in May (for March claims).

We will keep the Board, as well as the Executive Committee, posted on our cash flow status. We are still working with Union Bank to finalize our line of credit in March, and expect to have the line re-established beginning in April 2017.

### Independent Audit Firm

As you know, Regional Centers are required to change accounting firms every 5 years in accordance with the Trailer Bill. Therefore, we had been searching for a new CPA firm to replace Lindquist, von Husen and Joyce, LLP whose 5 year term ended in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

The Budget and Finance Committee (B&FC) is bringing forth the recommendation to the Board that we engage the CPA services of Marcum for our independent audit for a 5 year engagement, beginning Fiscal Year 2016-17 and ending Fiscal Year 2020-21. B&FC will sign the contract on behalf of the Board to engage Marcum LLP.

M/S/C            “The Board approves of RCEB engaging the CPA services of Marcum, LLP for the next five years as stated.” [Battles/Nash-Butler] Unanimous

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Kathy Hebert

Ms. Hebert stated that we are looking to increase membership in our Board of Directors. If you would like to apply, you may go to our website at RCEB.org under Board of Directors/Members to fill out an application. We have two Board members who will be leaving our board:

*Carmen Quinones*- Carmen’s first term ends at this board meeting, and she will be taking a break for her health. *Maria Marquez*- Maria was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of the California SCDD.

Current board member, Evangeline Iyemura has completed her first term in office. Following a ballot election tallied by board member Mr. Treppa, Ms. Hebert reported that Ms. Iyemura has been unanimously elected to serve her second term of 3 years.

### **PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE [PVAC]:** Sister Marygrace Puchac

There was no PVAC meeting for this month due to the East Bay Legislative Coalition Townhall meeting at the State building in Oakland on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Townhall meeting

was “Unfinished Business: Preserve the Promise, Make the Transition, Save the Federal Match.”

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE [CAC]:** Nyron Battles/Gwen Nash-Butler

The CAC meeting was on February 13, 2017 where the main discussion was on the content of a letter that the group is finalizing. The letter will be sent to several fast-food restaurants that are not wheelchair accessible. Also discussed at the meeting, was the February 10<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting at the State Building as well as Grass Roots Day in Sacramento on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**DIVERSITY and EQUITY COMMITTEE:** Morena Grimaldi

The committee began this evening discussing the upcoming POS Expenditure public meetings that were mailed to interested parties and posted on our website in February:

**Notice of Public Meetings  
Purchase of Service Data**

In accordance with Section 4519.5 of the Welfare & Institutions Code, Regional Center of the East Bay will hold public meetings regarding data relating to Purchase of Service (POS) authorization, utilization and expenditure with respect to consumer’s age, ethnicity, primary language, residence type, and disability.

**Scheduled Meetings**

**February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM:** Translation in Spanish  
LaFamilia Neighborhood Resource Center  
22366 Fuller Ave.  
Hayward, CA 94541

**March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM:** Translation in Cantonese/Vietnamese  
RCEB  
500 Davis Street  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
There will be training on CAPI (Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants) and a presentation on POS data.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM:** Translation in Mandarin, Cantonese  
FCSN  
2300 Peralta Blvd  
Fremont, CA 94536

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5PM:** Translation in Spanish  
RCEB  
1320 Willow Pass Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Concord, CA 94520

**March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM:** Translation in Cantonese  
Helping Hands East Bay  
Alameda East Bay Chinese SDA Church  
842 Central Avenue  
Alameda, CA 94501

**March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM:** Translation in Spanish  
2141 California Street  
Concord, CA 94520

**March 20<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>**

Virtual Meeting

A Video sharing the data will be available on our web site from March 20 through 31<sup>st</sup>. You will be able to provide comments through an online form.

Ms. Kleinbub stated that the proposal plans to submit to the Department is by 3/24/17, and the schedule for the Department to award the funds is by 6/30/17.

In the Diversity & Equity meeting, Ms. Kleinbub stated that we are close to hiring a Diversity & Equity Specialist, a newly created position focused on our efforts to promote equity and reduce disparities in our community by addressing the underserved groups/communities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Ms. Grimaldi stated that there were a couple of issues brought up during the Diversity & Equity meeting; the lack of employment opportunity for those with developmental disabilities as well as addressing the deaf community, and the feasibility for that category to be reflected in the Purchase of Service studies.

Events

Friends of Children with Special Needs [FCSN] is having their yearly talent competition in Santa Clara on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The yearly Congreso Familiar Conference will once again be held at Chabot College in Hayward on an August Saturday to be determined. The Contra Costa Congreso [Congresito] will be held at the O'Hara Park Middle School in Oakley on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Santi Rogers, Interim Executive Director

Mr. Rogers welcomed the Board and the guests for attending his first RCEB board meeting, and informed all about his background, experiences, and especially his dedication to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act and to the individuals that it serves.

Budget

The Governor's Proposed 2017-2018 budget was released on January 10, 2017 and we will not be seeing anything until the May Revise, which will incorporate the changes made as a result of the economic forecasts. In the meantime, the legislature will be busy organizing, forming

committees and assemblies, as well as evaluating the feasibility of the budget. There is great concern over the changes in the Affordable Care Act, which is estimated to have an \$18-\$20B negative impact.

#### Sonoma Developmental Center [SDC] Closure

RCEB is currently down to 88 clients residing at SDC, and we are developing 26 residential resource options for clients moving out of Sonoma Developmental Center. These options are comprised of 11 Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPHSN), 11 Specialized Residential Facilities (SRF), 3 Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes (EBSH), and 1 Supported Living Services (SLS). We have acquired 17 homes and have 8 more to acquire before the closure.

#### Self Determination Program

The Self Determination committee continues to meet monthly; the latest meeting being on February 6<sup>th</sup>. DDS and CMS are scheduled for a conference call at the end of this month to finalize the waiver for submission, from which CMS will have 90 days to respond. Of particular concern are the Financial Management Services [FMS] fees and self assessments. There have been two vacant committee members filled and they are back to the required 11 members. The committee has completed their Self Determination brochure and will have it translated in Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### *Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Bay Area [SCDD, Bay Area]*

The National Association of SCDD continues to meet regularly with the Senate in terms of the budget and the Affordable Care Act, and drafted a joint statement to address their concerns.

Ms. Nicholau is pleased to announce that RCEB Board member, Maria Marquez was appointed by Governor Brown to the California State Council Board of Directors.

##### *Sandi Soliday, Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council [ACDDC]*

**March 2:** Assemblymember Tony Thurmond is hosting an open house meet-and-greet along with Assemblymember Rob Bonta and Senator Nancy Skinner at the State building in Oakland.

**March 8:** This is the next EBLC meeting.

**March 25:** ACDDC Transition Fair at the College of Alameda starting at 9:30 am. There will be Chinese and Spanish speaking workshops available.

##### *Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council [CCCDDC]*

**Feb 10:** The Townhall meeting in Oakland was a great success with the following representatives attending: Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymembers Jim Frazier, Catherine Baker, and Tony Thurmond, and 7 staff members. Nancy Bargmann and Santi Rogers were special guest speakers.

**Mar 22:** This is the next CCCDDC meeting at the RCEB/Concord office with a discussion on affordable housing.

**ARCA REPORT:** Kathy Hebert

Ms. Hebert reported that the ARCA Board did not meet in February. They will meet mid March.

**CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Issue**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The board meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 27, 2017  
500 Davis Street, San Leandro  
There is a Diversity & Equity Meeting at 6:00 prior to the board meeting