

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes October 9th, 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; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Ron Halog, CRIL; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House;

Also Present: Shelly Crayton, FSSBA; Gabriel Rogin, SCDD; Carol Swanson, Aspiranet; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Tasnim Mcultan, ESBA; Sharmean Heffernan, CA Mentor; Craig Rose, CIWP; Leslie Werosh, Cerebral Palsy Center; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Greg Simons, Las Trampas; Milanette Escueta, Escueta Care Home; Marcia Hodges, Stepping Stones; Josh Sullivan, CCDDC; Claudia Lam, Contra Costa ARC; Anna Wang, FCSN; Kym Luqman, Harambee; Maria Teresa Patino, Mentor; Nimfa Gamez, M-HDP

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:38am. Introductions and minute review

Minutes: Minutes for September meeting were reviewed/approved

Ronke Sodipo, RCEB (for Jim Burton)

- SDC closure
 - DDS submitted closure plan, plan is posted on the website, deadline met
 - RCEB website has been updated to reflect related RFPs:
 - Adult Residential (11)
 - Enhanced Behavioral Homes (14)
 - Day and Residential programs for behavioral needs
 - *Question asked about SLS RFPs?*-Currently no RFPs. CCP plan is running alongside the closure plan. Residential is the focus, primarily due to resistance/concerns from families
 - RFP for transportation

Presentation: Tailored Day Services

Melanie Fowler, RCEB Associate Director of Adult Services and Ronke Sodipo, Director RCEB of Community Services

- Increasing need for non-traditional Day Program settings and services is largely due to people aging out of transition.
- Program started in 2011 when lack of funding called for greater customization of programs and cost savings
- Offers less services hours than traditional M-F day programs and is designed to:
 - Further develop or maintain employment and volunteer activities
 - Allow individual to self-direct their services
 - Offer post-secondary services/pursue post-secondary education
 - Increase integration and inclusion
- Before beginning this service, it's important to think about
 - Individual service goal
 - Current status

- Service design activities
- Health and Safety concerns(not designed for individuals who need 24/7)
- Proposed support hours(typical 30-hour per week day program hours is too high for this service)
- Proposed rate
- Desired outcomes
- Rate setting rules
 - This is an individual conversation with the vendor and RCEB
 - Daily/Hourly rates cannot exceed equivalent cost of 4 days of current day program rate
- Structure/Focus
 - Employment(if 100% of the need is employment, Supported Employment is more appropriate)
 - Volunteering
 - Post-Secondary education
 - Community Integration(if 100% of the need is integration, a community integrated day program would be more appropriate)

Reports

RCEB Board-Daniel Hogue

- September meeting featured presentation from Nancy K about RCEB's budget process
 - If there is a legitimately accrued bill, RCEB has an obligation to pay up to two fiscal years after the bill was due.
 - DDS 5 year contract, currently in second year
 - Approved A-4, Q4 FY 14/15 closed insufficiency for last fiscal year
 - B-1, Q1 FY 15/16
 - CPP with HCEB and CA Housing Foundation. Act as NPO to develop housing for Sonoma residents
 - Jim's report mentioned programs closing in the area. Lack of rate increases are having a very real impact
 - Next meeting is 10/26 in Concord
 - RCEB's Concord office lease is expiring June 16th. RCEB has identified a new space in Concord. Building is larger and will feature many accommodations

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee-Gabriel Rogan (not in attendance)

- 10/23 Self Advocacy Celebration at ERC 5-7pm. Deadline to register is 10/16

DD Councils

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

Alameda County

- Next Council meeting Wednesday regarding Special Session will feature Rob Bonta

Contra Costa County

- OT rule was **not** stayed. Several members expressing extreme confusion. Suggestion to have SLS and Respite providers get together and have presentation on these new rules including "weighted averages", dual-employer relationships, 5.82% increase...

- Providers seem hesitant to raise the red flag about ability to continue to provide services so as not to alarm clients and families. CCDDC has a blind survey for providers to use to state how dire their situation is- providers are encouraged to use the Council to raise their red flag. Survey is anonymous but offers compelling data to take to the legislature.

East Bay Legislative Coalition-Will Sanford

- SB 644(Hancock) state internships was signed by the Governor. AB 662(Bonilla) adult changing table was not signed as of today
- Self Determination Committee meet on Monday. Gabriel Rogan did a great job outlining the Person Centered Planning process and budgeting. No direction on what the services look like under the new CMS rule but they need to be CMS compliant. Video about Self Determination is up on the web in English and Spanish. 156 people will be selected for the Waiver initially.
- December 10th California Supported Living Network planning a protest in Sacramento at the Convention Center
- Tony Coelho, one of the original authors of the ADA, has an excellent speech that will be up on Future's website once captioning is completed
- DS Task force hasn't met since June, unsure when they will meet.
- State Transition plan has been submitted, revision to the self-survey. Advice to providers is to take a look at their data tracking around how a person is integrated, what services they receive and what they don't receive
- Joint Session created a conference committee focused on Hernandez and Bonta bills related to MCO tax. Concern that that movement on this will be procrastinated until January and then there will be a 1 billion dollar hole in the Governor's budget
- EBLC meets the 1st Wednesday of every month

PVAC Committees

Programs-Wesley Moss

- Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez travel training presentation in Nov. CPR/FA presentation. December-Holiday Potluck

Membership –Mary Brett (not in attendance)

Announcements/Concerns

- Stepping Stones is merging with Davis Street and is seeking a Managing Director, please make referrals. Job announcement/description passed around to all in attendance
- Toolworks is celebrating their 40th Anniversary on 10/28 at the Bently Reserve. Cheryl Jennings from CBS is the MC and Senator Leno will be in attendance.
- CRIL having annual fundraising event "Heard it through the Grapevine" 10/18 at Las Positas Vineyards
- Easter Seals Kaleidoscope festival 10/17

Meeting adjourned at 11:40, Sarah Burgett, PVAC Secretary