

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes November 13, 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; Ron Halog, CRIL; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Will Sanford, Futures

Also Present: Carol Swanson, Aspiranet; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Sharmean Heffernan, CA Mentor; Craig Rose, CIWP; Leslie Werosh, Cerebral Palsy Center; Josh Sullivan, CCDDC; Kym Luqman, Harambee; Amelia Pepper Day, CA Mentor; Alex M, Manos; Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, CRIL; Sandi Soliday, ACDDC; Angela Gonzales, BRC; Tony Macon, Macon Foundation; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Amy Houde, Nouvelles; Guy Houston, Mission Hope; Georgia Macon, Macon Foundation; Eugene Taylor, Omni Safety Institute; Margie Bennett, Ala Costa Centers

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

Minutes: Minutes for October meeting were reviewed/approved

Jim Burton, Executive Director, RCEB

- Announcements/changes coming: Santi Rodgers announced he is retiring effective December 1st after two years with DDS. He plans to focus on personal endeavors. This is a governor appointed position. Michael Wilkening will most likely serve in the interim before an appointment is made. Jim Shorter, GGRC's Executive Director has also announced his retirement. Gabriel Rogin is now the acting Chief Deputy Director of the State Council. He will continue as the Executive Director of the Regional Advisory Committee but will not be as present
- FLSA: DDS announced that the Administration has decided that rate adjustments for overtime will be applied consistently across all programs even though many programs are structured differently. Additionally these increases, similar to the IHSS rate increases, will not go into effect until February 1st, 2016 and will not be retroactive. Law changes went into effect 10/13/15. This funding has already been budgeted for by the state. To be clear, this is an Administration decision, not a DDS decision. The severe impact this has on providers who are compliant with the new rule changes should not be underscored and there is no "Plan B" to address this.
- State budget: It is unlikely the legislature will convene prior to January 1st with the Special and regular sessions co-occurring. Governor's budget will be proposed in January and if there is no agreement around how to fund the MCO tax the Governor has been very clear that there will be 1.1 billion in cuts to all health and human services programs.
- Fiscal Audits: There is a substantial amount of outstanding independent audits from providers and this has been escalated on a state level. Providers will need to be in compliance with this requirement or will be subject to a visit from DDS. RCEB received a clean audit. RCEB's budget is currently 330 million and they only owed \$440.00.
- Self Determination: Workgroup meets the first Monday of every month. Next meeting is December 14th. These are public meetings. Vi Ibarra was selected as Chair. There has been a lot of work/effort in preparing for the waiver. 2500 people will be selected for the waiver, initially, including 155 RCEB consumers. Largest issue are the CMS and settings rules which have yet to be fleshed out

- Sonoma closure: RCEB is meeting locally with families and residents(122 RCEB consumers). Meeting have been positive and have included a group of families that experienced the Agnews closure. This was very impactful, as the families have had positive experiences with the services received in the community, despite initial opposition. RFPs have been posted and there have been many responses. Legislative staff are joining RCEB on November 20th to tour different services and programs in the area.

Presentation: Travel Training

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez, Independent Living Coordinator, CRIL

- CRIL offers seniors and persons with disabilities the opportunity to learn how to use different forms of transportation such as BART, AC Transit and Paratransit programs. Among other topics, participants will learn how to obtain an RTC Clipper card, how to use 511.org to plan a trip using AC Transit and BART, how to safely use a mobility device such as a wheelchair, scooter or cane while on public transportation
- Process includes
 - Intake/Assessment
 - Workshops
 - Fixed training experience
 - Mobility training

Reports

RCEB Staff-Ronke Sodipo

- Employee sick leave adjustments will be finalized next week with an anticipated start date of December
- Holidays-a reminder to vendors that the Board and PVAC came to an agreement about the 10 day holiday schedule. If vendors are open, you will need to communicate with Ronke so that ebilling can be adjusted.

RCEB Board-Daniel Hogue

- Daniel didn't attend last board meeting. Jim Burton covered most updates in his report. A presentation was given by RCEB's CPA firm and an announcement that the Concord office is moving in June or July. The new office will feature 2 large community rooms and an adult changing room

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

- EB Coalition on Disabilities and criminal justice meeting is on 11/16 2-4 RCEB
- Little Hoover Commission on Denti-Cal hearing on 11/19
- SCDD Regional Advisory Committee December 2nd, 7-9pm at 1000 Broadway, 5th floor, Oakland
- Intellectual Disability and Dementia training will be held on Dec 3rd
- Provider training on employer engagement at Lighthouse in San Rafael
- University Centers for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities is working with SCDD on creating Webinars for service providers, families, clients. Ideas/suggestions send to Gabriel

DD Councils

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County

- Firehouse clinic grand opening in Hayward from 1-4 at 28300 Huntwood Ave, Hayward
- CARD-is closing/decommissioning. Huge loss to the county. Alameda Sheriff's office is closing the gap
- FAST is recruiting members. Trainings in Dublin on Dec 10th and 11th

- ACLU Disabilities program is having a symposium on Supported Decision Making some time in February
- Dec 9th next council meeting will feature a training by Stephen Dale on the ABLE Act

Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County

- Last meeting featured a phone in to the Disability Services Task Force where Santi Rogers' retirement was announced. Secretary Dooley is asking for input about a replacement. It was urged that this person come from our community.
- Next meeting is Wednesday and will focus on the FLSA with an attempt to help members grasp its complexity and how unfair and illegal the State's inaction is. Outreach to Baker and Bonilla is planned-Providers-please get Josh an estimate on your cost for waiting for rate adjustments from now to February.
- December 10th is the Rally/Protest in Sacramento at the convention center.
- Council meets the first Wednesday of every month. Please join to help mold the next Town Hall.

East Bay Legislative Coalition-Will Sanford

- Push to local legislators needs to happen to release OT funding
- AB662 (adult changing tables) was signed.
- DS Task Force reiterated that January's budget will not be positive due to the MCO tax funding issue
- Hancock is introducing a bill related to supported employment and individual placement rates
- EBLC meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at AC Public Health, 1000 Broadway
- Self Determination program planning date of March 31st pending Waiver approval. Tentative trainings for regional centers set for Jan/Feb
- Autism Society of LA will tentatively have another Self Determination conference in February. There has been no news from the Feds regarding the Waiver application with is potentially good news

PVAC Committees

Programs-Wesley Moss

- December-Potluck
- January- Bob Trapp. AED/CPR/FA Instructor
- Hoping to have a DOL presentation in the future

Membership –Mary Brett (not in attendance)

Announcements/Concerns

- Eugene Taylor, Omni Safety Institute is offering CEUs to administrators/ in-services on Title 17 and 22. Flyer passed around
- CRIL fundraiser on December 7th at Gianni's in San Ramon 5-8p. All tips plus 10% goes to CRIL
- NIAD-holiday opening/Crochet Jam on November 21st
- Tony Anderson and NPR is working on media piece around funding issues/closures. Need people who have experienced a closure to comment.
- Dan Hogue announced that he will not be seeking to renew his position as Co-Chair of PVAC. This will be discussed further at December's meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:32, Sarah Burgett, PVAC Secretary