

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2019**

Guests Present:

Ronnie Ancheta, Open House Center; James I. Mercado, Open House Center; Kelly Derr / Jose Munoz, Pacific Homecare Services; Maureen Wright, The Respite Inn; Sarah Burgett, Toolworks; Shyh-Mei Chan, FCSN; Emily Cerrejo, ELM; Heather Houlihan, Contra Costa ARC; Alessia Simmonds, Alameda County CCL (Census 2020); Amanda Eicher, MAD; Ana Kawamoto, Family Support Svcs; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Shani Stewart, Manos; Dan Strickland, 123homecare; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina Inc.; Lisa Gonzales, Deaf Plus Adult Community; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Stan Higgins, Therap; Colleen Pagnello, Sentry Living Solutions; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's House; Kathy/George Lee, George Mark Children's House; Rhonda McGlashon, Compass; Stacy Bystedt, CLACE; Bridgette Young; Clausen House; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Will Sanford, SC & C; Mike Palomino, Maxim; Mike Pereira, Alacosta Centers; Patricia Harris, One Step Closer; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Teresa Stocker, Abode Services Stocker; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Karen Lingenfelter, MOAE; Ron Halog, CRIL; Ina Dekker; Michele Simpson, Futures Explored

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am. Introductions. The September 13th, 2019 minutes approval (M/Mike Pereira; S/Ramsay Mashy). Passed with abstentions.

Presentation I: Hard to Count Communities: Alessia Simmonds

- Census drives decision making, where to direct services at all levels of government and private sector. Huge loss of funding for ten years if count is inaccurate
- Most missed demographic is children 0-5 y/o, surprisingly
- Available online and by phone in 13 languages. Paper form in only two languages, bilingual Spanish only available in dense areas (Hispanic population)
- Title 13 protects privacy and confidentiality, even against ICE, IRS, etc.
- Hard to count: 26% often left out, often from overcrowded households, nameless, immigrants, disabled, and most of all, children 0-5 years old.

RCEB Update: Lisa Kleinbub

- Diversity and Equity Specialist Jairo Guiza has been attending Census Meetings in each county.
- PGE outages: We were lucky, but NBRC had many more people needing relocation.
 - Everbridge software: can't be tested yet because we had actual emergencies. The program was used with RCEB staff only.
 - Smoke and air quality issues in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We are not often included in other State of Emergencies.
- Budget release January, hoping that DDS will reevaluate early start and ILS and propose an increase in budget
- ARCA sent a letter to Gov Newsome regarding the missed services last month. Also addressed CM shortage, requested support for salaries and caseload ratios. Struggling to hire and retain CM staff. \$34k allocated across the state since 1991.
- Waiting on DS Task Force announcement

- Systems change, individual consumer outcomes, possibly early November meetings. We are waiting for comments post, too
 - HCBS self-survey will roll out possibly in January
- **Presentation II: Harriett Hill**
 - New Service Provider Portal will start piloting with ten vendors. The new portal will allow providers to review reports, staff & clients, forms, maintenance of users
 - RCEB hopes to save on postage and paper costs with no paper copies eventually. Case managers will request POS online only, reducing the potential for information to be lost.
- **RCEB Board: Sister Mary Grace**
 - Measures related to disparity and equity: all ethnicities and ages access.
 - Looked over E4: additional POS varies<?>, renewal of delta dental (no increase), supported living services presentation by SAWA, draft audit by Mankum LLP (ending 06/30/19) nomination of officers will take place at next meeting
 - Diversity & Equity: calendar of RCEB support groups in both counties, getting parks & recs involved in different communities for disabilities.
 - Indigenous Red Market (Sundays) on Fruitvale and International Blvd: 1st Sunday of the month 11 am – 4 pm, 12 pm ceremony
- **Alameda County DD Council (Sandi Soliday)**
 - Next Council meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 13th from 9:30 am - 12 pm at the Public Health Department. Our special presentation is entitled *Health Disparities at the Intersection of Disability, Race, and Gender*.
 - The Alameda County Transition Faire is scheduled for March 14, 2020. Provider invitations will go out in early January. If you would like your agency featured in the Adult Services Guide, and it currently isn't listed, or you don't know, please contact me. Also, contact me if you don't receive a provider invitation, and you would like to participate.
 - The Health & Wellness Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday (this afternoon) from 2-4 pm. We'll discuss healthcare ethics.
 - The next EBLC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th. We're planning the EBLC Legislative Breakfast.
- **Contra Costa County DD Council (Vi Ibarra)**
 - The Vision for the Future conference was held on Oct 26 at Chabot College. The response was great for the event and we were actually overcapacity and worked to squeeze people into the already full sessions. We appreciated Chabot for being so accommodating and we hope to potentially be able to hold this event there again in the future.
 - On Oct 30, we had the Disability and Access and Functional Needs Forum in Martinez. October was a very busy month for emergency response: fires, power shutoffs, Nustar fire in Crockett, not to mention an earthquake! So it was a very timely event and hopefully spurred individuals and agencies to further improve their own preparedness efforts. That event was recorded and info about where to view it will be included in my Council's Corner newsletter.
 - The November 20 Council meeting will have a presentation from the Contra Costa Health Services program manager for Career Pathways. She'll be sharing information about intern programs available in our county that may be helpful for some of our community partners.

Also, we'll take some time to discuss how she might better meet the needs of people with disabilities in the current county internship programs. Please note this November meeting is the 3rd Weds of the month rather than the 4th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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- **Legislative: Will Sanford**

- We have received valuable feedback from legislative tour attendees. This will help inform our talking points for Legislative Breakfast.
- The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for 01/31/2020 @ RCEB by invitation only. Official PVAC members will be invited.
- Tom Hines introduced a proposed fix on minimum wage from a group out of Los Angeles area
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- **Programs: Geneva Ziaoure**

- Next month's meeting is the Annual Holiday Potluck. Please bring something to share with the group.
- January's meeting will most likely be a working session review of DDS policy notices on HCBS self-evaluations or their response to the rate study comments
- Suggestions for presentations are always welcome.

- **Day Program Providers Subcommittee: Mike Pereira**

- The PVAC Day Program Provider Subcommittee Meeting directly follows the regularly scheduled PVAC meeting.
- Susie Passeggi, the Director of the Castro Valley Adult and Career Education Program, will be continue the ongoing conversation that we have been having collectively regarding Staff Training, Retention, Recruitment, and requirements.

- **Membership: Geneva Ziaoure on behalf of Leslie Visbal**

- Provided the proposed slate of members and officers as well as the current PVAC Membership Roster. Three people that have not confirmed. All members have been contacted by Leslie to confirm continuing interest in membership, even those who did not have an expiring term. It is our understanding they wish to fulfill their term unless we hear otherwise.
- Please feel free to nominate additional members.
- The individual must have attended at least three meetings
- Member terms are three years in length (typically beginning in January)
- Members are eligible for two consecutive terms
- PVAC bylaws require no more than 3 excused absences per year or 6 total absences per year
- A quorum for PVAC is 50% of membership plus 1 member
- PVAC Meetings are the second Friday of each month at 9:30am at RCEB San Leandro, unless otherwise noted

- **Announcements and Public Comments**

- FAST training showed a 1 hr documentary on the Paradise fires. See also "Fire in Paradise" available on YouTube
- ALCO VOAD holding a training at RCEB San Leandro on 12/2 on emergency preparedness training 9-5p; At RCEB Concord on 12/3