

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
December 13th, 2019 Meeting Notes

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:45 am. Introductions. No quorum established to approve minutes from meeting held November 8th, 2019.

RCEB Update: Lisa Kleinbub

- Purchase of Service (POS) data for fiscal year 2018-19 is now available on RCEB's website. No major changes have been noted from the previous fiscal year.
 - RCEB will hold public meetings in March
 - Will also review data on disparities
- Also plan to post additional information such as employee salary ranges, procedures, policies, and contract costs—as much as possible comply with a transparency effort required by a new State law
 - Procedures and policies for ILS, SLS, and transportation starting January 2020
- DDS budget proposal will be released January 10th, 2020
- DDS task force met Monday, December 9th, 2019
 - Director Bargmann stated DDS will publish response to Rate Study Proposal comments on January 10th, 2020
- Legislative Analyst Office reports continued budget surplus for next State fiscal year
 - Helps to decide whether the State can weather a mild recession
- Reported on ARCA's concerted effort to engage Legislator Phil Ting, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee chair
- DDS selected additional people for Self-Determination pilot program
 - Over-selected by about 10%
 - Focused on consumer-siblings, consumers over 42 years of age, those linked to local advisory committees. Focuses on people invested in the program.
 - RCEB currently has one authorization for self-determination program
- Current service providers may receive inquiries on contracting directly with a fiscal management service (FMS) for consumers on Self-Determination

RCEB Staff Report: Steve Robinson

- The Service Provider Portal is still on hold, as there have been a few setbacks. IS department hopes to get it released to the service providers participating in the pilot program by the end of the month.
- There were no responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Early Intervention Service expansion, very little interest in RFP for mental health services. Will repost on website and will include an RFP for microenterprise.
 - The website page for RFPs will be simplified to make it easier to navigate
- Rate Increases:
 - Temporary payment rates will get increases directly from DDS.
 - RCEB will process programs with negotiated rates
 - DDS is still waiting on final approval from CMS (Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services) before releasing rate schedule for the 8.2% increase
 - The Bridge funding will still be applied through April 2020
- Fruc Menchavez: \$2.7 million in HCBS grants

- Awarded to programs such as Person-centered Thinking/Planning consultation services, staff, vehicles, building upgrades
- HCBS Self Assessments: Should be posted to DDS website and the eBill website by January 3rd, 2020.
 - A personalized link by vendor number and service type
 - DDS plans to provide six trainings starting January 13th, 2020
 - About 1100 providers of traditional services will be visited on site through the end of 2020
 - Self-Assessment is due by March 2020
- **RCEB Board: Sister Mary Grace**
 - RCEB Board met on Monday, November 25th, 2019. Did not have a quorum.
 - Discussed RCEB's Performance goals
 - DDS Contract A2 negotiations to allocate monies for FY 2019/20 for claims for previous fiscal years
 - Sawa SLS contract approved for up to 30 clients
 - Brilliant Corners housing: the board approved a second amendment to the contract for the acquisition of a CPP home
 - Diversity and Equity committee will start meeting every other month from 5:30 PM to 7 PM in January 2020. Currently updating mission statement language.
 - New committee called Supports and Services will start meeting every other month from 5:30 PM to 7 pm in February 2020
 - Voted on a Board plan, includes more Board member trainings and having at least three meetings in Concord annually (previously there were only two)
 - Next RCEB Board meeting: Monday, January 27th at 7 PM at RCEB SL
- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Sheraden Nicholau)**
 - Sixteen thousand surveys sent out to households with adult service recipients for National Core Indicators (NCI). These surveys can be done on paper or online.
 - SCDD is working on their five-year State Plan on what the State Council should focus on over the next half decade. Requests all interested parties to respond via on paper or online, with a minimum of 600 responses by February 2020.
 - Sheraden offered to have her team from the local regional office attend gatherings around our community to discuss the survey and its purpose.
 - Advocacy and Policy meeting: January 16th, 2020
 - Regional Advisory Committee: February 26th, 2020
 - Full Statewide meeting: January 28th, 2020
 - Statewide Self-Advocacy meeting: March 4th and 5th, 2020.
 - State Council also has funds available for projects, goals, and events. Requests for proposals are available year-round for up to \$1,500. Application information is available on their website.
 - State Council is involved in the DS Task Force. Sheraden has been selected to participate on the Safety Net committee.
 - The Council will be launching Independent Facilitator trainings for people participating in the Self-Determination program. There are four trainings scheduled for both counties from January through March. Especially looking to fulfill participants' cultural and linguistic needs.
- **Alameda County DD Council (Sandi Soliday)**
 - Transition Faire service Provider registration forms will go out the first week of

January. Send Sandi Soliday your agency updates once you receive the registration so that they can be incorporated into the Adult Services Resource Guide. Faire is on March 14th.

- Next Council Meeting is on January 8th, 2020 from 9:30 am to noon at Alameda County Department of Public Health on Broadway in Oakland. There will be a presentation panel on Emergency Preparedness
- **Contra Costa County DD Council (Vi Ibarra)**
 - Next Council Meeting is on January 22nd, 2020 from 10 am to noon at RCEB's Concord office on the 4th floor. Presentation is on Healthcare Advocacy and Ethics Part 2.
- **Legislative: Mike Pereira for Will Sanford**
 - Planning for the annual Legislative Breakfast is underway. Theme will be "The Show Can('t) Go On". The group is sending out save the dates for January 31st, 2020. All RCEB, DD Councils, and PVAC board members are invited, as well as local representatives from State legislative offices. Will offer more RSVPs as space allows.
 - Asks include supporting Regional Centers, workforce challenges, and related reimbursement rate issues. Currently developing the ask with groups across the State.
 - Invitation for any media folks may feel is relevant to the cause: short vignettes on global issues with our service system.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, January 2nd, since the first Wednesday of the month is a holiday.
- **Programs: Geneva Ziaoure**
 - 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. Will be facilitated by Denise Bradley.
- **Membership: Leslie Visbal**
 - Provided the proposed slate of members and officers as well as the current PVAC Membership Roster.
 - Cannot hold vote today because there is no quorum of members
 - Would like more representation from Contra Costa County, if possible
- **Announcements and Public Comments**
 - Shannon Beatty reported that George Mark Children's House have toy box gifts as well as stocking stuffers available in partnership with FedEx.
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 AM for Holiday Potluck

Meeting notes submitted by Geneva Ziaoure