

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2019**

Members Present: Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Craig Rose, CIWP; Donna Feingold, ALC; Leslie Visbal, Ability Now; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation

Guests Present: Carlos Cienfuegos, Sentry Living Solutions; Colleen Pagniello, Sentry Living Solutions; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House; Bridgette Young-Harry, Clausen House; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Shani Stewart, Manos; Alex Mountford, Manos; Nicholas Aguilar, Premier; Wesley Moss, Premier; Michael Minton, RCEB; Fructuoso Menchavez, RCEB; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina; Lisa Gonzales, Deaf Plus; Amanda Eicher, NIAD; David Dodson, Peoples Care Inc.; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:47 am. Introductions. Quorum was not achieved, so the minutes from April's meeting will be up for approval in June.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa began by announcing that the Bridge Funding, which was allocated for high cost areas for one year, had been approved, and that RCEB had received the ability to pay it, so will be putting them into the system in May so the funds are ready for billing beginning in June.
 - Wes Moss asked if it was an increase to the base rates or an additional supplemental rate. Lisa replied that it seemed like an increase to the base rate but would go away after one year. Leslie Visbal confirmed that it was an increase to the base rate based on a letter she had received from DDS.
- Fruc Menchavez announced that of the 48 HCBS grant concepts that were received, 24 of them had been approved, and of all the regional centers, RCEB's total amount was the highest at \$2.2 million. Fruc added that approved concepts included, vehicles, person centered thinking training, consultants, and staff for job development. Fruc concluded that an email had been sent to recipients with workshop dates to explain the grant process going forward.
- Lisa announced that orientation for Self Determination is rolling out at all regional centers, and that participants are starting to do person centered plans that are gear towards their program budget needs. As of yet, Lisa mentioned that RCEB has not vendored any financial service planners for self-determination. Lastly, Lisa noted that if a participant were to use self-determination dollars to continue services, the funding would come through the financial service agency and not the regional center.
- Lisa mentioned that the Governor's May revise had been released on May 9th, and that there was not a lot of concrete details. In it, the Governor had identified some funding affecting rates that were annualized at \$330 million, but were focused narrowly on ARM, SLS, family homes agencies, supported employment, personal assistants, transportation, and supplemental support; which would amount to roughly an 18% service rate increase in those categories. It also did away with the uniform holiday schedule, but only for one additional year.
- Lisa discussed the Senate hearing on the rate proposal which took place on May 9th. She mentioned that DDS did not have much to say on what they intend to do going forward, now that they have the proposal. She added that the LAO laid out several things that could be implemented in the budget beginning on July 1st. In the hearing, there was a great deal of focus on "Do no harm" and avoiding unintended consequences. Additionally, the legislative analyst said that there were no rates

provided for facilities over six beds in the rate study, and in their report indicated that if that was the way of meeting HCBS compliance, then the report should articulate that, stating that facilities with seven or more beds will be starved. Lisa continued that the report not support doing this, but rather focuses on transition. If people are being served in the model, we can't just not provide rate increases, we need to provide for a gradual shift away from the model. Lisa concluded that in light of the fact that the federal government's guidance on the Final Rule has shifted a little in terms of what it means to live in a larger setting, what constitutes access to the community and ability to engage with it. Lisa also mentioned that there had been a lot of comment around was infant services, and that some of the models that have been proposed would really upset this part of the service system. This is also an area that the LAO stated that careful attention needs to be paid to avoid unintended consequences. Going forward, Lisa urged educating the governor about our needs and introducing to him people are being impacted by this budget proposal who want to continue to live in their communities.

- Lisa mentioned that one of the larger providers of behavioral health services, Anka Behavioral Health Services, are going through bankruptcy, and that they had operated a day program and five residential facilities through RCEB, so they are working hard to get those individuals relocated.

Presentation: The Illusion of Safety: Risk Management and Professional Liability - Key Roys

- The presentation was postponed until a future meeting.

Reports

RCEB Staff -

- No report

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- Sister Marygrace announced that the RCEB Board met on April 22nd. At the meeting, four new board members were voted in; two service recipients and two parents.
- The Board has presented the idea in the bylaws to have on the finance committee at least three board members, with one board member chairing the committee. This will be voted on in May.
- The Board also elected Kathy Hebert as president for a second term.
- The Consumer Advisory Committee reported on their visits with legislators, and transportation and housing.
- The Diversity Committee reported on Congresso Familiar. There had been an event that recently took place in Oakley, with another event taking place at Chabot College on August 3rd.
- The Board also received a draft of ARCA's strategic plan

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Geneva announced that Sheraden Nicholau had provided her with dates for upcoming meetings.
 - The next Self Advocates Advisory meeting will take place in Sacramento on 5/20
 - The next statewide council meeting will be in Sacramento on 5/21.
 - The next statewide Self Advocacy Network meeting in Sacramento will be on 6/5-6/6. It is a two-day meeting.

- The State Council on Developmental Disability's grant cycle 42 is now open and accepting proposals. Up to \$450K is available, and the deadline is June 3rd. Information can be found at the website.
- The next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee is on 6/26, from 6:30pm-9:00pm at the Artist's Den at 1913 Salvio Street, Concord CA.
- They are looking for more people to sign up for the upcoming Get Safe Law Enforcement safety trainings; service providers, families, and consumer involvement.

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DD Council - Representative.

- Geneva read a list of dates provided by Sandi Soliday
 - At the Alameda DD Council meeting, Sandi has asked board members to start speaking with board of supervisors to advocate making her position a priority to get someone to take her place.
 - The office of the DD Council will be moving to San Leandro in the coming year, but an exact date is not yet known.
 - 5/23 is the Disability and Aging Capitol Day at the Cesar Chavez plaza on the State Capitol in Sacramento from 10am-3pm
 - 6/1 is Empowering Asian Families Conference 2019 held at the Way of the Elders at 2700 Merced Street, San Leandro from 8:30am-3:30pm.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Geneva mentioned some upcoming bills that the EBLC is following:
 - AB177 the voter day holiday bill
 - AB392 the peace officer saves lives act
- The next EBLC meeting is on June 5th, from 10am-noon at 1000 Broadway, Oakland.

Programs - Representative

- Geneva upcoming presentations
 - June - Risk management
 - July - VOAD
- Geneva reminded everyone that she is always open to suggestions for presentation topics.
- Geneva mentioned that the Day Services Provider subcommittee would not be meeting this month.
- Geneva announced that an upcoming PVAC meeting would be scheduled in Contra Costa.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Representative

- No report

Membership - Lisa Visbal

- No report.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Sylvia Yeh announced Capitol Action Day on 5/23. FCSN has a bus going and has seats available. The bus will be leaving from Fremont at 8am.
- Jaynette Underhill announced that Bridgette Young-Harry has been promoted to Director of Program Services with Clausen House.
- Ramsay Mashy announced that the California Autism Foundation will be holding their annual golf tournament fund raiser on 6/10. Anyone interested should contact Ramsay Mashy.
- Sister Marygrace shared that a situation that they experienced with a woman they had served for 40 years. She was close to 80 years old and became suddenly very ill and ended up in the hospital. She was not conserved, but no close relatives. Through the help of the RCEB doctor and nurse, working with hospital staff were able to determine the best care plan for this woman.
- Donna Feingold spoke about the budget hearings that had taken place the day before, and wanted to share that more recently, that she felt real sense of alliance between the regional centers and the providers. In the past it had been more of an 'us versus them' feeling, but with the recent ARCA response to the rate study that service providers and the regional centers were very much aligned.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:42AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary