

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee  
Regional Center of the East Bay  
Meeting Minutes July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Members Present:** Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's Home; Will Sanford, Futures-Explored; Rhonda McGlashon, Compass; Craig Rose, CIWP; Leslie Visbal, Ability Now; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Donna Feingold, ALC; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Center; Maureen Wright, Respite Inn

**Guests Present:** Dan Strickland, 123 Home Care; Amanda Eicher, NIAD; Nick Aguilar, Premier; Michael Minton, RCEB; Shani Stewart, Manos; Cristina Moraes, Creative Growth; Stan Higgins, Therap; James I. Mercado, Open House Center; Cindy Delossantos, Open House Center; Lisa Gonzales, DPAC; Fidel M. de Castro; Kathy Hebert, RCEB Board; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina; Carlos Cienfuegos, Sentry Living Solutions; Monique Aladridyed, Serra Center; Vi Ibarra, DD Council CCC; Esther Chow, HHEP; Sandy Soliday, Alameda DD Council; Nayeli Tote, FCSN; Bridgette Young Harry, Clausen House; Angel Marshall, SCDD; Avalon Hendricks; Julia Lowe, Dunganvin; Meife Bailey, A Step Above Adult Day Program; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 9:41 am. Introductions. The June 14th, 2019 minutes approval with corrections - (M/Maureen Wright; S/Craig Rose). Passed. Donna Feingold abstained.

**Presentation: Active Shooter Training - L. Vance Taylor, Chief of Office of Access and Functional Needs, Governor's Office of Emergency Services**

- Vance gave a presentation on emergency preparation in light of the recent earthquakes in Southern California, and the shortfalls in inclusive services.

**RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub**

- Lisa began with a reminder that people need to think about potential power outages. She asked that every program and provider think about each individual they are providing services to, and the impacts of a lengthy power outage. Specifically she noted air conditioning, electric wheel chairs, phones, computers, and also peoples' dependency on technology.
- With regards to the state budget, Lisa announced that the Governor has signed the budget, and all the trailer bill language for our services has been signed as well. In terms of rate increases, the information is available on the DDS web site, and they are based on existing base rates. She added that DDS is required to post the comments and also the responses they received. They will also be required to convene to discuss how to create a sustainable delivery system, and the first conversation will take place on July 31st. Lisa concluded that many things in the budget had sunset dates, and that the rate increase would sunset on December 30, 2021; however, there was an option to for it to be continued if the state is doing fiscally well for an additional year.

**Break-10 minutes**

**Reports**

**RCEB Staff - Michael Minton**

- Michael Minton shared that some of the supported living agencies had come together for meetings talking about health and safety issues for people in the community. One conversation in particular that came up had to do with thinking about natural disasters, and make plans for those. This will potentially be a future training, so to expect some sort of CTEC training next year!
- Person centered training is going well in the community. Michael mentioned that the first groups of folks who are being trained to be certified to continue training are just finishing up, so another round of workshops will be starting. Mike did note that there have been learning hurdles along the way, but overall, we as a community are doing well.
- Lastly, Michael mentioned this year's grant funding for final rule compliance, and that RCEB is just about finished getting the contracts signed. He added that some recipients determined that they were not going to be able to take the money because they were unable to realize their projects, so he is conversations with DDS to determine if that money could be used for something else within the community.

#### **RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace**

- Sister Marygrace announced that the RCEB Board met June 24th. The the first order was to address contracts. The board was happy to approve the DDS contracts to the regional center. The board also approved 30 contracts with 30 different SLS agencies. A contract with La Familia for case management was signed. The community placement agencies looking for housing for persons who need behavioral and mental health support. Lastly two contracts for transportation was voted on.
- Sister mentioned that the Board currently has full membership.
- Sister announced that the Diversity and Equity group is going to meet and revisit their mission. They plan on taking the time to look at the mission and how that drives the roles and responsibilities of the committees.

#### **SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Angel Marshall**

- Angel passed out an updated Regional Advisory Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- The next state council meeting will be on 7/16 in Sacramento where they'll be electing their new interim chair and vice chair, and swearing in the new council members. They will also be voting on the Cycle 42 Grant proposals.
- The upcoming statewide Self Advocacy Network meeting in Sacramento will be on 9/4-9/5.
- They just completed the NCI children surveys as of June 30th, which was a mail in survey, and hit their targets for GG and NB regional centers, and only short by 54 surveys with RCEB. However, the numbers were higher than any other regional office.
- The MLS studies continue. DDS has added an additional year, so the study will go for three years. They've added people who've exited the DCs to the study.
- Currently in the process of planning training courses for the coming quarter. Please contact them for training resources.

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#### **DD Councils - Representative.**

- Alameda County - Sandi Soliday
  - Sandi announced that they had their Executive Planning Meeting. They broke into groups based on SCDD priority areas and came up with some great presentation

ideas and initiatives, and will be going over at their Executive Committee Meeting. Sandi invited all to attend, especially to contribute presentation suggestions, which will take place on July 18th, from 1 PM - 2 PM at Public Health office in Oakland on Broadway.

- There is no meeting in August, and then ext meeting will be on 9/11.
- The next HireABLE meeting is on 7/26 from 10AM-12PM at Concord RCEB.
- The next EBLC meeting is on 8/7 at 1000 Broadway in Oakland.
- There will be a FAST Train the Trainer
- Contra Costa County - Vi Ibarra.
  - Vi announced that the two counties are working on planning conference formerly known as Going to College with a Disability, currently known as Vision of the Future: Educational Opportunities for Students with Disabilities. There is a flier available in English and Spanish, and a save the date available in Asian languages that can be shared. It will be taking place on Saturday, October 26th at Chabot College.
  - The Transition Task Force is spending some time over the summer updating the resource guide for Contra Costa County. The most recent version is from 2010. Would like to make this a database that is available online that will be searchable, and also be continuously updated.
  - There will be no meeting in July or August. The next meeting will take place on September 25th at Concord RCEB.

#### **East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford**

- Will announced that HCBS grants for the next funding cycle will start late July or early August.
- Work is being done with agencies to provide HCBS final rule training that is geared toward individuals and families.
- EBLC is planning bus tours for legislator visits. They are planning for them to take place in mid to late September.
  - Tours focusing on youth will take place in Contra Costa County.
  - Tours focusing on transition to adult in Alameda County
- Planning for the legislative breakfast is starting to take place.
- The next EBLC meeting will be on 8/7 at 10:00 at 1000 Broadway in Oakland.
- Now is the time to talk with legislators.

#### **Programs - Representative**

- Geneva reminded that there will be no PVAC meeting in August. The next meeting in September will be in San Leandro, and a future meeting will be scheduled in Concord.
- Geneva mentioned some possible upcoming presentations
  - Confidentiality
  - HCBS
  - Self Determination

#### **Day Service Providers subcommittee - Mike Pereira**

- Mike announced that there would be a meeting at 12:30 PM following the PVAC meeting
- The discussion will focus on collaborating on trainings to develop DSPs.

#### **Membership - Lisa Visbal**

- Leslie mentioned that she had reached out to members who hadn't attended meetings beginning in 2019 and that 2 out of 5 people responded, so is unsure the status. Recruitment and replacement will be discussed at a future time.

**Public Comments - Announcements**

- Happy Summer

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary