

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes January 10th 2020**

Members Present: Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Jennifer Carper, Homecare; Mark Robinson, Arcadia Home Care; Craig Rose, Contra Costa ARC; Will Sanford SC&CS; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Center; Donna Feingold, ALC

Guests Present: Amanda Eicher, NIAD; Monica Cardoza, CIWP; Stan Higgins, Therap; Angelique Goldberg, Futures Explored; Shani Stewart, Manos; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina Inc.; Katy A Santillan, Sonia Corina Inc.; Ron Halog, DD Council; Mike Minton, RCEB; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Bridgette Young Harry, Clausen House; Shannon Beatty, George Mark; Ronnie Ancheta, Open House Center; James Mercado, Open House Center; Karen Ligenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed.; Mike Palamino, Maxim Healthcare; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; David Nettles, Empowerment For Success; Cristina Moraes, CG Art Program; Julia Lowe, Dungarven; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:38 am. Introductions. The November 15th, 2019 minutes approval (M/Will Sanford; S/Sister Marygrace). Passed with one abstention. A quorum was not achieved in December, so there were no minutes; however, notes were provided.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa announced that RCEB had suffered a major network issue. Billing had been affected, but was currently operational; however, email was still inaccessible but expected to be back up within a week.
- With regards to things at the state capitol, Lisa mentioned the following:
 - The governor released his budget today, and within it, the 8.2% temporary rate increase will continue through the budget year that begins July 2023.
 - At 2:00 PM today, there is a call with Health and Human services directors to get more details on the budget. The call-in number is 844-721-7241, and the access code is 9330095.
 - Health and Human Services is also supposed to be providing information on the comments about the rate study. Additionally, the Senate Budget subcommittee meeting scheduled on January 22 at 9:00 AM, and will be looking at the rate study and developmental services reform.
- Lisa mentioned that more people were selected for the Self Determination pilot in December and are currently working on getting them through orientation. Lisa added that they are in the process of establishing budgets and that one self-determination plan has been approved and has started. Lastly, RCEB received a budget allocation to fund a position that will work on self-determination and funds for the Local Advisory Committee to do some activities around moving people to facilitate their self-determination plans.
- Lisa announced that regional centers were allocation funding to develop more family home agency models and that RCEB did receive grant money to support homes where Asian languages are spoken.
- Lisa added that CMS requires regional centers to be listed as MediCal providers, which is not something they have ever been enrolled as previously.

Action Item – Geneva Ziaoure

- Geneva reminded the group that in December, the Board was going to vote on the 2020 membership slate and committee chairperson. The slate of members was passed unanimously (M/Will Sanford; S/Donna Feingold)
- Geneva invited people interested in becoming a board member to contact Leslie Visbal, and that Leslie had mentioned representation from Contra Costa providers was low. To be eligible for consideration, a person must be a provider and have attended three meetings prior to being voted onto the board. Additionally, Geneva mentioned that the board is still looking for a Program chair.

Discussion: HCBS Self-Assessment Tool

- Will Sanford announced that the HCBS Self-Assessment is coming.
 - Login information will be emailed to providers via e-Billing.
 - The survey will be online and will go to vendors who provide services to more than one person at a location and is expected to include 9000 vendor numbers.
 - Everybody needs to complete the survey, and failure to do so will automatically result in an on-site visit.
 - There will be a series of 5 trainings on how to complete the survey
 - The questions are the same ten questions from the initial survey in 2014.
 - These will help to identify if a provider is compliant.
 - Within the questions, there are a series of sub-questions, answering either yes or no, and then explaining. Additionally, the sub-questions ask if there is supporting documentation.
 - Supporting documentation does not need to be submitted, but will need to be provided if an on-site visit is conducted.
 - Day service providers only need to answer the first five.
 - Residential providers must answer all ten.
 - DDS is expected to conduct approximately 1100 onsite reviews of providers.
 - Selection is reported to be random. However, failure to complete the survey will automatically result in an onsite review.
 - The view of DDS with regards to the survey and onsite reviews are focused on verification of compliance, and not an attempt to catch vendors.
 - The on-site inspections are expected to begin in late March.
 - If, after completing the survey, heightened scrutiny or non-compliance is determined, then a conversation about how to come into compliance will take place, potentially with funding terminated if a solution cannot be found.
 - If there are questions once
- Mike Minton announced that Fruc Menchavez is conducting HCBS round tables to review the self-survey process.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Staff – Steve Robinson

- Steve gave an update on developmental centers, and that Porterville closed on 12/31, and the last individual placed was an RCEB client. Additionally, the last RCEB client at Fairview was placed on 12/19, although it is still open, with a few clients from other regional centers still living there. Steve said that the remaining individuals are expected to be placed by January/February and that it will be the last developmental center to be closed. Porterville developmental center will be keeping open its secure treatment area for individuals with felony charges who are incompetent to stand trial.
- Steve announced that RCEB would be developing three children's homes; two community crisis homes and one enhanced behavior support home. Steve added that two of the homes will be available to all regional centers to place individuals, and one community crisis home will remain available for only RCEB clients.
- Steve addressed the supplemental rate increases, acknowledging that DDS had just provided training one day prior. All the increases will be entered into a DDS created spreadsheet, and once completed, will be uploaded in RCEB's system. Steve added that it will take time to complete the process, but that vendors should expect that it won't be until March that they will be able to back bill to January. Lastly, Steve said that for vendors with a negotiated rate, RCEB will be sending out rate memos to be signed with the new rate on them; however, vendors with a DDS set temporary payment rate, DDS will be sending the letter with the new rate.
- Steve reminded that minimum wage has increased and that there is a worksheet on DDS's website to indicate the staff who are currently at minimum wage. It must be completed by March 1st and will go retro back to January 1.
- Steve was asked about transportation providers in Richmond to replace operators that had terminated contracts with RCEB. Steve announced that Executive Choice would be taking over the transportation contracts with the hope that services are up and running by February 1st.

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- There was no RCEB Board meeting in December.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 1/27.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Geneva shared the dates of upcoming meetings.
 - The Legislative and Public Policy Committee will be meeting on 1/16 at the state council headquarters in Sacramento from 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM.
 - The Self Advocates Advisory Committee will be meeting on 1/27 from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Hilton in Sacramento.
 - The statewide council meeting will be on 1/28 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Hilton in Sacramento.

DD Councils - Representative.

- Alameda County – Representative
 - Geneva read a report provided by Sandi Soliday

- The main focus of the council is the Alameda Transition Fair being held on March 14th. The service provider registration forms were distributed last week, but if a provider did not receive it, contact Sandi immediately. Providers only received a registration form if they were included in the 2019 Adult Services Resource Guide.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for 2/19 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM at Public Health Department at 1000 Broadway in Oakland. The date was changed due to a county holiday.
- Contra Costa County - Representative.
 - Geneva announced that there was no meeting in December, and the next meeting is scheduled for 1/22 at RCEB in Concord.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Will reminded that the Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, 1/31, at RCEB San Leandro and that the focus will be about direct service providers. It will be conducted more in a cocktail party style, with tables around the room, allowing the opportunity to approach legislators and representatives to tell individual stories and to describe the impacts on people.
- EBLC will be meeting on 1/15 to review the talking points, which will be shared with attendees before the breakfast.

Programs - Geneva Ziaoure

- Geneva reviewed upcoming presentations, which included Emergency Preparedness for seniors and people with intellectual disabilities.
- A topic of interest for a future meeting was on privacy security and new laws about privacy in California.
- Donna Feingold suggested a presentation on CalAble.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Mike Pereira

- Mike announced that there would be a meeting at 12:30 PM following the PVAC meeting.
- The discussion would focus on community and training resources and public comments on the rate study.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Donna Feingold announced that PCT training for 2020 had been scheduled and invited people to attend the upcoming one on 1/14-1/15 at RCEB Concord. She noted the \$25 class fee but was willing to waive it if it was a potential barrier.
- Ron Halog announced that Alameda County VOAD is teaming up with Contra Costa VOAD to put on a disaster summit on January 30, a training and conference from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. They will be discussing how governments and non-profits can work together during a disaster. It will be taking place at the Contra Costa County EOC. Additionally, Ron announced that Alameda County VOAD is doing a training on 1/29 at Alameda County EOC in Dublin, from 9:30 AM-1:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary