

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cleo Manspeaker asked if it would be possible to speak to RCEB staff after hours rather than having calls routed to the crisis response staff. Mr. Burton offered to speak to Ms. Manspeaker after the meeting to learn about her experiences with our after hours service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Dick Long

Mr. Long reported that members of the Executive Committee had reviewed the 2006/07 budget. Details will be provided later in the evening in Mr. Burton's report.

Mr. Long introduced Francine Davis, RCEB Director of Community Services. Ms. Davis distributed and reviewed RCEB's Unmet Service Needs Report. Members were updated on RCEB's method for identifying unmet service needs and how the data collected is used to determine how we proceed with new program development. Ms. Davis reminded the group that we continue to have many consumers receiving less than they were promised by the Lanterman Act. The freeze on rates and start-up funding over the last several years has taken a toll on our ability to grow to meet the needs of consumers. It is always difficult to recognize that we are unable to provide consumers with needed services but we continue to work with our community to find innovative ways to provide quality services and we are hopeful that this year's improved rates will assist us in meeting this challenge. Mr. Long thanked Ms. Davis for sharing this valuable information with the Board.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Steve Whitgob

Dr. Whitgob reported that RCEB has received the preliminary Fiscal Year 2006/07 contract allocation in the amount of \$171.3 million. Staff will develop projected budgets for both Purchase of Services and Operations upon receipt of our first amended budget allocation in mid-August. RCEB did end Fiscal Year 2005/06 with a balanced budget.

Dr. Whitgob noted that there was no need for RCEB to access the approved line of credit this year since the State budget was approved in a timely manner.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Dick Long for Ralph Griffin

Mr. Long reported that there currently are no vacancies on the Board but membership recruitment is continuing so we will be prepared to fill openings as they occur. Mr. Long reminded members that Carmen Quinones and Claudia

Sladen have just finished their first terms of service on our Board and both have agreed to continue if elected. The election will take place at the September meeting of the Board of Directors.

PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Francine Davis for Will Sanford

Ms. Davis, with assistance from John Clay, reported that the July PVAC meeting had included an informative presentation on succession planning for organizations. PVAC members are continuing their series of educational discussions as a necessary support to enable providers to build on excellence in service.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Rose Coleman

Ms. Coleman reported that Maria Marquez of Protection and Advocacy had attended the meeting and lead a discussion on the rights guaranteed to those with developmental disabilities. Mr. Burton also reported on the State budget. CAC members have forwarded a letter to the Alameda County IHSS Department asking that the enrollment process for this critical service be completed in a more timely manner. Ms. Coleman also thanked the Board for their support of her committee's efforts to address the negative language being used by a local radio station. A letter has been sent to the station but no response has been received.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Burton

Mr. Burton reported that the Oakland Tribune had published a series of articles about our system in early July. Members discussed the information presented in the articles and local responses.

Mr. Burton reminded members that it was not necessary to activate RCEB's line of credit this year because the State budget has been approved. Mr. Burton reviewed the highlights of the budget with members. This budget includes a 3% rate increase for many of our service providers. While this is not an increase that will solve the problem of inadequate direct care wages, we need to see the recognition of the need for a rate increase as an important first step in addressing this critical issue. The budget also includes funding for additional case workers to hopefully achieve a CPC to Consumer ration of 1:62 for consumers enrolled in the Medicaid Waiver. This money will be used to fund additional positions but RCEB currently has 15 case management vacancies that remain open because we are unable to provide competitive salaries in the bay area.

Mr. Burton reported that our crisis homes for adults and children have now been closed. Both homes struggled with inadequate resources to serve a very small number of people with very significant needs. While we have lost our crisis facilities, we have made arrangements for increased mobile crisis services. We

are working with two providers to develop new crisis facilities by late fall but the situation remains critical at this time.

ARCA REPORT: Nyron Battles for Anne Struthers

Mr. Battles reported there was no ARCA meeting this month. The next meeting will be on August 18th and the October meeting will include participation by the ARCA CAC members. Mr. Battles reported that facilitation for the ARCA CAC members continues to be problematic.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Coleman
Secretary
RCEB Board of Directors