



REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2017
500 Davis Street, San Leandro
Approved 6/26/17

RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Hebert, President
Evangeline Iyemura, Vice President
Nyron Battles, Secretary
Sister Marygrace Puchac, PVAC Representative
Rose Coleman
Chi Lee
Gwen Nash-Butler

ABSENT [excused]:

Morena Grimaldi
Marie Parra
Mike Treppa

STAFF PRESENT:

Santi J. Rogers, Interim Executive Director
Beth DeWitt, Director of Community Services
Terri Jones, Director of Human Resources
Lisa Kleinbub, Director of Health & Behavioral Services
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration
Steve Robinson, Director of Community Placement & SDC Closure Plans
Ronke Sodipo, Director of Consumer Services
Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Associate Director of Children's Services
Silvia Siu, Controller
Dan Seda, Case Management Supervisor
Adele Fukuba, Case Manager
Meredith Rosenberg, Case Manager
Priscilla Gomez, Transportation Manager
Herb Hastings, Consumer Advocate
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Lilian Ansari
Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD Bay Area
Dinah Shapiro
Josh Sullivan, CCCDDC
Steven Whitgob

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Kathy Hebert called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self introductions were made and a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the May 22, 2017 agenda as presented.”
 [Battles/Lee] Unanimous

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the April 24, 2017 minutes as presented.”
 [Battles/Iyemura] Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments during this period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Kathy Hebert

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Department of Developmental Services [DDS]

C-2 Contract Amendment

Ms. Hebert distributed the Department of Developmental Service’s C-2 contract amendment approval summary, which highlights an increase of \$4,971,549 to RCEB’s POS allocation and \$1,439,612 to the OPS allocation for a total increase of \$6,411,161. Questions were asked and answered accordingly.

M/S/C “The board moves to approve the Department of Developmental Services contract amendment with the terms of 7/1/16 to 6/30/21 with the details of the Contract Approval form as presented.” [Battles/Puchac] Unanimous

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Report from 5/22/17 – Chi Lee

Revision to C-2 Amendment received on 5/1/17

At the last Board meeting, it was reported that in the C-2 amendment, RCEB received approximately \$4.3MM in Purchase of Services funding. Since then, RCEB received a revised C-2 amendment, which provided an additional \$675k in Purchase of Service (POS) funding. This

included \$1.2MM in funding for Compliance with HCBS, offset by \$532k decrease in Community Placement funding from \$890k to \$358k. There was also a reduction in Community Placement Operations funding of \$93k from \$232k to \$139k.

Purchase of Service

RCEB is currently projecting for Non-CPP Purchase of Services expenditures, a sufficiency ranging from approximately \$7.2MM to \$9.5MM. The increase in sufficiency from the previous month is mainly due to both the \$1.3MM additional funding for the minimum wage which has already been accounted for in the POS budget, and to slower new program development.

The Board is again advised that our current POS projections also do not include the potential impact of the increase in median rates retroactive to 7/1/2016 pending further instructions from DDS. We will continue to monitor the status of our POS projections carefully until year end.

Operations

We continue to report a projected balanced operations budget for current year with 73% of expenditures in base.

Cash Flow Status

As reported last month, the Agency had adequate cash to pay for April services in May and at this time; we also project having enough to pay for May services in June. Depending on how much DDS is reimbursing in June for the April claim, the Board is advised that there is a possibility that we may need to access our \$35MM line of credit in July.

We will keep the Board, as well as the Executive Committee, updated on our cash flow status next month for the July draw if needed.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Kathy Hebert

Ms. Hebert stated that the committee has completed interviewing two interested candidates this month, and will be interviewing a couple more next month. Once the process has been completed we will present the board members with viable candidates and proceed with a vote.

PROVIDER/VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE [PVAC]: Sister Marygrace Puchac

Ms. Puchac stated that the meeting on May 12th was well attended and included a very good presentation given by Will Sanford of Futures Explored on an overview of two major subjects; ABX2 1 and the HCBS Settings Rule. Regarding the ABX2 1, Mr. Sanford explained how the survey was going to take place and the accountability for the money received. One of the points made was that the providers will need to report the types of increases provided to employees for direct care staff, as well as the percentage increase, so this will be very detailed. The HCBS presentation revolved around the key points that are looked at for the future such as more integration, person-centered approaches, independence and increased choices.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE [CAC]: Nyron Battles/Gwen Nash-Butler

Mr. Battles spoke about the May 8th CAC meeting and the report on the May Revise that Ms. Sodipo presented. Also discussed was the status of the search for the next RCEB Executive Director. Also pending is the need to vote on new CAC officers for the next fiscal year. However, since the committee has not had a quorum for a couple of months, the deadline was extended to the next fiscal year for voting. Herb Hastings updated the Board on the status of the Wendy's Restaurant ADA compliancy endeavor. There is no meeting in June, so the next CAC meeting will be on July 10th.

DIVERSITY and EQUITY COMMITTEE: Lisa Kleinbub for Morena Grimaldi

Ms. Kleinbub stated that based on the evaluations of the request for proposal submits that we received; we awarded day services and family navigation agencies for this year's grants. We have awarded two grants for day program start-ups; one that serves individuals whose main language is Vietnamese and Cantonese, and the other to serve those whose main language is Cambodian and Mien. RCEB has re-issued our Request for Proposal's [RFP's] for day services for those who are monolingual Spanish speaking. Another subject discussed was awarding three projects for consumer/family mentorships. Projects to be awarded would serve Spanish speaking families with children over the age of 3, as well as those in East Contra Costa, African American families, and Vietnamese/Cambodian families. Also discussed were multiple exciting project ideas to submit for next year since we will most likely be asked by the Department in late June.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Santi Rogers, Interim Executive Director

May Revise

The Governor released the May Revise, and the Department of Developmental Services [DDS] has also released their highlights of the May Revise, which is on their website as well as ours at <http://www.rceb.org/post/legislation-and-state-budget>.

Mr. Rogers directed the board to an additional DDS report titled *Plan for Crisis and other Safety Net Services in the California Developmental Services System*. This report is also on our website alongside the May Revise. Mr. Rogers stated that there are significant movements of lots of resources, projects and obligations in this report. Mr. Rogers elaborated on the points of this report as it relates to the \$21.2 million [\$7.5 million in one-time General Fund and \$13.7 million in existing funds], and focused on the Sonoma Developmental Center plan. Questions were asked and answered accordingly.

Sonoma Developmental Center [SDC] Closure – Steve Robinson

Mr. Robinson further explained DDS's Safety Net Resources report, stressing that the report is an important key to the closure of all the developmental centers. While the family members were initially anxious as they were not aware of the existence of a safety net; they were soon relieved that a proposal for safety net resources in the community was made. Mr. Robinson

informed the board that originally when the announcement of the SDC closure was received in May of 2015, RCEB had 128 clients residing at SDC. Today, we have 80 clients residing at SDC. Regarding housing, last month we had a balance of just one more home to acquire, and since then, we have found a home and will be putting together an offer on it tomorrow.

We are also opening up a new day program in Concord serving individuals who are medically frail. We are currently expanding an in-home day program which serves people with special health care needs in our adult residential facility. This program is for those who are not able to get out and attend other day programs because they are too medically frail. We are looking into expanding a couple of day programs to provide vocational support with employment opportunities as well as a program for those with behavioral and sensory impairments. We are also currently working on opening up a Way of the Elders in Contra Costa County and patterning it after the Alameda County location.

As reported last month, we have been working closely with a mobile dental provider and we should be able to present a contract to the board at our June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities [SCDD], Bay Area Office

May 24: This is the next Self-Advocate Advisory Committee meeting from 1:00-5:00 in Sacramento with a focus on healthcare, Employment First, CIE Blueprint and transportation. The meetings are also available via conference call.

May 25: This is the next State Council meeting from 10:00-5:00 in Sacramento consisting of family members and former residents where there will be a panel discussion on the DC closures. Other topics include the Cal. Able Act as well as the May Revise and DDS's Safety Net report.

June 7-8: This will be the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network meeting.

We are also requesting letters sent to us with the topic of *What Medicaid Services Means to Me*. These letters will be collected and delivered to congressional offices.

SCDD, Bay Area is also accepting proposals for one or more program development grants up to \$260K. Details are on our website at www.scdc.ca.gov.

Josh Sullivan for Sandi Soliday, Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council [ACDDC]

Mr. Sullivan gave the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council [ACDDC] report for Sandi Soliday since she was in Sacramento preparing for the EBLC Legislative Day on Tuesday. Mr. Sullivan complimented Ms. Soliday for tirelessly setting up 17 meetings with the legislators.

July 13: This is the next ACDDC planning meeting in the Public Health Building in Oakland.

Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council [CCCDDC]

May 24: This is the next CCCDDC meeting from 10:00-12:00 at the RCEB/Concord office. There will be a presentation by the Contra Costa ESD [Emergency Services Division] & Yellow Command, with a discussion on the inclusion of the I/DD community in emergency training

June 6: This is the annual awards dinner meeting put on by both Developmental Disabilities Councils. It will be at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill with Aaron Caruthers, Executive Director of SCDD as the keynote speaker.

June 7: This is the next EBLC meeting from 10:00-12:00 in the Public Health Department in Oakland.

ARCA REPORT: Santi Rogers

There was no May meeting, and the next ARCA meeting will be on June 15/16th and there will also be a tributary retirement dinner for Eileen Richey.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Issue

MEETING ADJOURNED

The board meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on June 26, 2017
1320 Willow Pass Road in **CONCORD**
There is a Diversity & Equity Meeting at 6:00 prior to the board meeting