



DIVERSITY & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location:

- 500 Davis Street, San Leandro
- 1320 Willow Pass Road, Concord

Meeting Notes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

RCEB Staff: Lisa Kleinbub, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Edda Banuelos, Ineko Ito, Jairo Güiza, Michi Toy

Guests: Morena Grimaldi, Sister Marygrace Puchac, Patricia Albeno, Sandra Coss, Nancy Eddy, Anna Wang, Arthur Lipscomb, Juliet Barraza, Sandi Soliday, Nicole Rae Manzana

2. Additions to the Agenda

N/A

3. Updates

N/A

4. Support Groups: Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez/Sister Marygrace Puchac

Elvia stated that they have been busy with around 13 different outreach activities such as transition fairs in the past couple of months; most of them were in February.

Anna Wang/Friends of Children with Special Needs [FCSN] has opened up an afternoon tea/support service group called *Children's Milestone Afternoon Tea Gathering* which is on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday/month. This is in addition to their existing bi-monthly meetings. Ann said that they have greater participation when it is tied-in with events like this.

Sister Marygrace and Sylvia Canjura Ornelas, a Spanish Speaking RCEB Case Manager, will hold their first "Madres Unidas" support group meeting on April 10th from 10am to 12pm at the Center for Well Being. This is a new Spanish speaking parent support group desperately needing

respite and support.

Sandi Soliday stated that the Transition Faire this past weekend at the College of Alameda was a success with more in attendance than last year. 365 families responded that they would be attending.

The Congreso Planning meetings have started for both the Alameda and Contra Costa County Events. The Oakley event is scheduled for April 28th and the Hayward event for August 4th.

5. Diversity & Equity Specialist: Jairo Güiza

More than 200 RCEB and 16 service providers have attended the uncovering diversity training conducted by CircleUp Education. More scheduled trainings continue until all RCEB staff have attended this training.

We're currently meeting with organizations that received funds from DDS for the implementation of projects that address disparities in the purchase of services. During these meetings we discuss collaboration between RCEB and those agencies. The agencies providing services for RCEB consumers and families are:

La Familia Counseling Services, Helping Hands East Bay, Friends of Children with Special Needs , Family Resource Navigators, and Special Needs Network.

RCEB has conducted community meetings to share POS data, and to gather community feedback. The meetings have been possible thanks to collaboration with these community based organizations: Helping Hands East Bay, Friends of Children with Special Needs, Care Parent Network, and La Familia Counseling Services. The last two community meetings will be held on March 28, and on March 31st. Translation has been available in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Spanish.

Community Events Supported by Diversity and Equity Office

Congreso Familiar Conference Contra Costa County: April 28, 2018

Congreso Familiar Conference Alameda County: August 4, 2018

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 23, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in San Leandro