



DIVERSITY & EQUITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 25, 2017

Location of This Meeting: Regional Center of the East Bay

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

ATTENDEES:

Staff Present: RCEB: Ronke Sodipo, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Jairo Güiza, Sylvia Cabrera, Ineko Ito, Michi Toy

La Familia Counseling Services: Edda Bañuelos, Sandra Coss

Guests: Patricia Albeño, Lilian Ansari, Esther Chow, Morena Grimaldi, Kathy Hebert, Arthur Lipscomb, Nicole Manzana, Sandi Soliday, Anna Wang, Esther Wong

PENDING ISSUES/QUESTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes: Minutes of the monthly meetings will be taken.

SUPPORT GROUPS SUMMARY – Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez

No report on support groups at this time.

Elvia reported that the Children’s Division is organizing Open Houses for families on young children’s caseloads beginning in Contra Costa County. These will be pilots and she plans to include community members to join our organizing group for more brainstorming to gather more input of what our families like to hear about and discuss with case managers.

Elvia also reported that she continues her conversations about the IPP forms with staff, and families. The goal is to have a discussion and generate a consistent way to inform parents of upcoming meetings as a Division

DIVERSITY & EQUITY SPECIALIST SUMMARY – Jairo Guiza

I. Disparity Funds Program

- The Department of Developmental Services is calling for applications for projects to reduce disparities and to promote equity in the purchase of services throughout the 21 regional centers.

- This year applications are accepted from regional centers as well as from community based organizations directly. Application deadline is November 6, 2017 by 5 pm.
- There will be 2 conference calls for those who have questions or want to know more about this application process.
- A one-page-sheet was distributed to all present at the meeting containing information about the conference calls as well as the contact information for anyone interested in obtaining copies of the documents needed to apply for the Disparity Funds Program. The contact information is:

Regional Center Branch
 Department of Developmental Services
 1600 9th Street, Room 340, MS 3-12
 Sacramento, CA 95814
rcb@dds.ca.gov or (916)651-6309

Links to the information are on RCEB's web site.

II. Cultural Specialist Activities

Conducted outreach activities in different settings, including Farsi speaking community, Alameda DD Council, Oakley school district, Family Funfest; participated in the planning and implementation of 2 conferences for families: Congreso Familiar, and Empowering Asian Families; provided support to some individual families; participated in conversation with parent support group and conducted a meeting with contractors who are implementing projects to reduce disparities in POS.

Some upcoming activities include: cultural humility training for staff and service providers, and outreach activities for various audiences

Announcements/Other

- Esther Chow reported a successful conference "Empowering Asian Families". Over 100 participants attended and many gave very positive feedback verbally and on evaluation forms.
- Announcement from Sheraden Nicholau, Regional Manager, Bay Area Office, State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Our upcoming Regional Advisory Committee meeting is this Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Marin County Office of Education in San Rafael. The agenda with call-in number for remote attendees is posted on our website.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:00pm

- San Leandro
- Concord