

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes September 14th, 2018**

Members Present: Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's House; Ron Halog, CRIL; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Maureen Wright, The Respite Inn; Will Sanford, Futures Explored; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Craig Rose, CIWP; Jan Behr, Stepping Stones; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin

Nancy Eddy, DPAC; Ron Halog, CRIL; Craig Rose, CIWP; Will Sanford, Futures; Jan Behr, Stepping Stones

Guests Present: Judy Hunger, Las Trampas; Justin Reed, People's Care; Emily Correia, ELM; Mike Palonni, Maxim; Ousha Reed, DABS; Keith Nauman, Castro Valley Adult School/Strides Program; Vi Ibarra, DD Council Contra Costa County; Lupe Garcia, Sonia Corina Inc.; Lori Ojedo Sonia Corina Inc.; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Center; Amy Houcle, Nouvelles; David Dodson, Peoples Care; Mary Lim-Lampe; Genesis; Nick Aguilar, Premier HCS; Priscilla Law, Ability Now; John Bulle, CCARC; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Kevin Rath, Manos; Sandi Solida, DD Council Alameda County; Karen Ligenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed; Michael Minton; RCEB; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:42 am. Introductions. Both June 8, 2018 and July 13, 2018 minute approval (M/Ron Halog; S/Will Sanford). Passed, no abstentions.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa announced that RCEB was able to request funds for people living in the community, who were not necessarily at risk of being placed in a developmental center, but were currently unable to be served. These were funds that had been previously only available for people moving from state developmental centers. In response to a survey put out by RCEB, many people responded about needs in our community, so plans were submitted to the Department of Developmental Services requesting start up funds for a number of things including money for housing, supported living for providing housing in emergency situations and to help people transition, behavioral respite, adult programs for aging individuals who also have behavioral challenges. Additionally, they are exploring innovative services for children and young adults who need more daycare type services, that would be more integrated than a fixed site model. RCEB is looking at things that people have been asking for out in the community
- Lisa also mentioned that DDS is taking proposals for the new round of disparity funding, which is to reduce disparities in purchase of services. Proposals are being taken from community based organizations for some of the funds. RCEB is planning to apply for some funds to create family home agencies specifically serve two populations that have been identified as needing additional support. One is the deaf community, with family home providers who would serve people who are deaf and would need supports with ASL. The other would be to serve a number of monolingual Asian language communities with transitioning outside of the family home. Community based organizations can apply for those funds.
- Lisa updated that RCEB has only 19 individuals still residing at Sonoma Developmental Center. Efforts are focused on getting those remaining people into the community in the next month.

Providers have reported continued difficulty in recruiting support. Agencies want to make sure that the support staff hired are the most qualified. There are also a few delays in the construction of some of the Enhanced Behavioral Homes. Everyone will be moved by December 1st. Lisa added that plans for what will happen with the Sonoma property are up in the air. She stated that there is a lot of community interest in Sonoma county regarding the property.

- With regards to the rate study, Lisa mentioned that RCEB made about 52% of all dollars spent in California. Lisa thanked everyone who helped PVAC with provider training in completing the survey. Surveys are going out to people vendored for specialized therapeutic services, service codes 115, 116, and 117. They are going specifically to these providers because they weren't part of the initial rate study. Input is also being taken from consumers and families. They've had a couple of focus groups to get some sense of how rates impact people receiving services.
- Lisa announced that she selected Steve Robinson as the Director of Community Services. She mentioned that he has started in the role, however, he is continuing to oversee the Sonoma Developmental Center closure process.
- Lisa mentioned that there will be a meeting around the electronic visit verification process, which is for people getting individual care service, supported living services, IHSS through other systems, respite. Conversations are starting how things are going to work in our system, because it will be very different how things are currently happening with IHSS. People working for vendor service providers will be paid by the vendors who will be funded by RCEB.
- Lisa announced that Monday, 9/17 is the last day to submit names for the selection in the self determination lottery. The names will be pulled on 10/1. RCEB has over 350 people who have attended trainings and have had their names submitted. Because DDS is slow to enter names as they receive them, the numbers reflected with DDS have not caught up with the actual number submitted. The powerpoint is still available at RCEB's website with a survey to add names. Lisa mentioned that about three names are being added daily. Lisa stressed that even after names have been chosen, people will first need to go through orientation. She expects that to begin in November and extend through December and January as things roll out.
- Lisa mentioned that in federal legislation, there is a congressperson from Massachusetts and another from Mississippi who are looking at introducing legislation to make people with IDD considered a medically underserved population. This may be lead to some different funding through Medicaid for medical care for our folks. It's a long range process, but Lisa is optimistic as one person is a republican and the other is a democrat, so it is a bipartisan effort.
- Will Sanford asked that in addition to the 19 individuals still at SDC, how many RCEB consumers were at Porterville Developmental Center. Lisa responded that RCEB serves 52 people who are currently residing in developmental centers, with 1 person in Fairview, and 1 person in general treatment at Porterville. However, the remaining 30 or so individuals are in the forensic side of Porterville.

Presentation: Community Organizing in the I/DD Community

- Mary Lim-Lampe, the Executive Director of Genesis, gave a presentation on organizing
- Her organization called Genesis, is a regional organizing group. The members are half faith based and half community based, and as a collective and coalition will organize around specific issues. Primary issues focused on recently have involved youth and transit.
- One group who recently joined, The ARC of Alameda County, helped inform and organizing Genesis' new issue, which is called Disability Justice.

- In terms of community organizing, the goal is to get everybody to point in the same direction at the same moment.
- With Disability Justice, the one thing that everyone agreed with, regardless if they were disabilities service provider or a church, is that support staff for people with disabilities get a fair wage. It should not be hard to recruit people to do they jobs. People should be happy to do these jobs. This was issue that people could get behind and tell their stories.
- After time spent building relationship, Genesis has put together a public meeting on 10/13. The action will be a town hall meeting with Assemblymember Jim Frazier, and will take place at Chabot College, from 10:00AM-11:30AM. The doors will open at 9:30AM.
- The town hall is just the beginning of a lot of work and follow up that needs to happen. It's one thing to get someone to say yes, but it takes a lot of effort to get action to take place.
- For more information, the website is www.Genesisca.org

Break-10 minutes

Reports

HCBS Update - Michael Minton

- Michael announced that DDS has posted the intent to contract with a public consulting group to help them with compliance with the final rule. However, he was unsure what that will mean for RCEB.
- 50 self surveys have gone out. The next step is that all providers in California complete the self survey, which is expected to make that available sometime in January 2019.
- Michael mentioned that there has been a lot of things happening around person centered thinking. At RCEB, they have begun training employees. For their 2-day training, RCEB has contracted with an agency called Mains'l. The first training recently took place, and the next one is scheduled for the following week, and another in two weeks.
 - Employees are being trained on the tools and philosophies of person centered thinking.
 - It's been a lot of fun because little situations keep coming up that force people to question the decision they make. After really thinking about what they wanted or what was important to them, our "what is important for them" was the wrong answer.
 - In the provider community, 12 agencies received grant money to do person centered thinking, particularly around getting people certified to teach it.
 - Some agencies went off on their own to do that and are working on their own plan.
 - 10 of the 12 agencies have also partnered with Mains'l as well.
 - Agencies are now starting the process to get people certified to instruct.
 - To get certified, you take the class once, then you take it a second time when you have the manual in front of you.
 - Then you have to teach the class a few times with a mentor observing.
 - As we go through the process we will be offering the training to about 1500 people within the community.
 - Currently, work is being done with the first group of providers, identifying who is going to get certified, and putting them in the two day trainings.
- Although a date hasn't been given, Michael mentioned that the announcement for the next round of grants will be made soon. Michael will send out an email as soon as that process

starts. He added that there will probably be a few classes to help people understand the grant process.

- Will Sanford added that the folks who are working together to provide this training are reaching out to communities of color and other underserved groups, with a focus on cultural diversity.

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- Sister Marygrace mentioned that the RCEB Board had a summer break in August
- In July, there was a Board training in lieu of a meeting. The training had a broad scope and Lisa Kleinbub gave an interesting overview and information on how the field has changed over the years.
- Also presented were the budget and demographics for the state.
- Will Sanford ask if a review of the performance contracts had been done yet. Lisa responded that they would take place later in September and into October. She offered to share that data at Octobers meeting if available.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Will Sanford announced that the next meeting is 10/3 in Marin at the County of Ed.
- Will also gave a reminder about the Carlos Quintong Celebration of Self Advocacy on 10/19 from 6pm to 9pm at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley.

DD Council - Sandi Soliday & Vi Ibarra

Alameda County

- The next council meeting will take place on 10/10, but will be taking place at RCEB in San Leandro.
- October's meeting will have a panel on employment and discuss how the East Bay Task Force will transitioning into the HireABLE sometime in January or early part of 2019.
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- Sandy mentioned that she will remain in her position until it is filled. She will be coordinating things remotely, but coming back once a month for meetings.
- The next East Bay Employment Taskforce is 9/28. Tom Hines will be discussing engagement with employers.
- Sandy mentioned that FAST (Functional Assessment Service Team) training will be taking place on 10/15 and 10/16 at the Dublin EOC. It's a joint training with Contra County FAST. It will focus on recruiting for new FAST members. It's not a huge commitment and the training is free.

Contra-Costa County

- Vi Ibarra mentioned the Disabilities and Access in Functional Needs Forum for Contra Costa County, a free event on 10/4, where folks who are involved with emergency response in Contra Costa County will discuss what services are available and how to access resources.
 - There will be panel presentations on three topics: Communication, Transportation and Evacuation, and Care and Shelter.
 - Each panel will have people who do planning within the county, as well as service recipients.

- Vi also mentioned that on September 8th, there will be a presentation on Going to College with a Disability. There is a save the date flier in English and Spanish, and she expected to have one in Asian languages in the coming week.
- The next Transition Task Force meeting is on 9/20 @ 3:15 at Mt. Diablo Adult Ed. The meeting will focus on an upcoming event the Task Force will be holding.
- The next regular council meeting will take place on 9/26.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Will mentioned that the legislative session is over and the governor has until 9/30 sign or veto a number of bills.
- HR1377, transitioning to meaningful and integrated employment. It is trying to amend the Fair Labor and Standards Act which would have an impact on 14c holders.
- HR5306, the Power Care Act, which is the re-up of the Money Follows the Person.
- The EBLC is currently watching legislation around notification, and efforts in the ADA world to require folks with disabilities to notify the landlord or owner of a building of first about violations to allow them to make changes before they could be sued.
- Will also mention that there has been activity around the ABLE Act, including expanded coverage and allowing people with a disability who are working to contribute more to the ABLE account.
- Will encouraged that people who have an issue, that now is the time to go visit assembly members. It's a great way to get involved and become their expert on that issue.
- Lisa Kleinbub mentioned that the federal legislation around medically underserved population is HR6611.
- Will mentioned that next two EBLC meetings are going to focus on Federal issues.
- Will also directed peoples attention to Prop 1 and Prop 2, which are to increase or provide capital for affordable housing for our folks. Prop 2 expands how mental health dollars can be spent to include individuals with disabilities.
- Will announced that with regards to individuals with conservatorships, that those individuals are free to vote in elections, unless it is specifically prohibited within the conservatorship,
- On Tuesday, 9/18, there will be an educational forum at RCEB in San Leandro, from 6pm-7pm. The two candidates for the 15th District will be asked 8 questions. It will be videoed and put up online for people unable to attend.
- The ELBC is also working on a similar forum for the 16th District on 10/10 at 11:00AM at the Lafayette Methodist Church. One candidate has been confirmed, but are still working with the other.
- Will mentioned that the EBLC meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Alameda Public Health at 1000 Broadway in Oakland.
- Donna Feingold mentioned that there is a single Governor's debate and will take place in San Francisco. Karen Ligenfelter added that the debate is on 10/1. It's one hour debate.
- Ron Halog mentioned that people should try to make it to the forum on 9/18. They could then take the questions asked of the candidates back to their own representatives

Programs - Representative

- Geneva Ziaoure mentioned that she had requests from individuals to learn more about transportation and what to do about transportation issues. She was still seeking feedback on what the discussion or presentation should look like. Geneva asked if the Day Services Provider

subcommittee could bring up the issues they are experiencing and what kind of discussion or presentation they would like.

- Will mentioned the self assessment that is coming out, so recommended a presentation on what that will involve.
- Geneva mentioned that October's PVAC will include a review of RCEB's performance contracts.

Membership - Nancy Eddy

- No report.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Julia Lowe announced that Dungarvin was a recipient of HCBS transition grant funding in the first round. Part of their plan was to provide training to their direct support professionals. Dungarvin is partnering with National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals to provide the training. There is extra space in the trainings, Dungarvin is making the it available to staff from other agencies. There are two trainings.
 - The training on 10/28/18, is a free one which be held at their Rohnert Park location and is designed for DSPs, supervisors, and leaders. It talks about what makes competent DSP.
 - The other training on 10/27/18, is a train the trainer workshop. It is being hosted by Las Trampas in Lafayette. This will focus on trainers utilizing the curriculum will provide knowledge and tools needed to train their DSPs. This one does have a cost of \$2500, which covers the cost of the materials, which once purchased can be used throughout the entire agency.
 - There will be a webinar on Friday, 9/21 to provide more information about the train the trainer workshop.
 - Email CA-Info@dungarvin.com if interested.
- Ron Halog announced that \$100 million came from HUD to housing authorities across the nation and Alameda and Contra Costa counties were awarded vouchers that can pay for up to market rate. CRIL received some vouchers. Alameda county was awarded 87 vouchers that they will be distributing. Contra County has 75 vouchers. Lisa Kleinbub mentioned Berkeley and possibly Livermore as having received vouchers as well. Donna Feingold asked if there was going to be a second waiting list. Ron indicated that they would be going through the current waiting list and working through those first. For further information, Ron suggested contacting Darin Lounds with the Housing Consortium of the East Bay. Lisa Kleinbub recommended that for any individuals on Section 8 list to make sure their information is up-to-date.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary