

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes September 13th, 2019**

Members Present: Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Center; Maureen Wright, Respite Inn; Craig Rose, Contra Costa ARC; Rhonda McGlashon, Compass; Donna Feingold, ALC; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation;

Guests Present: Lori Ojeda, Sonia Corina; James I. Mercado, Open House Center; Johana Maya, Woodbridge; Dan Strickland, 123 Home Care; Vi Ibarra, DD Council CCC; Emily Correic, ELM; Lisa Peterson, Shield Healthcare; Stan Higgins, Therap; Sylvia Yah, FCSN; Karen Lingenfelter, MDAE; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Carlos Cienfuegos, Sentry Living Solutions; Creola Walker, First Transit; Heather Hackett, Futures; Mike Palomino, Maxim Healthcare; Kelly Derr, Pacific Homecare Services; Jose Munoz, Pacific Homecare Services; Damaris Mercado; Avalon Hendricks, Bethesda Lutheran Communities; Denise Bradley, Harambe; Jen Miller, Serra Center; Breeanne Burris, 24 Hour Home Care; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Mike Minton, RCEB; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:50 am. Introductions.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa spoke on statewide issues, first mentioning the trailer bill language in the budget that is impacting both regional centers and regional center services. She continued that much of the language is around oversight and transparency; that regional centers are required to publish and provide more information on things like plans of correction that have to be put in place for service providers and publishing the number of complaints that regional centers receive.
- Lisa continued that the trailer bill language also included a responsibility from the Department of Developmental Services to establish a developmental services taskforce which will be focused on how to develop and sustain an innovative cost-effective consumer-focused outcome based system. The taskforce will have five sub focus groups; one focused on service access and equity, one focused on developing safety nets, one focused on system fiscal reform, one focused on oversight, one focused on community resource development. DDS is required to report to the legislature quarter, so expect updates.. Lisa added that all of the meetings will be open to the public and public comment will be taken.
- Lisa mentioned that things are moving along with self determination. She noted that RCEB expected to have at least a few people to begin implementing their plans within the next few months. She added that over 85% of the folks that were selected have attended orientation and are ready to develop their person centered plans. Some individuals are working with their regional center case managers, while some are working with other people. The state will be selecting new people for self determination on October 1st because there are people who had initially been chosen to participate, but have since dropped out.
- Lisa concluded by mentioning that RCEB is required to submit a performance contract with goals and objectives to the Department, and expects to have a meeting in October to share ideas with the community. The performance plan will be presented to the Board of Directors at the October meeting. Most of the measurements are ones required by DDS, but there is always the option of having some local objectives based on needs in the community.

Presentation: CalSavers - Jack Avery, United Way

- Jack Avery provide information on a state sponsored retirement plan.
- Highlights of the presentation included:
 - Employers must have an employee retirement plan, either private or through CalSavers. This applies to both private and non-profits, but not state agencies.
 - Deadlines for implementation are based on the number of employees
 - 100+ employees by June 2020
 - 50+ employees by June 2021
 - 5+ employees by June 2022
 - Under CalSavers, employees are automatically enrolled, but can opt out.
 - Accounts are portable, so the employee can maintain the account if they change jobs.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Staff - Steve Robinson

- Steve mentioned that DDS has posted an FAQ on their website regarding the supplemental rate increase. Additionally, when calculating in the bridge funding, the rate will revert back to what it was prior to the bridge funding, the supplemental rate will be implemented, then the bridge funding will be applied on top of this new, temporary rate.
- Steve mentioned that RCEB is working with Everbridge to be alerted in the event of emergencies; natural disaster, fires, etc. and will test the system in October. It will allow individuals to easily notify the regional center if help is required or not. Steve requested that current contact information be provided to the regional center. Steve added that the system will identify the emergency location to better target who is contacted.
- Fruc spoke about HCBS, mentioning that additional trainings will be taking place. Additionally, he announced that community symposiums will be taking place with workshops designed to build a community of practice. Dates were still being planned but would be sent out soon. Additionally, roundtables within the community will be scheduled to share information with each other as we near the implementation of the settings rule.

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- Sister Marygrace announced that the Board did not have a meeting in August.
- In July, there was a Board training led by Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA. Amy gave an overview of the role that ARCA plays.
- Additionally, Sister mentioned that the Diversity and Equity Committee presented a training on July 31st, which focused on diversity with respect to the mission of the board.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- No Report

DD Councils - Representative.

- Contra Costa County - Vi Ibarra.
 - Vi mentioned that the last Contra Costa County DD Council meeting was in June at the Annual Award Dinner, and the Council doesn't meet in the months of July and August. At the meeting in June, the new Chair, Audrua Sysum, and Vice Chair, Rosa Valledor were elected.
 - The next meeting is on September 25 at Concord RCEB.
 - There are two events that the Council has been partnering with.
 - 2019 Vision for the Future Conference (formerly known as Going to College with a Disability) on October 26, at Chabot College. Registration can be done through a flier or online through Eventbrite.
 - Emergency preparedness and response through Disability in Access and Needs Forum is taking place on 10/30 in Martinez. It's a free event from 9AM-noon. There will be some panel presentations reflecting back on the emergencies in 2018 and what the response was and lessons learned. Resources will also be available to help individuals and organization with personal preparedness. It's free to attend, but ask that people RSVP through Eventbrite.
- Alameda County - Representative
 - Lisa Kleinbub mentioned that at the last Alameda DD Council meeting, Sandi Soliday announced that her last day would be December 13th. Lisa believed that the position was being reposted in a way to target this community rather than a general posting.
 - At the last Alameda DD Council meeting there were presentations on voting and on the census.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Representative

- Mike Pereira mentioned that legislative tours would be taking place. The tour scheduled for 9/16 was focused on early childhood. The group would meet at RCEB Concord and then visit the George Miller Center. The next tour is scheduled for 10/15 and will begin in RCEB San Leandro and will focus on adult services.
- Donna Feingold asked if it would be possible to have people report back what their local advocacy groups are planning/doing.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Mike Pereira

- Mike announced that there would be a meeting at 12:30 PM following the PVAC meeting.
- At the July meeting, the group began an effort to share ideas on training. Mike had created a shared DropBox account as a location to share ideas.
- The meeting today would continue with that discussion.

Programs - Representative

- No report

Membership - Lisa Visbal

- No report

Public Comments - Announcements

- Vi Ibarra asked that people please take apples that her son had picked.
- Donna Feingold asked that all the contributions that Will Sanford has made within the community be acknowledged. There was shared respect for all the resources, knowledge, and talent he brought, and a wish that he remains a part of the community.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:22 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary