

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes October 11th, 2019**

Members Present: Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Donna Feingold, ALC; Leslie Visbal, Ability Now; Craig Rose, Contra Costa ARC; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Center; Will Sanford, SC&CS

Guests Present: Alex Mountford, Manos; Ronnie Ancheta, Open House Center; Shannon Beatty, George Mark; Vi Ibarra, DD Council; Vicki Benavides, Davis Street Community Center; Karen Lingenfelter, MDAE; Amy Houde, PCES/Novelles; Monica Cardoza, CIWP; Cristina Moraes, Creative Growth; Paola Flores, Manos; James Mercado, Open House Center; Angelique Goldberg, Futures Explored; Dan Strickland, 123 Home Care; Emily Correia, ELM; Cathy Miels, HHEB; Michael Minton, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Wes Moss, Premier; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am. Introductions. The September 13th, 2019 minutes approval (M/Mike Pereira; S/Ramsay Mashy). Passed with abstentions.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa mentioned the recent power outages and commented that it was fortunate RCEB was not affected. She reminded providers about Everbridge that allows the regional center to check in with people. During the outages, it was used by RCEB staff, and it was found to be helpful in letting people know what was going on.
- At a state level, Lisa mentioned that a second round of selections would be taking place for self-determination, although an announcement date has not been set. Approximately 400 people who were initially selected opted out of the pilot. Selection will be based on individuals who have gone through the orientation and are the interest list. There will be a priority for individuals over 42. Other categories will be prioritized after that.
- RCEB has started some helping who are working through the process of their self-determination individual program plan. Some people are looking at working with program providers directly as an individualized service rather than through the regional center.
- Lisa announced that on Tuesday, 10/15 at 4:00PM, RCEB will be holding a public meeting at the San Leandro location on their performance contract. She stated that a performance contract is required every calendar year, which covers specific measures that must be reported on annually. Activities are planned around meeting those measurements. One goal is to support minor children living within the family home. Lisa added that all the proposed draft objectives are on RCEB's website, and public comments can be submitted.
- Lisa mentioned that for providers who are supporting people living independently, that the regional center is pushing enrollment in Cal Fresh. While it's only \$30, it can make a difference for people having enough food.
- Steve Robinson announced the regional center has been approved for the community resource development plan start up projects. Five projects were approved: multifamily housing, 12 to 15 set aside units in an apartment complex in Berkley; an employment program for individuals seeking self-employment or micro enterprise; an employment support program that will focus on outreach, training, and benefits planning; startup funds to develop or enhance early intervention services for bilingual children ages 0-3 in Spanish speaking families; funds to develop mental health services or a

mental health clinic in Contra Costa County that will be similar to the Schreiber Center in Alameda County. RFPs will be posted by November 11th, possibly sooner.

- Steve added that RCEB is working on a POS module. There will be a provider portal, which will enable providers to see if a POS has been approved.
- Fruc Menchavez mentioned that they were still working on getting people through the PCT training that was part of the 17-18 fiscal year grant cycle. Additionally, Fruc mentioned that DDS will be posting the instructions for the next round of funds, and to expect a similar format as last year, but with a budget form.
- Fruc added that with the HCBS self-assessment component, DDS stated that providers will be able to select a self-chosen panel to participate in the process.
- Fruc mentioned the multi-agency grant that was
- Michael Minton mentioned that PCT trainings for this year have finished, but they are looking at how trainings will continue into the next year. He stated that there are roughly 8 trainers in the community to provide training to RCEB employees and provider employees, who must continue training to maintain their certification. They are still trying to figure out how to make that happen.
- Lisa spoke on statewide issues, first mentioning the trailer bill language in the budget that is impacting

Presentation: Advocacy Training, Daniel Savino, Director of Govt Affairs Association of Regional Center Agencies

- Daniel Savino gave an overview on methods to become a stronger advocate, and the why, when, and how to meet with legislators.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- The RCEB Board met on 9/23.
- There was a presentation by Congreso Familiar. Patricia Albano shared images of the event and gave thanks to RCEB.
- San Leandro PD present Lisa with a check for Helping Hands in the amount of \$11,000.
- A contract was approved for a multi-vendor project.
- The Diversity and Equity committee presented their new mission statement.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Geneva mentioned that there is still time to RSVP for the Carlos Quintong Self Advocacy Celebration at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley on 10/18, from 6pm-9pm. Information can be found on Event

DD Councils - Representative.

- Contra Costa County - Vi Ibarra.
 - Vi mentioned that there will be a transition fair on 10/18, at Will Creek Center in Concord. It will feature a variety of providers and there will be a presentation

- On Saturday, 10/19, there will be the Special Connections Summit at Contra Costa College. It's free of charge, and there will be various breakout sessions.
- 10/26 is the Vision for the Future conference (formerly known as Going to College with a Disability) at Chabot College.
- 10/30 is the Disability and Access in Functional Needs forum.
- The Autism Star Conference will be held at Contra Costa College in March 28th, 2020.
- The next Council meeting 10/23 at RCEB Concord.
- Alameda County – Representative
 - No Report

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Will mentioned that the second day of legislative tours will be taking place in Alameda County and will focus on the adult world. It will start at RCEB and then travel to Ability Now.
- The next EBLC meeting is on October 6th, at 1000 Broadway in Oakland.
- Donna Feingold discussed what some statewide agencies are lobbying for this year to be consistent with messaging.

Programs - Geneva Ziaoure

- Potential future meetings are regarding transportation and privacy issues.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Mike Pereira

- Mike announced that there would be a meeting at 12:30 PM following the PVAC meeting.
- At the September meeting, the discussion continued the focus of sharing ideas on training and ideas on recruiting and developing new talent. Mike reminded everyone of the Dropbox account where ideas could be shared.
- The October meeting is planning to continue with these discussions, but also looking at incentives for retaining staff, and ideas on professionalizing support staff.

Membership - Leslie Visbal

- In November, the slate of members will be presented, and will then be voted on in December.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Davis Street Community Services is giving away 1000 bicycles and is looking for volunteers.
- Leslie Visbal announced that Ability Now is having its 8th year celebration on 10/26, and invited people to go to their website abilitynowbayarea.org for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 PM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary