

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes October 12th, 2018**

Members Present: Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Leslie Werosh Visbal, Ability Now; Ron Halog, CRIL; Maureen Wright, The Respite Inn; Craig Rose, CIWP; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Will Sanford, Futures; .

Guests Present: Sandi Soliday, Alameda County DD Council; John Bolle, Contra Costa ARC; Justin Reed, People's Care; Emily Carreira, ELM; Birtha Reed, Palm Tree Homes; Nathaniel Reed, Palm Tree Homes; Ousha Reed, DABS; Patricia Harris, One Step Closer; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Mike Palomino, Maxim; Michael Minton, RCEB; Lupe Garcia, Sonia Corinal; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB; Stan Higgins, Therap; Judy Hunter; Las Trampas, Shani Stewart, Manos; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa; Billy Leung, Elizabeth Care; Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD; Ramsay Mashy, CAF; Arden Fredman; NIAD; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Guy Houston, Mission Hope; Ronke Sodipo, RCEB.

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am. Introductions. The September 14, 2018 minutes approval, with corrections-(M/Will Sanford; S/Ron Halog). Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa gave an update on the Burns and Associates rate study. They are currently surveying specialized therapeutic services, codes 115, 116, and 117, which mostly serve young children in early start, and some clinical services for adults. This is primarily a few doctors and dental specialists. The date for these providers to complete the survey is 10/16/18.
 - Guy Houston commented that there were questions about the methodology used for the survey, and asked if there would be an opportunity to comment on or address what he identified as glaring deficiencies.
 - Lisa stated that she did not know if there would be an opportunity to comment, but that when DDS gets the report, they are the ones who have to take that report and summarize it for the legislature. So sometime during that period, there should be a comment period.
 - Sheraden Nicholau mentioned that she believed there was public comment period in November, but did not know if that date had changed.
 - Will Sanford added that Burns and Associates plans that once the study goes to DDS it will be made public.
- Lisa mentioned that there is also a family and consumer survey that has been put out on DDS's website. This came because a number of families and stakeholders wanted there to be some consideration of satisfaction with services as part of the rate study. DDS is using what looks like a compilation of several family surveys by HSRI. RCEB's website has a link to the survey. Lisa was unsure how it's going to tie to the rate study, other than on a very basic aggregate basis. It doesn't really seem to tie too much to the services that RCEB provides. Although it is lengthy, RCEB is encouraging families to complete it. The survey deadline is October 28.
 - Will Sanford added that the questions are more related or useful to the settings rule rather than the rate study.

- Lisa announced that the individuals had been selected for the self determination pilot. RCEB had 154 names selected. Roughly 90 are children and 60 are adults. DDS is working on scheduling train-the-trainer orientations, so people can provide the orientation sessions for the individuals selected for the pilot. Those train-the-trainer orientations will be in mid November. However, the participant orientation sessions are not expected to take place until January. The selection does appear to be very random, first by ethnicity, and then by age. Names can still be added to the list, because of the people were selected, that after the orientation, they will opt not to participate. The pilot is schedule to run three years, from the start date of June 2018. After the pilot, this will be available to everyone who wants to select it.
- Lisa added that the deadline for proposals for disparity funds to DDS is 10/16/18. There are a number of community based organizations are submitting proposals. If they want help with any data after their projects are over, they need to contact with RCEB to get a letter support indicating that the data will be shared with them. RCEB is submitting proposals to support community events for education and outreach, and also for start up funding to develop home agencies that can serve the deaf community and monolingual Asian families.
- Lisa noted that it is unknown when DDS is going to put the request for proposal for HCBS funds, but expected by the end of October.

Presentation: Discussion on RCEB Performance Data - Ronke Sodipo, Director of Consumer Services Regional Center of the East Bay

- Ronke Sodipo gave a presentation on annual Performance Report that RCEB submits to DDS. She explained that this report is used to determine how well regional centers are doing. This report highlights the information on who is being served, as well as how RCEB is doing in meeting its goals towards fulfilling contracts with DDS. Ronke mentioned that the information in the report is available at RCEB's website.
- When completing the study, Ronke explained that DDS choose the review categories, but the regional center is able to determine which activities. Additionally, she added that every year RCEB needs to identify which targets it missed and how it compares with other regional centers.
- Categories in the study included: who used RCEB, how well it is performing, did it meet DDS standrds, how it is reducing disparity and improving equity, and the number and percent of consumers with case management services.
- Ronke concluded that during the procedure, RCEB submits the data to DDS at the end of the year, and that DDS generates a report in mid spring.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Staff - Steve Robinson

- Steve reported that there about 180 individual residing in developmental centers. At Sonoma Developmental Center that's slated to close by the end December, of the remaining 35 residents, 18 are clients of RCEB. That leaves a small window for those remaining to move into the community. He mentioned that some homes are facing struggles with construction and some providers are struggling to recruit staff.

- Steve added that Porterville Developmental Center is slated to close in 2021 has 52 people remaining in the general treatment area. People in the secure treatment area, which numbers 209 people, are not required to move. RCEB only support two people AT PDC. Fairview Developmental Center has 93 individuals, one of whom receives RCEB services.
- Steve discussed startup funding through the Community Placement Plan. It has been the primary source for developing new service, and has typically been geared on reducing the number of people at developmental centers. Now regional centers are able to request funding for community resource development plan that will enable funds to go out into the community to serve people in the community. Steve mentioned that statewide, regional centers requested \$97 million for startup funds for the community resource development plan. Out of that, \$30 million is for housing, mostly the request for multi family housing. DDS has an approved budget of only \$25 million, so RCEB is not expecting to get everything that's been requested. It's not enough, but it's a start, and every year, RCEB will be able to submit requests.
- Steve mentioned that the federal HCBS guidelines are out, but that DDS has listed October as a target to get the state guidelines out. Steve added that there have been reports that facilities are attempting to implement the final rule, and as a result, CCL has been issuing citations. There's going to have to be a lot of education and meetings with CCL.

HCBS Update - Michael Minton and Fruc Menchavez

- Michael mentioned that we are all waiting for the state to actually give us something to work with. The self surveys should start coming out in January, so it feels like we're currently in a holding pattern.
- Michael added that as RCEB gets the announcements regarding the next round of grant applications, that information will be emailed out to providers. Additionally, RCEB will be holding some trainings to help providers complete the grant requests.
- Fruc mentioned that of the providers who received grant funding were also given additional money specifically for training in person centered thinking certification. RCEB has been working with Mains'l, which is part of the international learning community of person centered practices. In our community alone, there are roughly 25 potential trainer candidates who have started the process with the two training, returning to their respective agencies to practice utilizing the training tools, and then everyone does the orientation. This process will begin in February/March. Fruc added that he will be meeting with the agencies that received funding in December to begin planning a calendar of training events happening throughout the community.

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- Sister Marygrace mentioned that the RCEB Board met on 9/24.
- The meeting started with a presentation and expression of gratitude from Congresso for their recent event, both in terms of financial and staff support. There were 875 participants, 38 resource tables, and 38 workshops.
- The board approved three contracts for Community Placement Plan funds; three 4-bed homes to service individuals who need enhanced behavior supports.

- There was another contract with DDS; the E1, which gave RCEB approximately \$400,000 to continue to support the services.
- RCEB's caseload expanded by 924 people.
- The Consumer Advisory Committee gave a report that included voting, housing and roommates.
- Diversity and Equity gave a report, highlighting that there are an increasing number of support groups that are happening both in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Sheraden Nicholau

- SCDD is gearing up to launch the next round of national core indicators later in October. It will be a mailed survey, specifically for families with children between the ages of 3 - 18 living at home, who access regional center services. The survey will be going out to approximately 71,000 families in California. It will be in many languages and can be sent back in a prepaid envelope or enter the responses online.
- There is also the continuing with the movers longitudinal survey which the additional national core indicator survey that is very specific to recent movers from developmental centers into the community and for those who are soon to be moving.
- 10/16 is the statewide self determination advisory committee. It is a by phone call in meeting.
- 10/19 is the Carlos Quintong Celebration of Self Advocacy at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley.
- 10/24 the Jim Frazier is hosting a listening session of the California Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at Concord City Council chambers.
- 10/25 the National Disability Employment Month event at the State Building in Oakland. They are partnering with California of General Service and the Department of Industrial Relations. It will be mostly focused on the public sector, though not limited to them. It's a resource and strategy fair meant to highlight the workforce with disabilities in the public, as well as, private sector.
- 11/28 in Sacramento, there will be the Self Advocates Advisory meeting. Information is on the website.
- Also on 11/28, the next Regional Advisory Committee meeting will take place in Alameda County Office of Education located in Hayward. It takes place from 7:00pm-9:00pm, with a networking session at 6:30pm.
- 11/29 is the next State Council meeting in Sacramento.

DD Council - Sandi Soliday & Vi Ibarra

Alameda County

- Applications for Sandi's position are due by 10/15.
- Sandi mentioned that while Darren Lounds, the president of the Council, is recovering from surgery, Ron Halog will be covering for him.
- The next DD Council meeting will be on 11/14, and feature a presentation on IHSS.
- There will be no EBLC meeting in November.
- There is a Transition Team meeting on 10/25 at San Leandro RCEB from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. They are going to start planning the Transition Fair.
- The next Health and Wellness meeting is on 10/26, from 2pm-4pm at the Public Health Department.
- Ron Halog mentioned that Alameda FAST Training is on 10/15-10/16 at the Dublin EOC.

Contra-Costa County

- No report

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Will mentioned that the EBLC hosted two disabilities education forums. One was held at RCEB for the 14th District between Buffy Wicks and Jovanka Beckles. It was recorded and put online. A second forum for the 15th District was held on 10/10 between Catherine Baker and Rebecca Bauer-Kahan. It will also be made available online soon.
- There will be no ELBC meeting in November.
- Will announced that the legislative session for California is over and the governor has either signed or vetoed bills.
- SB134 was dropped in at the very end of the session which impact regional centers, requiring them to report management salaries on a regular basis, as well as rules that if a regional center contract is pulled, what would have to happen.
- On Federal legislation, ELBC is always looking at bills that have an impact on the ADA. Bills that people may be interested in include:
 - HR1377, transitioning to meaningful and integrated employment. It is trying to amend the Fair Labor and Standards Act which would eliminate the ability to use a 14c, more commonly known as a sub minimum wage license. This is one being pushed and lobbied for by a young woman who is the first known lobbyist with a developmental disability.
- Will repeated that Jim Frazier is holding his Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities listening session at Concord City Hall. It is an opportunity for people to send target messages about the lack of affordable housing, limited transportation options, and the lack of ability to hire and retain qualified staff.
- Will also announced that Manos is sponsoring an event at Chabot College on 10/13 at 10:00am. It is a Town Hall meeting with Jim Frazier and other locally elected officials. The focus will be on the impact on the direct support professional, and our need to be able to pay them effectively and challenge the rate study. Parking is \$3.00.
- Ron Halog mentioned that the EBLC is supporting Props 1 and 2, and that they are opposing HR620.

Programs - Representative

- Geneva Ziaoua is looking at different topics for presentations. She will be reaching out to the PVAC attendees for ideas.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Representative

- Michael Pereira reported that at September's meeting focused on advocacy and steps providers could take to make their voices heard.
- The next meeting on 10/12 at 12:00pm is going to be more concentrated on efforts that providers are currently doing and how to help one another.

Membership - Nancy Eddy

- No report.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Maureen Wright of The Respite Inn announced that they will having a silent online auction from 10/19-11/03, and will feature many holiday items to bid on.
- Stan Higgins from Therap Services gave information about their mobile app.
- Ron Halog announced there is a Disability Diversity event at Ed Roberts Campus, from 10am-4pm on 10/13. Also on 10/25, Ron announced that Chabot College is having a Disability Awareness Day for students, and runs from 10am-4pm.
- Will Sanford announced that they are holding a Red Carpet Event for their film camp on 11/13 at the Lime Theater in Livermore, from 5pm-9pm.
- Will Sanford also announced Futures will be opening an adult changing facility soon at the Somersville Mall in conjunction with the mall. It will be a controlled space, and people can get the code from Huckleberry Cafe.
- Julia Lowe gave a reminder that Dungarvin still has space for workshops they are having as a recipient of HCBS transition grant funding. Dungarvin is partnering with National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals to provide the training.
 - The other training on 10/27/18, is a train the trainer workshop. It is being hosted by Las Trampas in Lafayette. There is a \$2500 fee, which covers the cost of the materials, but can be used throughout the entire agency. There is a webinar that Julia can provide to those interested. She asked that interested people let her know today because space is limited and filling up quickly.
 - 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 culture of DSP competency.
 - Email CA-Info@dungarvin.com if interested.
- Kevin Rath from Manos announced that they had sent their 72 page report to Assembly member Frazier that answer the question of who are we competing with. The report is going to be presented at the Town Hall that Manos sponsoring at Chabot College. The event is on 10/13 from 10am-11:30am. Kevin also announced that their will be free tacos afterwards.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary