

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes November 18th 2016

Members Present: Sarah Burgett, Toolworks; Ron Halog, CRIL; Sister Mary grace, East Bay Services; Creola Walker, First Transit; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Will Sanford, Futures; Shelley Crayton, Family Support Services; Maureen Wright, Respite Inn; Patrick Jung, BCBH; Ajati Sankoh, Sierra Center; Nancy Eddy, Deaf Plus; Julia Lowe, Dungarvin;

Also Present: Jan Behr, Stepping Stones; Josh Sullivan, CCDDC; Leslie Werosh, Ability Now; EM Valencia; CA Mentor; Aubrie Mastrangelo, Aspiranet; Christina Wells, ASpiranet; Celeste Rodriguez, Bay Respite; Pete Maspafella, Aspiranet; Kathy Castrada, Castro Valley Adult Ed; Luis Martinez, Maxim; Silvia Yeh, FCSN; Michael Pereira, Ala Costa; Craig Rose, CIWP; Ephraim Valencia, Mentor; Angel Marshal, SCDD-Bay Area; Amy Houde, Novelles;

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:42 am. Introductions. October 14th minutes reviewed and approved

Ronke Sodipo for Jim Burton

- State news
 - Jim attended SDC closure hearing on Wednesday. Continued discussion about keeping the closure deadline. RCEB continues to work with NPOs/vendors chosen through RFPs. Unsure of numbers but on track with deadline
 - Elections-many victories in California. Unsure of Federal impact to ACA and immigration as it applies to regional centers and employers
- RCEB
 - Reminder that RCEB/PVAC have adopted a uniform holiday schedule. If a day program is providing services, RCEB needs to be alerted or accounting department will assume the program is closed and no billing will be available. Transportation on those days does not operate per vendor contract
 - DDS Grant re: Diversity to address gaps in services. RCEB awarded \$650k for training, family navigators, day programs, monolingual services particular focus on Mien, Vietnamese and Spanish communities
 - ABX21 has afforded 3 regional center positions-Supported Employment Specialist, HCBS Specialist and Diversity Specialist and funds to hire additional case managers.
 - SCDD and RCEB boards are recruiting new members. Info on website

Presentation-Ted Talk: Smart Failure for a Fast Changing World-Eddie Obeng, Business Educator

Intro by Will Sanford

Reports

RCEB Board-Sister Marygrace

- 10/24 last board meeting(4th Monday of every month)
- Review of performance contract 2017 by Ronke Sodipo
- Contract approved for Las Trampas for 4 bed residential home for people with significant behavioral needs
- Draft summary of audit-clean report. RCEB's auditor contract is ending and will be searching for new audit team
- Steve Whitcomb retired from board and new slate of officers nomination:
 - Kathy Hebert, President
 - Evangeline Lyemura, VP
 - Nyron Battles, Secretary

- Mike Treppa, Treasurer
- CAC presentation/discussion about accessibility in restaurants and Wells Fargo
- Diversity and Equity Cmtee- Mien Community outreach-this is a very isolated community with a different dialect. Meeting was held last week with families who have adult children home all day

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee-Angel Marshall

- Next regional advisory cmtee meeting 11/30 at Dept of Public Health
- State plan approved by feds-feds stated that the plan was “stellar”
- Office of Emergency Services active shooter plan guideline updated
- NCI surveys- being mailed in for guardians and people living with family. DDS is working on building a database

DD Councils

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County (Josh Sullivan for Sandi)

- Next council meeting is 12/14 and will feature presentation on Able Act
- EBLC Town hall slated for 2/10, themes are “unfinished Business, keeping the promise and defending the promise”
- No date yet for transition fair

Josh Sullivan, Contra Costa County

- Last meeting was forum on Employment. No December meeting
- 12/7 next EBLC meeting
- Council in process of revamping the CCC transition conference, will happen on 1/20 and theme will be “adulging”
- Transition task force 12/8, 3:15 at RCEB Concord

East Bay Legislative Coalition- Will Sanford

- DDS has created a dashboard to report regional center progress and performance
- CA Blueprint-out in final draft. DOR, DDS, DoED re: employment. Draft is 53 pages. Pay attention to pages 36-53, this is where objectives and progress for 5 year plan are laid out. Public comment through 12/31
- 14C cert-DOR has posted instructions for requesting required training. Employers will have until July 22,2017 to ensure training requirements are met or be faced with DOL fines and back pay
- DS task force: setting targets for competitive integrated employment
- Self Determination-still in process of answering questions asked by feds
- HCBS waiver-up for renewal 3/2017.
- ABX21 reporting requirements-continue to push for clarification

PVAC Committees

Membership-no report

Programs-Wesley Moss (not in attendance)

- Working on Cal Able presentation for Jan
- December-potluck and nominations
- Feb meeting conflicts with town hall, encourage all PVAC members to attend town hall

Announcements

- Sister Mary grace- recommended adding 5-10 mins to agenda for resource share, members in agreement
- Will Sanford-Project Search- Embassy Suites in Walnut Creek launching in Jan and Pleasanton DoubleTree March or April
- CCC ARC, Futures, EBI grant with Longs Foundation-launching media campaign Hireable.org
- Joint employment task force 4th Friday of every month
- Nancy Eddy-ASL classes for residential homes starting up again in January at Deaf Plus in Newark

Meeting adjourned at 11:44, Sarah Burgett, PVAC Secretary

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