

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes February 8th, 2019**

Members Present: Julia Lowe, Dungarvin; Sister MaryGrace, East Bay Services; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's House; Michael Palomino, Maxim; Craig Rose, CIWP; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Michael Pereira, Ala Costa Centers; Leslie Visbal, Ability Now

Guests Present: Steve Robinson, RCEB; Cristina Moraes, Creative Growth; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB; John Bolle, Contra Costa ARC; Y Ono, Heing Group Home; Tina Belk, BASS and CASL; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Greg Simons, Las Trampas; Kenneth Breedlove, Alternative Learning Center; Jacob Hulthage, RCEB; Wesley Moss, Premier HCS; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Cathy Nelson, EBI; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Nicholas Aguilar, Premier HCS; Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa County DD Council; Emily Correia, ELM; Khristina Thomas, BASS; Patricia Harris, One Step Closer; Shani Stewart, Manos Home Care; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Alex Mountford, Manos Home Care; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:37 AM. Introductions. The January 11th, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. Passed Unanimously, no abstentions.

RCEB/State – Lisa Kleinbub

- Self-determination train the trainer dates have been set for RCEB staff and those involved in the advisory committee. After trainings have taken place, orientations will be set up for those approved for the self-determination program.
- DDS has sent out announcements regarding funds to address service disparity. RCEB received funds for Family Home Model services for deaf and Asian speaking language communities. Other family resources programs received continued funding and new funding was allocated for other outreach programs
- Cal-Fresh is now available for those receiving SSI & SSDI on June 1st, 2019

Presentation

Unanticipated Rate Adjustments and Health & Safety Waiver Requests

by Steve Robinson, Director of Community Services, RCEB

- Service Codes 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 805, and 862 got directly to DDS for review
- RCEB will post documents on website for organizations applying for other service codes
- Locally negotiated rates: State Minimum Wage requests for rate adjustments are due March 1st and are retroactive to January 1st. RCEB has 30 days to review and forward to DDS. Local minimum wage and Health & Safety Waiver requests have no deadline but may not be retroactive.

Reports

RCEB Staff – Steve Robinson

- Requests for resource development funds for Multi-Family Housing are now being accepted, as well as RFPs for Behavioral Respite
- Enhanced behavioral support homes have been approved for Individuals coming from developmental centers
- Those who submitted apps for HCBS compliance funding will hear from DDS by next month
- Training dates for Person Centered Thinking have been filled through December, more dates are expected to be offered in 2020

RCEB Board – Sister Marygrace

- The board met on January 28th and approved 2 contracts, one for enhanced behavioral support living programs, as well as a supported living contract for 15 people
- The RCEB audit draft is currently on hold and the auditors need more information from Cal-Pers
- The board gave a thank you to the consumer board member Gwen Buttler
- Elections were held for returning board member Steve Whitcomb
- The board training was moved from March to July

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee – Sheraden Nicholau (Given by Geneva Ziaoure)

- Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 27th at 7pm at the San Mateo County Office Education.
- A 2-part supported decision making training will be held with CCDDC on February 28th featuring curriculum developed by UC Davis MIND Institute and the ACLU.
- All other SCDD meeting are on the calendar at the SCDDs website

DD Councils –

Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa County

- Training by UC Davis Mind Institute on Supported Decision Making will be held at the Concord office on February 28th
- Transition task force employment conference was held last weekend. Presentations were given on the creation of employment opportunities. The next task force meeting will be held on February 21st at 3:15 at the Concord office
- The College Conference Committee is working in Alameda this year and looking for involvement of Providers in the Alameda area.
- The ARC council will be held on February 27th at the Concord office

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County

- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th from 9:30 am - 12 pm at my office in Oakland. Alameda Alliance for Health will hold a listening session.
- Both service provider registration and family registration for the 2019 Alameda County Transition Faire on March 23rd is in full swing. If you're interested in volunteering contact Sandi.
- Health & Wellness Committee meeting - February 22nd from 2 - 4 pm at ACDPH Oakland office.

- East Bay Employment Task Force meeting (soon to become a Hireable non-profit) is also on February 22nd from 10 am - 12 pm at the Concord RCEB Office.
- Next EBLC meeting is on March 13th from 10 AM - 12 PM at ACDPH (Sandi's office). Please note change of date.
- There is no March Alameda County DD Council Meeting.

Legislative – Given by Geneva Ziaoure

- Legislative Breakfast went well. Many legislative aids attended and the theme of “Laying the Tracks” was well received
- 3 asks were highlighted: 8% rate increase, Improved Transportation, and Affordable Accessible Housing.
- The next step is to schedule visits to district offices of our local legislators.
- EBLC will be held on March 13th
- Several bills are going through legislations that EBLC supports including: AB 271, AB 311, AB 2657 as well as federal bill SB 117

Programs – Representative

- Next month's presentation will be given by Sheraden Nicholau about Ableism
- April & May's presentation will cover workers comp as well as professional liability

Membership – Leslie Werosh Visbal

- New Membership Chair announced, Leslie Werosh Visbal

Day Program Provider Group – Michael Pereira

- The Day Program Provider Group will continue their conversation about advocacy and shared challenges of staffing and operation issues

Announcements

- Special Needs Talent Show on March 23rd, Tickets are \$20. Contact Sylvia Yeh of FCSN. draft