

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes March 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; Will Sanford, Futures Explored

Guests Present: Sheraden Nicholau, State Council; Cristina Moraes, Creative Growth; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB; Katy Santillan, Sonia Corina, Inc; Lori Ojeda, Sonia Corina, Inc.; Dana Gamble, CA Mentor; Esther Chow, Helping Hands East Bay; John Bolle, Contra Costa ARC; Ian Bremner, RES; Shelley Crayton, Family Support Services; Stan Higgins, Therap; Rhonda McGlashan, Compass; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; 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; Elizabeth Brodersen, Creative Growth; Michael Minton, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Lisa Gonzales, Deaf Plus; Shani Stewart, Manos Home Care; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Arden Fredman, NIAD; Alex Mountford, Manos Home Care; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:36 AM. Introductions. The February 8th, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. Passed Unanimously, no abstentions.

Presentation #1 – Sheraden Nicholau: Overview on Ableism and Resources

- State Council office offers training to a variety of organizations on elements of systemic change, capacity building, and advocacy
- Ableism is a term similar to that of racism and sexism. Catches attitudinal barriers and calls out the institutional nature of ableist societies.
- Identity-first versus people-first language
- Plain language documents to ensure ease of access
- Tokenism

Presentation #2 – Michael Pereira: DDS Rate Study and Commentary

- Review of the initial documents (2100 pages plus several appendices) presented to the community the week of February 25th, 2019
- DDS and Burns & Associates have not presented a narrative nor a fiscal impact to the legislature
- Only 60 out of 150 service codes reviewed in the study. Tailored Day Services and Childcare not included as an example of what was missed
- Geographic differentials for transportation, real estate, and wages taken into account, as well as wage compression and spillover

- Vendors encouraged to review the documents and test how the proposed changes would affect their individual programs
- Vendor advisory committee (VAC) chairs asked to collect responses and submit to DDS by April 5th, 2019
- Our PVAC will convene a workgroup on March 15th in the RCEB conference room A from 9am to 12 pm to gather general commentary

Reports

RCEB Staff – Steve Robinson

- RCEB will generate electronic invoices on the 25th of the month to allow time to generate more purchase of service (POS) authorization numbers for rate changes, etc. This date change is ongoing; hoping to reduce issues.

RCEB Board – Sister Marygrace

- The board met on February 25th and approved a contract for Telecare
- The RCEB audit by Markham has been accepted
- The board voted in two new board members: Chloe Paige and Brian Blash
- Nyron Battles voted in for a 3rd term

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee – Sheraden Nicholau

- San Francisco Overview for Advocacy Training at ARC of San Francisco on March 9th
- Self-Advocates meeting on March 11th
- State Council Statewide Meeting March 12th
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) meeting March 26th and 27th

DD Councils –

Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa County

- Next meeting March 27th at RCEB Concord office

Sandi Soliday, Alameda County (*given by Geneva Ziaoure*)

- No meeting in March. Alameda County Transition Faire on March 23rd

Legislative – Will San Ford

- 8% Ask advocacy to legislature. Contact your local representatives
- Review of hearing on March 6th with Assembly Subcommittee; confusion between DDS and Burns & Associates presentation and the 8% ask; also went over local minimum wage issues, push on half-day billing and mandatory holidays, etc.
- Next East Bay Legislative Coalition meeting moved to April 10th at noon to allow folks to attend Grassroots Day on April 3rd
- DSP Workforce Summit in Sacramento on April 2nd; March and Rally at the Capitol on April 3rd

Programs – Given by Geneva Ziaoure

- Next month's presentation will be given by Bender Insurance Solutions on Workers Comp
- May's presentation will cover professional liability
- Request for presentation on HCBS Self Assessments

Membership – Leslie Werosh Visbal

- No Report

Day Program Provider Group – Michael Pereira

- The Day Program Provider Group meets after PVAC at 12:30 PM. This month will be led by Dan Hogue of Las Trampas. Will discuss Rate Study Proposal.

Announcements

- Donna Feingold: TOPS Program movie day April 13th: "Life Animated"
- Geneva Ziaoure: *Invaluable* documentary premiere on April 2nd at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento, 6pm to 8pm
- Guy Houston: Fremont passed resolution to advocate for funding but passed a local minimum wage ordinance

Meeting Adjourned 12:07 PM

Respectively submitted by Geneva Ziaoure