

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes April 12th 2019**

Members Present: Geneva Ziaoure, Manos; Sister Marygrace, East Bay Services; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Shannon Beatty, George Mark Children's Home; Rhonda McGlashon, Compass; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Centers; Leslie Visbal, Ability Now; Craig Rose, CIWP; Donna Feingold, ALC; Jonathan Stickles, Enriching Lives;

Guests Present: Alex Mountford, Manos Care Home; Stan Higgins, Therap; Nicholas Aguilar, Premier; Mike Minton, RCEB; Keith Nauman, Strides; Denise Bradley, Harambe; Cinthia Flores, Sonia Corina; Shani Stewart, Manos; Nayeli Toto, FCSN; Claudia Pina, FCSN; Dana Gamble, Ca. Mentor; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Will Sanford, Futures; Shelly Crayton, Family Support Services; Amanda Eichen, NIAD; Jaynette Underhill, Clausen House; Bridgette Young-Harry, Clausen House; Kenneth Breedlove, Alternative Learning Center; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:43 am. Introductions. The March 8, 2019 meeting minutes approval. Passed unanimously, no abstentions.

RCEB/State - Lisa Kleinbub

- Lisa started out by thanking everyone who had participated during the comment period for the Burns & Associates rate study, and further thanked Geneva Ziaoure for being the point of contact and compiling and submitting all the comments.
- Lisa made the comment that going forward with the rate study, it would require that everyone takes great effort to press our needs. She additionally commented that we need to ensure that the Legislature does not make changes that do harm and to consider unintended consequences when raising objections or giving suggestions. Lastly, she made it clear that the process is long, and it will take time before any change is seen.
- Lisa mentioned that the federal government issued some new responses to the Final Rule FAQ towards the end of March. The responses seemed to be a little less strict and to broaden the determination of inclusion. Lisa stated that PVAC should send out the updated responses.

Presentation: Mission Possible: Controlling the "uncontrollable" Workers Compensation - Key Roys

- The presentation gave an overview of Workers' Compensation, methods to "control" and manage the process, and alternative insurance options that are available to employers.

Break-10 minutes

Reports

RCEB Staff - Steve Robinson

- Steve thanked Geneva Ziaoure for compiling and submitting the comments regarding the Burns & Associates rate study.
- Geneva added that it was the various workgroups who were critical in coming up with questions and comments and were a big help in gathering information.
- Steve mentioned that Community Resource Development Plan; that it came about last year with the closure of the developmental centers. Additionally, Steve mentioned that RCEB requested for funds for people already living in the community and had been awarded funds for three projects; one for multifamily housing, another is an enhanced behavioral support home, and the third is for crisis respite home.
- Steven announced that there was a survey on RCEB's website asking what resources are most needed in the community. There is a deadline of April 15th; however, Steve expects it will be extended because DDS had initially given the date of March 15 when they would provide instructions, but as of yet, they had not been made available.
- Steve mentioned that DDS has still yet not announced which HCBS grant proposals had been approved.

RCEB Board - Sister Marygrace

- Sister Marygrace announced that the RCEB Board met on March 25th. At the meeting, two contracts between DDS and RCEB were approved, with one specifically for money from DDS to help with the developmental center closures. The other was for E2 funding.
- The board nominated two people to become board members. They will be voted on at the April RCEB Board meeting.
- Sister mention Article 5 of the bylaws had been changed from 15-17 board members to 15-20 board members.
- The diversity committee reported on several support groups
- Lastly, Sister mentioned that RCEB's performance report was distributed and discussed at the board meetings. She then provided copies to PVAC members.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee - Representative

- Geneva announced that Sheraden Nicholau had provided her with dates for upcoming meetings.
 - California Employment First meeting will take place in Sacramento on 4/18.
 - The next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee meeting will take place on 4/24 at Support for Families in San Francisco, from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.
 - The next Legislative Public Policy meeting will take place on 5/8 in Sacramento
 - The next Self Advocates Advisory meeting will take place in Sacramento on 5/20
 - The next statewide council meeting will be in Sacramento on 5/21.
 - The next statewide Self Advocacy Network meeting in Sacramento will be on 6/5-6/6. It is a two-day meeting.
 - The State Council on Developmental Disability's grant cycle 42 is now open and accepting proposals. Up to \$450K is available, and the deadline is June 3rd.

DD Council - Representative.

- Will Sanford mentioned that the council's joint dinner will be in June, and that nominations to recognize excellence in service are being accepted.

- Will also mentioned that the next Contra Costa DD Council meeting takes place on April 24th from 10:00am - 12:00pm at RCEB's Concord location.

East Bay Legislative Coalition - Will Sanford

- Will announced that there are several upcoming bills related to the DD system. He highlighted the following:
 - Repeal of the full day/half day billing
 - Restoration of camp and social recreation funding
 - Elimination of the mandatory 14 holiday closure days
 - Raise the age of what's considered an IDD onset from 18 years and raise it to 22.
- Will reminded that the Senate subcommittee 3 will have its hearing on the budget on May 2nd and will probably begin around 10:00am. This is a good opportunity for public comment. The rate study will be a part of it in some form.
- Will additionally announced that a separate budget hearing will be held on May 9th to specifically address the rate setting proposal.
- Will reminded everyone to stay on top of and really push for the 8% rate increase.
- Will mentioned that Self Determination orientations are starting for people who have selected for the program.
- Will announced that the next EBLC meeting will be on May 1st, from 10:00am-Noon in Oakland.
- Will mentioned the DSP Summit that had been held in Sacramento and looked at a variety of strategies to support and engage direct support professionals and creating a value to what they do.
- Donna Feingold added her perspective on the summit. She mentioned this was the first statewide conference for Direct Support Professional, there was a movie premiere called Invaluable, about DSPs. At the summit, Executive Directors were partnered with two DSPs from their agency. Donna's take away commitment was what can be done locally to help professionalize the direct support staff.

Programs - Representative

- Key Roys will be back to talk about the client side of risk management.

Day Service Providers subcommittee - Representative

- Geneva reminded everyone that the Day Service Providers subcommittee meeting will at 12:30pm following the PVAC meeting.

Membership – Leslie Visbal

- No report.

Public Comments - Announcements

- Shannon Beatty announced that George Mark Children's House is celebrating its 15th anniversary. To celebrate, they will be holding three programs. There is a Funder's Forum on 5/31 at the House from 8:30am - 1:00pm and will focus on pediatric palliative care service providers and funding, and Roles of the Philanthropic Community. The second program will be a Sib shop facilitator training on June 7th and 8th with the goal to train new Sib shop facilitators and administrators. The final program is a Pediatric Palliative Care Summit and will be held at

Preservation Park in Oakland, taking place on a Monday, and half a day on Tuesday on 10/28 and 29

- Donna Feingold announced that ACL and TOPS is having a free event where they will be showing the film Life Animated on 4/13 at Loma Vista Adult Center from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.
- Dan Hogue announced that the California Supported Living Network honors a DSP as a DSP of the Year, and their employee, Ann Martinez, is the recipient. She will be accepting the award. Also, Las Trampas is holding their annual gala on Sunday, April 28th at Diablo Country Club in San Ramon.
- Lisa Kleinbub announced that the cafe in the building is having a soft opening today.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:53AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Craig Rose, Secretary

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