

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
5/28/14**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Suzanne Anthony, Chair (presiding), Stephanie Chapralis, Vice-Chair, Ange Burnett, Heather Hackett, Vi Ibarra, Krista Loomis, Caroline Ortiz, Craig Rose, Heidi Spaulding, Josh Sullivan, Ken Talken, Carl Tolentino, Kim Williams, Dan Denis, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Penny Musante, Gabriel Rogin, Pam Perls, John Rodriguez, Staff.

Board and Liaison Members Excused:, Karen Lingenfelter, Barbara Maizie, Nickole Bouslog, Stephanie Meakin, Jim Burton, Barb Johnson, Erin Rogers, Peggy Black, Will Sanford.

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Pam Thomas, RCEB; Ronke Sodipo, RCEB; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Audra Sysum, CAC Member; Shakendra Burks, ALIVE East; Gabriel Rogin, Area Board V; Jennifer Steneberg, Dale Law Firm; Angie Lee, ALIVE, Futures Explored; Jill Ray, BOS District 2; Daniel Hogue, Las Trampas, Inc; Claudia Lam, Contra Costa ARC; Lisa Keinbub, RCEB.

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. and Suzanne welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

- The April 26, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written, unanimously (M/Josh Sullivan; S/Heather Hackett).
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

RCEB Update by Lisa Kleinbub (for Jim Burton)

Lisa spoke of the highlights of the May revision of the Governor's Budget proposal:

- There is an increase in revenue with it mostly going to paying down the debt;
- There is little change from the January proposal;
- There are no rate increases for providers;
- There is no change in the rules for IHSS overtime;
- There is \$13 million to look at the closure of the State Developmental Centers;
- There are funds to cover the POS deficits.

In addition, DDS is getting an increase in their loan capacity. This will ease the cash flow problems for Regional Centers when the allocations are insufficient.

As a result of the recent budget hearings, the restoration of the Early Start eligibility and Supported Employment funding issues will be going to the Conference Committee. Our advocacy should be focused on the Governor at this time, as we seem to have the support of the legislature.

Regarding the Self-Determination proposal, the Federal approval has not yet been secured. It is expected in December 2014. This proposal will impact about 2500 people in California (153 at RCEB).

There has been a change in the Federal Medicaid Waiver rules. While the details are not available, they are moving to supporting smaller settings. Gabriel Robin mentioned that the changes will be over the next 5 years and that we all should be talking about it so that California doesn't lose those federal funds.

Ronke mentioned that the minimum wage will be increasing to \$9/hour on July 1st and that she is developing a letter to go out next week to all providers.

Presentation: RCEB Board's Diversity and Equity Committee

**Speaker: Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB's Director of Health and Behavioral Services
(Cecilia Corral from the RCEB Board was unable to make it)**

Lisa stated that in 2012, there was a change in the Lanterman Act revolving around advocacy based on changes in communities. It is required that RCEB post data of persons served regarding:

- Primary Diagnosis
- Age Group (0-2; 3-21; 22+)
- Ethnicity
- Language Spoken

The data, which is posted on the RCEB website (www.RCEB.org), compares the existing population of persons served by RCEB, to emerging needs and POS expenditures.

This year a new requirement involves recording who is not getting services and how much RCEB is paying in copayments to insurance companies.

For the Fiscal Year July 2013-June 2014 the data must be posted by the end of December 2014. By March 31st, there must be a public hearing about the data collected and at RCEB this is prior to their Board meeting.

RCEB is the only Regional Center to have developed a committee of the Board: the *RCEB Diversity and Equity Committee*. The goal of this committee is to study the data and make recommendations for service priorities. The next meeting of the committee is June 23rd at RCEB in San Leandro (prior to the Board meeting) and everyone is welcome to attend.

Some data reveals:

- In March 2014, 16,723 people were served by RCEB, while 18,357 were represented in last fiscal year's data.
- 42% of persons served are over 22 years of age; 58% are under 22 years.
- Regarding the primary diagnosis:
 - 37% have intellectual disabilities
 - 18% have autism
 - 14% have no diagnosis
- Comparing diagnosis with age:
 - A high percentage of people 22+ years of age have intellectual disabilities;
 - For ages 3-21 years, the highest percentage of people has a diagnosis of autism.
- Regarding primary languages spoken:
 - 73% speak English
 - 15% speak Spanish
 - 8% speak Asian languages

POS expenditures were compared with diagnosis, ages, language spoken and ethnicity. All data is on the RCEB website. Higher expenditures showed for people over 22 years old with autism and those living outside the family home.

Questions are raised from this data about unmet needs, what other resources were used that was not tracked, and what is the geographic make up of unmet needs.

Based on this data, RCEB's on-going efforts to meet people's needs include:

- Using delegate agencies for bilingual Case Managers (Spanish and Asian languages)
- RCEB Case Managers are bilingual in Spanish, Farsi and ASL
- RCEB sponsors multi-lingual events and family conferences.

The committee welcomes anyone to attend their meetings and will continue to add more statistics to next fiscal year's report.

John stated that he will be emailing Cecilia's portion of this presentation.

Lisa was thanked for her detailed presentation.

AREA Board V Update by Gabriel Rogin

Gabriel announced that the next ABV meeting will be held at RCEB in Concord, in the conference room on June 25th at 7 p.m. They will be awarding the mini grants and enjoying a presentation from Project Seed.

They will also be hosting a presentation for families about affordable and accessible housing on:

- June 17th, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Alameda County DD Council conference room in Oakland
- June 25th, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. prior to the ABV meeting in Concord.

Another community concern is that many community leaders in our field are retiring. John and Gabriel are collaborating on getting 30-40 people together to pass on their leadership insights.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative Committee:
 - Carl and Josh reported that
 - SB 1626 to restore Supported Employment payment rates passed in the Senate, while the Assembly restored it, plus added funds to it!
 - Both houses restored the Early Start eligibility.

Again, the focus should now be with the Governor. The CAC will be hosting a rally at Todos Santos Park on June 13th from 10:30-11:30----everyone is welcome.

Finally, they suggested that the Board consider supporting a Federal bill (HR 1601) that will extend the amount a person on SSI can earn to over \$300 per month, as well as raise the asset amount a person can keep. This bill is also called, "The SSI Restoration Act of 2014".

- Nominating Committee:
 - John announced that the date of the Annual Dinner is June 5th, with Santi Rogers, the new Executive Director of DDS, as the keynote speaker (thanks go to Jim Burton for making this happen!). You can still get tickets through May 30th.

The nominating committee also chose the award winners, including a surprise awardee. Joanne Nakamura, Stephanie Chapralis and Jack Grossman will be receiving Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The DD Council will have several Board positions open and John will send out applications this summer.

- Transition Committee:
No Report

Upcoming Meetings for 2014:

John listed the 2014 meetings as:

- June 5, 2014—annual dinner at Scott's Seafood Restaurant at Jack London Square
- July and August 2014—no meetings
- September 24, 2014 @ RCEB
- October 22, 2014 @ Antioch
- November 19, 2014 @ RCEB (out of normal cycle)

Announcements:

- After more than 20 years of service, Penny Musante will be leaving the Paratransit Coordinating Council and asked that another person from our Board replace her on this important committee.
- July 23rd is the date of the Board Member Planning Meeting, @ 9:00 a.m. at the Concord Residential Club. John will send out a notice with the address and directions.
- Daniel Hogue of Las Trampas, Inc stated that his Director of Residential Services, Melanie Fowler, has left Las Trampas to work for RCEB. He is looking to fill this position immediately.
- Daniel also was awarded start-up funds to open a new home in Pleasant Hill for the Community Placement Plan (for people leaving the State Developmental Centers).
- Penny announced Futures Explored's 50th anniversary celebration this Sunday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette. Everyone is welcome.

Josh closed the meeting with the playing of a 2 minute PSA on YouTube about restoring the funding for Supported Employment---it was very well done and featured comments by several people receiving Supported Employment services at their agency. It is being widely distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**Our next meeting will be September 24, 2014
@ RCEB, Concord
Conference Room
2151 Salvio Street (3rd Floor)
Concord, CA 94520**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary

Contra Costa ARC