

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
9/24/14**

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

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Carl Tolentino, Kim Williams, Dan Denis, Peggy Black, Karen Lingenfelter, Barbara Maizie, Nickole Bouslog, Stephanie Meakin, Barb Johnson, Erin Rogers, Diana Thomas, Will Sanford.

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Pam Thomas, RCEB; Daniel Hogue, Las Trampas, Inc; Deborah McGrath, Parent and All Abilities; Greg Simons, Las Trampas, Inc.; Judy Hunter, Las Trampas, Inc.; Nina Vincent, Child Care Council Inclusion; April Whytus, Senator Mark DeSaulnier's Office; Brittanni Murphy, Cole Vocational Services; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Ajati Sankoh, Sierra Environmental and Social Services; Ange Burnett, Child Care Council; Julie Parrish.

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and Suzanne welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

- The May 28, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written, unanimously (M/Josh Sullivan; S/Vi Ibarra).
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

RCEB Update by Jim Burton

Jim welcomed everyone back from the summer break. He commented on the increase in service provider challenges and struggles, both financially and in terms of quality of care. He stated that this was a clear result of the insufficient rates.

Jim suggested that we put rates at the top of our list to advocate for this year. He recommended that we pick up to three issues to focus our advocacy efforts, rather than 10, to be successful.

The Great News:

1. SB577 passed for 5 Regional Centers to pilot a new model for supported employment that includes job development and improved rates. Jim is lobbying for RCEB to become one of the 5 to receive the pilot project.
2. RCEB received a 3-year grant (\$333,900) and County support for the Shriver Center in Alameda County to serve people with dual diagnoses (DD/MI). Jim hopes this model could be replicated in Contra Costa County in the coming years.
3. AB1595 passed, reorganizing the State Council and Area Boards.
4. Non-regional center folks can now receive ABA services through Medi-CAL---this is a huge win for people that were not receiving any services. However, for people that are receiving ABA services through Regional Centers, there will be a transition period to turn the funding over to Medi-CAL.
5. RCEB received its first budget allocation from the State and it is substantially higher than in previous years, helping to avoid cash flow problems.

AREA Board V Update by Gabriel Rogin

Since AB1595 passed, the AREA Board name will disappear and the new name will be: State Council Regional Office. Gabriel will be reporting directly to the State Council in Sacramento. The AB5 Board will become an advisory committee and continue as a partner.

In the mean time, there are 2 trainings coming up:

- This coming Friday, Sept. 26th, is a training on the Special Education Due Process system;
- On Oct 13th, a training will be held on Fair Hearings.

Committee Reports:

No reports were made, due to the presentation.

Upcoming Meetings for 2014:

- October 22, 2014 @ Antioch Police Station
- November 19, 2014 @ RCEB (out of normal cycle)

Announcements:

- John stated that he will be leaving the DD Council at the end of December 2014. The announcement is out to fill his position as Executive Assistant, with an application deadline for Friday, September 26, 2014.
- A conference for students with disabilities, ages 14 and up, is being held, titled: Going to College with a Disability. It will be held November 15, 2014 at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley, from 9 am – 1 pm. ASL and Spanish interpreters are available upon request.
- The Central and East County Transition Fair will be held on October 24th, from 9 am – Noon, at the Willow Creek Center in Concord.
- The STAR 2014 Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct 11th at the San Leandro Regional Center office, for parents of children with Autism.

Flyers for these announcements were at the back table.

Presentation: How can we make this Council more relevant?

Facilitator: Gabriel Rogin of the State Council Regional Office.

This presentation was a brain-storming session, with small groups answering 5 questions, resulting in action items presented to the group. The notes for this presentation are attached by John Rodriguez.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, 2014
@ Antioch Police Station
300 L Street
Antioch, CA 94509**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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9/24/14 DDC Meeting Notes

How to Make the Council More Relevant to the Community

ACTION PLANS

A. OUTREACH

1. Update website with current relevant information and links to other important sites. (social media and web 2.0)
2. Form Strategic Planning Committee*
3. Outreach to PTA's and CAC's
4. Outreach to underserved communities
5. Sponsor more events (Reinstitute Transition Conference)
6. Link parents to advocacy tools (resource directories, videos, social media, letter templates)
7. Connect with underserved populations (coordinate with LFCS and ACMHS)
8. Include Mission Statement on all materials

B. Legislative Advocacy

1. Public hearings
2. Letters
3. Visits to legislators
4. Particular focus on housing and transportation
5. Identify two or three priorities each year

C. Develop New Committees

1. Form Strategic Planning Committee*
2. School District Coordinating Committee (SELPA's, CAC's and PTA's)
3. Family/Child Subcommittee

D. RECRUITMENT

1. Target new members with connections to children's services and issues
2. Recruit members from diverse communities
3. Recruit young adults
4. Explore different meeting times and locations

