

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10/28/15**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Suzanne Anthony, Chair (presiding), Heather Hackett, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Krista Loomis, Craig Rose, Nickole Bouslog, Nina Vincent, Pam Perls, Vi Ibarra, Heidi Spaulding, and Gabriel Rogin.

Josh Sullivan, Staff.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Peggy Black, Karen Lingenfelter-Carmen, Caroline Ortiz, Ken Talken, Barbara Maize, Will Sanford, Jim Burton, Kim Williams, Paula Senigar, Dan Denis, and Carl Tolentino.

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Dawn Robinson, Contra Costa ARC; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Ronke Sodipo, RCEB; Pam Thomas, RCEB; Pat Joyce, **Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's office;** Elana Ford; Doug Quinn, ACC; Marcelle Indelicato, Contra Costa Office of Emergency Services; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Murri Banis, Commercial Support Services, Richmond; Tracy Butler, Commercial Support Services, Antioch.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Suzanne Anthony, Chair, and everyone was welcomed. Introductions were made.

- We were unable to approve the September meeting minutes, as there was no quorum of board members present.
- There were 2 additions **to today's agenda: Hot Topics; Nickole's recent testimony.**

RCEB Update by Pam Thomas, RCEB:

Pam gave the RCEB report in place of Jim, who was called to a Task Force meeting in Sacramento.

1. Self-Determination Project:
 - Pam reported that the Advisory Committee is meeting at RCEB-San Leandro next Monday, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. Our own Vi Ibarra is the **co-chair of this committee. Monday's topic will be about fiscal management.**
2. Last Monday night was the RCEB Board meeting, in which they received positive reports **from their CPA's Audit and the DDS Audit.**
3. There have been several wonderful events in our community in the previous weeks:
 - La Familia Gala;
 - Asian Community Mental Health Gala;
 - Self-Advocacy celebration last Friday, in which Nickole Bouslog was recognized;
 - FCSH also had a Gala event.

Announcement: Jim Shorter is retiring as the long-time Executive Director of Golden Gate Regional Center in San Francisco.

Later, Pam announced that she was just notified that Santi Rogers is retiring from DDS, effective December 1, 2015-----please note that everyone in the room was in shock over this news. No reason was given.....

RCEB continues to re-vamp its website to make it easier to stay current.

State Council on Development Disabilities Bay Area Office: Update by Gabriel Rogin

- Gabe stated that the Self-Advocacy celebration last Friday was well-attended and a great time. He said that Josh, Heather and Heidi all attended and Nickole was honored with an award.
- On November 16th, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at RCEB-San Leandro, the East Bay Coalition on Disabilities and Criminal Justice is meeting----all are welcome to attend.
- **The "Little Hoover Commission"** on Denti-Cal is having another hearing on November 19th. Gabe continues to collect stories to demonstrate the ineffective dental care.
- The Advisory Committee to the SCDD Bay Area Office is meeting December 2nd, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Alameda County Public Health office in Oakland. The topic for discussion is: "DD & Dementia".
- On December 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., there is a presentation in San Rafael on service provider strategies for job development. Gabe will send out an announcement via Josh with the details.
- Finally, Gabe stated that the State Council would like to sponsor legislation and **welcomes everyone's ideas.**

Committee Reports:

- Strategic Planning Committee: Suzanne reported that they are embarking on a Bylaws revision and are still looking for volunteers to help with this endeavor. Let Suzanne know if you are interested. It is a minimal commitment, as they already have a draft----it has been over 40 years since the bylaws have been revised.
- Legislative Committee: Josh stated that there have been more people attending the East Bay Legislative Committee meeting, which makes for great discussions. Their next meeting is next Wednesday, 10:00 am – Noon, at 1000 Broadway in Oakland. He noted that we have to raise our level of advocacy.
 - **Josh noted that 5 new people attended today's DD Council meeting and welcomed them-----he also renewed his challenge to bring others into our upcoming advocacy efforts.**
 - Josh commented that the Special Session in Unspecial. Everyone knows **there is a serious problem and but they don't know how to fix it.**
 - Nickole re-played her testimony to the Alameda County DD Council, asking them to do something memorable now. In her testimony she stated that she felt hopeless and felt like a burden. One of her trusted attendants just left her employ to make more money working at a gas station. **Nickole's comment was that it** shows that pumping gas is valued over her.
 - **Nickole said that if something isn't done by January, she would like the Council to join her for a sit-in at the State Capitol.**
 - Donna Feingold mentioned that an event is planned for Dec 10th at the Sacramento Convention Center-----more information to follow. She suggested that we arrange for buses to transport people to Sacramento.
 - Josh spoke last week to a group of West County parents in Pinole, emphasizing that our services system is no longer on the brink of collapse, but is collapsing.
 - **Josh proposed that in place of the November Council meeting, that we put on another meeting to give our legislators one more chance to be our heroes. The Alameda DD Council has expressed an interest in this too. Gabe, Nickole, Tracy and Pam volunteered to help with organizing this meeting. They will be looking for a large space and inviting our legislators.**

Nominating Committee: Nothing to report.

- Transition Committee: The Central/East County Transition Fair was held last Friday at the Willow Creek Center. It was well-attended. There were two recent events that were also successful: Going to College with a Disability and the STAR Conference.

Hot Topics:

No new topics were presented.

A short break for networking was taken.

Presentation: Contra Costa Transportation Priorities: CoCo Coins & Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) Outreach.

Guest Speaker: Peter Engel, Program Manager, CCTA

Peter introduced himself as the staff to the Paratransit Coordinating Council. Paratransit receives a small amount of Measure J sales tax revenue, which is ½ cent. This tax generates about \$90 billion per year for transportation projects.

A Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) is being developed and requires public input. There is currently consideration being given to putting an additional sales tax on the 2016 ballot to fund additional transportation improvements---from potholes, bike lanes and sidewalks, to ferry services and paratransit. Any sales tax measure requires a 2/3rd majority vote.

The Contra Costa Transit Authority is looking for public input into the priorities for Contra Costa County. After the input is received the TEP will be revised and a decision will eventually be made to put a sales tax measure on the 2016 ballot or not.

Peter is reaching out to the Council and audience to give input into the TEP to represent the needs of people with disabilities. There are 3 ways to give input (and you can do all three!)

1. Go to their website and **spend 10 "coins" on the issues that are important to you.** The website is: www.KeepContraCostaMoving.net
2. Join a telephone Town Hall on November 2, or November 12, at 6:00 p.m.: The phone number is 1-877-229-8493, with an access code of: 112664
3. Submit a printed survey-----Peter brought them with him and they were distributed very quickly. You can select up to 10 priorities. More printed surveys are available from Linsey at the CCTA office.

Peter stated that the plan will reflect our input, so it is important to get the word out to our friends and families, as well.

Marcelle of the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services asked if the Paratransit companies would be interested in responding to emergency evacuations. Peter invited her to speak at an upcoming Paratransit Coordinating Council meeting in which she could speak to all of the providers in the same room.

Suzanne thanked Peter for his presentation and for bringing the surveys.

Announcements:

- On Tuesday, November 3, 2015, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will be celebrating of the ADA, along with the 50th anniversary of Contra Costa ARC. Suzanne and Nickole will be speaking at this celebration. There will be a small reception following the event. All are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Meetings for 2015:

November 2015 meeting to be announced.

December 2015: No meeting scheduled

January 27, 2016 @ RCEB-Concord Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Our next meeting will be announced.

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary

Contra Costa ARC