

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2/24/16

Board and Liaison Members Present: Suzanne Anthony, Chair (presiding), Caroline Ortiz, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Krista Loomis, Vi Ibarra, Dan Denis, Heidi Spaulding, Will Sanford, Jim Burton, Paula Senigar, Kim Williams, Craig Rose, and Douglas Quinn.

Josh Sullivan, Staff.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: , Nina Vincent, Nickole Bouslog, Peggy Black, Carl Tolentino, Barbara Maizie, Karen Lingenfelter-Carmen, Heather Hackett, Ron Usac, Pam Perls, and Ken Talken,

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Ronke Sodipo, RCEB; Marcelle Indelicato, Contra Costa Office of Emergency Services; Murri Banis, Commercial Support Services-Richmond; Presha Ponnell, Futures Explored, Inc; Krista Peterson, CCS; Maria Marquez; Judy Hunter, Las Trampas, Inc.; **Tahira "Ty" Neckles, Thrive Support Services; Jeanine Bishop, West Contra Costa Unified School District; Tom Ta, CCC; Gerald Tomayo, Contra Costa County Public Health Dept.; Kim Cox, Contra Costa County Public Health Dept.; Leslie Werosh, Ability Now; Brittani Murphy, The Mentor Network; Livia Bodnar, Contra Costa County Community Warning System; Pam Thomas, RCEB; Jackie Johnston, CCS; and Dan Peddycord, Director of Public Health, Contra Costa County.**

Welcome and Introductions

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

- The meeting minutes for January 2016 were approved unanimously **(M/Heidi Spaulding; S/Krista Loomis).**
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

RCEB Update by Jim Burton, Executive Director:

Jim participated in the 24 hours/7 days per week effort made to collaborate with Governor **Brown's administration and legislators** to work out a deal, infusing funds into our service system. To increase income into the General Fund, a Managed Care Organization and Reform Tax (MCO) is being recommended and must pass with 2/3 vote of the legislature. This requires all Democrats and a few Republicans to support it.

As of today, the collaborative expenditure recommendation for our service system includes (if the MCO tax passes):

- **\$301.3 million from the State's General Fund, with \$118.4 million in Federal matching funds.** This is historically the largest infusion of funds to our service system.
- Expenditures recommended, effective July 1, 2016:
 - 7.5% wage/benefits pass-through to direct service staff (\$169.5 million);
 - 7.5% wage/benefits pass-through to RCEB direct service staff (\$120 million);
 - **2.5% increase to programs' administration (\$9.9 million);**
 - 2.5% increase to RCEB administration (\$1.7 million);
 - Details on how this works is still being decided upon.
- In addition to the above:
 - 5% increase to Supported Living and Independent Living services rates (\$18 million);

- 5% increase to in-home and out-of-home respite rates (\$10 million);
- 5% increase to transportation rates (\$9 million);
- \$30 million for integrated and competitive employment internships (new);
- \$8.5 million to restore a 10% rate cut to supported employment in 2006;
- \$5 million to address disparity in purchase of services, such as bilingual services;
- \$5 million in start-up funds for new services;
- 5% rate increase to Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF homes) (\$12 million);
- \$3.5 million to the Department of Rehabilitation;

While this significant infusion of funds will have a positive impact, it will not solve every problem with rates. A 3-year rate study will commence, with a recommendation in 2019.

Today we have to focus our efforts to assure that the MCO tax passes and call our local legislators, asking them to support it. A vote could take place as early as tomorrow. We have been successful in our grassroots efforts and we must push on. If the MCO tax passes, the Governor is expected to sign it.

Many thanks went to Jim for his tireless work (day and night!) on this collaborative effort.

There was a very long legislative hearing yesterday on the Developmental Centers' (DC) closures. This is a very difficult process for families and more hearings are expected. Sonoma is planned to close in 2018, and the proper community resources will be in place.

Jim announced the retirement of Pam Thomas at the end of March 2016. She has had a great 26-year career at RCEB, retiring as the Client Services Director. Stay tuned for a party announcement!

Ronke Sudipo, who has been with RCEB for 25 years, will be assuming Pam's position.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office: No report

Announcement: The Director of Public Health for Contra Costa County, Dan Peddycord, RN, MPA, introduced himself to the Council. He stated that he just wanted to observe the proceedings today.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: They are looking for volunteers to assist with implementing the Innovation Grant that was approved last meeting. Please contact Josh, Suzanne, or Caroline if you are interested.
- Strategic Planning Committee: The final draft of the updated bylaws was previously distributed to all Board members. They were adopted unanimously **(M/Krista Loomis; S/Caroline Ortiz).**
- Legislative Committee: The group is working on the Town Hall Meeting planned for this coming Friday at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland (State Building). They have one scenario if the MCO tax passes and another **scenario if it doesn't. They expect a great panel of legislators and/or their representatives.**
- Nominating Committee: No report
- Transition Committee: No report
- Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC): No report
- **A short break for networking was taken.**

Presentation: DD Community Considerations in Emergency Planning and Response.

Panelists: Marcelle Indelicato, Senior Emergency Planner, Emergency Services Department, Contra Costa County; Kim Cox and Gerald Tamayo, Health Emergency Response Unit (HERU), Contra Costa County; Livia Bodner, Contra Costa County's Community Warning System; Heidi Spaulding and Kim Williams, Contra Costa DD Council Board Members.

- Marcelle explained that there are 3 emergency service planners in our area that provide:
 - Outreach
 - Planning
 - Training, education, and drills.
- The priorities of the Emergency Operations Centers (staffed by County employees) involve:
 - Saving lives
 - Saving Property
 - Preserving the Environment
 - Resuming services

They rely on community partnerships. There are 8 County operation centers, plus several cities that **have emergency operation centers. They support, but don't lead disaster** responses to earthquakes, fire, drought, landslides, and dam failures in our county. Some of their services include:

- Long-term care
- Sand bags
- Bulk goods distribution (water, food)
- Collaboration with the Red Cross
- Volunteers and receipt of donations.

You are welcome to schedule tours of the operation centers.

- It is also important that individuals and families have their own disaster preparedness plans in place.
- Livia gave us an overview of the Community Warning System. You can receive warnings on your cell phone via calls, texts and e-mails. Go to www.cococws.us to sign up. The messages are short and will tell you what to do, such as:
 - Shelter-In-Place
 - Avoid an area
 - Police/Fire activities

Livia recommends that you do not get rid of your phone landlines, in case cell towers are down. In addition, you can receive more detailed information on local emergencies on the website.

- Kim responds to medical/health emergencies by:
 - Assessing medical needs
 - Coordinating the medical response
 - Collaborating with all hospitals, fire depts., and law enforcement
 - Making sure water and food are safe
 - Managing exposure to hazardous materials
 - Coordinating with mental health services, hospitals and other community partners.
 - You can receive more detailed information on KCBS radio (AM 740), Health Information Line: 1-888-959-9911, www.ccchealth.org, or NOAA weather radio.
- Gerald spoke about emergency services to residential care facilities. He is piloting a program in 15 care homes, providing training and evacuation drills. He had a video to assist care home staff during their initial orientation to their job, which is free (he handed them out). He will eventually expand his project to all 178 residential care homes in the

County. He recommends that homes plan for 72 hours of supplies following a major earthquake.

- Kim and Heidi discussed their situations:
 - They both live in their own apartments and are supported by Supported Living Services, Independent Living Services, and the ALIVE day program.
 - They require medium-high levels of assistance, especially in the morning and evenings (personal care).
 - Both require electrical power for wheelchairs and lift systems in their home.
 - Both have emergency plans to stay with family temporarily, if their apartments are not habitable.
 - **They have concerns for those that don't speak, but live independently.**
 - Krista Loomis commented that they have purchased emergency kits for their clientele, but it is costly to keep them up to date. Also, fresh meds are hard to keep up with, due to Medi-Cal rules.
 - Donna Feingold mentioned that she has obtained grants to update emergency kits and in a disaster, a doctor will dispense emergency meds.
 - Will Sanford wanted to know where are the dispensing locations? It was explained that they are advertised on KCBS radio, and www.ccchealth.org.
 - Heidi and Kim volunteered to participate in the next disaster drill to throw in a curve ball!

Announcements:

- Don't forget to print your name on the sign-in sheet for each meeting.
- CARE Parent Network's annual fundraiser will be held at Gianni's Italian Bistro at 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon on March 7th, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You must make reservations at www.opentable.com or by calling 925-820-6969. Your servers will be CARE's staff members and all tips go to benefit the organization. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Meetings:

March 23, 2016

April 27, 2016

May 25, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

**Our next meeting is March 23, 2016 at
RCEB-Concord, Conference Room, 3rd Floor
2151 Salvio Street,
Concord, CA**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrery

Contra Costa ARC