

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
1/25/17**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Suzanne Anthony-Chairperson; Caroline Ortiz, Vice-Chair, Nina Vincent, Pam Perls, Karen Lingenfelter-Carmen, Craig Rose, Douglas Quinn, Vi Ibarra, Jim Burton, Krista Loomis, Marcelle Indelicato, Heather Hackett, Maria Marquez, Dan Denis, David Monahan, Will Sanford, Nickole Bouslog, and Ken Talken.

Josh Sullivan, Staff.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Bill Trinh, Paula Senigar, Carl Tolentino, and Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez.

Guests: Heidi Spaulding, CAC/ALIVE; Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Angel Marshall, SCDD-CA; Ronke Sodipo, Regional Center of the East Bay; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Jeanine Bishop, West Contra Costa Unified School District; Jason Kwah, Anka Behavioral Health; Marnie Raymond, Support Group; Aimee Vitug-Hom, Contra Costa ARC; Mark Peters, Parent; Krista Peterson, CCS; Danon Jenkins, Futures-Explored; Juan C., ALIVE; Stephanie Featherstone, Anka Behavioral Health; Beth DeWitt, Regional Center of the East Bay; Ken Housfeld; Valisha Fullard-Harns, California Autism Foundation; Susan Peters, Parent; Marianne Iversen, Down Syndrome Connection of Bay Area; Jackie Johnston, CCS; Assemblymember Jim Frazier, District 11; and Erica Rodriguez, of Assemblymember Jim Frazier's office.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Suzanne Anthony, Chairperson, and everyone was welcomed. Introductions were made.

- The November 16, 2016 meeting minutes were approved (M/Nickole Bouslog/Maria Marquez)
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

RCEB Update by Jim Burton, Executive Director

- Jim announced that today is his last meeting on the DD Council Board, as he is retiring. He wanted to thank everyone for the kindness, friendship and partnership he experienced on this Board.
- The RCEB Board is recruiting now in a planned and deliberate way, with a new hire target date of July 1, 2017.
- Santi Rogers, Jim's best friend, who has a long history in our service system, will be the Interim Executive Director. Jim will be working 1 week per month until June 30th to insure a positive transition.
- Jim will be sorely missed by this community!

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office:

- Angel Marshall reported that they are beginning a grant process to award \$260,000 this year.
- The Request for Proposals will be out around the 1st of April.
- The SCDD Bay Area met all 15 of their performance goals for the first time this year.
- Their next meeting is Feb 22nd at the San Mateo office of Golden Gate Regional Center. from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- The National Core Indicators has been tracking adult family surveys of 250 people moving out of the State Developmental Centers and they can see very positive changes over 2 years.

Request from RCEB Board:

- The Executive Committee of the Board of Regional Center of the East Bay asked that the DD Council give them a list of characteristics to be considered when hiring for the new Executive Director.
- Jim Burton left the meeting and a brainstorming session occurred.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee: The Executive committee has not met this month. No report today.
- Strategic Planning Committee: This committee recommended that our DD Council be involved in an Employment Task Force along with the Alameda County DD Council. There will be monthly meetings with the next one being January 27, 2017, from 10 a.m. – Noon, in the San Leandro Public Health office @ 1100 San Leandro Blvd, in the Oak Room. A motion to be represented on this task force was passed unanimously (M/Ken Talken; S/ Nickole Bouslog).
- Legislative Committee: Nickole and Josh reported that the Town Hall on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 @ 1515 Clay Street in Oakland is planned for 10:00 a.m. Remember to come early, as there is a security check that sometimes gets backed up.
- Nominating Committee: No report today.
- Transition Committee: Ken reported that the Transition Conference was very successful with over 200 attendees. There were three workshop tracks: Employment, Education, and Recreation. The Transition Task Force members were recognized and thanked for their hard work. Unfortunately the Keynote speaker backed out at the last minute....and Caroline and Suzanne stepped in----they were thanked, as well! The Task Force is considering how often to hold this event in the future.

Ken also announced that the West County Special Education Resource and Transition Fair is being planned for April 22, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., where we typically have over 50 vendors attending. Save the date!

- Health & Emergency Services Engagement Committee (HESEC): Nickole reported that at this committee meeting she discussed the POD training from last June. She also told them about a friend of hers that has a disability and is also in the LGBTQ community. She offered to share a video and to arrange for training. The group opted to see the video. They also committed to discuss improvements to the services for people with I/DD in the medical and psychiatry departments in the coming year.

Marcelle announced that Heather Hackett of Futures Explored, and Aimee Vitug-Hom and Carol Anne McCrary of Contra Costa ARC have volunteered to serve as the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services Access and Functional Needs (AFN) and Disabilities Coordinators. In an emergency, they will respond at the Emergency Operations Center in Martinez to assist in getting needed resources to people with disabilities in the impacted area.

They will also join Heidi Spaulding on the Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST) steering committee to assist in planning for emergency responses.

Marcelle distributed a flyer on a search and rescue drill on Saturday, March 11th from approximately 7 am – 2:00 p.m. at the Military Ocean Terminal in Concord. If you would like to volunteer as a 'victim', contact: training@contracostasar.org

- **A short break for networking was taken.**

Presentation: Legislative Highlights & Current Community Priorities

Speakers: Jim Frazier, Assemblymember, District 11

Will Sanford, Executive Director of Futures Explored

Assemblymember Frazier highlighted recent legislative activities including:

- The State has increased the rainy day fund, school funding, and overtime payments to IHSS workers.
- The wage-pass through was a huge achievement, given that California is the only State in the nation with an entitlement for people with I/DD.
- AB 2371 put Special Olympics on the tax forms for directed donations.
- His office uses interns with I/DD in his office and he would like see this grow in the offices of his colleagues.
- He is the Transportation Committee Chair and he is interested in assuring transportation for every ability.
 - AB1 needs to be supported to bring \$6 Billion for transportation projects to the State. Please tell your legislator how important it is to you.
- Assemblymember Frazier appreciates our community in educating him on the current issues and stated that his door is always open to us.
- When asked about the new players in Washington, Assemblymember Frazier stated that he wanted to see the results of the first 100 days, before commenting.

Will Sanford discussed the Governor's proposed budget that came out on January 10th. He distributed copies of his PowerPoint presentation with highlights:

- The current revenue is lagging.
- It assumes that the Affordable Care Act will remain intact.
- Has a 5% Rainy Day reserve, which is \$7.9 Billion.
- It includes unfunded liabilities of State Employees.
- The average cost per person in the State Developmental Centers (760 residents) is \$625,583. This includes increases to SDC employee compensation and increases in retirement costs.
- There is an expected caseload increase in the community of 13,836 people (total in community=317,283) and assumes the wage-pass through funds remain-----**however, there is no new funding for community services.**
- Average cost for community services is \$19,986.

(See handouts for full details)

The speakers were thanked for their presentations.

Announcements:

- Marcelle passed out the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services' latest Training and Workshop Opportunities.
- Pam Perls encouraged everyone to attend a Town Hall on Health Care on January 28th hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and Supervisor Karen Mitchoff.

- Heather announced that CAL DSA will be having their annual conference in Walnut Creek this September and would like to have artists and people with micro—enterprises to show off their accomplishments. A survey about it will be sent out soon.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 22, 2017

April 26, 2017

May 24, 2017

June 2017: to be announced (Annual Dinner)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

**Our next meeting is February 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at
RCEB-Concord's NEW LOCATION:
1320 Willow Pass Road, Suite 300
Concord, CA 94520**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary

Contra Costa ARC