

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**2/22/17**

**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, David Monahan, Will Sanford, Nickole Bouslog, Ken Talken, Paula Senigar, Bill Trinh, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, and Kim Williams

Josh Sullivan, Staff.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Carl Tolentino and Dan Dennis.

**Guests:** Sheraden Nicholau, Cal SCDD; Heidi Spaulding, CAC/ALIVE; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Danielle Bell, SRV Five; Ryan Thomas Brown, Office of Congressman Desaulnier; Montana Byers, Office of Congressman DeSaulnier; Donna Feingold; ALC; Jackie Johnston, CCS; Marnie Raymond, Support Group; Leslie Werosh, Ability Now; Beth DeWitt, Regional Center of the East Bay; and Ronke Sodipo, Regional Center of the East Bay.

**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.

- Heather Hackett made the correction to the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes that no short break was taken at the January meeting.
- The amended January 25, 2017 meeting minutes were approved (M/Nickole Bouslog/Kim Williams)
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

**RCEB Update by Ronke Sodipo, Director, Consumer Services**

- Ronke recognized the success of the Town Hall Meeting on February 10th, noting the collaboration of all the agencies involved in putting it together.
- Santi Rogers, the Interim Executive Director is not present because he was required to be in Sacramento.
- The Executive Director hiring committee extended the deadline for applications to February 28th, 2017.
- RCEB is in the middle of a Medicaid Waiver audit. DDS and the Dept of Healthcare were reviewing files at RCEB last week and will be visiting program this week.
- Beth DeWitt announced that RCEB is bringing a specialist on CMS rules, and will be holding a workshop on February 28, 2017 from 1:30PM-4:30PM at RCEB. RSVP is required and recommended that people sign up soon because it is filling up quickly.

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office:**

- Sheraden Nicholau announced the next Regional Advisory meeting is today, February 22, 2017 at Golden Gate Regional Center San Mateo office from 7:00PM-9:00PM and that they have a call in number posted on their website. The next meeting will be held on 3/21 in Sacramento and a call in number will be provided later.
- Will be holding statewide self advocacy networks meeting on 3/8/17-3/9/17 and the call in phone number is on their website.
- Involved with three bills; supporting AB15, the Dential Reimbursement Bill, sponsoring AB1170, the Competative Integrated Employment Ombudsman bill, sponsoring SB433, the

Development Services Data Exchange bill authorizing the franchise tax board to monitor the success of CIE.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Executive Committee:** Suzanne reported that the committee compiled all the suggestions on search characteristic criteria for the next RCEB Executive Director which were gathered at the January 25, 2017 DD Council meeting and provided them to the RCEB Board of Directors.
- **Strategic Planning Committee:** Suzanne commented that the committee is happy with their involvement with FAST, the Town Hall Meeting, and the Transition Conference. And will continue engagement with future projects.
- **Legislative Committee:** Nickole reported that the Town Hall Meeting went off without any problems.
- Now that the Town Hall has concluded, the committee will be focusing on legislation and taking positions in the coming month. She asked that if anyone was interested in specific bills or legislation to present it to the committee.
- The next meeting is Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 10:00AM and will be held at 500 Broadway in Oakland.
- Josh asked board members Maria Marquez and Douglas Quinn who were part of panel at the Town Hall Meeting to share their thoughts.
- Maria shared that it was her first experience doing a Town Hall Meeting, but afterwards it helped her to feel comfortable approaching representative and discussing issues which are important to her.
- Douglas shared that it was a positive experience and that he seriously shared with the representatives that there are many many individuals who rely on services.
- Will Sanford clarified that the East Bay Legislative Coalition meeting had been switched from 3/1/17 to 3/8/17 due to a scheduling conflict.
- Will added that the EBLC is watching AB1607, which is sponsored by Jim Frazier which allows AB577 to be operationalized by removing the pilot portions of that bill.
- **Nominating Committee:** No report today.
- **Transition Committee:** Next meeting will be on 3/16/17 at 3:15 in the RCEB Concord Office.
- We will be reviewing the surveys from the Transition Conference.
- 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.
- **Health & Emergency Services Engagement Committee (HESEC):** Nickole reported that the council contributed to the Contra Costa Health Equity Team meeting with their strategic planning.
- Josh further commented that they were able to help with a team of grad students from UC Berkeley School of Public Health in recognizing inherent bias, by including disability related factors, specifically focusing on the emergency room.
- Josh shared about the FAST (Function Assessment Service Team) deployment. Contra Costa FAST will be hosting a two day training on 2/28/17-3/1/17. An informational flier was included with the packet with the DD Council meeting agenda packet.
- There was initial confusion regarding the location of the training, but Marcella later confirmed that the location address on the flier was correct.
- Ken Talken asked about the FAST application deadline being 2/20/17. Marcella clarified that the the application deadline was soft and they would still be accepted.
- **Subcommittee on Employment** - David reported that the East Bay Employment Task Force met on 1/27/17 with about 40 people present. The main speaker was Jan Garrett from the ADA Pacific Center in Oakland who gave a very thorough presentation on the ADA and Employment Rights. Will Sanford spoke on Competitive Integrated Employment. Dana Mitchell gave a report on DOR services.
- Elvia reported that the the next Employment Task Force meeting would be held on 2/23/17

at RCEB in Concord from 10:00AM-12:00M.

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

**Presnetation: Fed & State 101 - A look at the relationship California has with the Federal Government and an overview of block funding.**

**Speaker: Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD Bay Area Office.**

Sheraden first provided the following information regarding the State Council on Developmental Disabilities:

- Prior to 2015, there were two halves, the State Council and the Area Boards.
- In early 2015, California came in line with the Federal Government and switch to only a State Council. Although this made changes some functions in how work was done, the mission, values, and vision is the same: to ensure that the rights of all California with intellectual and developmental disabilities are protected, and that there are same opportunities and equity for all Californians. This is done through:
  - Capacity building; providers, regional centers, other agencies.
  - Self Advocacy and family advocate network.
  - System Change; through policy change and legislation
- The State Council falls under the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- They Cover three different entities for states and U.S. Territories:
- In California:
  - Disabilities Rights California, the legal end.
  - The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities
  - The University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
    - Academic and medical research.

Sheraden next spoke on the Federal spending relationship with California

- Federal spending in California falls under three major areas:
  - Direct payments to individuals, universities, private entities.
  - Payments to actual state governments.
  - Payments to local governments - cities, counties, and regional governments.
- Total annual Federal expenditures in California are around \$368 billion
- Most Federal expenditures to California support Medical.
- Medicaid services in general and specific to California.
  - The nation's primary health program.
    - For people with developmental disabilities and low income.
    - Provides over 75% of the funding for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  - It's a jointly funded program between the Federal government and the state.
    - If a state increase its funding, the Federal match can increase as well.

Sheraden last commented on block grants and per-capita caps.

- Essentially, a block grant would effectively end a flexible state and federal relationship.
  - Currently it fluctuates based on need.
- States would be responsible to cover the costs beyond a set Federal allotment.
- No changes in funding with increased healthcare costs or other emergencies.
- This would in most cases be less than what California currently receives.
- Per-capita caps are another alternative structure.
  - The Federal government would set a limit on how much to reimburse states per enrollee.
  - The payments would change to reflect enrollment difference
  - It would not make changes based on age, special needs, increases to health care costs, medications costs, etc.

- What could be at stake with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
  - California would receive less Federal support to administer Medicaid
  - Losing critical services
  - A swing back to institutional care
  - A potential cost shift to individuals and families
- Sheraden suggested that people widely share this knowledge and to attend budget and subcommittee meetings.

(See handouts for further details)

Sheraden was thanked for her presentation.

**Announcements:**

- Ryan Thomas Brown announced that Congressman Desaulnier will be holding a town hall meeting on 2/23 from 6:30-8:00 in Diablo Valley College Cafeteria located at 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, and to please notify ahead of time if you have ADA needs.
- Karen Ligenfelter-Carmen announced that TOPS and Adaptive Learning Center will be hosting a joint Autism Awareness Walk on April 22, 2017 from 9:30AM-12:00PM. It will start at Loma Vista Adult Center, 1266 San Carlos Ave, Concord CA.
- Elvia announced the Congreso Familiar on April 29, 2017, from 8:00AM-3:30PM, taking place at O'Hara Park Middle School, 1100 O'Hara Ave, Oakley, CA. More information will be coming.
- Nickole Bouslog announced a presentation on Speaking with Legislators from an advocacy perspective and parent perspective. It will be held on Monday afternoon.
- Krista Loomis announced another Town Hall with Mark Desualier on 2/22/17 from 6:30PM-8:00PM at 935 Detroit Ave in Concord, CA
- Marcella Indelicato announced that the address on the FAST training flier was correct.
- Caronline Ortiz announced that the Care Parent Network will have their 3rd Annual Tips for Change Comic Relief Dinner on March 6th at Johnny's in San Ramon from 5:00PM-9:00PM. Please see their Facebook page. All the tips they receive that night go to Care Parent Network.
- Suzanne Anthony happily announced that the board's Maria Marquez was appointed by the governor to State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- Josh Sullivan asked that if people have stories regarding reporting protections for employees which are not being afforded to reporting from consumers, and these would be collected anecdotally.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

April 26, 2017

May 24, 2017

June 2017: to be announced (Annual Dinner)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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

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