

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
5/24/17**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Suzanne Anthony, Chairperson; Caroline Ortiz, Vice-Chair; Pam Perls, Craig Rose, Marcelle Indelicato, Heather Hackett, Bill Trinh, Peggy Black, Ken Talken, Karen Lingenfelter-Carmen, Vi Ibarra, Will Sanford, Dan Denis, and Krista Loomis.

Josh Sullivan, Staff.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Paula Senigar, Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Nickole Bouslog, David Monahan, Maria Marquez, Douglas Quinn, Nina Vincent, and Carl Tolentino.

**Guests:** Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Ronke Sodipo, Regional Center of the East Bay; Jackie Johnston, CCS; Donna Feingold, Adaptive Learning Center; Murri Banis, Commercial Support Services-Richmond; Beth DeWitt, Regional Center of the East Bay; Jeanine Bishop, West Contra Costa Unified School District; Rosa Valledor, CARE Parent Network; Evan DuBois, Contra Costa ARC; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Miriam Gomez, La Familia Counseling; Heidi Spaulding, CAC/ALIVE; Ria Mercado, Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care.

**Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Suzanne Anthony, Chairperson, and everyone was welcomed. Introductions were made.

- The April 26, 2017 meeting minutes were approved (M/Craig Rose; S/Bill Trinh)
- There were no additions to today's agenda.

**RCEB Update by Ronke Sodipo:**

Ronke updated us on RCEB's search efforts for a new Executive Director. She mentioned that the screenings are complete and the process is moving along. She expects the new Executive Director to be in place by August 1, 2017.

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

No Report.

**Committee Reports:**

- Executive Committee: No report.
- Strategic Planning Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: Josh reported that the East Bay Legislative Committee made 17 legislative office visits yesterday. Their message was to keep the total budget and to keep the savings from the Developmental Centers' closures in the DD System.

Further, the committee is supporting AB279 to streamline the process of requesting rate adjustments when local minimum wages are increased.

This committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am at 1000 Broadway in Oakland----everyone is welcome to attend.

Paratransit Coordinating Council: Bill reported that they anticipate a \$30 million increase in Measure J funding to invest in paratransit services. In addition, Karen and Will spoke at the meeting regarding Hire Able. After the meeting they were approached by someone from the City of San Pablo, who is interested in internships. This would be a collaboration between Contra Costa ARC (CSS), Futures Explored and EBI.

Bill mentioned that the next PCC meeting will be held on July 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the CCTA office in Pleasant Hill. Everyone is welcome.

Karen mentioned that Adult Education in Concord (Loma Vista) has developed a program for Data Entry Clerks and Personal Care Attendants, while Adult Education in Castro Valley has developed a program for Dietary Education.

- Nominating Committee: Craig reported that he is presenting a nominee to replace Jim Burton's seat as "Subject Matter Expert": Will Sanford. Will was appointed to that position (M/Craig Rose; S/ Karen Lingenfelter-Carmen) unanimously.

Craig also presented 3 additional nominees to the Board: Donna Feingold (returning), Heidi Spaulding (returning) and Ria Mercado, RN, MSN and residential care provider in Antioch. All 3 were appointed (M/Craig Rose; S/Caroline Ortiz) unanimously. These folks will be on the slate at the June Annual Meeting/Dinner.

Officers and Committee chairs will be selected in the September meeting.

Suzanne requested that all Board members stay after this meeting today for a closed-door personnel meeting.

- Transition Committee: The Transition Task Force meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and the next meeting is in August. They will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of this building. They continue their work on the Speaker Series for next year.

Will mentioned that there is current Trailer Bill language in the State Budget proposal to expand the paid internship program to 18-22 year olds. If passed, it would be effective July 1, 2017.

Health & Emergency Services Engagement Committee (HESEC): Josh mentioned that this group reviewed a study. In the meantime, Heidi, Heather and Josh did a presentation to 40 Public Health nurses on best practices for engaging people with I/DD in health care. On presenter, Maria, did not make the presentation due to a LINK bus breaking down. The nurses received continuing education credit and have invited the group back!

Peggy commented about the need for a Contra Costa version of the Schreiber Center for mental health services. Josh replied that there is a push to have a clinic in Contra Costa County.

Peggy also recommended that this Board develop a sub-committee (she would like to be the Chair) for not-served and under-served populations. She related her personal story of living with someone with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). While her daughter does not qualify for Regional Center services, she is unable to recognize danger and is unable to live on her own. Peggy stated that the prison system is the largest service provider of people with FASD. Peggy sees value in this type of sub-committee.

- Subcommittee on Employment: No report
- **A short break for networking was taken.**

**Presentation: Contra Costa ESD & Yellow Command**

Speaker: Zach Adinoff, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Office of the Sheriff, Contra Costa County.

Zach explained that Emergency Services Coordination and Planning happens at the City, County, State and Federal (FEMA) levels. Zach is a Coordinator for Central County, Marcelle is for East County and currently there is no coordinator for West County.

On October 26, 2017, there will be a table-top exercise (Yellow Command), with a simulated large fire requiring Mass Care and Shelter for 200-400 people, including an assisted living facility and others with Access and Functional Needs and Disabilities.

The Emergency Operations Center in Martinez will be the host of this exercise, along with about 38 planning partners. There will be another exercise at the end of the year. The State sets the topics of these planning exercises and "Mass Care and Shelter" is this year's emphasis.

Zach asked the group to help him brainstorm the needs of our community that might come up at a shelter in an emergency event. Board and audience members responded:

- Spare wheelchairs, walkers and canes (in case they left home without equipment);
- Non-verbal communication materials (PECS, Alphabet Boards, digital tablets);
- Headphones to block out noise sensitivity;
- Power to re-charge power wheelchairs and communication devices;
- Accessible bathrooms and showers;
- Blenders to puree food;
- G-tube nutrition and needed attachments;
- Bolsters, pillows, etc. for postural support;
- Accommodations for service pets and other pets;
- Need for caregivers to stay with the person served and subs;
- Helmets to protect people with active seizures;
- Specialized eating utensils.

Zach was thanked for his efforts to include our community in his planning process.

**Announcements:**

- Donna announced that the Adaptive Learning Center is now a Supported Employment provider....spread the word!
- Caroline announced that today is Suzanne's last official meeting as President of the Contra Costa DD Council. She was thanked with much appreciation for her service and accomplishments.
- Marcelle announced that the California Department of Social Services is hosting training on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Mather Air Force Base----Marcelle is attending and is looking for carpoolers to join her.
- The California Children's Services is hosting a meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the theme of Helping Those Who Help Others.
- Registration for the Annual Dinner is open until this Friday----be sure to get your reservation in!

**Upcoming Meetings:**

June 6, 2017: (Annual Dinner @ Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill)

September 27, 2017  
October 25, 2017  
November 29, 2017

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

**Our next meeting is September 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at  
RCEB-Concord:  
1320 Willow Pass Road, Suite 300  
Concord, CA 94520**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

*Carol Anne McCrary*  
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