

Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 25, 2018

Board and Liaison Members Present: Caroline Ortiz, Chair; Heidi Spaulding, Vice-Chair; Bill Trinh; David Monahan; Donna Feingold; Douglas Quinn; Karen Lingenfelter; Marcelle Indelicato; Nickole Bouslog; Suzanne Anthony; Ria Mercado; Rosa Valledor; Stephen Dale, Pam Perls.

Staff: Vi Ibarra.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Will Sanford; Krista Loomis; Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez; Dan Denis; Paula Senigar; Maria Marquez; Ken Talken; Nina Vincent; Sheraden Nicholau.

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Patricia Albeno, CARE Parent Network; Craig Rose, CIWP; Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director, RCEB; Miriam Gomez, La Familia/RCEB; Beth DeWitt, Regional Center of the East Bay; Krista Peterson, PH-CCS; Marianne Iverson, Down Syndrome Connection; Alejandra Sanchez, Assembly Member Tim Grayson's office; Bruce Baginski, ALIVE; Jason Parks, Futures Explored; Nickole Bouslog, Futures Explored; Audrua Sysum, Futures Explored; Aimee Vitug-Hom, Contra Costa ARC; Ron Usac, SDCC.

Welcome and Introductions:

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

- o The meeting minutes of March 28, 2018 were approved as submitted (M/Marcelle Indelicato; S/Stephen Dale).
- o There were no additions to the agenda.

UPDATES

RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director:

- Lisa explained that the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) had a security breach in Sacramento that involved stolen computers and a fire. 570,000 consumers were notified, as the information on the computers had confidential personal health information. They also included information on employees of Regional Centers and vendors.
- We are waiting for the Governor's May revision to his budget proposal before we respond.
- The Rate Study surveys are expected to come out next month. While it is not required, they need a large sample to be returned to benefit us in recommendations for higher rates----so please fill it out.
- The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) transition grant awards have not been announced.
- Donna Feingold added that CDSA is supporting legislation for a 4% rate increase for vendors until the rate study is completed. Since there is a \$6 Billion budget surplus, we have to ask.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Bay Area Office:

Ron Usac stated that the SCDD is meeting tonight in San Francisco (1663 Mission Street, 7th Floor), 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. SCDD will be reviewing about 40 bills.

SCDD is implementing "National Core Indicators" surveys----400 for each of 3 Regional Centers. About 1/3 are completed for RCEB.

Ron also reported that there are about 116 people left residing at Sonoma Developmental Center.

Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:

Vi reported that to get the latest meeting schedule for Self-Determination, please go to RCEB.org. The next meeting is tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Las Trampas, Inc., in Lafayette.

Vi announced that the joint Annual Awards Banquet is planned for June 12th at the Double Tree in Pleasanton. That location was selected to support the Double Tree in hosting a Project Search employment group. Award nomination forms were distributed with a due date of May 11th.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Caroline will be terming out as a Board member in June. She reported that the Bridge to Success positions are still open in the County. If interested, please contact Caroline directly.

The Executive Committee is planning on a fall presentation on program development in our community.

Nominating Committee: While there are 7 openings coming up, 16 names have been proposed. They want to make sure that underrepresented groups are considered. To be considered you must have attended 3 consecutive meetings.

Transition Committee: no report---Vi stated that the 3rd presentation in the Speaker Series had 25 attendees. The next speaker is planned in May to cover HCBS and Self-Determination.

Community Liaison Reports

Health and Emergency Services Engagement Committee: Nickole reported that they had a presentation on bullying in the workplace and in hospitals. She stated that some people are afraid to speak up due to retaliation or being fired.

She also spoke about an extension for the CALWORKS and food programs. They are trying to provide more oversight to get rid of people that abuse these programs.

Subcommittee on Employment: Donna Feingold will be attending these meetings with Karen Lingenfelter as a back-up. This Friday at 10 am at RCEB-Concord, there will be a presentation by the Workforce Employment Board. In addition, they are planning more training for Case Managers.

East Bay Legislative Coalition: No report----Nickole had transportation issues.

CCTA Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC): No report---next meeting is in May.

Emergency Services Engagement: Marcelle reported on several emergency planning activities happening in and around our community:

- Elaine Welch of Mobility Matters is chairing a group regarding transportation options during an emergency;
- The Contra Costa Office of Education is sponsoring an active threat/active shooter training;
- The Contra Costa Crisis Center has a Resource Guide for emergency services;
- Aimee Vitug-Hom (Contra Costa ARC), Carol McCrary (Contra Costa ARC), Heather Hackett (Futures Explored), and Heidi Spaulding (Futures Explored) are training Search and Rescue/Law enforcement personnel on May 16th on considerations when evacuating

- people with Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs. This is the pre-cursor to a simulated exercise to evacuate people with disabilities and seniors from homes in Victory Village in Concord, following an earthquake that will be held on Saturday, August 11th.
- The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved for our community.
 - On August 25th, the LDS Church is planning a Disaster Fair in East County.
 - Marcelle spoke yesterday to Long-term Care personnel.
 - Tomorrow is a tabletop exercise at the Office of Emergency Services (OES) in Martinez with a flood scenario.
 - This week there was a large construction fire in downtown Concord and the area was evacuated and several streets are closed----they don't expect the fire to be completely out for a few more days. Cause unknown. One gentleman said that he wasn't allowed back home to get his wheelchair. Marcelle checked with the Fire Dept. and they told her he just had to go to the Incident Commander and explain and they would have sent a firefighter in to get it for him, as his building was not burning.
 - Marcelle stated that if you want to sign up to receive emergency alerts by text or email, call 925-313-9622 (Community Warning System).

There was a short break for coffee and conversation

2017-A Year in review: Lessons Learned

Speaker: L. Vance Taylor, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Vance introduced himself as the Chief of the Office of Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (D/AFN). He stated that there were a lot of statistics that came out of the Katrina disaster. One disturbing statistic was that 70% of people with D/AFN were disproportionately impacted.

Thus, in 2008 the Governor recognized the need to include D/AFN integrated into emergency planning. That is, we need written emergency plans that are inclusive with collaborations/partnerships to meet the needs of people with disabilities in evacuations, sheltering, and returning home.

Vance explained that he was sworn into his new job on a Monday and the next day the Lake County fires happened. He responded to a shelter in Lake County and found pandemonium:

- There was no accessible parking, so he drove up onto the sidewalk.
- The curb cuts were blocked by donations.
- No accessible restrooms.
- No clear aisles between sleeping cots.
- There were 5 accessible showers in the entire State and they were at a concert in Southern California.
 - It took 4 days to get the showers to Lake County.
 - He stayed and watched his non-disabled peers getting daily showers, as the ash in the air was sticking to everyone----he did not get a shower for 4 days.
 - The shelter was not integrated and these people were homeless for the first time, due no fault of their own.
- Vance quickly became aware that we have to change the way we go about integrating people with D/AFN in emergency shelters.

Last year (2017) had the worst disasters in the California's history:

- 45 atmospheric rivers-----197% of our average rainfall;
- The emergency spillway failed at the Oroville Dam, evacuating 180,000 people to 42 shelters and no power;

- North Bay Fires-----68 emergency shelters set up, but a decision was made not to send out the emergency alert system---and EMS and Law enforcement communicate differently;
- Southern California fires raged;
- Mudslides occurred.

Vance stated that disasters will continue and he has 2 recommendations:

1. Each individual should plan like no one is coming for you: Create a go-bag and have an evacuation plan;
2. The government's plan is a back-up plan and a partnership.

We have to think beyond ourselves and look at the big picture: **If we do it together, we can elevate to a higher level. Vance will support our efforts and is available to assist us.**

In response to audience questions:

- At www.caloes.gov, you can find a resource map and find resources throughout the State.
 - If you know of a resource, you can add it to the map.
- Concern was raised about undocumented people not trusting shelters. Vance reassured us that there would never be ICE raids at emergency shelters. At the same time, people might be comfortable at a church-sponsored shelter.

Vance was thanked for his enlightening and insightful presentation!

Announcements:

- The Community Action Committee (CAC) has a new website: FuturesCAC.org. You can sign up for their newsletter on this website.
- The TOPS Creativity Expo will be held Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Loma Vista Adult Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

2018 Upcoming Meetings:

May 23, 2018

June 12, 2018-Awards Banquet

September 26, 2018

October 24, 2018

November 28, 2018

**Annual Banquet: June 12, 2018 at the Double Tree in Pleasanton
7050 Johnson Drive**

**Our next meeting is September 26, 2018
10:00 a. m.**

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Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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