

Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 23, 2019

Board and Liaison Members Present: Heidi Spaulding, Vice Chair; Audra Sysum; Bill Trinh; Craig Rose; David Monahan; Donna Feingold; Elvia Osorio Rodriguez; Leslie Werosh Visbal; Marcelle Indelicato; Nickole Bouslog; Pam Perls; Rosa Valledor; Suzanne Anthony; Will Sanford; Caroline Ortiz.

Staff: Vi Ibarra.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Paula Senigar; Marianne Iversen; Ria Mercado; Stephen Dale; Sheraden Nicholau.

Guests: Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Patricia Albeno, Care Parent Network; Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director, RCEB; Jason Parks, Futures Explored; Murri Banis, Contra Costa ARC; Shital Agrawalla, Care Parent Network; Cherese LeBlanc, Care Parent Network; Tracy Butler, Contra Costa ARC; Shani Stewart, Manos Home Care; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Megan Crain, Congressman Desaulnier's Office; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Rebecca Corbett, ALIVE; Angel Marshall, SCDD; Steven Scheer, Parent; Hannah Michaelson; Alison McKee, CCC Library; Krista Peterson, CCHS.

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Spaulding, Vice Chair, at 10:06 a.m. and everyone was welcomed. Introductions were made.

- The meeting minutes of November 2018 were approved (M/Craig Rose; S/David Monahan).
- There were no additions to the agenda.

Presentation: 2019 Governor's Proposed Budget: Overview and Highlights of Impact for I/DD Community

Speakers: Assembly Member Tim Grayson, District 14 and Will Sanford, Executive Director, Futures Explored.

Assembly Member Grayson began by letting us know that he has a sister with I/DD and will be working alongside Assembly Member Frazier to champion our issues. He described the State Budget Protocol as:

- Governor puts out a draft budget;
- It is revised in May, after public input and legislative discussions (the fight);
- It is finalized in June.

He indicated that the Governor's proposal currently includes:

- DDS budget of \$7.8 Billion to serve 350,000 people;
- Includes a reduction in caseload size for Regional Center Case Managers;
- Includes an expansion of Crisis Homes;
- Increases monitoring of Crisis and Behavioral Homes;
- A separate line item (again) for Best Buddies;
- Increase in funding for Early Intervention services;
- Expands Special Education funding;
- Increases IHSS funding by 15.2%.

Assembly Member Grayson mentioned that he and Assembly Member Frazier would like to hear about our needs and encouraged us to reach out to him.

Donna explained the current staffing crisis, due to the increase in minimum wage, high cost of living in the Bay Area and compression issues. She stated our ask is for a down payment on the results of the Rate Study of an 8% rate increase. She also stated that these are not minimum wage jobs!

Lisa commented on the very high caseloads at Regional Center and that the 12-month "bridge funding" of 2.07% is inadequate.

Nickole explained that she lives on her own and her staff left her employ to make more money at a gas station. She would like to see these positions be a career.

Steve stated that the wait lists for affordable housing are years long, and more is needed.

Will Sanford provided a handout outlining:

What hasn't changed:

- Funding
- Uniform Holiday Schedule (4 forced closure days)
- No funding for local minimum wage increases
- Continued ban on Social Recreations and Camp Services.

Future Challenges:

- Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification
- Implementation of Self-Determination Programs
- Impact of CMS Final Rule and HCBS
- Release of the Rate Study on March 1st.

Recommendations for Budget Actions:

1. 8% across the board rate increase
2. Increased flexibility, funding and access to affordable housing
3. The call for creating incentives to increase transportation options and access.

There was a short break for coffee and conversation

UPDATES

RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director:

Lisa reported:

- Sonoma Developmental Center closed on December 17, 2018!
- Self Determination "Train the Trainers" for Orientation will start the end of Feb.
- Applicants for the DDS Disparity Funding will be notified this week.
- 50 HCBS proposals were submitted in our area.

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

Angel reported:

- They are working on a 2-year study about people that have left Sonoma Developmental Center;
- Surveys for children are out in English and are also online;
- The Advisory Committee of the Bay Area is meeting Feb 27th at the San Mateo Office of Education in Redwood City;
- Angel will be involved with an upcoming all staff meeting soon.

Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:

- The Going to College with a Disability conference alternates between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The event in 2018 called "Let's Keep Learning" was in Contra Costa. The 2019 event will be in Alameda.

- CAL-Able was launched and people may enroll in this savings plan;
- We will be hosting the Annual Awards Banquet in early June. Vi asked for volunteers to help plan the event.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: No report

Nominating Committee: There are 3 seats available---contact Paula or Vi if you are interested in serving on this Board.

Transition Committee: Donna reported that they are hosting an event at the Antioch Mall for parents and students, ages 14 – 22 years, titled, "Employment Is an Option!". Registration is closing soon.

Community Liaison Reports

Health Equity Team: No report

Employment Task Force: No report

East Bay Legislative Coalition: Next Friday is the Legislative Breakfast: We are asking for an 8% rate increase, improved transportation and affordable housing. March 6th is the Assembly Budget hearing---Assembly Member Frazier is on this committee.

CCTA Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC): No report

Emergency Services Engagement: Marcelle reported:

- There will be a tabletop emergency exercise with a flood scenario on Feb. 14th and San Francisco is doing a tabletop exercise with MTC (transportation). Statewide, there will be a Flood scenario exercise.
- Walnut Creek is hosting an emergency preparation fair this coming Sunday.
- The Red Cross is looking for volunteers for their Sound the Alarm program, installing free smoke detectors---their goal is to install 200 this year.
- CAER is offering \$2500 grants for emergency preparedness----due Feb. 15th.
- Marcelle would like to carpool to the Legislative Breakfast.

Announcements:

- Rosa announced that Jan 24th there will be IPP trainings in English and Spanish;
 - She is touring day programs in Spanish on Feb. 11th;
 - She is looking for volunteers to help plan the Star Autism Conference for next year-----planning meetings start in April;
 - Everyone is welcome to attend Deborah Penry's retirement gathering on Feb. 12th at noon at Care Parent Network.
- Will announced a Workforce collaboration for employers: "The Hidden Workforce" on Feb. 19th at Loma Vista.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

<p>Next Meeting: February 27, 2019 RCEB-Concord 1320 Willow Pass Road, #300 10:00 am - Noon</p>
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Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary
Contra Costa ARC