

Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (ZOOM)
August 25, 2021

Board and Liaison Members Present: Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, Leslie Visbal, Vice-Chair, Audrua Sysum, Craig Rose, Donna Feingold, Karen Lingenfelter, Kimberli Buckley, Marcelle Indelicato, Pam Perls, Ria Mercado, Rebecca Corbett, Rosa Valledor, Suzanne Anthony, Will Sanford.

Staff: Vi Ibarra.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Bill Trinh, Caroline Ortiz, Maria Cabeza, Marianne Iversen, Nickole Bouslog, Steve Dale.

Guests: Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Patricia Albeno; Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Teresa Gonzalez, CCHS

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, at 10:04 a.m. Board attendance was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

There were no additions to today's agenda.

BOARD RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH

- **Community Representation** Leslie led a conversation regarding diversity of the Board of Directors and how we might think about representation of the wider community that we serve. Vi shared a PowerPoint presentation with demographics of county residents and specifically RCEB clients.
- **Staff Development Opportunities** Discussion continued regarding staff representation on the Board. Provider agency representatives were encouraged to think about staff within their various organizations that could attend Board meetings and/or join the Council. This may educate and encourage staff engagement, allow for professional development opportunities, and allow the Council to access different perspectives and experiences.
- **Board Outreach** Some specific groups that were identified as under-represented or not represented on Board include residents of Richmond/West County, Mental Health/Public Health/Behavioral Health, African American, Law Enforcement, and those with Housing Expertise.

BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2021-2022

- **Review Prior Year's Surveys** Vi shared a PowerPoint showing the Board Priorities that were established in 2018, then reviewed and updated in 2020.
- **Develop new or Continued Board Priorities** Attendees discussed the continued relevance of the past priorities. Some additional issues were suggested, including Self-Determination, younger children's issues, and changes in services, rates, and the way services are delivered. It was noted that there are some other groups/entities that focus on topics of interest to the Board, which led to a discussion of how we can better connect to the work of those groups and not duplicate efforts. The Executive Team will continue working on how to identify any gaps in the work of the Council.

BOARD BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

- **Nomination of new Board Member** Rebecca Corbett, a long time Council attendee and self-advocate, was unanimously approved to join the Board of Directors. The Council is happy to have her on the team! (M/Leslie Werosh Visbal, S/Audrua Sysum)
- **Approval of the 2021-2022 Board Member Roster and Approval of the 2021-2022 Board meeting Schedule** The 2021-2022 Board Roster was approved with the correction to add the newest member, Rebecca Corbett. The proposed 2021-2022 meeting schedule was approved with the decision to meet on the 3rd Wednesday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The motion was made jointly to approve both items and was approved unanimously. (M/Donna Feingold, S/Karen Lingenfelter.)
- **Membership Chair Role** Rosa shared that Board Member Audrua Sysum has graciously offered to serve as Membership Chair for the coming year.
- **Annual Board Re-Commitment Letters** Vi reviewed a proposed annual re-commitment letter for Board members. This document confirms a member's desire to continue serving and also is an opportunity to provide any updates that are needed to contact information. Vi will send each Board member a letter via email, and members are asked to make any necessary corrections to their contact information, sign and return the document.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No public comments or announcements were made.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Look for a Zoom invitation from Vi Ibarra.</p>
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