

**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**May 22, 2019**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Paula Senigar, Chairperson; Heidi Spaulding, Vice-Chair; Audra Sysum; Bill Trinh; David Monahan; Donna Feingold; Elvia Osorio Rodriguez; Leslie Werosh Visbal; Marcelle Indelicato; Marianne Iversen; Pam Perls; Rosa Valledor; Suzanne Anthony; Stephen Dale; Craig Rose; Ria Mercado; Will Sanford.

**Staff:** Vi Ibarra.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Sheraden Nicholau.

**Guests:** Carol Anne McCrary, Contra Costa ARC; Murri Banis, Contra Costa ARC; Patricia Albeno, CARE Parent Network; Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director, RCEB; Jason Parks, Futures Explored; Rebecca Corbett, ALIVE; Lea Store, CCC Library; Donovan Davis, Futures-Explored; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Karen Lingenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed; Julie Fiedler, Horizon Law; Cherese LeBlanc, Care Parent Network; Amber Stickels, Enriching Lives; Jonathan Stickels, Enriching Lives; Lavia Rodriguez, La Familia; Christine Rottger, Contra Costa ARC; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Krista Peterson, CCHS-CSS; Caroline Ortiz, Parent; Steven Beard, Realtor.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Paula Senigar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and everyone was welcomed. Introductions were made.

- The meeting minutes of April 2019 were approved (M/Will Sanford; S/Marianne Iversen).
- There were no additions to the agenda.

**UPDATES**

**RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director:**

Lisa reported:

- The Governor's May revision to the State Budget:
  - Eliminates co-pays for Early Start services;
  - Includes oversight/transparency of Regional Centers in trailer bills, with a little funding;
  - Includes publishing of data and other reporting requirements.
- Anka Behavioral Health filed bankruptcy. RCEB has identified providers to take over the homes.
- The HCBS grant recipients have been announced.

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

Vi shared a report provided by Sheraden Nicholau:

- The Safety Training series was a success.
- All trainings and meetings are listed on their website.

**Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:**

Vi reported:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> is our Annual 2019 Excellence in Service Awards and Dinner. There has been a venue change---it will now be at the Walnut Creek Marriott. Futures-Explored will provide a shuttle from BART. Tickets must be purchased by May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Last month the CAC organized a series of evening advocacy trainings, but received only 4 responses, so it was postponed. The CAC would like to collaborate with the DD Council to have a series in the Fall.

A motion was made (Audra Sysum) and seconded (Leslie Werosh Visbal) to approve partnering with the CAC to plan this advocacy training. Caroline Ortiz and Marcelle Indelicato volunteered to help plan the project.

### **Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee: No report

Nominating Committee: The slate of Board members was presented and will be voted on at the annual dinner. Sadly, Paula Sinegar will be resigning as chair and as a member of the Board.

- Two people were nominated to add to the Board: Caroline Ortiz and Steven Beard (M/David Monihan; S/Audra Sysum-passed).
- Three people were nominated to continue their 2nd term: Marcelle Indelicato, Bill Trinh, David Monihan (M /David Monihan; S/ Ria Mercado-passed).
- For officers, Audra Sysum was nominated for Chairperson and Rosa Valledor was nominated as Vice Chair (M/David Monihan; S/Heidi Spaulding-passed)

Transition Committee: They are planning to update the Resource Guide during the summer, which will be user friendly. They also talked about the services that Rubicon provides.

### **Community Liaison Reports**

Health Equity Team: No report—Nickole moved out of the area and the Board is looking for a new representative for this committee.

Employment Task Force: HireAble is now a new nonprofit with a Board. Donna reported they received a work-related training at their last meeting.

East Bay Legislative Coalition: Will reported that our request for an 8% rate increase across the board is now going to the full budget committee in the legislature. If there is no agreement, then it will go the Governor's conference committee. Also, the HCBS self-assessment has not been posted yet.

CCTA Paratransit Coordination Council (PCC): no report.

Emergency Planning:

Marcelle reported:

- PG&E is having a roundtable discussion on power outages on May 28<sup>th</sup>. They are also hosting a State-wide conference call on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Sound the Alarm, to install smoke detectors to low income households had a goal of installing 850, but ended up installing 1000!!!
- There is a tabletop exercise for a pipeline explosion in East County that Heather Hackett will be attending.

- There are other local activities and tabletops that are listed on Marcelle's handout.

**Ten minute break occurred for coffee and conversation: Thanks go to Marianne Iverson, David Monihan and Paula Sinegar for the coffee and treats!**

**Presentation: Enriching Lives family Home Agency**

**Speakers: Amber Stickels, Director of Operations and Jonathan Stickels, Social Work Supervisor.**

- Enriching Lives is vendorized by RCEB for finding and certifying Family Homes and placing people with I/DD in those homes.
- The Family Homes are extensively vetted, with background checks, training, medical exams, etc.
- People with I/DD are matched with the homes, with on-going support, including:
  - Planning team meetings;
  - Regular home visits;
  - Monitoring of safety requirements;
  - Provide consultants;
  - 24 hour emergency management;
  - Continuing education opportunities;
  - Relief care coordination (respite).
- All referrals are made through the RCEB Case Manager.

**Announcements:**

- Pam Perls announced the development of a new adaptive dance class. She will bring more info next time.
- Caroline Ortiz thanks Paula for her service to the DD Council and our community.
- Don't forget that the Annual Banquet is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**Next meeting will be held at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner.**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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Contra Costa ARC