

Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 28, 2019

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

Staff: Vi Ibarra.

Board Members Excused: Donna Feingold; Stephen Beard.

Guests: Sean Kerns, Assemblymember Jim Fraizier's Office.

Arrival, networking and refreshments

Introductions were made and attendees were invited to share what they hoped to accomplish or get out of the time spent together today.

Review of Work on Council Priorities

Last year, the Council set three priorities: Housing, Service Capacity in the Community, and Transition to Adult. Vi reviewed the things we wanted to accomplish when those priorities were set and talked about the work the Council did toward each of those priorities over the past year.

Planning for the Coming Year

Discussion mainly fell in to three broad categories:

Outreach/Ways to make board meetings more accessible to all

- Things to think about as we consider and plan the work we do: Who are we? Where are we as a Council, and where could we be? What you can get out of attending a meeting? What do we want to teach the community?
- Record presentation portion of meeting
- Livestream entire meeting
- Increase involvement of all board members, everyone contributing
- Make sure all feel welcome at meetings
- Use of social media
- For complex reports from community liaisons, provide handout that includes bullet points of info being reported on

Considerations as we look to recruit new board members

- Forensic/Criminal Justice experience
- Cultural/Ethnic diversity
- Increase involvement of local legislative staff
- Direct service provider voice

Issues/Community concerns/Things to have on our radar for the coming year

- Dental Care for Medi-Cal clients

- HCBS compliance
- Self Determination
- Increase awareness of the needs of Autism specifically
- Access to healthcare thru the lens of the unique needs of a person with I/DD
- Make info (“our issues”) clear to legislators

Public Comment and Announcements

Sean Kerns shared information about an event on Wed, October 9 at the Antioch Community Center called “The Hidden Untapped Talent. The Right Talent, Right Now”

Pam Perls shared information about the Independent Jewish World Cinema screenings, specifically the showing of “The Best of Men” on October 27 at Acalanes High School. This movie is based on the true story of a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany whose work leads to the creation of the Paralympics.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at noon.

Next meeting will be held September 25, 2019.
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