

**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**July 22, 2020**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, Leslie Visbal, Vice-Chair, Caroline Ortiz, Suzanne Anthony, Donna Feingold, Karen Lingenfelter, Kimberli Buckley, Marcelle Indelicato, Marianne Iversen, Pam Perls, Ria Mercado, David Monahan, Elvia Osorio Rodriguez, Craig Rose, Will Sanford, Stephen Dale, Nickole Bouslog.

**Staff:** Vi Ibarra.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Bill Trinh, Heidi Spaulding, Stephen Beard.

**Guests:** Carol Anne McCrary, VistAbility; Murri Banis, VistAbility; Christine Rottger, VistAbility; Hannah Michaelsen, Care Parent Network; Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD; Rebecca Corbett, Antioch Alive; Maria Cabeza, Care Parent Network; Tara Kopp, Office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier; Ben Chen, Alameda DD Council; Michelle Mankewich, CSB Head Start; Aimee Vitug-Hom, VistAbility; Bill Pelter, Ability Now Bay Area; Krista Peterson, CCS Program Administrator; Dorothy Weisenberger, Care Parent Network; Sirkka Wirkki, Clinical Director at Jaqui Foundation.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, at 10:07 a.m. Since this was a Zoom meeting, all guests were asked to sign into the Chat box. Board attendance was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes of June 24, 2020 were approved with one typo correction (M/Donna Feingold; S/ Will Sanford).

There were no additions to the agenda.

**UPDATES**

**Contra Costa Health Services by Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, Deputy Health Officer:**

Dr. Rohan reported that [cchealth.org](http://cchealth.org) is their website in which all data is posted daily. It also contains information about testing and a multilingual call center to answer questions.

Their current prevention message is: Face-Space-Hands-Home

**Face:** Cover mouth and nose; we need 95% adoption.

**Space:** 6' of space between people in public and at work; virus can be transmitted within 15 minutes of less than 6'.

**Hands:** Wash hands for 20 seconds or use sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

**Home:** Continue to stay home (the virus is typically spread in at social gatherings).

Contra Costa County is on the State's monitoring list, so there will not be in-person schools until we are off the list for 14 days. Both West Co. and East Co. are growing hot spots, with the highest nationality group of positive cases being Latino.

Hospitalizations are up, but we have enough beds right now. They are increasing testing in West County. The current test is more comfortable, and there is currently about a 1-week delay in getting an appointment. Testing supplies are limited and currently results are taking 8-13 days. They are working on lowering the testing response time, as well.

Research has shown that after recovery from the virus, the natural antibody is not very strong. They expect the vaccines will be much stronger. There are several new vaccine candidates that are currently being tested.

Please cooperate when called by a contact tracer. Each person that tests positive tends to infect about 3 other people. Re-testing is recommended every 2 weeks for people in high risk jobs (like medical workers). For people that are asymptomatic or in low risk jobs, they recommend testing every 3 months.

Since test results are taking so long, it was mentioned that if exposed, after 14 days with no symptoms, a person can return to work. A comment was made about the upcoming flu season adding to the problems----a reminder to get the flu shot.

Some additional resources shared by Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna:

- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org>
- Multilingual Call Center: (844) 729-8410 Get Tested Line: 1-844-421-0804
- A UCSF talk on spread, and masks and shields  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cio3rh6ta3w>
- California Surgeon General Playbook on Managing Stress During COVID.  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/manage-stress-for-health>

Dr. Rohan was thanked for his hard work and taking the time to share this valuable information.

**RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub:**

Lisa acknowledged the difficulties and uncertainty of this pandemic.

She described the 2 newest Directives from DDS:

- In June there was an extension of Early Start services as an option for little ones. That option will continue for a few more months.
- For non-residential services (day programs), the absence billing (State of Emergency Billing) will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, services are to be carefully documented. There is no half-day billing. Providers, when providing an approved service, can bill for a whole day; while hourly billing is done at the 12-month average (which is done now).

There are many questions about the non-residential services directive and additional information will be coming from DDS. Of course, we must follow County Public Health orders and document services carefully.

The Worker's Compensation Board is allowing a change in the categorization of employees retroactive to March 2020. Any employee testing positive for Covid-19 will not be considered in the experience modification.

Increases in positive test results of the people served are apparent, with 25 cases last week and 30 cases this week.

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Bay Area Office Report by Sheraden Nicholau:**

Sheraden reported that this evening there is a racial justice listening session, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96645903291?pwd=MVlQajY3dXRxS0hNTjc0bmF0MEpidz09>

Meeting ID: 966 4590 3291, Password: 912949

In addition, there is a racial justice survey at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PS9C2G8>

Sheraden shared info about the Raise the Roof Housing Advocacy Training Program, to provide leadership in affordable housing advocacy in our communities. Applications are due at the end of July: [www.thekelsey.org/raisetherooft](http://www.thekelsey.org/raisetherooft)

Sheraden reported that education is operating on 5 principles:

1. Safe in-person schooling, if a County is off the State's monitoring list for at least 14 days;
2. New face covering requirements for grade 3 and up;
3. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet;
4. Monthly testing/contract tracing (if 5% of the school tests positive, then the school will close);
5. Improved distance learning options.

Finally, SCDD can provide support, training and technical assistance to anyone who contacts them.

Questions were raised about people that are unable to benefit from distance learning, along with relief needed for families. Lisa stated that RCEB is authorizing more respite,

but there is a challenge in finding respite workers. Also, in-home services and outdoor services in small groups are ok, if following County health guidelines/orders.

**Council Chairperson Report:**

Rosa reported that a survey will be distributed next week to ask about Board priorities for the coming year. The results will be discussed in the August meeting.

**Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:** no report

**Board Membership Report by David Monahan:**

David reported that Maria Cabeza has been nominated as a Board member and will be considered in the August meeting.

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Council (Vi Ibarra): They met last Monday and are recruiting members that are Paratransit riders. Members serve a 2-year term. Ridership is down by 80% and some providers are using the vehicles and drivers to assist with other county needs, such as food distribution.

East Bay Legislative Coalition (Will Sanford): Will reported that the State capital is closed until next week, due to Covid-19. There are no reports on tax revenue and they are looking to the Federal government for assistance with Unemployment Insurance costs.

The census is going on now, and you can do it online: Link to Census online: <https://2020census.gov/>

Also, remember to register to vote now. There are important local and national elections coming up.

The HCBS final rule deadline has been pushed back to March 17, 2023, however, the self-assessment is still due to DDS by August 31, 2020, based on February services. <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/>

**Emergency Planning Engagement (Marcelle Indelicato):**

- Covid activity is still active in our County. There are weekly calls with Cal Office of Emergency Services and planning going on for Public Safety Power Shut Offs (PSPS) and Wildfire evacuations.
- There have been 2 recent wildfires in Oakley and Knightsen, with one requiring an evacuation.
- You can register your organization as a “critical” agency on the PG&E portal, for advance notifications of PSPS. <https://pspsportal.pge.com/>

- The Community Warning System is pushing out notifications for preparations for PSPS and wildfire evacuations and has participated in training exercises in the cities of Orinda and Moraga.
- Next year (Sept 2021), there will be a Delta Flood exercise.
- The Emergency Operations Center (OES) is moving on August 3, 2020, to their new state-of-the-art building and Marcelle is looking forward to it.
- Five new people have been trained in FAST and can assist people with disabilities in shelters.
- Tomorrow the transportation committee for Emergency Support Function 1 will be meeting at 1 p.m.
- The Red Cross had a drill in setting up a shelter, minding the Covid-19 protocols and learned a lot.
- The Disabilities Access and Functional Needs Steering Committee is meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

HireAble: Donna Feingold reported that their last meeting had a speaker from Orange County on transition. Their next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. The link to the recording of the last meeting is:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KKRoWkmsDx3PaZUNA3Mr8YH4SAjoo-y2?usp=sharing>

Health Equity Team: They are on hiatus; no report.

Transition Task Force Committee: Vi stated they are updating their resource list.

**Public Comment and Announcements:**

Tara Kopp announced a Town Hall meeting on Education by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon: <https://tthm.wufoo.com/forms/teletownhall-with-congressman-mark-desaulnier>

Rosa announced an upcoming training on Transition September 8, 2020, 10 am – Noon. A flyer is coming. It will be repeated in Spanish in October.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held on August 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Look for a Zoom invitation from Vi Ibarra**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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