

**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (ZOOM)**  
**January 27, 2021**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, Leslie Visbal, Vice-Chair, Caroline Ortiz, Suzanne Anthony, Donna Feingold, Kimberli Buckley, Maria Cabeza, Marianne Iversen, Ria Mercado, Pam Perls, Heidi Spaulding, Will Sanford, Karen Lingenfelter, Nickole Bouslog, Audrua Sysum.

**Staff:** Vi Ibarra.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Bill Trinh, Craig Rose, Marcelle Indelicato, David Monahan, Stephen Dale.

**Guests:** Jason Parks, Coordinator, Futures Explored; Presha Ponnell, ALIVE Central Program Coordinator; Tara Kopp, Office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier; Hannah Michaelsen, Program Director, Care Parent Network; Tracy Butler, Commercial Support Services-Antioch; Rebecca Corbett, Antioch ALIVE; Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director, Regional Center of the East Bay; Barbara Saylor, Supported Employment, VistAbility; Carol Anne McCrary, VistAbility; Kristina Jensen, Liberty UHSD; Michelle Mankewich, Community Services Bureau Head Start; R. Dianne Stepney, MSW, CCSW Social Worker; Murri Banis, Commercial Support Services-Richmond; Aaron Silverman, Futures Explored; Gary and Carol Bonfiglio, Parents; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Aimee Vitug-Hom, VistAbility; Christine Rottger, VistAbility; Kate Rauch, Bay Area Regional Advisory Council of State Council, Parent, Assistant to CCC Supervisor John Gioia; Laura Rodriguez, La Familia; Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Regional Center of the East Bay; Bridget Benjamin, Acalanes Unified School District; Isaac Lasky; Dwayne Cooper.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, at 10:01 a.m. Since this was a Zoom meeting, all guests were asked to sign into the Chat. Board attendance was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes of November 18, 2020 were approved with no corrections (M/Nickole Bouslog; S/Donna Feingold), unanimously.

There were no additions to today's agenda.

**UPDATES**

**RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub:**

Lisa reported that there was an increase of Covid-19 cases (+274) over the last few weeks, especially for people living in ILS/SLS, congregate living, and with family.

CVS Pharmacies are working with congregate living locations to supply vaccinations. In addition, according to the recent DDS Directives, people that work in licensed facilities, ABA providers, and family caregivers are considered health care workers and are eligible for the vaccine, too. Kaiser and Sutter are pushing back on this, and ARCA is pushing them into compliance. Family caregivers are showing the IPP or ISFP as proof.

The Governor released his Budget Proposal on January 8<sup>th</sup> to include:

- Favorable State revenue currently, but may not be so good in 2022/2023.
- There was an extension of the sun-setting of the recent rate increases to December 2022.
- No reductions to our service system.
- RCEB's Operations budget is maintained with an increase for caseload growth.
- RCEB will be adding a position of Emergency Coordinator.
- Five Forensic Specialists will be added to cover the entire State.
- Twenty-one projects will be considered via the Family Resource Centers to assist people to navigate the service systems, for the total amount of \$5.3 million.
- Budget hearings will begin in February.
- On Monday, RCEB will be undergoing a Medicaid Waiver Audit by Zoom---- they will not be looking at day services this year.

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

Sheraden will add announcement to the chat later.

**Council Chairperson Report by Rosa Valledor:**

Usually in June both Alameda County and Contra Costa County DD Councils host an awards banquet, with alternating chairpersons. This year Alameda DD Council (Ben Chen) is hosting and we are looking for volunteers to join the planning committee. Please let Vi know if you are interested. The first planning meeting will be held on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:45 – 2:30, virtually.

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

Vi reminded us all to put our names in the chat for attendance recording. She has posted the previous presentation on the DD Council website. She also received new information regarding an update to the Brown Act (rules for meetings), that now includes Zoom meetings. There is direction on what is and is not allowed on social media, when Board members are representing the DD Council.

**Board Membership Report by David Monahan:** No report, but there is one open seat on this Board.

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Council (Vi Ibarra): There is a Bicycle and Pedestrian Group that has 2 Board openings. If interested, Vi can give you details.

A task force will be created to implement results of the study of the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan. They will be also choosing an entity or agency to oversee the recommendations in the Plan.

East Bay Legislative Coalition (Will Sanford): Will reported on the significant changes to our Federal leadership, and the significant changes abound. There is a \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 package being considered. In addition, the IRS will open mid-February for taxes, due to the many tax law changes. President Biden has also nominated California's Attorney General to work for him.

**State Budget Proposal:**

- Lisa gave the highlights. The upcoming hearings are planned for:
  - Assembly: Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. (virtual)
  - Senate: Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 p.m. (virtual)
  - They will accept written testimony.
- The EBLC virtual Town Hall will be held this Friday, from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Topics include: Covid relief expenses; elimination of the rates sun-setting; follow up with the rate study; the shortage (800) of case managers in the State; individual impact statements.
- The next EBLC meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am – Noon.
- The Recall efforts for the Governor may be successful, resulting in another election, which puts a wrinkle in our State's politics.
- The Thrive Initiative is providing free webinars on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month on new ideas for Alternative Services. There is one this afternoon.

Emergency Planning Engagement (Marcelle Indelicato): Carol McCrary reported on Marcelle's behalf:

- Marcelle has moved from the Sheriff's Office to the Town of Danville, continuing her work in emergency planning. Meredith Gerhardt is holding down the fort at the Sheriff's Office and is available to us for any assistance.

- The Emergency Operations Center is partially activated in support of the Covid response. With the lifting of the Shelter-in-Place, they expect to resume in-person training later in the year. They are currently working on updating County Emergency Operations Plans. They are also hiring 2 additional emergency planners.
- The Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum will be held virtually on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 11 a.m. Opening remarks are by Vance Taylor, Chief, Access and Function Needs of CAL-Office of Emergency Services. We will be hearing about changes in emergency responses over the last year and lessons learned in communications, evacuation, transportation and sheltering. Invitations will be out in mid-February.

HireAble (Donna Feingold): Donna reported HireAble is applying for a grant to assist people with understanding benefits. Their next meeting is planned for February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

She also reported that Rep. DeSaulnier is hosting a Town Hall tomorrow: [desaulnier.house.gov/town-hall-rsvp](https://desaulnier.house.gov/town-hall-rsvp)

Health Equity Team: No report.

Transition Task Force Committee (Bridget Benjamin): Bridget announced they are getting ready to post their digital Resource Guide and they will be updating it weekly. A link to add your resource is included in the Chat.

**Presentation: Covid-19, Contra costa county Vaccination Update by Gilbert Salinas, Chief Equity Officer, and Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, of CC Health Services.**

Dr. Rohan was wearing purple in honor of the Shelter-in-Place order being lifted and our being back in the Purple Tier. He also introduced Gilbert Salinas, Chief Equity Officer, who came from LA County and has been with us 8 weeks. Currently:

- Outdoor dining, hair salons, personal services are allowed.
- Gathering of no more than 3 households is allowed outdoors.
- Schools, with approved safety plans, can open when cases are under 22/100,000 people (we are currently at 35/100,000).
- The Stay-at-Home orders worked, saving 100's of lives in our community.

Regarding vaccinations:

- They have been giving out 5,000 vaccinations per day since Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>---- using all of the supply they receive.
- It works in a way that allows our bodies to recognize the virus and attack it.

- It is a messenger RNA, not a live virus.
- Does not enter the nucleus of the cell; creates immune memory.
- Does not integrate the DNA.
- We don't know how long the immunity lasts.
- Even if you had Covid, you need the vaccine---we need 80%-90% of community immunity to stop the virus.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> injection is a lower dose; the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a higher dose, which provides full immunity after about 14 days.
- You will be observed for any allergic reaction for 15 minutes after the injection.
- They are still studying vaccines for children.

Some people have heard about double-masking. Dr. Rohan explained that one 2-ply mask that is well-fitted is the minimum needed. Two ill-fitting masks is pointless.

Gilbert explained that their goal is to vaccinate 8,000 people per day and they are at 5,000---they want to have distributed 1 million doses by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Right now the supply coming in only lasts for about 2 days. The current priority is for front line health care workers and people 75 and older to be vaccinated.

They have a multi-lingual call center and on-line registration if you qualify. Vaccination sites change daily and he thanked all the community partners helping in their vaccination efforts.

Vaccination data will be added to the County's dashboards on their website. Yesterday the State announced a consideration for age-based vaccine tiers---we will wait and see what happens. Gilbert confirmed that the County must follow the State guidelines. They have 20 mobile vaccination teams and Dr. Rohan thanked Ria for her efforts in partnering to get her residents vaccinated. No alternatives to injections has been developed (like a nose spray).

A recommendation was made to develop a quiet lab that is calmer for people with sensory sensitivities.

Unfortunately, we ran out of time. Vi will secure answers to questions that were not addressed today.

The presenters were thanked for their insightful and valuable information.

**Announcements:** in the Chat:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EBLC report</b></li> </ul>
<p>Will shared info on the Budget Hearings next month: Assembly Sub Committee 1 - 2/17 at 2:30, Senate Sub Committee 3 - 2/23 - 1 pm. The next EBLC meeting is 2/3 from 10</p>

am to noon.
Will also shared information about The Disability Thrive Initiative Webinars, which are typically the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the afternoon from 3 pm to 4:15 pm. <a href="http://webinar.disabilitythriveinitiative.org/">http://webinar.disabilitythriveinitiative.org/</a>
<b>Emergency Planning and Engagement</b>
Carol shared that Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) is now accepting application for emergency preparedness and response grants of up to \$2500. <a href="http://www.cococaer.org">www.cococaer.org</a>
<b>Transition Task Force</b>
The Transition Task Force is creating a Contra Costa Resource Guide. To add your program to the guide, complete the form found here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXiro5atbMt5rtvqZ7D_upaHpC-wlOaxkjANDl1izTbNZhwQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXiro5atbMt5rtvqZ7D_upaHpC-wlOaxkjANDl1izTbNZhwQ/viewform</a>
<b>Resources and information shared during the presentation:</b>
Vi shared links to the letters from DDS that indicate priority phases for Direct Service Providers: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VNUTVYp8rMILhrhMNMZhp-r60HIEyWxp/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VNUTVYp8rMILhrhMNMZhp-r60HIEyWxp/view?usp=sharing</a> , and also for family members providing care for some regional center clients: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ZIUkta5-2j3TY908M55rYvNFLGFx4Hq/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ZIUkta5-2j3TY908M55rYvNFLGFx4Hq/view?usp=sharing</a>
If you currently qualify for vaccination, go to <a href="https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated">https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/get-vaccinated</a> or call 1-833-829-2626 for information about how to get vaccinated. For those who qualify in the current distribution phase, there is an online vaccine appointment request form at <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QfIVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUM0hIWVpaOTJHSDBTM0ZLSU5SNUM3NEo0OCQIQCN0PWcu">https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QfIVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUM0hIWVpaOTJHSDBTM0ZLSU5SNUM3NEo0OCQIQCN0PWcu</a> . It is also available in Spanish at <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QfIVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUOEgxVEQ1VFVaNTNQV9k9IU0RXQ00xM1RGVCCQIQCN0PWcu">https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QfIVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUOEgxVEQ1VFVaNTNQV9k9IU0RXQ00xM1RGVCCQIQCN0PWcu</a>
The list of authorized people to administer vaccines can be found at <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Authorized-Licensees.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Authorized-Licensees.aspx</a>
As we are thinking about ways to administer vaccine to all residents, including those with mobility, sensory, behavioral or other barriers to accessing care, Kate Rauch shared information about the Quite Lab concept she is working on with the State Council RAC. A document with more information and background is at <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lcoLDKwpW-hV4dqago2QUpGJD0ZLFzhh/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lcoLDKwpW-hV4dqago2QUpGJD0ZLFzhh/view?usp=sharing</a>
For those that are interested in providing feedback about prioritization for equity populations including people with IDD in CA, you can call the Governor's Office at (916) 445-2841, or you can write the Governor's Office at <a href="https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/">https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/</a>

Some outstanding questions from the presentation by Rohan Radhakrishna and Gilbert Salinas. Vi will follow up with them for more information.
Is the form to self-schedule an appointment available in Spanish? If so, where can we find the link? <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QflVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUOEgxVEQ1VFVaNTNQVvk9IU0RXQ00xM1RGVCQIQCN0PWcu">https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3tkgKC3cY0OGJvKwA0OMRd1QflVjtpAkM-cYiio35ZUOEgxVEQ1VFVaNTNQVvk9IU0RXQ00xM1RGVCQIQCN0PWcu</a>
Does efficacy diminish if the second dose is not received within 6 weeks from the first dose?
What is being done for people that are homebound that qualify for current tier.
Can someone using para transit get a vaccine at a drive thru site?
<b>Public Comment and Announcements:</b>
Care's Family Social Night to celebrate diversity and Black history is Feb. 13, 6-8pm. Care's Family Social Night: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/x/family-social-night-celebrating-our-diversity-and-black-history-month-registration-137573507063">https://www.eventbrite.com/x/family-social-night-celebrating-our-diversity-and-black-history-month-registration-137573507063</a>
The CEP's annual Conference for Black/Multi-racial families is Feb. 22-26 5-6pm. CEP Family Strengthening & Education conference: <a href="https://bit.ly/3p3uyRU">https://bit.ly/3p3uyRU</a>

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

**Next meeting will be held on February 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
Look for a Zoom invitation from Vi Ibarra.**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

*Carol Anne McCrary*  
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