

**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (ZOOM)
November 17, 2021**

Board and Liaison Members Present: Rosa Valledor, Chair; Leslie Werosh-Visbal, Vice-Chair; Caroline Ortiz; Suzanne Anthony; Marianne Iversen; Pam Perls; Will Sanford; Nickole Bouslog; Marcelle Indelicato; Donna Feingold; Craig Rose; Karen Lingenfelter; Kimberli Buckley; Rebecca Corbett.

Staff: Vi Ibarra

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Ria Mercado; Stephen Dale; Audrua Sysum.

Guests: Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB Executive Director; Carol Anne McCrary, VistAbility; Aimee Vitug-Hom, VistAbility; Kristina Jensen, Liberty Union High School District; Hannah Michaelsen, Care Parent Network; Mirna Leal, RCEB Case Manager Supervisor; Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, RCEB; Troy Russell, Self-Advocate, Adaptive Learning Center; Christine Rottger, VistAbility; Bill Pelter, Ability Now Bay Area; Joanne Funtilla, Cocokids; Jennifer Quallick with CC Board of Supervisors, representing District 2, Supervisor Candace Anderson's team; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Michelle Mankewich, CBS Head Start.

Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Rosa Valledor, Chair, 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 October 27, 2021 were approved, unanimously, with corrections by Marianne Iverson. (M/ Nickole Bouslog S/Rebecca Corbett).

There were no additions to today's agenda.

UPDATES

Contra Costa Health Services - Deputy Health Officer Dr. Sara Levin:

Congratulations to Dr. Warne who is a new dad! Dr. Sara Levin reported on his behalf today and we thank her for taking time out of her busy schedule! She explained that in the last 4-6 weeks the Covid case rates have been declining to 6.7 cases/100,000 people. The highest case rates seem to be in the Latinx and African American communities in our County. Vaccination rates are increasing (74% of the population) and this needs to continue to achieve community immunity. Masking mandates will be lowered when we hit 80% vaccinated, under

75 hospitalized, 8 weeks after ages 5 years and up are eligible for vaccination, and we have been 3 weeks in the CDC's Yellow Zone.

Seven out of 8 hospitalized Covid patients are unvaccinated, showing that people who are vaccinated and contract the virus are much less likely to be hospitalized.

Boosters are recommended and available for people ages 18 and older (2 months after J&J; 6 months after Moderna and Pfizer). People that are immunocompromised can get a 3rd full dose, as well.

Dr. Levin also recommended everyone get the flu vaccine.

RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director:

Lisa reported that the next RCEB Board Meeting is Monday night, at 7:00 p.m. The link can be found on their website. There will be a report on the National Core Indicators and everyone is welcome!

DDS is beginning the process of implementing the first step (25% of the increase) of the rate study by April 1, 2022. Regional Centers will be hiring for new positions to do the heavy lifting on this project.

Work groups are forming at the State level to:

1. Develop quality indicators for vendors to receive the last 10% of the rate adjustments in 2024.
2. Develop performance incentives for Regional Centers, tied to outcomes to be in place by Summer 2022.

Finally, just a reminder that Regional Centers and vendors have to comply with the vaccination mandate by November 30th.

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

Sheraden was unable to attend and Leslie made the report. All upcoming SCDD meetings are listed in the chat.

Council Chairperson Report by Rosa Valledor:

Rosa reminded us that there will not be a DD Council meeting during December. The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2022, with a presentation by the Hume Center.

Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:

Vi reminded guests to include their name in the Chat for attendance recording.

Board Membership Report by Vi Ibarra:

Vi reported that she included the list of Board members in today's packet. There are currently 4 Board member openings. If you are interested in joining the Board or would like to nominate someone, please contact Vi directly. The board is looking for self-advocates, family members, and/or service providers.

Outreach Workgroup Report by Kimberli Buckley:

Kimberli did not have a report this month and she stated that the next committee meeting is currently being planned.

Committee Liaison Reports:

CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Council (Vi Ibarra): No PCC report today. Carol reported on the upcoming Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan Task Force meeting set for tomorrow at 2 p.m. You can watch and participate through www.ccta.net.

They will be discussing extending the pilot project of One call/One ride, which has been very popular when crossing transportation jurisdictions----eliminating transfers and wait times. They will also begin the discussion on selecting an entity to coordinate/implement the project.

There are numerous ways to give your input: public comment, chat, or give your comments to Carol to present.

East Bay Legislative Coalition (Will Sanford):

November Report

- Federally, the President signed a \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure bill that focused on old school items, such as roads, dams, etc., and some new age things, such as technology, back bone, etc. The 2nd key piece of the President's plan, "Build Back Better", has a current price tag of \$1.75 Trillion. This bill is deep in the "sausage making" stage, awaiting the Budget office's estimate of actual costs, with a potential pre-Thanksgiving vote.

Upcoming EBLC meetings on Zoom include:

- December 1, 10 am – Noon (focus on planning for the Town Hall Jan. 28th)
- January 5, 2022, 10 am – Noon (continue Town Hall plans)
- January 19, 2022, 10 am – Noon (State budget proposal discussion)
- January 25, 2022, 3 pm – 4 pm (finalizing Town Hall plans)
- February 2, 2022, 10 am – Noon (regular EBLC meeting)

The Annual EBLC Town Hall meeting with our local legislators is planned for January 28, 2022 from 10 am – 11:30 am by Zoom. Notice for registering for this important event will be coming to your inbox soon!

Emergency Planning Engagement (Carol Anne McCrary): No meetings have occurred in the last month. The County Office of Emergency Services is down to one emergency planner at this time, when it usually operates with three people. Marcelle noted that the overall steering committee of representatives from numerous entities serving people with Access and Function Needs, will be kicking off the New Year with a planning meeting on January 24, 2022.

HireAble (Donna Feingold): Donna stated that HireAble is hosting its last meeting of 2021 on December 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. They will be planning for 2022. The meetings are virtual and you can contact Donna to get on the email list for the link.

Transition Task Force: The Transition Task Force will be meeting this coming Thursday (November 18th) at 3:15 p.m. by Zoom. They are currently planning for a webinar on December 1, from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on person-centered thinking and transition visions to adult life. Registration is through Eventbrite (link is in the Chat). Their next meeting will be December 16th at 3:15 p.m.

Committee on Aging (Marianne Iversen): Please reach out to Marianne to join their next meeting on December 14th, which is virtual.

Mental health Commission (Pam Perls): Pam reported that there is opposition to the emergency response bill. The Federal mandate says that it is up to each State on how to implement. AB 988 has passed the State Assembly and would allow people to call another number, instead of 911, for a mental health crisis. This would activate a crisis mental health team. While this has good intentions, it is a struggle to implement due to underfunding and the transfer of power.

Presentation: Contra Costa County Library Pandemic Progress Report by Kimberli Buckley, Senior Community Library Manager:

Kimberli presented a lovely power point presentation on the amazing accomplishments of the County libraries during the pandemic. Highlights include:

- 60% increase in digital materials with one million electronic books checked out.
- On-line story times on their website and YouTube.
- Covid response: 76 staff dispatched as Disaster Service Workers; 2 branches were Covid testing sites; delivery of PPE and food.
- Front door library services.
- Printing of 10 free pages per day; created Wi-Fi hot spot; expanded virtual tutoring.
- Racial Equity training provided to all staff.
- Expanded accessibility equipment: electronic magnifiers; C-Pen Reader pens; Lite Reads; access cards; free home delivery of books; virtual events.
- El Sobrante got a brand-new library and others were updated or expanded.

Kimberli was complimented on the exciting new endeavors of the library system to support our community!

Public Comment and Announcements:

Pam mentioned that she would post a few interesting court cases in the Chat.

The January 2022 presentation to the DD Council will be regarding the Hume Center.

Vi thanked Miguel for his wonderful Spanish translation.

Information from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities:

- The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) invites you to join the monthly California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats. Zoom session details and registration: https://bit.ly/ca_selfadvocacychats2021. The "California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats" are intended to give self-advocates throughout California the chance to talk about topics that matter to them. Resources and information on chat topic(s) will be shared with participants in an email following the chats. If you are interested in sharing your advocacy story, need accommodations, and/or have questions related to the California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats, please email riana.hardin@scdd.ca.gov or call 916-263-8196.
- Upcoming State Council Meeting and Committee dates: SCDD Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Meeting: November 29th, State Council Meeting: November 30th, Statewide Self-Advocacy Network: Dec 8th-9th
- COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT FIRST RESOURCE REVIEW, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fhNfjnCpRqyBa58rJ43N5g. Join us for a whirlwind tour of tools and resources designed to advance competitive, integrated employment for people who have disabilities! Hear from a CA provider transforming their service model and learn about existing tools and resources available for people who have disabilities, employers, service providers, government agencies, and other stakeholders.
Topics Include: Employer Incentives: WOTC, Job Accommodations, 14-c Phase Out, Person Centered Job Development, Urban & Rural approaches, School Transition, Program Change, Policy Guidance, WIOA and TAY, WIPA and Benefits
- State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting, Dec 1, 2021 06:15 PM networking, 6:30PM meeting starts. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89941399969?pwd=WW1HTjJSaXINLy9YR3c0YkNRSWpadz09>, or Zoom Meeting ID: 899 4139 9969, Passcode: 694578.

We'll be covering an overview and update on National Core Indicators and will have a few legislative offices in attendance / speaking.

- CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (YLF) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES Join YLF for a week of learning as well as follow-up monthly sessions. Develop your leadership skills, and learn how to reach your academic, career, and independence goals. YLF is a six-day leadership program for students with disabilities. Students will learn advocacy and leadership skills from alumni and professionals with disabilities and create a "Personal & Career Leadership Plan" to help reach their future education, independent living, and career goals. When: July 17 – 22, 2022 (Date subject to change). Where: May be held in person (Sacramento), virtually, or a combination of both. Submission Deadline: Friday, December 17, 2021.
<https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/YlfDelegateInformation>. For additional information and how to complete the application, please email ylf@dor.ca.gov or call (855) 894-3436

Information shared in chat

- From Committee on Aging report: For questions on the Memory Cafe- contact Dee Madnick - Jewish Family & Community Services - dmadnick@jfcs-eastbay.org. If you are interested in joining the Committee on Aging contact Marianne@dscba.org
- From Transition Task Force report: For the Dec 1 Person Centered Thinking presentation, register here:
<https://cchealth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYuf-qorj0vEtEZs4l-U-0Zia7Cu1G8y2GY>.
- Links from the presentation "Contra Costa County Library Pandemic Progress Report"
 - For information on Books for the Homebound call 925-608-7740

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

**Next meeting will be held on January 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m
Happy New Year! Be Safe! Get the Booster
Look for a Zoom invitation from Vi Ibarra.**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary
VistAbility