

Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 25, 2019

Board and Liaison Members Present: Audra Sysum, Chairperson; Rosa Valledor, Vice-Chair; Suzanne Anthony; Stephen Beard; Marcelle Indelicato; Ria Mercado; Caroline Ortiz; Elvia Osorio Rodriguez; Craig Rose; Heidi Spaulding; Leslie Werosh Visbal; Pam Perls.

Staff: Vi Ibarra.

Board and Liaison Members Excused: Sheraden Nicholau; Bill Trinh; David Monahan; Donna Feingold; Stephen Dale; Marianne Iversen; Will Sanford.

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; Monica Cardoza, CIWP; Kelly Kramer, Toolworks; Karen Lingenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed; Christine Rottger, Contra Costa ARC; Krista Peterson, CCHS-CSS; Lisa Horton, AAA; Megan Crain, Representative Mark DeSaulnier's office; Becky Weiringa, ALC; Sean Kearns, Assembly Member Jim Frazier's office; Ange Burnett, CoCoKids; Shaina Polk, CalOES; Michelle Mankewich, CSB HS; Tracy Butler, Contra Costa ARC.

Welcome and Introductions:

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

- The meeting minutes of May 2019 were approved (M/Marcelle Indelicato; S/Heidi Spaulding).
- The meeting minutes of the June 2019 business meeting at the banquet were approved (M/Caroline Ortiz; S/ Leslie Werosh Visbal).
- The meeting minutes of the August 2019 Board retreat were also approved as corrected (M/Pam Perls; S/Elvia Osorio Rodriguez).
- The 2019-2020 meeting schedule was approved (M/Heidi Spaulding; S/ Leslie Werosh Visbal).
- There were no additions to the agenda.

UPDATES

RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director:

Lisa reported:

- The calendar year 2020 RCEB Public Policy Performance Measures are out and ready for public comments. Input and feedback are welcomed. Handouts are at the back table. On Oct 15th there will be a public meeting at the RCEB San Leandro office.
- DDS is looking at budget outcomes and has created a DDS Task Force. They have concerns over the POS growth and the growth in the number of persons served. This committee will be reporting to the legislature quarterly.
- A new requirement for RCEB is to post complaints and rights violations.
- There will be a new draw of names for participants in the Self-Determination project in October.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Bay Area Office by Rosa Valledor:

Rosa announced:

- October 24th at the Elihu Harris State Building in Oakland will be the National Disability Employment Awareness and Workplace Resource Fair event from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be food and music, as well.

- Today there is a Forum of Bay Area Self-Advocates in San Rafael---there is a call-in option.
- Also at 6:30 p.m. today in San Rafael, there is a Regional Center Community Outreach event.
- On October 18th at the Ed Roberts campus, there will be an awards ceremony for the Carlos Quintong Celebration of Self-Advocacy. Everyone is welcome.

All of these event details can be found on the Care Parent Network Facebook page (please 'like' them!)

Executive Assistant to the Council Report by Vi Ibarra:

Vi reported:

- She DD Council is now in possession of a wheelchair accessible van. It was being unused by another program and the Office of the Director authorized a switch to place it with the DD Council. She will be able to use it to take DD Council Board members to DD Council activities when other transportation is unavailable.
- The County's Health Services division is doing an event to collect input from the community as they work on an "Envision Health" project. Vi asked for 7-10 people to interview for this project and received 11 volunteers.

Membership: No report

Committee Liaison Reports:

CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Council (Vi): There are several open seats on the Paratransit Coordinating Council: Next meeting is November 18th at 2 p.m. at the CCTA Board room in Pleasant Hill (near BART).

Also the Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCTA) is trying to get a tax measure on the ballot for transit improvements. This measure must be approved by a majority of cities. Vi suggested that people go to their City Councils to provide feedback on the measure.

East Bay Legislative Coalition (Lisa): They have hosted a tour in Contra Costa County that started at RCEB with Case Managers, and then continued to the Early Intervention programs at the George Miller Center in Concord. Legislative reps and Board of Supervisor reps attended, making 12 people. There were good interactions and they could see services first hand.

A 2nd tour is planned for Oct. 15th in Alameda County with a focus on adult services. They will start at RCEB in San Leandro and will continue at Ability Now.

In addition, the EBLC is planning a legislative breakfast on January 31st at RCEB in San Leandro.

Finally, SB412, to eliminate the co-pays for children's services did not move forward in the legislature.

Emergency Planning Engagement: Marcelle reported that Aimee Vitug-Hom (Contra Costa ARC) attended a meeting where UASI unveiled a toolkit with recommendations on planning for and providing services to people with disabilities and access and functional needs during a disaster----it is a very comprehensive document.

Aimee and Heather Hackett (Futures-Explored) participated in a training exercise for approximately 200 law enforcement and search and rescue teams on Saturday, September 14th. The exercise was a fast moving wildfire scenario. Hotel rooms had to be evacuated quickly and we had 11 volunteers, including Heidi, as role players. One person

who was a wheelchair user had to be removed from the second floor, with no elevator. It was very hot that day and everyone was encouraged to drink a lot of water. One role player with Autism was overlooked in the restroom, despite wearing a neon green shirt!

This type of training is very valuable to our first responders and we plan to continue our involvement. If you are interested in volunteering for this type of event, please contact Marcelle (or Aimee, Heather, Carol).

Antioch Unified School District is hosting a job fair for high school students on October 22nd. This is an opportunity to talk to students about careers in our field. See Marcelle for more details.

On October 17th there will be an annual exercise activating the full Emergency Operations Center at the Sheriff's office in Martinez. Aimee, Heather, and Carol will be attending to assist with finding resources for people with disabilities and access and functional needs. We won't know the scenario until we arrive.

On October 30th there will be an Annual Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs Forum at the IBEW Local 302 Union Hall at 1875 Arnold Drive in Martinez. This 6th Annual Forum will have speakers on lessons learned from the Butte County 2018 Camp Fire and supporting people with disabilities and access and functional needs in a shelter setting from Sonoma County 2018 Floods. We can all learn from these recent disasters! The Forum is from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and is free. An RSVP is required at: 6thannualdafnforum.eventbrite.com or contact Marcelle directly.

HireAble: Vi reported that Denyse Curtright is the new staff person for HireAble. They meet the 4th Friday of each month and are re-launching their website: HireAble.org

Health Equity Team: no report

Transition Committee: Karen reported that they are exploring collaboration with 211 to keep and update the resource guide online. More discussion on this is needed. This committee is also considering a training on understanding how employment affects SSI benefits. The transition task force would like more members. They meet the 3rd Thursday at 3:15 on the 3rd Floor at RCEB in Concord.

Ten minute break occurred for coffee and conversation:

Thanks go to Pam Perls and Leslie Werosh Visbal for the coffee and numerous treats!

Presentation: Education Options in the East Bay

Speaker: David Hagerty, Manager, Disability Support Services, Diablo Valley College

David discussed some of the accommodations that can be made at our local Community Colleges, such as:

- Giving extra time on tests
- Note taking assistance
- Books in audio format
- Transportation on campus
- ASL and captioning

They will also loan out smart pens and have Kurzweil software available.

To apply for services, the student must attend a meeting with a DSS Counselor and speak for him/herself. No parents or aides can speak on behalf of a student. The DSS office has a 1-page application, as well.

No adjustments to curriculum, tests, or homework are made. However, they can loan out recording devices for students to record lectures. Any accompanying aides or attendants must register with the DSS office first.

David recommended that in transition programs at schools, supports be faded and the students attend the college orientation.

The local Community Colleges offer options for Certificates, as opposed to AA degrees. They also provide job preparation classes to teach soft skills. They are developing accommodations to social clubs and offer a high tech center on a drop in or appointment basis.

Diablo Valley College has partnerships with Mt. Diablo Adult Ed, Department of Rehabilitation, Futures Explored, Contra Costa ARC, New Horizons, and Aspen Network for people with ASD.

David was thanked for his great presentation.

Announcements:

- Stephen Beard announced a workshop for potential homeowners in October.
- Leslie asked about resources for Ableism presentations and a workshop on the Disability LGBTQ community, the State Council office was suggested as a resource.
- Rosa announced a multi-cultural picnic at Heather Farms on November 2nd. In addition, on Oct. 19th there is a conference for families at Contra Costa College in Richmond. Visions for the Future (ages 14 +) will have workshops at Chabot College on October 26th. You can find details on all these events on the Care Parent Network Facebook page (don't forget to "like" us).
- Pam announced the East Bay International Jewish Film Festival will be at Acalanes High School on October 27th. Entrance fee is \$7 for DD Council members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held on October 23, 2019
At RCEB-Concord
1320 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA
4th Floor**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

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Contra Costa ARC