

**Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 26, 2020**

**Board and Liaison Members Present:** Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, Leslie Visbal, Vice-Chair, Caroline Ortiz, Suzanne Anthony, Donna Feingold, Kimberli Buckley, Marcelle Indelicato, Marianne Iversen, Pam Perls, David Monahan, Craig Rose, Stephen Dale, Nickole Bouslog, Heidi Spaulding.

**Staff:** Vi Ibarra.

**Board and Liaison Members Excused:** Audrua Sysum, Bill Trinh, Karen Lingenfelter, Ria Mercado, Will Sanford.

**Guests:** Carol Anne McCrary, VistAbility; Murri Banis, VistAbility; Hannah Michaelson, 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; Michelle Mankewich, CSB Head Start; Bill Pelter, Ability Now Bay Area; Krista Peterson, CCS Program Administrator; Sirkka Wirkki, Clinical Director at Jaqui Foundation; Heather Hackett, Futures Explored; Evelyn Martinez; Elvia Osorio Rodriguez, RCEB; Becca Langstaff, Sunflower Hill; Jason Parks, Futures Explored; Sandra Cross, La Familia; Edda Banuelos, La Familia; Wanda Remmers, Family Justice Center; Eric Hunter; Dwayne Cooper; Fabiola Calderon, CCS; Judy Hunter, Las Trampas; Susun Kim, Family Justice Center.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Everyone was welcomed and the meeting was called to order by Rosa Valledor, Chairperson, at 10:05 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 July 22, 2020 were approved with one typo correction (M/Nickole Bouslog; S/Craig Rose).

- There were no additions to the agenda.

**UPDATES**

**RCEB Report by Lisa Kleinbub:**

- In the last 2 weeks there has been a decline in new Covid-19 cases (about 5-6 per week). People in larger congregate settings are tested at least monthly.
- Alternative Non-residential Service models:
  - The retention payments (absence billing) ended on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - There are DDS webinars planned about this in the coming week.
  - We cannot contradict local Health Orders in our services.

- In order to bill for services providers must have meaningful interaction with each client daily, starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Emergency regulations were put out last Friday and we are awaiting more direction on a new billing system:
  - Burns and Associates will be calculating new monthly rates.
  - The plan must be approved by the Federal gov.
  - It is not clear what the minimum amount of services are.
  - September is a transition month.
  - Certifications for all non-residential vendor numbers are due to RCEB by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Lisa will host a meeting with non-residential service providers this Friday at 1:00 p.m.
  - More direction from DDS is expected this week.
  - The intent is to keep people healthy and safe. People most at risk are ILS/SLS, as the staff work with many individuals.

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

- Getting feedback to DDS is important and may increase options and opportunities for people.
- The State is working on getting more PPE for California.
- There were 80 people in a listening session on Racial Justice, which resulted in recommendations sent to the public policy committee of the State legislature.
- There is a Legislative Advocacy workshop planned for September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- There are new resources, including voting preparation materials, on the SCDD website, in addition to details of upcoming meetings:
  - Regional Advisory Committee-September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Employment First-September 29<sup>th</sup>
  - State Council Meeting-September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Self-Advocates Meeting-September 14<sup>th</sup>

**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.

- The previous lab data problem has been resolved and our Covid-19 numbers are stable.
- There is still a high number of people hospitalized: 95.
- Our positivity rate is about 7% and we want it under 5%.
- There will be new orders coming out, opening more outdoor activities that are low risk for virus transmission.
- There are volunteers in place doing phone outreach to people that are power dependent, in case of planned power outages, or fire-related outages.

- Dr. Rohan encouraged everyone to take care of their mental health, in this time of multiple emergencies.
- He recommended getting the flu shot early, as the immunity takes 2 weeks to kick in.
- Overall, we are in a better place than a few weeks ago, but our numbers are still too high, keeping us on the State's "naughty list".

**Council Chairperson Report:**

Rosa reported that DD Council survey results are in, with 80 responses received:

- Topics were ranked and results include:
  - Expansion and development of programs.
  - Covid-19 impact on programs.
  - Transition to adulthood.
  - Schools
  - Employment
- Donna F. commented that we severely lack mental health services in our community, as well.

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

- County is working to ensure wellness checks are done in case of any power loss events.
- Independent Living Centers have back up batteries available that are currently being distributed.
- Autism Star Conference will be virtual on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Membership Report by David Monahan:**

Maria Cabeza, of Care Parent Network, was nominated to the Board and was voted in unanimously (M/Leslie Visbal; S/Dave Monahan). Congratulations, Maria!!!!

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

CCTA Paratransit Coordinating Council (Vi Ibarra): They are working on an Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan. Next meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Nickole B. is interested on joining this group, representing riders.

East Bay Legislative Coalition (Leslie Visbal): There seems to be State budget pressure to implement trigger cuts by September 30<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 legislative listening sessions planned for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to cover housing, DSPs, transportation, and digital access. They are looking for short videos to present---- send them to Will by September 5<sup>th</sup>. The next EBLC meeting is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.----everyone is welcome.

Emergency Planning Engagement (Marcelle Indelicato):

- COVID activities include twice monthly Advance Planning meetings.

- FAST training classes resulted in about a dozen new FAST members for Contra Costa County. People that go through the 2-day FAST training can be deployed to emergency shelters to assist people with disabilities and access and functional needs.
- Marcelle moved into the new OES / EOC building on August 3rd.
- Zack, an emergency planner, is leaving; tomorrow is his last day – recruitment is ongoing.
- Community Warning System caller ID number changed from all zeros to 925-655-0195---you may want to add this number to your contacts list.
- TAC meeting was held yesterday regarding the accessible transportation strategic plan with several AFN steering committee members participating.
- AFN steering committee now has the Spanish speaking community represented thanks to Hannah Michaelson's referral from La Familia. Thank you, Hannah!
- Deer Valley / SCU Lightening Complex fire started on 8/16 and the Emergency Operations Center is monitoring it.
- East County quarterly meeting for emergency planning is September 3rd at 10 AM.
- Delta Department of Water Resources quarterly meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> by zoom at 9:30 a.m.

HireAble: Donna Feingold reported their next meeting is August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

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

Transition Task Force Committee: Next meeting is September 17, 2020 at 3:15 p.m.

**Presentation: Family Justice Center: Improving Access to Services for Community Members with Disabilities, by Wanda Remmers, Project Coordinator, and Susun Kim, Executive Director.**

- The Contra Costa Family Justice Center has offices in Richmond, Concord, and Antioch. They assist victims of abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, violence, and human trafficking. They now have accessible services to people with disabilities.
- They expect to serve about 5,000 people by the end of 2020.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has added stressors of loss of jobs, no safety net for undocumented immigrants, shelters not taking new clients, etc. increasing the incidents of abuse in our community.
- They have hosted several virtual events and have delivered activities to families with children. They also host virtual classes for students in grades 1-12, providing trauma-informed support.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> they are hosting an auction for a fundraiser.

The presenters were thanked for enlightening us about this resource for people with disabilities in our community!

**Public Comment and Announcements:**

- Maria Cabeza announced that she has support group openings in Oakley and Concord for people with I/DD. Just contact Care Parent Network at 925-313-0999.
- Rosa Valledor announced the start of a Transition Series of speakers every Tuesday in September from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. This series will be in English and Spanish. Vi will send out the flyer with more information.

Comments from Chat:

From Jason Parks: FYI .....The CAC from Futures Explored will be advocating with Congressman Mike Thompson Thursday at 1pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87535149113>  
PW: futures Meeting ID: 875 3514 9113 Phone 1 669 900 6833 Password: 964423

From Leslie Visbal: Legislative Listening and Learning Sessions: If you are interested in contributing a short phone video (individuals, families, direct service professionals) talking about the challenges of getting housing, workforce and access (to transportation and digital), please send them to [will.sanford.sccs@gmail.com](mailto:will.sanford.sccs@gmail.com) by Sept 5th. The next EBLC meeting is on 9/2 at 10am. Join Zoom

Meeting <https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/91070076056?pwd=NGp6Q0c4TnByNzd2SndlYTRNU0lxZz09> Meeting ID: 910 7007 6056 Passcode: 718088 One tap mobile+16465189805,,91070076056# US (New York)

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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

**Next meeting will be held on September 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.  
Look for a Zoom invitation from Vi Ibarra.**

Respectfully submitted electronically by,

Carol Anne McCrary  
VistAbility