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Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, November 21, 2014
Far Northern Regional Center, Redding
1900 Churn Creek Road, Suite 319
Redding, CA 96007

1. Call to Order: 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson, Ronda Dever
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Michelle Phillips, Suzette Serrano, Don Murphy, Kathryn E. McCreary, Margaret Shipp, Margot Madson, Colleen Ryberg, Jennifer Bowman, Melanie Combes, Chrissie Clapp, Ronda Dever, Leslie Corletto,
 - b. Absent: Susan Hess and Roger Hatton
3. Public Input/Open: Introduction of guests: Judy Kruse, Mike Mintline, Marlene McCollum and Lauren Leisz (FNRC staff), Bonnie Thurman, (DDS), Ricky Sedillos and Baby Sedillos.
4. Approval of Agenda for November 21, 2014: Motion to approve and second by Margot Madson and Suzette Serrano. No further discussion, motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2014: Motion to approve and second (Melanie Combes and Margot Madson), no further discussion, motion passed with the following corrections:
 - Add Jane Davidson to list of guests
 - Page 12: Change 2014 to 2015
 - Page 13: remove "be"
 - Page 17: Change October 3rd to October 16th
 - Page 18: Change "Week" to "Weed"
6. Report from Chairperson, Ronda Dever: None at this time.
7. Transition to Executive (Closed) Session – W & I 4663, (3), (4), (5):

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- a. Action Item #1: Memorandum of Agreement: It is requested the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Agreement made by and between Far Northern Regional Center and Service Employees International Union Local 1021 and shall be deemed incorporated by reference in the December 1, 2011 through October 31, 2015 Collective Bargaining agreement between said parties. Motion to approve and second by Kathryn McCreary and Margot Madson, no discussion, motion passed Motion to re-enter open session: Margot Madson and Suzette Serrano, no discussion, motion passed.
8. State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Regional Office Report, Sarah May, Executive Director presented by Laura Larson:
- SCDD Update:
 - Effective January 1, 2015, the Area Boards will be called Regional offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. January 1, 2015 the existing boards will become Regional Advisory Committees. The existing members will be “grandfathered in” until their term expires. The Council is developing the roles and compositions of the Regional Advisory Committees.
 - SCDD is still determining the reclassification of the Executive Directors for Civil Service.
 - Area Board 2 State Plan Activities
 - AB2 continues working closely with FNRC and several other regional centers and other AB’s that are impacted by recent information related to termination of hospital dentistry services at Sutter Medical Center due to Medi-Cal reimbursements effective 7/31/14. Due to the serious nature of the impact this will have on regional center consumers, Senator Daryl Steinberg convened three work groups. These groups were to address the major concerns Sutter and other hospitals and surgery centers have about providing these services. The most significant issue has been the lack of adequate reimbursement for hospital facility and operating room fees for this particular population. Sutter agreed to an extension of closure dates (12/31/14) pending

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- significant progress toward obtaining rate increases as well as revisions to hospital dental protocols.
- Many Area Boards are collaborating and enveloped a document to gather stories of children and adults with disabilities who require this specialized level of dental care. The stories will be shared with the Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) and other government and private agencies working improve access to care for those who need this specialized level of dental care. We are asking stories to be submitted by November 30, 2014.
 - AB2 remains involved and committed to the implementation and monitoring of Rural Expansion of Medi-Cal managed care in Northern California. On December 1, 2014 (seniors and people with developmental disabilities) will mandatorily be required to enroll in a managed care plan – Anthem Blue Cross or California Health and Wellness. For Region 2, this means Medi-cal recipients only that live in Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Plumas Counties will have to enroll with one of the 2 plans by 12/01/14. AB2 as a member of Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) coordinated three outreach forums in Tehama (August 27th – Red Bluff), Butte (September 18th – Oroville) and Plumas County (October 8th – Quincy).
 - AB2, as an active member of the Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) is focusing on maintaining professional and collaborative relationships with both health plans. DAN is working with California Health and Wellness to develop a regional advisory committee.
 - AB2 as an active member of Butte-Glenn Partners in Transition (BGPiT), is participating in the Glenn County Office of Education's (GCOE) California Employment Consortium of Youth (CECY) Community Conversation project scheduled for November 20, 2014 in Orland.
 - AB2 participated in the planning and organizing of the Tehama County Coordinating Council's (TCCC) 10th Annual Circle of Champions Awards Luncheon on September 13, 2014; Butte County Coordinating Council's (BCCC) 19th Annual Recognition Celebration Event on October 16, 2014;

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Volunteered for FNRC's 10th FOCUS Film Festival on October 23 – 24, 2014.

- Nicholas Boren, SCDD-AB2 office Technician, wrote an overview of the 10th FOCUS Film Festival article.
- AB2 presented at 2014 Supported Life Conference on October 10, 2014 with Laura Larson, FNRC Director, and Terry Kozloff, Co-Directors of AMJaMB's "The Call Connection". The session was titled "Creating a Place in the World" and highlighted a variety of collaborative projects and business enterprises that have provided interesting employment for those we support in rural northern California. The session was attended by 75 people.
- AB2 is working with AMJaMB's "The Call Connection" to complete all necessary reporting requirements for PDG Cycle 36 and getting official contract documents in place for Cycle 37, which began October 1, 2014
- Area Board 2 Member Appointments Update:
 - Charles Horne-Nutt was appointed by Governor's Office on September 30, 2014.
- SCDD/Area Board 2 Statewide Self-advocacy Network (SSAN)
 - Charles Horne-Nutt is SCDD-AB2's representative so SSAN. Charles has been busy developing his SSAN presentation to educate consumers and professionals about SSAN.
 - Charles presented at Shasta County People First on October 15, 2014 to 10 consumers. He continues to contact all Regional 2 People First Chapters and is in the process of coordinating presentations.
 - Charles will be attending SCDD-AB2 meeting to keep the board updated on SSAN projects.
 - The next SSAN meeting is December 10-11, 2014 in Sacramento.

9. Report from Executive Director, Laura Larson:

- a. Health Plan Meetings and Medical-Cal Managed Care Expansion to children with autism: Laura attended this meeting in Quincy. California Health and Wellness obtained contracts with a medical facility in Reno for people in this area.

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Partnership and California Health and Wellness are working with FNRC to work with children with autism.

- b. USC TeleHealth Counseling: They are offering free professional counseling for consumers and/or families including marriage counseling, teen and financial issues. This is available through “Skype”
- c. Early Start Eligibility Expansion: This will begin in January.
- d. Rate Reform Efforts for development services: ARCA feels that the Regional Centers must work together to get more money from the state.
- e. Methodology reforms for Regional Center operations: Tabled until a later time.
- f. California Employment Consortium for Youth Community Conversation in Orland: Laura attended this meeting November 20th. Staff toured the services in Chico the next day.
- g. Action Item No. 3: Volunteerism: It is requested the Board of Directors approve the Far Northern Regional Center Policy “Volunteer Opportunities”. Motion to approve and second by Margaret Shipp and Margot Madson, no discussion, motion passed.
- h. Other:
 - i. The reviews of the 10th FOCUS Film Festival were very good.
 - ii. Donations are coming in and shopping has begun for Holidays are for Caring.
 - iii. Laura attended the Self-Determination conference in Los Angeles. The 62 spots in the pilot program will be picked by lottery from those who want this service.
 - iv. There will be raining in March on Healthy Bowel and Bladder Habits in both Redding and Chico.

10. Management Reports

- a. Finance Report – Michael Mintline, Associate Director, Administration:
 - i. Purchase of Service Report, FY 14-15: Allocated spending authority from the Department of Developmental Services plus reimbursement of costs from vendors is

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\$6.5 million short of rough Fiscal 2014/15 spending estimates. Fiscal 2014/15 expenses may approximate \$113.3 million, and \$8.1 million or 7.7% increase from last year's actual costs to date. The remaining \$6.2 million increase in expected expenses is caused primarily by \$1.2 million Supported Living services expenses, \$1.0 million in out-of-home placement expenses for non-traditional family home agency and specialized residential facilities, \$.9 million in expenses for all inclusive, or "wrap around" crisis services for the more difficult to serve.

- ii. Operations Report, FY 14-15: Projected spending authority is slightly under \$15.0 million. This amount is an increase of 2.0% from the prior year. Projected Personal Services expenses rose by \$108 thousand from the September 2014 report primarily to an expected 2.5% pay increase to all employees effective December 1, 2014. Vacancies in existing Service Coordinator caseloads will be filled. Substantial health, dental and CalPERS benefit cost increases have occurred effective July 1, 2014. The Regional Center will probably be unable to absorb substantial increases in benefit costs next fiscal year.
- iii. .Other: None

- b. Case Management Directions: Judy Kruse, Associate Director, Case Management, North:
 - i. Action Item No. 2: Comprehensive Support Services; It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the Purchase of Service Guideline for Comprehensive Support Services. Motion to approve and second by Suzette Serrano and Margot Madson. No discussion, motion passed.
 - ii. Report: Introduced Marlene McCollum, Case Management Supervisor in Chico. Marlene spoke about the Intensive Supports and Services Unit which includes those with developmental disabilities along with mental health and drug issues. Her unit includes three bilingual

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service coordinators. Turning Point is a new service that provides services to stabilize people with a mental health diagnosis, within their current living situations. They also provide several other offerings, including ILS services, a drop-in office, and classes for anger management, 12-step, drug counseling and boundaries. Currently, it is only available in Butte County, but it is hoped they can expand to all of the FNRC catchment area in the future.

- c. Community Services Directions: Diana Anderson, Associate Director, Community Services:
 - i. Report: Todd Clarkson, Community Placement Plan, FY 13-14 and 14-15: For the year ending June 2014, seven people transition, five from the Developmental Centers and two from out of the area locked residential facilities. For the year ending June 2015, the goal is, again, seven. Currently three have been placed and it is expected that seven will be placed by the end of January 2015.
11. Association of Regional Centers Agencies Report, Ronda Dever, Delegate:
- The last meeting was held in Torrance at Harbor Regional Center
 - The annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony with the governor will be held December 2nd. A child from Inland Regional Center will be lighting the tree
 - Lanterman Developmental Center is almost empty with 15 persons still residing in the facility.
 - Grass Roots Day is set for April 8th or 15th. If you are interested in attending, please let her or Mary Ann Weston know.
 - Ronda is on the Strategic Planning Committee. If you have any ideas for the future, please let her know, and she will relay them to the committee.

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- The Centers for Medicaid and Medi-Care (CMD) is an ongoing topic and California is still working on the “plan for the plan” that is due in December. A PowerPoint presentation will be discussed with the board in the future
- Legislative Report: Rick Rollens noted that there would be several key positions that would have new members: Sub 3 Chair, Assembly Budget Chair and Appropriations Committee Chair.
- ARCA took positions on 43 of the 92 2014 bills that were significant to the Regional Centers. 44% were successfully passed. The Senate Select Committee on Autism Services will disband November 30th unless someone volunteers to Chair it.

12. FNCC Board Committee Reports and Action Items:

- a. Consumer Committee, Suzette Serrano, Chairperson: The meeting was called to order by Suzette Serrano. Laura Larson discussed the Board Packet and Action Items with Margot and Suzette. Margot and Suzette gave their views about the Supported Life Conference and the FOCUS Film Festival. Suggestions to make each event better were also given. The committee, also, began a discussion regarding the name of the committee and whether or not it should be changed. Suzette adjourned the meeting at 2:45.
- b. Service Provider Advisory Committee, Jennifer Bowman, Chairperson: No report as the meeting was cancelled.

13. Announcements, Reports, Questions and Answers, Summary Comments, All Board Members:

Suzette: The People First Conference will be held in Fresno, June 12 – 14, 2015.

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Margaret: The Butte County Special Olympics is involved in bowling. The tournament will be held in Oroville, December 6th. The statewide self-advocacy conference will be May 1-2 in Sacramento.

Colleen: Trinity Alert posted that a physically disabled man was at the Weaverville Burger King needing food, clothing and blankets. The community responded somewhat.

Leslie: She and Rowell Family Empowerment are looking for help with a support group for Spanish speaking families.

Melanie: The Tehama County Coordinating Council wants to continue the Emergency Fair. They also want to continue the Circle of Champions luncheon.

Chrissie: She belongs to the Red Bluff Art Association, and will be working with people with disabilities.

Ronda: Happy Thanksgiving to all the board members

14. Next meeting: The next meeting will be January 22 and 23, in Redding
15. Motion to adjourn by Margot Madson and Suzette Serrano. No discussion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted



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Executive Assistant/Board Secretary