

Far Northern Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities dba Far Northern Regional Center Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2020
9:15 a.m. by Zoom due to COVID-19
Far Northern Regional Center
1900 Churn Creek Road, #114
Redding, California

1. Call to Order: 9:15 a.m. by Chair, Deborah Anderson
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Deborah Anderson, Leslie Corletto, Daniel Strauss, Terry M. Lori Childres, Anne Silcher, Kim Leeseman
 - b. Absent: William Battles, Adam Beals, Andreas Economopoulos
3. Public Input/Open: Introduction of guests: FNRC Staff: Mike Mintline, Todd Clarkson, Kathy Jennings. Tammy Torum, Executive Director, We Care A Lot, Phil Perez, Department of Developmental Services, Sarah May, North State Office SCDD.
4. Approval of Agenda for August 14, 2020: Motion to approve agenda for August 14, 2020 and second by Lori Childres and Leslie Corletto. Discussion regarding minutes from June 26, 2020 not being included on this agenda. Daniel Strauss made a motion for the June minutes to be included in the upcoming September meeting with Lori Childress seconding this. No further discussion, motion passed.
5. Report from Chairperson, Deborah Anderson: Thank you to all for coming together for this meeting. Board committees have been placed and will be mailed in September.
6. Community Services Report: Todd Clarkson, Interim Associate Director: Todd gave a brief overview of these Action Items and contracts.
 - i. Action Item #1: PS-2437. It is requested the Board approve contract PS-2437 with NVDS, Inc., vendor #PF5237, for operation of an ARFPSHN at 4220 Vista Oaks Court, Redding, CA, effective September 1, 2020 through

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June 30, 2022, for up to a total maximum contract amount of \$2,489,910.50. The actual amount of the contract may be less than the above state maximum allowable, not to exceed the state-wide median rate. The rate for the service will not exceed the monthly median rate allowed by the State of California. The maximum rate per month, per client is \$22,634.66 and up to five individuals can reside in private bedrooms in this beautiful custom home. A motion and second by Daniel Strauss and Terry M. No discussion, motion passed.

- ii. Action Item #2: PS-2436: It is requested the Board approve contract PS-2436 with Liberty Residential Services – Spirit Facility, vendor #HF0662, for operation of a CCH at 5739 Cedars Road, Redding, CA, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, for a total maximum contract amount of \$2,860,000.00. Rates for CCHs must be approved by the Department of Developmental Service (DDS) which has not occurred by the date of this BOD meeting. The actual amount of the contract may be less than the above stated maximum, depending on the rate approval from DDS. The maximum rate per month requested by Liberty Residential Services is \$130,000.00 per month for up to four residents who will all have private bedrooms in the newly re-constructed home on 2+ acres in Redding. Motion and second by Daniel Strauss and Anne Silcher. Discussion included Daniel Strauss asking for Board oversight on this contract as it is a new residential model. No further discussion, motion passed.

7. FNRC Board Committee Reports and Action Items:

a. Membership Committee:

- i. Approval of Member-at-Large candidates: Deborah Anderson and Daniel Strauss discussed the need to fill the current vacancies on the FNCC Board of Directors. One person was interviewed via Zoom for a Member-at-Large position. After this interview, Melissa Gruhler joined the meeting to update the committee on the Board Composition Survey that is due to DDS by the end of day, August 14, 2020. As there was no quorum, Deborah Anderson is

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recommending to the board that Adrian Huge be appointed to the Far Northern Regional Center Board of Directors. Motion and second to approve the appointment of Adrian Hugo to the Far Northern Regional Center Board of Directors by Lori Childres and Terry M. No discussion, motion passed.

8. Report from Executive Director, Melissa Gruhler:

Board Composition Survey: Melissa spoke with the Board about the Board Composition Survey and what is necessary for the population of the Board itself. At this time, the board is in compliance in all categories. A plan will be sent to DDS today, along with the Survey outlining a recruiting strategy for the outlying counties of Lassen and Modoc. Tehama and Glenn Counties are in the process of seating one board member each.

COVID-19 update: The FNRC Clinical Team meets on a daily basis. This team is actively reaching out to both staff and community and each week the nurses are making contact with providers. Melissa is very appreciative of the provider community and the protections and safety measures they are using in the residential facilities. Diana Anderson is reviewing plans for the reopening of day programs. Other ideas are being formulated to provide supports for individuals. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are being warehoused in Redding and Chico to be delivered to the community and/or families periodically, and if necessary, delivered personally.

Trainings: On August 11th, a training was held via Zoom led by Dr. Erik Carter of Vanderbilt University entitled "From Barriers to Belonging". This training was in regards to relationships and community and getting involved with your community – not just waiting to be invited and included. Melissa is formulating a plan to grow more community presence for FNRC consumers.

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

Sarah May, Manager, SCDD, North State Regional Office:

1. North State Office is working together with Disability Action Center and our Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) Health Coalition Members to organize a 1-day conference on September 18, 2020 titled, "Master Plan for Aging: What Does it Mean and Future Impacts" The Governor's Master Plan of Aging includes: to advance equity, increase economic security and safety, and improve access to quality, affordable health care and LTSS programs for all of us as we age. The platform of the conference will be Zoom due to the current pandemic. We have secured speakers to present representing the California Foundation on Independent Living Centers, Passages, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the SCAN Foundation so far. We plan to have a virtual resource session that will include agencies showcasing their services and resources as well as putting together resources "boxes" that will be mailed to all registered participants. Anthem Blue Cross has committed to providing sponsorship for this event.
2. North State Office is collaborating with Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California to provide education to families and community over the upcoming months. We will start with Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) to Individual Education Plan (IEP) Transition training on August 25th from 11am-1pm via Zoom. Information will be distributed soon.
3. North State Office will be collaborating with We Care A Lot Foundation's Vote Project Team to organize presentations on Voter Education and the importance of voting. The trainings will be provided via Zoom and will begin in September. Information will be distributed to the community once the trainings have been scheduled.

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4. The Butte County Coordinating Council's Recognition Celebration Committee decided to not plan an event this year due to the pandemic. The goal of the committee to organize the 25th BCCC Recognition Celebration in 2021.

5. The North State Office participated in the 8.11.20 Festival of Learning and Ideas Project highlighting successful people in our region who are an inspiration in business and art. Thank you Rebekah Amick for participating in the project!

Anne: Perhaps in place of the traditional Butte County Coordinating Council, a recognition could be held by Zoom.

10. Transition to Executive (Closed) Session, W & I 463 (A),
 - (1) Real estate negotiations
 - (2) The appointment, employment evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee.
 - (3) Employee salaries and benefits.
 - (4) Labor contract negotiations.
 - (5) Pending litigation.

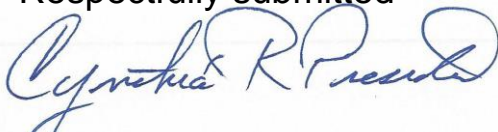
Far Northern Regional Center staff issues were discussed with the board members.

Motion and second to come back into Open Session by Daniel Strauss and Anne Silcher. No discussion, motion passed.

11. Next Meeting: September 24 and 25, 2020, Gaia Hotel, Anderson, California.

12. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn and second by Daniel Strauss and Lori Childres. No discussion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia Presidio, Executive Assistant