

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER
TCADD Board Meeting
DATE: March 9, 2013
MINUTES

TCADD President: Robyn Adkins **In Attendance:**, Michael Kaszycki, Marge Younce, Mani Gaur, Robyn Adkins, Rachel Huff, Donna Moore, Ryan Wilkinson, Robin Rosso, Tim Farrar, Michael Craig, Meredith Catalini, Casey Hamlin, Omar Noorzad, Frank Bush, Lorna Owens, Dominic Namnath, Pat Forgey, Michael Nagel, Cathy Berry **Phone:** Shanti Nadiminti **Absent:** Bob Cobbs

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | TASK | RESPON SIBLE PARTY DUE DATE |
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| Call to Order, Ground Rules, Introduction | Meeting called to order at 10:02am, by Robyn Adkins, TCADD Board President. Introductions were made. Diane Figueroa, parent of a person served by TCRC, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Figueroa has submitted an application for Board membership. A vote will be taken at the TCADD Board meeting in May 2013. | | |
| Public Comment | No public comment was presented. | | |
| Approval of Consent Calendar | After reviewing the TCADD Board minutes from February 1, 2013, as well as the agenda for today's meeting, March 9, 2013, a motion was made to accept the consent calendar. M/S/C | | |
| Board Bylaws Review | The Board Bylaws review was postponed until the Board meeting in May 2013. | | |
| Notice of Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy 11901 ○ Policy 14101 | The TCADD Board reviewed two policies that had been submitted to DDS for final approval. DDS returned the policies to the TCADD Board, requesting minor changes to the policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Policy 11901 – Certified or Licensed Living Arrangement Supports and Services • Service Policy 14101 – Developing Support, Service and/or Program Options A motion was made to accept the policies, incorporating the language that was suggested by DDS. M/S/C | | |
| Executive Director's Report Omar Noorzad, PhD | Dr Omar Noorzad presented the Executive Director's Report for March 2013. Dr Noorzad addressed the following subjects: | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update - FY 13/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governor Brown’s proposed budget for 2013-2014 does not call for new reductions to developmental services budget. ○ 1.25% payment reduction imposed on regional center operations and service provider rates will sunset on June 30, 2013. ○ Regional center funding will be increased in FY 13/14 by \$203.5 million over previous year’s budget, but number of people served by regional centers is expected to increase by approximately 9,000 over FY 12/13. • Autism Health Insurance Plan Mandate - SB946 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCRC continues to address implementation of SB946 – activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence to all families affected by SB946 ▪ Ongoing face-to-face trainings in all three counties ▪ TCRC created a new staff position – Benefits Coordinator – to provide additional support for people served, their families, and TCRC staff; activities to include education and training. • ARCA Strategic Plan 2013-2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ARCA is developing a Strategic Plan for 2013-2015, with the assistance of consultant Ami Sullivan of Kinetic Flow Corporation. TCADD Board members are invited to submit their comments and recommendations to ARCA. • Developmental Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senate Human Services Committee of California’s State Legislature, continues to address recent allegations of abuse and mistreatment at several residents who live in some of the four institutional developmental centers operated by the Department of Developmental Services. <p>Dr. Noorzad’s full report to the Board can be viewed on the TCRC website, under Budget Watch, here.</p> | | |
| <p>Management Report Lorna Owens, CFO</p> | <p>Lorna Owens, TCRC CFO, presented the following Financial Report for March 2013:</p> <p>The POS budget (non-CPP) for FY 12/13 remains at \$177.3 million, per the first allocation (D-1) from DDS received in September. Beginning this year, DDS will not be allocating funding for payments made for persons residing in ICFs who attend day programs and receive transportation services. This funding will be paid</p> | | |

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| | <p>directly to the ICFs who will reimburse regional centers for these costs, otherwise referred to as the ICF-State Plan Amendment (SPA) process. TCRC lowered the estimate this month of these annual ICF-SPA reimbursements from approximately \$7.4 million to \$6.8 million.</p> <p>Expenditures are higher than FY 11/12 due to a 3% increase to partially restore the 4.25% payment reduction, and caseload growth of approximately 2.5%. The projected expenditures for this month are estimated between \$193.0 and \$194.6 million. The projected deficit is currently \$7.5 to \$9.2 million after ICF-SPA and CPP continuation funding is received, relatively unchanged from last month. Projected expenses decreased approximately \$700,000 since last month, however this was mostly offset by the lowered funding estimate for ICF-SPA reimbursements. Funding for CPP continuation costs for persons placed from developmental centers in FY 11/12, including CPP deflection continuation costs, and growth are expected to be allocated in the second POS allocation.</p> <p>As of February 10, 2013, the statewide projected deficit report indicated a decrease over the prior month of about \$21.5 million or \$286 to \$314 million in total, prior to DDS allocating reserve funds. The range of projected deficits was reported to be between a low of approximately \$3.1 million to a high of \$28 million, with one regional center projecting a surplus.</p> <p>TCRC has expended \$104.6 million in non-CPP POS through January. This reflects about a 2.6% increase over FY 11/12 non-CPP POS expenditures for the same period.</p> <p>For FY 11/12, TCRC received in February approximately \$1.8 million of POS funding (non-CPP) from DDS in the C-9 allocation. The additional funding is close to fully funding the deficit. Additional funding to resolve any remaining deficit is expected before the State closes out this fiscal year.</p> <p>FY 12/13 Operations costs are tracking close to the budget. Savings generated from cost savings measures will be utilized to pay down retirement obligations and fund technology and infrastructure needs.</p> | | |
| <p>Housing Report</p> | <p>Marc Belfortti, Executive Director of the Tri-County Community Housing Corporation, presented information about recent activities and accomplishments realized by the TCCHC.</p> <p>Mr. Belfortti stated that they continue to expand their inventory of permanent</p> | | |

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| | <p>housing for people served by TCRC. TCCHC has been in conversation with DDS regarding funding that would help to renovate a home in Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County. DDS and TCCHC have come to an agreement recently, so construction can begin.</p> <p>Mr. Belfortti stated that they have been building capacity with service providers on housing issues. They have assisted in crisis situations, as well as provided education, technical assistance, and expertise to stabilize resources in the community. Additionally, they have consulted with families about modifications in family homes to better accommodate the needs of persons served. TCCHC also assists with finding and obtaining equipment that supports the person served, as well as care givers and family members.</p> <p>TCCHC has a peer group of affordable housing stakeholders with whom they work on a consistent basis. They work together regarding legislation, funding, and education, and have become recognized “experts” locally, who have become adept at identifying and supporting various resources in the community.</p> | | |
| ARCA Update Rachel Huff | Rachel Huff, TCADD ARCA Representative, will give her report at the Board meeting in May, 2013. | | |
| Committee Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor Advisory – Thursday, May 2, 2013 (M Catalini / J White, Co-Chairs) • Services and Supports – Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (M Kaszycki/B Cobbs, Co-Chairs) • Government and Community Relations – Thursday, May 9, 2013 (R Rosso, Chair) • Board Development – Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (M Gaur, Chair) • Administrative – Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (R Huff, Chair) • People’s Advisory – Wednesday, May 22, 2013 (T Farrar / S Bremer, Co-Chairs) • Executive – Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (R Adkins, Chair) | | |
| Adjournment | Meeting was adjourned at 11:48am. | | |

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Friday, May 3, 2013
TCRC Annex – 505 E Montecito St – Santa Barbara