

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER

TCADD Board Meeting

DATE: July 9, 2010

MINUTES

TCADD President: Bob Cobbs **In Attendance:** Charles Devlin, Nancy Kavin, Shanti Nadiminti, Mani Gaur, Justine Blevins, Robin Rosso, Michael Kaszycki, Rachel Huff, Julie Kahn, Cathy Farrar. Omar Noorzad, Michael Nagel, Lorna Owens, Frank Bush, Pat Forgey **Absent:** Kathy Reed, Steven Kresco

ITEM	DISCUSSION	TASK	RESPONSIBLE PARTY DUE DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order 	Meeting called to order at 6:07pm, by Bob Cobbs, TCADD Board President.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Input 	Members of the public introduced themselves and provided general comments.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Meeting Consent Calendar 	The consent calendar was reviewed. A motion was made to accept the consent calendar. M/S/C		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Action Items A. Changes to TCADD Service Policy 9401 – Accessing Other Resources 	<p>Frank Bush, Director of Services and Supports, addressed the Board regarding the updating of TCADD Service Policy Guidelines.</p> <p>The Board reviewed a draft of changes to the current TCRC <i>Service Policy 9401 – Accessing Other Resources</i>. Due to recent changes resulting from the TBL, families are required to access other resources for services and supports, before requesting them from regional centers.</p> <p>The draft of changes includes revisions that include people-first language, as well as the TBL language. Mr. Bush explained that the TCADD Services and Supports committee had reviewed the document on several occasions, and recommended it to the full Board for approval.</p> <p>The item will be added to the TCADD Board agenda as an Action Item in September, 2010.</p> <p>Mr. Bush also noted that there are 26 service policies. To streamline the information, separate policies and their corrolative procedures will be consolidated into one statement that is entitled as a policy. Other RCs are doing this, as well. The Lanterman Act leaves this to the preference and discretion of each Board.</p>	Add to Board calendar for September 2010	

	<p>Each Board possesses control and acts as the voice of their community. At the State level, DDS recognizes the variances at the local level. By updating policies and procedures, incorporating TBL language, as well as people-first language, TCRC and other regional centers will try to equalize some policies through managing monies. These service policies are the key to local control, and with each community voicing where POS money is spent.</p> <p>Service and behavioral policies are anchor points of fairness in the distribution of resources available in each community.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Items 	<p>Nancy Kavin, TCADD Board member and former Board Development Committee chair, addressed the Board and introduced Rachel Huff as a potential Board member. Ms. Kavin noted that Ms. Huff brings great knowledge and experience of the regional center system, as she is a parent of a child who received services, and she served on the Board of the North Los Angeles Regional Center. A motion was made to accept Rachel Huff as a Director on the TCADD Board. M/S/C</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director Report Omar Noorzad, PhD 	<p>Dr. Omar Noorzad, Executive Director, addressed the Board and members of the public, and provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The state has still not passed a budget – and Dr. Noorzad anticipates this would not happen for weeks – perhaps months – to come ○ The State Budget Conference Committee met several times. The “Big Five” leadership has kept the developmental disability system as an open item, believing that the system will receive more federal dollars. However, if this does not occur, the RC system is at risk of losing more money. ○ Cash flow – TCRC will have money until mid-September. This may require TCRC to seek additional lines of credit to continue to provide services and supports, however, at this time, there are too many unknown factors to predict what will happen. ○ Crucial services and supports will be prioritized as events unfold ○ This is a historic deficit for the State of California ○ This critical situation could result in delays of services, distribution of IOUs, or other measures ○ TCRC has met with Union Bank to negotiate a line of credit and the attendant interest rates ○ Union Bank has voiced a commitment to do whatever is necessary to help TCRC and other RCs get through this financial crisis ○ Director Terri Delgadillo, DDS, has offered interim funding from federal funding that DDS can access. TCRC will receive \$13.1 	<p>OMAR PULL PREV LETTERS TO LEGIS</p>	

	<p>million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Delgadillo is also very interested in creating a more equitable methodology for allocating funding. ARCA has created a task force to gather information and review options to recommend to DDS. ○ TCRC will experience a fairly big reduction in the OPS budget, which is already stretched very thin. It is also possible that TCRC will see a \$1.5 million reduction in POS funding for FY 10/11. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Management Report Lorna Owens, CFO 	<p>Lorna Owens, CFO, provided the following information to the TCADD Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current funding for POS is \$185.0 million. The A-5 allocation was received, including a reduction of \$106,835 in the POS budget. ● The Prevention Program remains at \$421,874 through a block grant ● Monthly POS projections estimate that the annual expenditures will be between \$184.8 and \$185.3 million (including TBL savings) ● Actual May expenses were higher than predicted, by about \$200,000 - \$300,000 ● TCRC has expended \$165.5 million in non-CPP POS through May (about \$15 million per month) ● FY 09/10 shows a 1.7% increase over non-CPP expenditures in FY 08/09 ● The 3% service provider payment reduction has resulted in lower growth in POS (normally 10% - 12%) ● TCRC continues to implement cost-saving measures in OPS ● Several charts were distributed and discussed – these are on file in the Executive Office 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ARCA Report Bob Cobbs, TCADD President ARCA Representative 	<p>Bob Cobbs, TCADD ARCA representative, provided information about the most recent ARCA BOD meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ARCA Housing Collaborative provided a presentation, and advised the ARCA members of their efforts to help support initiatives in variety of areas, including housing , employment and others. ● A document known as the “Lanterman Letter” has been sent from Lanterman RC to both the Assembly and Senate budget committees, as well as the Budget Conference Committee, opposing the 1.24% proposed reduction – and offering alternatives to that. Although the letter was sent on ARCA stationery, it was not vetted with ARCA members or the organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BOD determined that in the event that RC Boards need to communicate with legislators or others, they are to clarify that their opinions do not reflect the opinions of the entire organization. ○ The ICFS board meeting report included a collaborative memo of 		

	<p>understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The California State Senate supported the governor’s recommendation of a 1.254% reduction to both the OPS and POS budgets. The Assembly did not support this suggestion. ○ There was some discussion among legislators about suspending the Prevention Program, and using that money for the general fund. ○ The Assembly voted against the proposed 1.25% reduction being taken from the RCs, and proposed that it be taken from providers. ARCA supports the Assembly proposal ○ ARCA BOD members discussed goals and objectives for the coming year. ○ The Whistleblower Act (AB1589) has been tabled. AB435 has supplanted AB 1589, and is estimated to cost about \$7 - \$8 million to implement. ARCA will ask for opposition to AB 435 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Report Kathy Reed, TCCHC President 	The Housing Report will be presented in July.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announcements, Questions, Answers, Summary Comments 	A New Board Member Orientation will be scheduled as soon as possible to include R Rosso, M Kaszycki, M Gaur, and S Kresco		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Committee Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vendor Advisory – Thursday, September 2, 2010 (C Devlin / J White, Co-Chairs) ● Services and Supports – Tuesday, September 20, 2010 (J Kahn, Chair) ● Government and Community Relations - Thursday, September 9, 2010 (M Gaur, Chair) ● Board Development – Tuesday, September 20, 2010 (R Rosso, Chair) ● Administrative – Tuesday, September 20, 2010 (S Nadiminti, Chair) ● People’s Advisory – Wednesday, September 21 , 2010 (C Farrar / S Bremer, Co-Chairs) ● Executive – Tuesday, September 20, 2010 (B Cobbs, Chair) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adjournment 	Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.		

**NEXT MEETING: 6:00pm, Friday, September 10, 2010
SB Annex Conference Room**