

**Redwood Coast Developmental Services Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting, March 14, 2020**

Executive Directors Report

This may be my final written report to the RCDSC Board of Directors and the RCRC community. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their service, and their support during my tenure. The staff of Redwood Coast Regional Center is skilled, knowledgeable and committed to person centered support. It has been my honor to work with them these past few years. Our service provider community has inspired me with their efforts to provide quality services in a challenging economic and geographic environment. Our clients and families deserve the best of our efforts, and as we recruit new leadership, I know the Board is seeking a candidate that not only possesses knowledge and skill, but shares the values expressed in our Vision Statement. As I prepare for the transition to new Executive leadership, I wish to update the Board on ongoing projects and initiatives of importance.

Diversity Outreach and the Redwood Coast Equity Project

I am pleased to report that our proposal to DDS to enhance our outreach and improve services to underserved communities was fully funded. The grant proposal includes funding for continued support for outreach activities, improved communication with underserved communities, and resource development focused on culturally responsive practices. In anticipation of my departure, I have asked Dr. Lucy to oversee our Diversity Outreach activities at the Director level. Mayra Ochoa will continue to be the lead staff on this project.

On March 9th, we will be conducting a public meeting from 3-5PM at the Robinson Rancheria in Nice. The purpose of this meeting is to share information with the community regarding how Purchase of Service funds were authorized and utilized by RCRC clients in 2019, and to discuss any disparities in authorization/utilization related to age, residence, race and ethnicity. RCRC staff will discuss our proposed activities to address disparities and solicit community input about activities RCRC should consider.

Mental Health Services Act Grant Proposals

Under the leadership of Dr. Lucy, RCRC has submitted three grant proposals to DDS for Mental Health Services Act funding. These grant proposals address three important focus areas; improving early intervention services to children and families (0-5), improving the quality of support for individuals with dual diagnosis, and increasing health literacy and competency in the everyday support of adults with known or suspected dementia. Dr. Lucy will provide an overview of the proposals at the March meeting. An overview of the grant proposal is attached to my report. I wish to thank Lucy and members of her team for their hard work in the development and submission of these proposals within a very tight timeframe.

Affordable Housing

A ground breaking ceremony for the Orr Creek housing development will be scheduled for a date in March. I hope to have a date and time for this event to announce at our March meeting. Under the

leadership of Kim Nash, RCRC has received funding for a Housing Specialist to coordinate affordable housing development within our Community Services Department.

Community Safety

Over the past year, RCRC conducted 6 formal trainings on the topic of community safety. RCRC collaborated with the State Council to co-sponsor 4 STARR trainings for clients, family members and service providers, and a train the trainers program for law enforcement across our 4 counties. In collaboration with People First Ukiah, we hosted a peer to peer community safety training conducted by the We Care A Lot Foundation. We are working with the WE Care A Lot Foundation to provide an ongoing peer to peer training program across our 4 counties.

Human Resources

I am sorry to announce the resignation of Sheli Wright, our Client Services Manager (CSM) in Lake County. Sheli has done an impressive job improving the capacity of the Lake County office, and I would like to express our appreciation for her work. We have begun the recruitment for a new Client Services Manager for the Lake County office. In the interim, supervision will be provided by the Mendocino County Client Services Managers (Children and Adult Units) who will be scheduled to provide daily on-site support to service coordination until a new CSM is hired and trained. The Director of Client Services, Mary Block will be on-site as much as possible during the recruitment/transition period.

Performance Report for Redwood Coast Regional Center

I just received our Performance Report data from DDS for 2019. I am in the process of analyzing the data and will provide an overview to the Board of Directors at our March meeting. RCRC is required to submit our draft analysis of the data to the Department by March 27th.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March meeting,

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