



## Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023

Virtual Meeting

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### RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Paré, President/Supports & Services Co-Chair  
Sadia Mumtaz, Vice-President/Diversity & Equity Co-Chair  
Dr. Stephen Whitgob, Assistant Treasurer  
Brian Blaisch  
Teresita DeJesus  
Daniel Hogue, PVAC Representative  
April Key-Lee  
Reneé Perls, Secretary  
Lisa Soloway

### ABSENT:

Lilian Ansari/S&S Co-Chair  
Nyron Battles, CAC Chair  
Carmen Quinones  
Dinah Shapiro  
Linda Stevens

### STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director  
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration  
Caylin Patterson, Director of Human Resources & Support Services  
Ronke Sodipo, Director of Client Services  
Ben Braun, Associate Director of Federal Programs  
Chris Hanson, Associate Director of Client Services/Adults  
Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Associate Director of Client Services/Children  
Lindsay Meninger, Associate Director of Client Services/SDLAC  
Priscilla Gomez, Manager of Transportation  
Michael Minton, Manager of Risk Management and Quality Assurance  
Herb Hastings, Client Advocate  
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

### GUESTS:

Sophia Agafonow/DDS  
Rose Coleman  
Melody Davis  
Families United for Equity  
Erika Gonzalez  
Dr. Gregory Holler  
Vi Ibarra

Morena Grimaldi  
Sheraden Nicholau/SCDDC  
Jeri Pietrelli  
Ann Pringle  
Maria Ramirez  
Anthony Rowe  
Zackary Wheeler

**CALL TO ORDER**

Frank Paré called the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay to order at 7:12 pm. A quorum was established.

**CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES**

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the June 26, 2023 Agenda with the exception of adding a Diversity & Equity tracker update and the DDS E-Series contract” [Blaisch/Whitob] Unanimous The motion was adopted

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the May 22, 2023 Minutes as presented.” [Blaisch/Whitob] Unanimous The motion was adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Regional Center of the East Bay uses Robert’s Rules of Order to guide our meetings. Robert’s Rules of Order is the most used manual of parliamentary procedure in the United States. Robert’s Rules of Order is designed to provide structure and guidance while facilitating the orderly operation of a meeting.*

*According to Robert’s Rules of Order, our board members are not allowed to comment, debate or respond to the public during our public meetings. There are other meetings such as our Diversity & Equity or Supports & Services meetings that begin at 5:30pm before the board meetings.*

Melody Davis spoke about her concern that the ratio of client to case manager is very high; many are in the 100:1 ratio. We share that concern.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director

**Budget Update**

The State budget was approved by the legislature this month but there was no change in the regional center core staffing formulas. All the regional centers will be working collectively to continue to push for that needed change. The debate between what the Governor wants and what the Assembly and the Senate wants to do is continuing and we will see the results by the end of this week. As usual, there is a lot of trailer bill language and policy items out there for budget implementation that we will report on once everything is finalized.

**Case Management Recruitment**

We are starting a new and innovative way of looking at the case management roll at RCEB as we address the case management shortage. We have a new team of case managers termed, Associate Case Managers, who have started their training program. There are currently seven individuals hired in this category who do not meet the full case management experience requirements, but they will be receiving on-the-job training while working with other case managers as they learn more about the

regional center system. This extra help will enable our team to cover some of the current gaps. After the Associate Case Managers pass their probationary term, they can apply for our case management positions. There has been success in this type of program with other regional centers, so we are excited to enact this program as well.

#### Language Access & Cultural Competency Funds

We have posted Request for Proposals [RFP's] to improve access to regional center services for three communities: African American/Black Community, Native American Community, and the South Asian Community. We have received numerous responses with creative ideas and we will make our decisions within the next couple of weeks or more. We do not need to go into contract on these until October as the funding for these projects is special and not our annual funding.

#### Quality Assurance Plans & Reviews

Due to the board's inquires on the subject of monitoring and reporting at community living services, day programs and other services, we sent documents on our procedures in the board packet. These procedures relate to how we conduct quality assurance reviews, what we do for different programs, what is required in the law, as well as some of the forms that are used. Ms. Kleinbub stated that if the board members have additional questions, an ideal time to bring them up will be at our board training in July.

#### Financial Charts & Graphs

Ms. Kleinbub is also looking for board comments on the charts/graphs that have been shared in the monthly Finance Reports, as we want to make that useful for the board and provide any other information that is needed.

#### Union Bank Merger

Ms. Kleinbub reiterated that since our Union Bank merged with U.S. Bank, it has been quite a process to accomplish all that needs to be done internally. We are preparing a due-diligence plan in terms of looking at our bank and what is important to us and should have that plan available for the board to look at in July/August. We have looked at other finance and accounting areas, such as our audit company which we selected 1.5 years ago, so we have another 1.5 years to go before we will need to change audit companies. We are also looking at our financial payroll system, ADP, as we will document the due diligence of using that system as well.

#### Purchase of Service [POS] Authorization

We have not been receiving outstanding POS's since 2022. We are going through some of the non-standard previously received POS's which were pending due to what should have been in place to begin with. The recent POS's that we are receiving are within the first quarter of 2023, so we are addressing those in a timely manner and getting them in the system for billing availability. We are doing what we can to address this issue as we continue to hire case managers to alleviate the high caseload ratios so that the processing of the POS's are done in a more timely manner.

We have incorporated some new processes this year where POS's can rollover to the next cycle. Independent Living Services [ILS], residential care, and respite POS's now automatically rollover to the

new fiscal year and will be cancelled if the service is no longer being used. We will be planning to use this method next year for some of the day services. We are also looking to streamline the POS authorization process with Supported Living, and are currently updating a number of our policies and procedures. Supported living is very complex and has multiple layers which can delay the POS.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee Report/President’s Report:** Frank Paré

Mr. Paré started by thanking the board members for attending this meeting every month, and for those on committees, their time attending those as well.

**Acronym List**

<b>ARFPSHN</b>	Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Specialized Health Care Needs	<b>FHA</b>	Family Home Agency
<b>BAHC</b>	Bay Area Housing Corporation	<b>ILS</b>	Individual Living Services
<b>CCH</b>	Community Crisis Home	<b>OPS</b>	Operations
<b>CPP</b>	Community Placement Plan	<b>PEP</b>	Purchase of Service Expenditure Projection
<b>CRDP</b>	Community Resource Development Plan	<b>POS</b>	Purchase of Service
<b>DDS</b>	Department of Development Services	<b>SLS</b>	Supported Living Services
<b>EBSH</b>	Enhanced Behavioral Support Home		

**CONTRACT APPROVALS**

[Note: All contracts are submitted to the board of directors 10 days prior to the board meeting for their review and opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.]

**Transportation 880 (component to a program) 19 contract renewals**

Information regarding 880 transportation contracts

The vendors are currently vendored to provide community integrated, adult development, and behavior management services. The vendor was vendored for service code 880-transportation as an additional component to day program.

Community Integrated Programs have access to community resources such as paratransit and fixed route. The program supports individuals to navigate the community safely during program hours and by providing transportation to/from home and the meeting site.

Adult Development Programs have access to community resources such as paratransit and fixed route. The program supports individuals by providing transportation to/from home and day program site when there is a safety concern; the person is unable to access community resources, or to provide smaller route options to reduce length of time on route.

Behavior Management Programs focus on supporting the individual from the moment they leave their home to arrival at day program and then return trip home. Individuals may not be able to access community resources due to concerns where environment may trigger certain reactions. Therefore, the individual may be best supported through continued interactions with staff and peers.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026

Rates: The rates vary for each contract since the program provides the transportation service as an

additional component to the day program.

Mr. Paré stated that for the future, there should be some accountability put in place with these vendors, so that their performance for service and delivery is acceptable.

M/S/C            “The board moves to approve of RCEB entering into the 3-year #880 transportation contracts with the nineteen transportation services as specified in the board packet.”  
[Soloway/Perls] 8-yes 1-abstain The motion was adopted

The board discussion centered on the transportation rates, contract terms, and services.

In the contract summary sheet relating to the rates:

Each vendor has a rate based on the transportation cost statements submitted during the initial vendorization. If the vendorization occurred prior to the implementation of the Statewide Median Rates on July 1, 2008, then we were able to negotiate a rate based on the transportation cost statements that may have resulted in much higher rates. Vendors would have submitted details on costs such as salaries and wages, fringe benefits, operating expenses, insurance, etc. to provide transportation services as an additional component. For those vendors vendored after July 1, 2008 for service code 880-transportation as an additional component, regional centers could negotiate the rate up to the allowed Statewide Median Rate. Due to the Statewide Median Rates, vendors would only receive up to the max allowed although their transportation cost statements would have resulted in a higher rate. Current rates reflect the rate increases provided through legislation and implemented based on Chapter 76, Statutes of 202 (AB136).

Ms. Kleinbub added that with the implementation of the rate study, the rates will eventually all be the same for each provider. RCEB will be making the rate adjustments, as we have been doing whenever there is a rate change.

In regards to the transportation contract terms changing from 5-year to 3-years, this was not due to overseeing quality of service since the 880 contracts are tied to day services and it is incumbent on those programs to transport their clients to/from their programs. The satisfaction for this service is very high among the families but similar to other services, there is difficulty in meeting the demand for transportation due to continued short staffing. Currently, there is no Q/A report for these services, other than a new vehicle inspection, but perhaps performance guidelines can be instituted so that there can be an incentive for timely and appropriate services.

These transportation contracts were created in conjunction with our attorneys at Musick, Peeler & Garrett, LLP not DDS.

#### **La Familia Counseling Services [LFCS] contract renewal**

This yearly contract represents the case management contract between RCEB and La Familia Counseling Services [LFCS]. LFCS provides bilingual case management staff to serve our monolingual Spanish speaking consumers and their family members. RCEB has contracted with La Familia

Counseling Services since 1979. Their legal name is The Alliance for Community Wellness dba La Familia.Counseling Services [LaFamilia].

Term: 7/1/23 to 6/30/24

Cases/month: 716

Caseload ratio: 1:65 (there are 11 case managers)

Rate of reimbursement: \$113.51/client/month. The monthly contract amount is a maximum of \$81,273.00 with an annual estimated contract amount of \$975,278.00.

M/S/C “The board moves to approve the renewal contract between RCEB and LFCS as presented” [Key-Lee/Whitgob] 8-yes 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Ms. Kleinbub added that LFCS case managers do the same type of work as RCEB case managers for the DD community. The only difference is that we do not have the ability to bill for targeted case management for those cases. That dollar amount is very small to the regional center. LFCS also has a separate division with different staff who work on the service access & equity projects among other community activities.

#### **Family Home Agency [FHA] 4 contracts**

A Family Home Agency vendored with The Regional Center of the East Bay is a service that is vendored through the Request for Proposal process outlined in Title 17 and approved by the Department of Developmental Services.

A Family Home Agency (FHA) approves family homes that offer the opportunity for up to two adult individuals with developmental disabilities per home to reside with a family and share in the interaction and responsibilities of being part of a family.

All four contracts are 3-year renewal contracts to provide Family Home Agency Services to RCEB clients in Alameda and Contra Costa County.

#### Ablelight, LLC.

Ablelight was approved for vendorization May 3, 2016.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026

Capacity: max 30

Rate (based on 30 residents):

Tier 1 \$3,589.02/month

\$1,292,047.20/year

#### AMP Inc. dba Enriching Lives

Enriching Lives was approved for vendorization December 10, 2013.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026

Capacity: max 30

Rate (based on 30 residents):

Tier 1 \$3,876.29/month

\$1,395k/year

California MENTOR Family Home Agency, LLC

California Mentor was approved for vendorization February 8, 2017.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026

Capacity: max 30

Rate (based on 30 residents):

Tier 1 \$3,876.29/month

\$1,395k/year

Golden State Residential Adult Program

Golden State Residential Adult Program was approved for vendorization May 3, 2016.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026

Capacity: max 30

Rate (based on 30 residents):

Tier 1 \$3,876.29/month

\$1,395k/year

M/S/C        “The board moves to approve the four Family Home Agency contracts as listed”  
[Perls/Soloway] 6-yes 2-no 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Mr. Paré questioned the Q/A report [ex. California Mentor] where a Q/A review was completed in 2022. Since the resident was not present to answer for themselves on if they were satisfied with the home and if they felt safe. Conversations centered around the validity of the report if the resident did not have the opportunity to express themselves at that particular visit.

**Supported Living Service (SLS) 2 contracts**

Regional centers are required by Medicaid law to vendorize SLS applicants if they meet the minimum qualifications. All the contracts for SLS providers very similar at the basic level. The rates are moving towards all the SLS providers to be the same by 2024. The provision of a higher rate than the standard rate is only possible if a vendor files for a health & safety exception on behalf of an individual consumer due to a specialized need, such as needing a qualified staff person with training in that specific area. SLS contracts are different from those for start-ups or housing developments.

These contracts represents the agreement to operate a supported living services agency that is meant to provide the necessary support to allow clients to live in their own home in the community.

Choosing Independence, Inc.

The agency is able to serve both ambulatory and non-ambulatory clients. This agency is currently vendored by North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLAC). RCEB checked with NLARC and the

agency is in good standing. The agency reports that they are prepared to serve clients in RCEB's catchment area while maintaining services in NLARC's catchment area.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026  
Capacity: max 15  
Monthly volume/client: \$10k  
Annual total: up to \$1,800k

Living with Dignity, Inc.

Living With Dignity, Inc has applied to become a Supported Living Services (SLS) service provider. The agency is prepared to serve up to 15 individuals who have intellectual or physical disabilities. The agency states that they will be able to serve clients with:

- . Mild to Moderate Behavioral Challenges (behaviors that do not cause a health and safety issue)
- . Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnoses
- . Co-occurring Substance Abuse Challenges
- . Judicially Involved (case by case basis)
- . English and Spanish Speakers
- . Ambulatory and Non-Ambulatory
- . Personal Care needs (feeding, toileting, hygiene, mobility challenges)

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026  
Capacity: max 15  
Monthly volume/client: \$10k  
Annual total: up to \$1,800k

M/S/C            "The board moves to approve the two contracts to operate the Supported Living Services homes as presented" [Perls/Soloway] 6-yes 1-no 2-abstain The motion was adopted

**DDS D-2 Contract Amendment**

This contract represents the D-2 contract amendment of the "D" series contract between DDS and RCEB for fiscal year 2022-23.

Term: 7/1/2022-6/30/2025  
OPS & CPP/CRDP: \$2,680k  
POS & CPP/CRDP start-up and placements: \$13,913k  
Total \$16,594k



M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the Department of Developmental Service’s D-2 contract amendment as specified.” [Soloway/Blaisch] Unanimous. The motion was adopted.

**DDS E-Series**

This contract represents the Preliminary of the “E” series contract between DDS and RCEB for fiscal year 2023-24.

Term: 7/1/2023-6/30/2026  
OPS Allocation: \$46,811k  
POS Allocation: \$553,729k  
Total \$600,541k

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the Department of Developmental Service’s E-Series contract as specified.” [Blaisch/Soloway] Unanimous. The motion was adopted.

[End of Contract Approvals]

**RCEB Strategic Plan – Proposal**

As discussed at the last board meeting, the members agreed to proceed with the strategic plan proposal submitted by Mary Beth Lepkowsky. The plan is very thorough and it will take a great deal of board member dedication and communication to see it to fruition. We are very excited for this opportunity.

M/S/C “The board moves to approve the Strategic Plan Proposal as-is, without any changes” [Blaisch/DeJesus] Unanimous. The motion was adopted

**BOD July Training**

We will hold our annual July board training for the BOD on July 24th in lieu of a regular board meeting. The subject will be on RCEB’s organizational structure and the workings of each department. We may plan on a tour at the beginning of the training, then start the training after.

**Budget & Finance Committee:** Dr. Steven Whitgob

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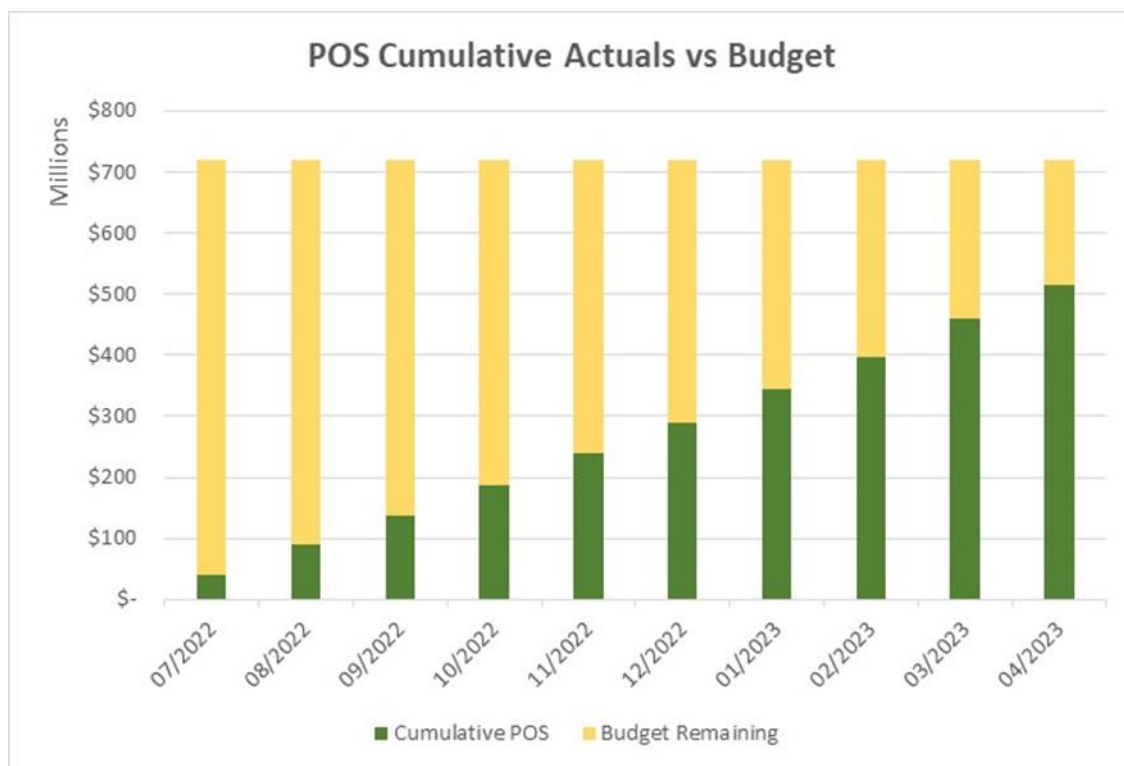
### Purchase of Service

RCEB received the D-2 amendment from DDS and has submitted to the Board for approval. The D-2 amendment included \$5.1M Promoting Workforce Stabilities for training stipends, POS additional allocation net of Rate reform reduction of \$6.9M, and CPP/CRPD start-up and placement funding of \$1.9M. The total POS allocation in the D-2 is \$13.9M, for a grand total of \$734M for FY 22-23.

Through May 2023, 79% of our fiscal year 22-23 POS expenditures are in base. For Non CPP Purchase of Services Expenditures, we are projecting a surplus of \$76.4M. Note that this is an increase of \$3.6M from previous month's surplus due to additional POS allocation received in the D-2.

ARCA has not released the PEP report of all 21 regional centers for the month of June. Therefore, a comparison with the other 21 Regional Center cannot be completed at this time. We will provide this comparison in future month.

The graph POS cumulative Actuals versus Budget shows POS expenditures trending month-over-month compared to the overall budget.



### Operations

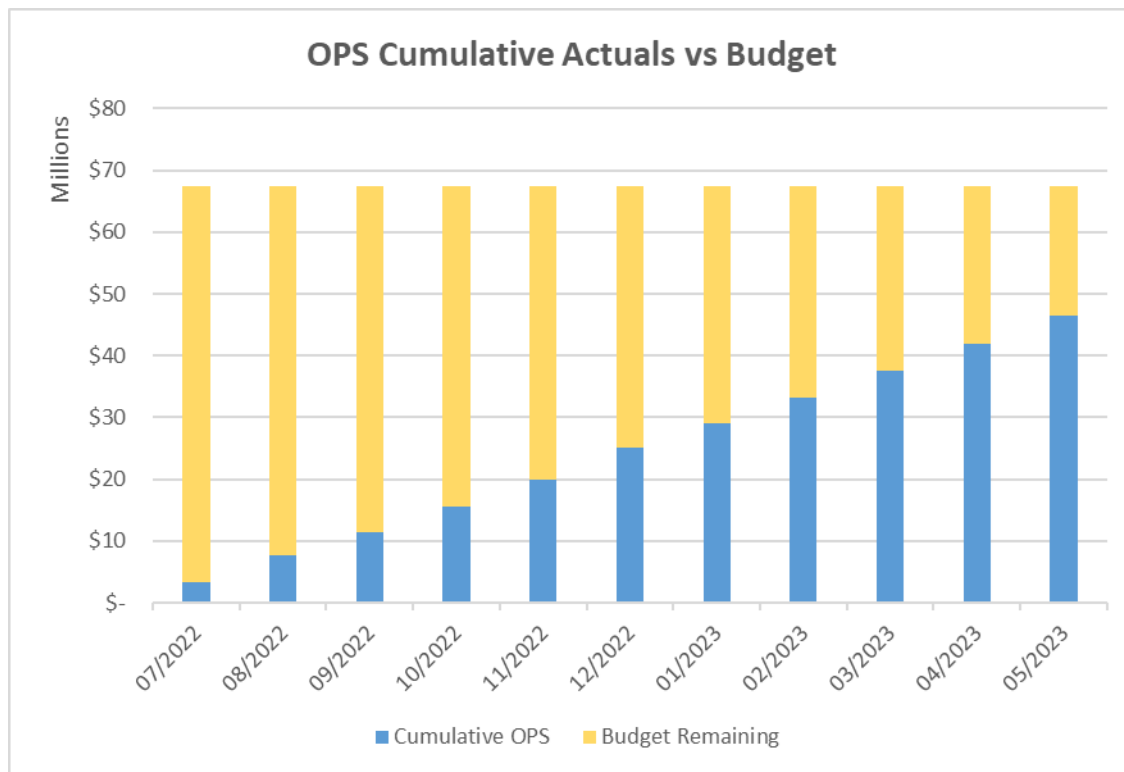
As reported last month, the D-2 contract provided an additional allocation of \$2.7M for Operations for the remaining \$1.1M of CPP/CRPD Ops funding and other policy items, including \$892k tuition reimbursement \$108k for ARPA social recreation grants, and \$506k funding for Rate Reform Rate

Acceleration. We believe that the tuition reimbursement will help with staff retention as well as hiring. RCEB has awarded 2 social recreation grants to 2 recipients who provide recreational activities that integrate children with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities in their communities. We plan to hire consultants to help work on Rate Reform Rate Acceleration.

RCEB has been informed that DDS will deallocate operations funding across all regional centers in the D-3 due to the slow hiring of the additional positions to reduced caseload for Children through Age 5. RCEB is expecting a pro-rata share of the deallocation for \$1.8M. With the expected D-3, total Operations budget is now at \$67.5M for FY 22-23.

Including the deallocation in this month’s reporting, we project a balanced operations budget for the current fiscal year, with 69% of expenditures in base through May 2023. This projection included various costs at the fiscal year-end, including increased technology costs.

The graph OPS cumulative Actuals versus Budget below shows OPS expenditures trending month-over-month compared to the overall budget.



**Fiscal Year 23=24 Allocation**

Every year in early June, Regional Centers are expected to receive the preliminary Contract and the allocation for the next Fiscal Year. RCEB just received the preliminary “E” contract today. The staff has reviewed and submitted to the Board for approval.

For Fiscal Year 23-24, the preliminary allocation includes \$46,811,327 Operations funding and \$553,729,699 POS funding for a total of \$600,541,026.

### Cash Flow Status

The Agency had adequate cash to fully fund our invoices for May Services that were paid out mid-June. We are ending the fiscal year with approximately \$47M cash on hand.

At this time, DDS informed us that assuming the budget passes on time, DDS plans to pay the first two advances for Fiscal Year 23-24 on July 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3 cash advances: the first and second cash advances for Fiscal Year 23-24 are expected to be released mid-July. The 3rd cash advance is scheduled to be released in early August.

A recent cash flow projection shows a cash shortage of approximately \$13M. We have started to work with DDS to collect on older receivables and/or obtain additional cash advance from outstanding claims. We will continue to monitor our cash flows closely in early July to determine if we need to draw on our \$40M line of credit.

We will inform the Executive Committee via email at the time the paperwork is submitted if we have to draw on the line. The Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer have the authority granted by the Board to sign the paperwork to drawn down the line of credit as needed.

### Union Bank Migration to US Bank

RCEB migrated from Union Bank to US Bank effective May 30, 2023 due to the merger of the two banks. RCEB and other Regional Centers who bank with US Bank had a few days delay in receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Administration (SSA) files from US Bank. This only affected the first few files due to a settlement issue at US Bank immediately followed the migration. RCEB had to issue checks temporarily out of our Helping Funds in order to pay our clients' rent and other living expenses. Luckily, other bank transactions, like electronic file transfers (EFTs), positive pay for checks, wire and interbank transfers continue to work well. We still need to finish working with US bank to set up some banking paperwork and receiving notifications.

From this migration, we also learned about US Bank IntraFi Cash Service (ICS), which allows access to multi-million dollar FDIC insurance on depository accounts up to \$175M. We will continue to explore ICS for investment purposes and will review with the Budget and Finance Committee and the board at a future meeting.

### The Jim Burton Helping Hand Fund

The Staff would like to provide an update on how the fund was spent in FY22-23. The fund received donations of \$9,980. The staff is pleased to report that the \$600k investment in 9 months Treasury bills has earned \$15,427 in interest income this past year. As of June 2023, the fund balance is \$641,126.

Activities from July 2022 through June 2023 show a total of \$52,858 were spent: \$20,252 in grants and \$32,606 in loans for rent/lodging, utilities, food, clothing and other miscellaneous. Compared to

FY21-22, we spent a total of \$23,152. The detailed schedule below shows each total by category for both grants and loans.

<u>Helping Hands allocation (7/1/22 - 6/30/23)</u>			
	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Rent / Lodging	\$ 18,404	\$ 13,392	\$ 31,796
Utilities	950	-	950
Food Exp	6,246	600	6,846
Clothing	-	150	150
Misc Exp.	7,006	6,109	13,116
Total	<b>\$ 32,606</b>	<b>\$ 20,252</b>	<b>\$ 52,858</b>

A board member inquired about what determines whether an individual receives a grant vs. a loan. Ms. Kleinbub added that usually loans are granted to items such as first/last month’s rent payments or security deposits. Therefore, the individual will pay that loan back to us in increments as they receive their SSP’s. During COVID, RCEB gave more in grants since there were a lot of people were facing hardships and we knew they would not be able to pay back the loan.

Since there are no written guidelines on what situations constitutes an individual being given a loan vs. a grant, the suggestion was to create a guideline but include a feature where one can be flexible based on the specific situation.

**Supports & Services [S&S] Committee:** Frank Paré

The committee has been focusing on regional center clients who are unhoused/homeless where their cases have been deactivated due to non-contact. Currently, there are around 67 clients who are in this category.

**Diversity & Equity [D&E] Committee:** Sadia Mumtaz

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy, Advocacy &amp; Grievance Sub-Committee</li> <li>2. Accessibility &amp; Communications Sub-Committee</li> <li>3. Purchase of Service [POS] Expenditures Sub-Committee</li> </ol> |
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Ms. Mumtaz stated that the sub-committees met on June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss their respective topic in a separate ZOOM room.

Also discussed was the tracker development indicating items pending, items being worked on and information discussed and brought up so that all can see where we stand in each committee as well as the board.

**Consumer Advisory Committee [CAC]: Nyron Battles**

There was an in-person meeting on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> but Mr. Battles was not in attendance. The next meeting will be in July.

**Provider/Vendor Advisory Committee [PVAC]: Dan Hogue**

PVAC held their meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> where many subjects were discussed. RCEB will be holding small group instructions on cultural trainings which will include providers. It was also reported that RCEB need more applicants for coordinated family services, as well as to increase their Request for Approval [RFP] process. The Tillman Report is due at the end of the month and the Equity Sub-Committee is anxiously awaiting that report.

Mr. Steve Robinson reported on the Rate Implementation Planning which includes changing service codes and requirements for many vendors as well as re-vendorizations. The DDS calendar dates for completion of these phases are going to be very difficult to complete. Mr. Hogue stated that the providers are appreciative of the collaboration put forth by RCEB.

The day providers sub-committee has been meeting weekly and has recognized the regional center's work on the POS backlog and the movement that has been evident as those are being rectified. Many providers have received their back-pay for those POS' that were outstanding, as the regional center works through them. Transportation services has also improved with additional routes and clarifications on revised COVID policies.

The Equity Sub-Committee also held their meeting on Friday with a focus on the need to prevent children with behavioral concerns from being forced out of their homes and into the county system. The co-chairs of the new Equity Sub-Committee will be meeting with Ms. Kleinbub on Friday to discuss the equity side of the RFP process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Maria Ramirez* stated that she appreciates heartfelt comments about the quality of care that ones family member receives or does not receive.

*Dominique/FUFE* informed of a 2-day event at the SummerFest/San Leandro on July 14/15 from 3-7pm and 12-5pm for community outreach.

*Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities [SCDD], Bay Area Office*  
bayarea@scdd.ca.gov 510.286.0439

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities' website features a [Self-Determination calendar](https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/), where the community can find statewide Self-Determination Program trainings <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>.

There are 8 orientations scheduled for July. There will be options in English and Spanish, and they are open for requests for other languages as well. Orientation handouts in 7 languages on the website.

**June 28:** California NEON Competitive Integrated Employment Community of Practice Kick off session 9am.

**June 28:** CA Statewide Self Advocacy Chat 11a – 12p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/california-statewide-self-advocacy-chat/2023-06-28/>

**June 28:** Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting, 630p – 9p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/>

**July 10:** Statewide SPED Training 10a – 12p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/scdd-statewide-training-special-education/2023-07-10/>

July 13: CA Employment First Committee <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/2023-employment-first-committee-efc-meeting/2023-07-13/>

**July 17:** Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Meeting <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/january-2023-saac-meeting/2023-07-17/>

**July 18:** State Council Meeting 1030a – 430p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/2023-scdd-council-meeting/2023-07-18/>

**July 24:** Statewide Anti-Bullying Training 10a – 12p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/scdd-statewide-training-anti-bullying-strategies/>

**July 31:** En Espanol-- Statewide Anti-Bullying Training 10a – 12p: <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/scdd-statewide-training-anti-bullying-strategies/>

#### *Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council [CCCDDC]*

The yearly joint council awards event was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, still virtual but just as festive. There were 13 awards between the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties as well as two HireAble awards for employers. Rocio DeMateo Smith, who was last year's Lifetime Service award recipient, was also a keynote speaker.

The Contra Costa Specialty Health Ambassador program is currently hiring. This will be for regional center clients who will work with our ambassador team to work community outreach. Please contact Vi for additional information.

**June 28:** This is the next CCCDDC meeting, which will be in-person in Martinez, with a presentation from a CCCDDC board member, who comes from foster care.

**ARCA** – Frank Paré

No report this evening other than asking the BOD on how they would like to receive ARCA information. Comments included having a bullet-point summary of the ARCA meeting to having it audibly reported at a board meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The board meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Closed Session -Personnel Followed

There will be no BOD meeting in July or August