



## Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024

Virtual Meeting

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### RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Paré, President  
Sadia Mumtaz, Vice-President/D&E Co-Chair  
Reneé Perls, Secretary  
Nyron Battles, CAC Chair/Diversity & Equity Co-Chair  
Brian Blaisch  
Teresita DeJesus  
Daniel Hogue, PVAC Representative  
April Key-Lee  
Dinah Shapiro  
Lisa Soloway

### ABSENT:

Dr. Steve Whitgob, Vice-Treasure  
Linda Stevens

### STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director  
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration  
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  
Michael Minton, Manager of Risk Management and Quality Assurance  
Edda Banuelos, La Familia Counseling Services Case Manager Supervisor  
Priscilla Gomez, Transportation Manager  
Ashley Harmon, Support Services Supervisor  
Herb Hastings, Consumer Advocate  
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

### GUESTS:

Families United for Equity  
Chris Aguire/DDS  
Kim Ard-Elutilo  
Ben Chen/CCCDDC

Wendell James  
Sonia M  
Dominique Mellion  
SheradenNicholau/SCDDC

Rose Coleman  
Tandra DeBose  
Lorena G  
Kathy Grafton  
Jenica Hadley  
Greg Holler  
Vi Ibarra/CCCDDC

Assata Olugbala  
Jeri Pietrelli  
Ann Pringle  
Maria Ramirez  
Rosa Valledor  
Zackery Wheeler

**CALL TO ORDER**

Frank Paré called the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay to order at 7:03 pm. A quorum was established.

**CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES**

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the April 22, 2024 Agenda with the addition of adding the topic of case manager e-mail response alternatives to the Executive Director’s section.” [Battles/Hogue] Unanimous The motion was adopted

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the March 25, 2024 Minutes as presented.” [Hogue/Battles] 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.*

Tandra DeBose spoke about how some members from our Diversity & Equity committee attended the young adult program on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and that it was a wonderful gathering where family members were able to interact with RCEB staff and ask questions. Armond Lee, RCEB’s Diversity & Equity Specialist suggested to Ms. DeBose that they can give a tour to the families who are leaving the young adult program, so that they would know about programs for when they leave school. The response from the families was very positive, so the first tour of a day adult program services will be held tomorrow.

*Kathy Grafton* spoke about wanting to provide input on the purchase of service as well as the annual review processes, and started to inform all about her sister's situation. Staff will communicate with her regarding her specific case in a private forum.

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

Social Recreation Policy

This is the third instance of reviewing this policy, as was explained at the last board meeting. We have made the changes suggested by DDS. There was a change in the law in 2023, so we included the requirements not to consider IHSS and other services when assessing need.

Ms. Kleinbub shared her screen, and explained all the updates made on the red-lined document that was sent to the board in their packets a week ago. Those red-lined and blue-lined sentences would be removed from the document, and replaced with the suggested wording in the bubble. RCEB is actively promoting social recreation as it should be accessible and offered to all who are interested. In addressing the questions put forth by the board members, the information is bullet-pointed below:

- Social Recreation is its own category under supports & services; it is not taken from respite hours
- RCEB will be funding any social recreation activity that can be accessed in the community (examples: YMCA membership, dance class fees, martial arts class fees, as well as a 1:1 aid if the need is established). This will be after an assessment of service appropriateness and ability to meet the goals in the IPP.
- A few words in a policy does not solve everything. It is a long-term process of learning what supports are possible.
- We have been continuously presenting what activities are available and possible in our webinars, in many community meetings, and in POS disparity presentations. We have been promoting this and have a plan of implementation once we can get the final approval on the wording.
- If you have a potential vendor contact, you can reach out to our Community Services department or any RCEB manager.

RCEB has been trying to get vendors vendorized for these services, although many do not want to be vendorized by regional centers. Most of these types of providers are community organizations that do not want to get paid a month in arrears as our other vendors do. Last year, there was a provision to allow for Financial Management Service [FMS] agencies to pay, instead of having families pay up front and be reimbursed. We are working to find an FMS agency to provide this service in collaboration with other regional centers with a similar challenge.

M/S/C

“The board moves to approve the changes made on the Social Recreation policy as presented” [Hogue/Blaisch] Unanimous The motion was adopted

### The Master Plan for Developmental Services

As reported last month: The aim of the Master Plan is to ensure that the services are delivered in an equitable, consistent, and accessible manner by addressing inequities and geographic disparities in both the access to services and payment of services and addressing how consumers and their families ultimately navigate the developmental services system. There is a planning committee (around 20 individuals) that was selected at the state level. This process is patterned after the Master Plan for Aging with a design to breakdown the silos and division between departments, agencies and everyone who works across our system. Priorities are centered on equity, lived experiences of individuals and families, open-door coordinated systems of care, having a skilled workforce/service coordinators, up-to-date data/information technologies, re-imagining regional centers and accountability and to ensuring access to affordable housing and resources.

The Secretary of Health & Human Services is interested in people having similar experiences across the state at every regional center. It will be important to watch the plan as it develops over the next year.

### Standardized Individual Program Plan [IPP]

This document will be finalized by July 1, 2024. All regional centers will use the same document, and there will be a number of items that will need to be communicated to the families regarding the new IPP. An example is if the family has heard about Self-Determination and available programs.

### Standardized Respite Policy

It will be interesting to see what will be across all regional centers. Since as you recall, our regional center changed the respite policy to authorizing 40 hours if there is an assessed respite need. This may change as DDS is also taking public comment on their plan to update demographics that we collect on individuals served. Starting in January 2025, they will be putting the information gathered into our systems including more specific data on individual's residential status and updated categories on race and ethnicity and language use.

### POS/Independent Living Service [ILS] Policy

As reported before, we have reached out to the community for feedback on this policy. It was also a topic of discussion at the March 18<sup>th</sup> D&E Policy sub-committee meeting, where we received some recommendations. We were asked about what would happen if there was a disagreement between the case manager and the service provider on the assessment for ILS, and whether there should be an alternate dispute process in that policy, prior to it going to the fair hearing process. Also suggested was if there should be a standard tool that both the regional center and the providers utilize for ILS assessment.

We will put this policy approval on hold until we can look at some of the tools that were proposed to use. Ms. Kleinbus added that using tools is a good standard to follow, so that everyone is following the same process consistent with statewide standardization with respite.

<https://rceb.org/news/new-draft-independent-living-services-policy/>

### Case Manager Contact

This topic was added to the agenda at the beginning of the board meeting. RCEB has implemented an On-Call Case Manager contact location on our website. We have been receiving e-mails from those who have had difficulty in getting in touch with their case manager. <https://www.rceb.org/news/rceb-is-here-for-you/>

The Administrative Assistant for our case management is receiving these e-mails and is following up with the supervisor to get in contact with those individuals. We have also been receiving these requests on our website's writetous e-mail address, and those requests are forwarded to the case manager as well as the supervisor. Therefore, responses are being made from both locations within two days of receipt. We will make sure that this link it is visible on the face page of our website at all times. We are also adding it to our policy & procedures new staff handbook.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Lynn Nguyen for Dr. Steve Whitgob**

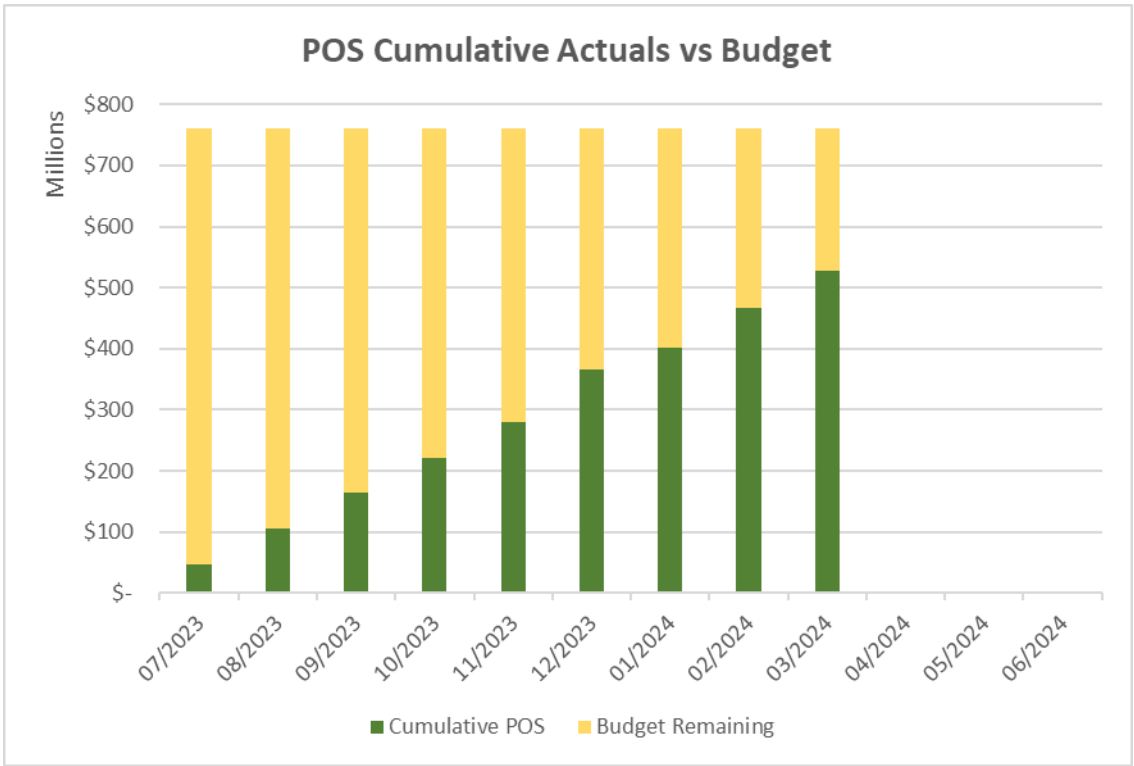
#### Purchase of Service

Through March 2024, we have expended \$528M, or 70% of the total POS budget of \$759M for Fiscal year 23-24. This is compared to 64% of the total budget of \$719M for the last fiscal year at this time. The increased spending in this fiscal year was mostly due to the increased in day programs and transportation costs as more programs are returned to normal after the pandemic.

For NON-CPP POS Expenditures, RCEB continues to project a surplus of \$28M, which is a slight increase of \$184k from previous month's projection. Currently, 13 out of 21 Regional Centers continue to report a surplus in their POS projections, while 8 centers are reporting a deficit. With the E-1 budget allocation, the Statewide system is reporting in an overall deficit of \$2M, which is a decrease of \$17M from previous month.

For CPP POS Expenditures, the placement cost of \$176k (or 24% of the total budget) is in alignment with funding allocation of \$730k. Although DDS has sent approval for the rest of the CPP/CRDP start-up projects in March, DDS will provide the additional funding in upcoming E-2 amendment. The Staff will report to the Board at a future meeting.

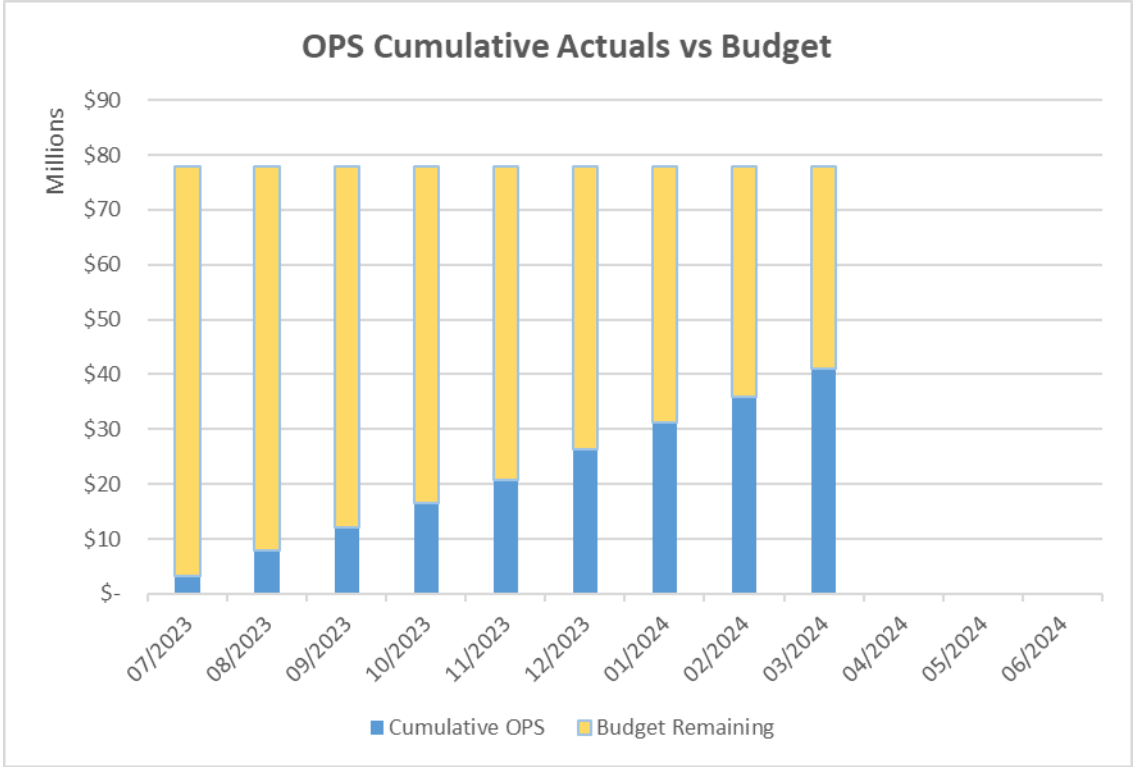
The graph POS cumulative Actuals versus Budget shows POS expenditures trending month-over-month compared to the overall budget.



**Operations**

Through March 2024, we have expended \$41M, or 53% of a total of operations budget of \$78M, which is slightly less compared to the 55% for previous year at this time. Although DDS has sent us the approved CPP budget for FY23-24, we are still waiting for the remaining CPP allocation that was not included in the E-1.

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



The additional graphs are provided for informational and comparison purposes (see attached files)

- Operations actual versus budget as compared to March 31, 2023.
- Operations 9 months YTD for the last 5 fiscal years.
- Purchase of Services actual versus budget as compared to March 31, 2023.
- Purchase of Services 9 months YTD for the last 5 fiscal years.

Line of Credit

Staff recently received documents to re-establish our Line of Credit (LOC) for Fiscal Year 24-25. US Bank agrees to renew our Line of Credit of \$40M for 3 months from June 2024 through August 2024. As expected, this line of credit with US Bank will have no commitment fees, similar to last year. The interest rate per annum is equal to the Reference Rate, or prime rate, which is currently at 8.50%.

In addition to the committed line of credit, US Bank also agrees to issue an uncommitted Line of Credit of \$40M from September 2024 to May 2025 at zero fees. However, under the uncommitted line of credit, the lender is not obligated to make any loans and will make loans on its sole discretion.

RCEB will need to borrow up to \$25M due to our cash flows need at the end of the fiscal year. It is anticipated that DDS does not advance cash for the next fiscal year before the July payments to the vendors.

Mr. Paré expressed discomfort in approving the committed and uncommitted line of credit based on receiving the documents on the same day of the board meeting, and thus, not having time to go over the details. Ms. Nguyen stated that this is a renewal of the line of credit that we had approved last year, and nothing has changed. We still do not have any fees and did not receive the paperwork from the bank before the Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Blaisch added that although we are not going to be charged any fees for using the line of credit, it is not right that the bank will have at its discretion to charge us an interest rate. Ms. Kleinbub corrected that it is for the uncommitted line of credit, and that is not the line that we need- it is the \$25M committed line that we would use if needed. Ms. Soloway added that this funding system that DDS puts on regional centers to have to go through this all the time is detrimental and bureaucratic. Ms. Kleinbub added that this complicated system has to do with how we receive Medicaid funding from the Federal Government and in turn the State often finds itself in these shortfalls. DDS does not have the authority to cover the new fiscal year until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to the fact that discussion needs to be continued, the earlier motion of approval of the LOC is now approved to be retracted (both Mr. Hogue and Ms. Perls approved to retract their motions) and we will review this at next month’s Executive Committee meeting and put the vote out at May’s BOD meeting. To clarify, this is an approval for the committed, not uncommitted LOC. The documents need to be sent back to the bank by mid-May.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Acronym List**

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

**CONTRACT APPROVAL**

**DDS Contract #HD249015 A-Preliminary**

This is a new contract between RCEB and DDS with \$50M in Operations and \$673M in POS allocations, for a total of \$722.6M.

The A-Series Preliminary contract *amendment* is for fiscal year 2024-25. The term is from 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2027 and is designed to get the contract in place for regional centers to receive cash advances in early July.

M/S/C                      “The Board moves to approve the A-Series of the new contract with DDS as presented.” (Hogue/Perls) Unanimous The motion was adopted



Regional centers are required by Medicaid law to vendorize **Supported Living Services [SLS]** applicants if they meet the minimum qualifications. All the contracts for SLS providers are 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.

**SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES [SLS] – New  
Unified Compassionate Solutions, Inc.**

This contract 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. Their clients will serve those who have intellectual or physical disabilities and is focused on providing support to individuals with forensic background and support needs that include behavioral challenges, judiciary involvement, and substance abuse.

Term: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2027  
Capacity: 10 maximum  
Avg Volume/Month: \$10K  
Total: \$1.2M at capacity

M/S/C            “The Board moves to approve the A-Series of the new contract with DDS as presented.” (Battles/Perls) 1-abstain            The motion was adopted

**SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES [SLS] – Renewals**

This is the first renewal group in a series of around 15 contracts/month, totaling 45 contracts. For the next two months, we will have two more groups of 15 contracts. The board requested this method of approval, so that they can conveniently review each group.

15 Contracts for April 2024

- There are no variations to the standard contract
- All are in good standing and have not required the need for Q/A reports

All the contracts were sent to the BOD a week in advance electronically as well as physically. They were voted on as a package.

M/S/C            “The Board moves to approve the first set of 15 SLS contract renewals as presented today, and listed in our board packets.”  
[Shapiro/Blaisch] 1-abstain            The motion was adopted

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b># Consumers currently served</b>	<b>Date first vendored</b>	<b>Term of contract</b>	<b>Rate of Reimbursement (est avg based on capacity)</b>	<b>Provider is vendored for these other Services (if any)</b>
1) A Better Chance Supported Living Service / California Autism Foundation	7 Currently Served Capacity 15	11/28/2000	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$1,800,000 /yr	PB2312 California Autism Foundation / 055 Community Integrated Training Program
2) A Bright Future, Inc.	5 Currently Served Capacity 15	12/12/2014	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$1,800,000 /yr	HB0953 A Bright Future Independent Living Skills / 520 Independent Living Skills
3) Adult Educational Technologies	10 Currently Served Capacity 25	6/24/2004	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$3,000,000/yr	H84734 Adult Educational Technologies / 510 Adult Development Center HB0829 Adult Educational Technologies / 515 Behavior Management Program H84791 Adult Educational Technologies / 520 Independent Living
4) Action for Independence dba AIMS	22 currently served Capacity 30	10/14/2016	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$3,600,000/yr	HB0997 Action Independence Motivation Support Support (AIMS) / 520 <i>Independent Living</i>
5) AES Professionals, Inc.	22 Currently Served Capacity 30	8/21/2019	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$3,600,000/yr	PB2783 AES Professional Services /117 Special Therapeutic Services – behavioral consultation
6) Bay Liberty, Inc.	13 Currently Served Capacity 20	2/21/2014	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$2,400,000/yr	HB0925 Liberty Inc. / 520 Independent Living
7) Bay Area Support Services	8 Currently Served Capacity 20	1/7/2004	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$2,400,000/yr	none
8) Community Access	15 Currently Served Capacity 30	2/7/1994	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$3,600,000/yr	HB0878 Partners for Community Access / 520 Independent Living
9) Community Integrated Support Services	10 Currently Served Capacity 20	6/20/2007	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$2,400,000/yr	HB0138 Community Integrated Support Services-Antioch / 515 <i>Behavior Management Program</i> HB0739 Community Integrated Support Services-Brentwood / 515 <i>Behavior Management Program</i> HB0939 Community Integrated Support Services / 510 <i>Adult Development Center</i>
10) Clausen House Supported Living	5 Currently Served Capacity 15	4/21/1994	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$1,800,000/yr	H14146 Clausen House ILS / 520 <i>Independent Living</i> H00618 Clausen House – DTAC / 505 <i>Activity Center</i> HB0094 Clausen House / 525 <i>Social Rec Program</i> HB0343 Clausen House / 950 <i>SEP – Group Placement</i> HB0344 Clausen House / 952 <i>SEP – Individual Placement</i> H06715 Clausen House-Belmont / 915 <i>Residential Facility Adults</i> H06716 Clausen House-Perkins / 915 <i>Residential Facility Adults</i> H06713 Clausen House-Vernon / 915 <i>Residential Facility Adults</i>

11) C.O.M.P.A.S.S., LLC	49 Currently Served Capacity 75	9/25/2000	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$9,000,000/yr	HB0755 Compass Care Services / 520 Independent Living PB3194 Compass LLC / 076 Coordinated Family Supports PB3298 Compass LLC / 117 Special Therapeutic Services – RN consultant
12) Creative Living Solutions	15 Currently Served Capacity 20	9/27/2000	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$2,4000,000/yr	HB1121 Creative Living Solutions / 520 Independent Living
13) DABS, Inc.	13 Currently Served Capacity 25	7/10/2009	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$3,000,000/yr	HB0752 DABS, Inc. / 520 Independent Living
14) Debbie's Home Supported Living / Debbie's Home Away From Home, Inc.	1 Currently Served Capacity 15	8/6/2008	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$1.800,000/yr	HB0524 Debbie's Home Away From Home III / 915 Residential Facility Adults
15) East Bay Innovations	30 Currently Served Capacity 50	1/4/1996	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027	\$10,000/mo \$6,000,000/yr	H54584 East Bay Innovations / 520 Independent Living HB0353 East Bay Innovations / 952 SEP-Individual Placement PB1138 & PB1139 East Bay Innovations / 055 Community Integrated Training Program PB1552 East Bay Innovations / 062 Personal Assistance PB3226 East Bay Innovations / 076 Coordinated Family Supports HB0884 East Bay Innovations / 862 In Home Respite HB1288 East Bay Innovations / 491 FMS Co-Employer PB2461 East Bay Innovations / 089 Housing Access Services

Mr. Paré brought up the subject about programs that are at capacity with a wait list vs. those that have capacity. Ms. Kleinbub added that there are providers that are licensed programs that are at capacity and are not able to take anyone else since the beds are full. There are programs that are more flexible, where they will inform us that they can take in more people and will hire more staff. At Transition Fairs, many providers have booths and inform attendees about their services. School districts also have this type of promotional event. There are multiple ways that the public learns about what is available to them. There are also a few programs that fundraise so that they can grow, have new facilities and serve more individuals. We also inform our case managers of programs that would like to serve more people, so that they can send out referrals. There is a large variety of programs requested; some are work related. We are currently working on a tracking system for ILS/SLS referrals, and will expand to other service types.

Mr. Hogue added that his SLS has a capacity of around 40, but currently have around 20 individuals. His day program has a capacity of around 120, and currently serving around 70, but they do have a waitlist for that. Although they get referrals, the issue is that they do not have enough staff to accommodate more individuals. If they do have the capacity to service more people, they will be the ones to notify RCEB case managers that they regularly work with as well as others, of that fact.

### Strategic Plan Update – Frank Paré

The Strategic Planning Committee met with the board members on March 27<sup>th</sup> where they discussed the format of three other regional center strategic plans where they all had the Mission, Vision, and Core Values stated. Our regional center will be working on the Mission, Vision, and Core Values while taking into account not just the past, but our future as an agency as well.

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

The CAC met in-person on April 8th. Mr. Battles stated that one of the topics was on the Legislative Grassroots Day at the Capitol at the beginning of this month, and that all the regional centers attending focused on the main topic of requesting that the service provider rates not be delayed for another year. Mr. Battles stated that Ms. Kleinbub gave her report on hiring; that we will have a job fair in both offices at the end of this month, and that we have been continually hiring more case managers. Ms. Shapiro added that they need to increase their membership, since they have not been able to since COVID.

### **Diversity & Equity Committee: Sadia Mumtaz**

Ms. Mumtaz stated that the three sub-committees [Communication, Policy & Grievances, Purchase of Service] have been making good progress and each group is operating independently with the focus on topics that the attendees in those groups agreed upon. Ms. Mumtaz requested that BOD members join the meetings as well to listen, share, and participate, as she is in the Policy & Grievances sub-committee. The discussion is on how to add more transparency, non-discrimination, and more clarity on the decision-making on how clients/service providers are accepted or chosen.

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

There was no quorum at the March meeting, but there was a quorum at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. PVAC is struggling to maintain the number of correct voting members to meet the basic requirements, and are also looking for a new Secretary to take the minutes. Therefore, they are limiting their minutes to action-items for the time being. Mr. Hogue added that Lisa gave her report at the meeting and one important thing to note is that DDS is creating a Provider Directory, and they are requesting that providers input the necessary information directly into that directory. Currently, the directory just has the basic information about the provider, but it will be populated with more details later. This directory will be part of the incentive program that DDS is putting out, so the providers will need to be in that directory in order to receive the incentive payment. The group was also informed of new employment services being put out by DDS, and the vendorization process was discussed by all the providers. RCEB is currently accepting Letters of Intent [LOI].

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Assata Olgugbala* gave her thoughts on how the Diversity & Equity meeting should focus on diversity & equity conversation and not on policies, as well as her agreement that any finance reports should be given to the Board earlier than the day that they need to approve anything in it.

*Sonia M.* added her dissatisfaction that she could not type in the Chat screen and that having to wait until the end of the meeting for public comment.

*Ann Pringle* stated that after years of dealing with racial injustice, it makes sense that the vendors are afraid to speak up. She brought up situations years ago where she felt that her residential facility was not treated fairly in referrals.

*Greg Holler* referred to Mr. Hogue's earlier comments on provider capacity vs. availability, Mr. Holler stated that it is very important to know the difference, as well as to gain insight into how the matching of client to providers are conducted and to evaluate that.

*Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities [SCDD], Bay Area Office*

State Council Cycle 47 Grants—Proposals Due May 10<sup>th</sup>. <https://scdd.ca.gov/grantinformation/>  
The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, in alignment with the goals of its 5-year strategic state plan and under the direction of the State Plan Committee, issues requests for proposals (RFP) through Program Development Grants (PDG) on a yearly basis. SCDD's successful grant projects are implemented by community-based organizations that research, develop and/or implement innovative programs and promising or best practices in local communities throughout the state and its diverse regions.

**April 24:** 5:30-8:00 p.m. This is our next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting. Featured in this meeting: Health and Healthcare Equity Work Panel. This will be a hybrid meeting and you can join in-person at the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, Public Health Dept. Creekside Plaza @ 1100 San Leandro Blvd. San Leandro CA 94577 in the Oak Conference Room or Join by Zoom or by Telephone  
<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/04/RAC-Packet-4.24.2024.pdf>

**April 25:** 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Common fair housing issues, including source of income discrimination / Section 8 discrimination, harassment, reasonable modifications, criminal history, tenant disputes, and updates on new fair housing rights and resources.

Registration: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GHSKv3zdTIG-DnV92EOSZg#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GHSKv3zdTIG-DnV92EOSZg#/registration)

This 2-part webinar features live English captioning and Spanish-language interpretation / traducción en español disponible.

Questions or other access needs? (510) 286-0439 or [bayarea@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:bayarea@scdd.ca.gov)

*Ben Chen, Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council [ACDDC]*

FINAL California State Digital Equity Plan: <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/california-digital-equity-plan-04-2024/>

WHAT COMES NEXT: Educating Students, Teachers and Families on the Value of Work – Spring, 2024

*Session 1:* April 30, 2024, 4pm-5:30pm | Employment Resources in Your Community: Meet representatives from local employment organizations, RCEB and DOR to learn what services are available for you.

*Session 2:* May 7, 2024, 4pm-5:30pm | Benefits Planning: Learn how wages may impact your SSI or SSDI and learn about work incentives that are available to you.

*Session 3:* May 14, 2024, 4pm-5:30pm | It's So Much More Than a Paycheck: Meet individuals with disabilities who are successfully working in the community and hear their stories of how working has made such a difference in their lives.

Register for HireAble Sessions here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqf-6urzgoGNfFpBgpfin6\\_AmR6uVU7LIJ](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqf-6urzgoGNfFpBgpfin6_AmR6uVU7LIJ)

**May 8:** Next DD Council Board Meeting hybrid – in-person location is at 1100 San Leandro Blvd. San Leandro CA, Room 402

**May 18:** 11:00am to 2:00pm Fourth Latino Equity Summit Marque Su Calendario para nuestro próximo evento anual virtual: Cuarto Encuentro Latino de Equidad.

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

**April 25:** You are invited to attend the TOPS Creativity Expo. This event is hosted by a program for adults with autism thru Mt Diablo Adult Ed, in partnership with the Adaptive Learning Center. See [event flyer \[drive.google.com\]](#) for further details.

**April 25:** The next DD Council board meeting will be from 10am to noon. The meeting will be hybrid, with the in-person portion taking place at Las Trampas in Lafayette. The presentation this month will be from the Specialty Health Ambassador team as they provide an update on their work for the past two years, plus look forward as the program continues to grow and develop. Contact [vi.ibarra@cchealth.org](mailto:vi.ibarra@cchealth.org) for any further meeting details.

**June 6:** We will meet in person this year to celebrate and honor award recipients being recognized by the Contra Costa and Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Councils. After several years of virtual awards presentations, we are eager to return to celebrating in person. Our keynote speaker will be Jim Frazier, a retired California Assemblymember from our area and the current Policy Director at the Arc of California. Please see the [event flyer \[drive.google.com\]](#) for details.

- Make your [award nominations \[docs.google.com\]](#) by May 5.
- [Register to attend \[eventbrite.com\]](#) the celebration.
- Consider becoming an [event sponsor \[docs.google.com\]](#).

**Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA]** – Frank Paré  
No report this evening

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The board meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

**Virtual Meetings on May 20, 2024**

The next Supports & Services Meeting will be at 5:30 PM

The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 PM

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