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RE: REGIONAL CENTER ANNUAL POS REPORTS

Dear Ms. Kleinbub,

Thank you for submitting your 2020-21 annual Purchase of Service (POS) report, on May 31, 2022, to the Department of Developmental Services (Department). Welfare and Institutions Code, section 4519.5(f)(1) requires that each regional center annually report the following:

- Actions the regional center took to improve public attendance and participation at stakeholder meetings;
- Copies of meeting minutes and attendee comments;
- How the data indicates the need to reduce disparities in POS; and
- Regional center recommendations and plans to promote equity and reduce disparities in POS

The required elements and information included in POS reports provide information necessary to determine focus areas and select proposals for Service Access and Equity Grant funding. The reports are also a helpful resource to the regional center, stakeholder groups, and applicants applying for grant funding.

The Department has reviewed the POS report from Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) and all statutorily required elements of information have been met. It is notable that RCEB's POS disparity meetings had exceptional engagement and collaboration with local Community-Based Organizations. RCEB should continue to provide accessible communication for all public meetings which may include but is not limited to offering American Sign Language interpretation and language interpreters for non-English speakers during both in-person and virtual meetings.

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The Department provides the following recommendations to support improvements in RCEB's POS disparity meetings and annual reports:

1. Provide all materials in accessible formats and languages to meet the needs of your community.

If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Linda Gutierrez, Cultural Specialist, Service Access and Equity at linda.gutierrez@dds.ca.gov.

Thank you,



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