

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes June 10, 2022**

Members Present: Leslie Visbal, Visbal Strategic Consulting; Marcie Hodge, St. John Boy's Home; Craig Rose, VistAbility; Amanda Eicher, NIAD Art Center; Carlos Cienfuegos, Sentry Living Solutions; Geneva Ziaoure, Manos Home Care; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Centers; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Donna Feingold, HireAble and Finding Golden Solutions; Will Sanford, SC&CS

Guests Present/by Phone:

Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Michael Minton, RCEB; Chase Ryan Kalbaugh, RCEB; Amy Schwartz, RCEB; Darin Lounds, Housing Consortium of the East Bay; Tom Heinz, East Bay innovations; Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD; Ben Chen, Alameda County DD Council; Alexandria Cano-Santillan, Sonia, Inc.; Anna Willis, Emerging Horizons; Bill Pelter, Ability Now; Candice Elton, Thrive Support Services; Cecilia Connolly, the Arc of the East Bay; Dan Hogue, Las Trampas; Danon Jenkins, Futures Explored; Darrice Tillery, Harambee Community Services; Debbie Galliano, Clausen House; Debbie Rieza, ABC Care Home; Eddie Olayo, Sonia Inc.; Elicia Denmond, Elicia's SLS; Ember Avalos, NIAD Art Center; Eva Muñoz, Good Samaritan RCF; Guy Houston, Mission Hope; Ian Bremner, RES Success; Jamie Renton, Pleasanton Adult Ed; Juan Velasquez, Jr., Pathway to Choices; Judy Hunter, Las Trampas; Karen Lingenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Ed; Lisa Gonzales, Deaf Plus Adult Community; Louise McClellan, Open House Center; Lynn Galliano, DABS, Inc.; Maria Ramirez; Maureen DeCoste, Ability Now Bay Area; Nancy Brum, Keystone Adult Learning Center; Patricia Harris, One Step Closer, Inc.; Samuel Kim, We Thrive SLS; Shelley Crayton, Family Support Services; Sirkka Wirkki, Jaqui' Foundation; Sonia Berber, Sonia Inc.; Sylvia Yeh, Friends of Children with Special Needs; Tiffany Speerbrecker, VistAbility; Wendell James; Zackery Wheeler.

57 participants total

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Leslie Visbal at 9:35 with one change: Sister Marygrace Puchac is absent due to illness and will not provide the RCEB Board report.

May Minutes:

Approval of May 13, 2022 minutes: M/Mike Pereira; S/Donna Feingold with abstention from Will Sanford and otherwise unanimous approval.

Inclusion Time:

Leslie Visbal invited those in attendance to share good things happening in the community, to invite the sense of participation we might miss from in-person meetings.

Members celebrated the organizers, award winners, and nominators of the 32nd DD Council Awards last night! In particular family members, teachers, PVAC Secretary Amanda Eicher, and Rocio Smith's lifetime of achievement were recognized.

RCEB State Update - Lisa Kleinbub

● **State Budget Process:**

Still awaiting agreement from Governor, whose initial budget differs from Senate and Assembly. Advocacy is needed until end of June, and beyond with negotiations that continue after passage.

- Rate implementation acceleration.
- Core staffing formula for Regional Centers.

- **Important Trailer Bill Language:** American Rescue Act funds to coordinate care for adults who live in their family homes. Debate over ending Alternative Services on December 30, 2022, in favor of Tailored Day Services and Employment Supports being increased.

- **Staff Stability Survey:** DDS tracker currently registers 5% participation for RCEB catchment area; please complete by June 30!
- **Language Access and Cultural Competency Work:** RCEB proposing the expenditure of awarded funds to ensure that all materials are accessible to people served and their families. Engaging facilitators for family conversations and listening sessions on policies and whether they reflect community interest – for example, respite or day care and what these mean to people served.
- **Payments and Missing POS:** RCEB emailed all residential providers requesting missing POS or missing payment information; response has been very slow; please do use the link to the missing POS survey to ensure that payments are made and processed as quickly as possible. RCEB needs the information from providers in order to ensure that all payments are made!
- **Geneva Ziaoure** asked about POS for people receiving in-home services – will this continue past June 30? **Lisa** responded that it will be assessed on basis of individual need, for example children who are not attending school. She predicted that on an individualized basis these supports will be extended.
- **Zack Wheeler** asked regarding Supported Living who have gone above and beyond re: housing expenses, etc., whether there is anything they can do to follow up – is there anything they can submit to help move the process along?
- **Lisa** responded that when people are unable to make rent payments, and they meet certain criteria, RCEB can provide rent support. The support is very limited and based on extreme needs, but happy to share more information on this program.
- **Zack** noted that Lisa is the only Executive Director who has allowed vendors to bring this discussion to light – after years in the system, it's been an uphill battle. As rents are skyrocketing, it's become much more urgent. **Zack** referred to a trailer park project in Marin and the Lincoln Avenue housing project, both part of a 30-year battle to retain housing for consumers – vendors have not given up but continue to seek answers. **Zack** acknowledged that Lisa has been the only person in recent years to address this, and the vendors are thankful. **Lisa** appreciated **Zack** and asked him to continue this important conversation during the presentation today.
- **Carlos Cienfuegos** asked about missing POS information and where to enter this; **Lisa** directed Carlos to the RCEB website. **Chase Kalbaugh** provided the survey link: <https://forms.gle/R4cG5v7a5vKXEBa39>

RCEB Staff Report – Steve Robinson, Mike Minton

Mike Minton spoke to HCBS validation and remediation –

- **Fruc Menchavez** has been reaching out to providers and vendors should be looking for these emails; validation will continue for much of the coming year.
- Developing survey on use of \$284K for RC's allocating HCBS funding – Fruc will bring an analysis to next PVAC meeting.
- COVID Testing kits have been requested from CCL, and RCEB is planning distribution of these kits this coming Tuesday – get in touch with Mike at mminton@rceb.org to schedule pickup.
- **Craig Rose** asked about vendor numbers for agencies that may not have been mentioned in the recent emails from Fruc re: HCBS validation. Should vendors assume that they will need to complete the process for missing service codes? **Mike** suggested emailing Fruc with the caveat that Fruc is managing many emails right now!
- **Mike** mentioned that although this seems like a lot of work, it represents a huge state budget allocation to our sector and completing this information for our catchment area means we can support this budget allocation from the federal government going forward.
- **Lisa** also mentioned that at the federal level there's a large push after a relative lull – it is front and center, and feds are being more aggressive about validation and remediation.

Steve Robinson provided an update on rate Implementation -

- RCEB is in the 'cleanup phase' of rate implementation, forwarding information to DDS for providers vendored 7/1/21 and forward, as well as vendor codes that were not included in the Burns and Associate list.

- RCEB is missing some worksheets sent out to providers; please do send these worksheets back to RCEB!
- For Courtesy Vendors who are providing services within RCEB's catchment area, RCEB will provide rates for providers in other catchment areas with services occurring in RCEB's catchment area.
- Reminder that if you have not received a rate increase, please email Chase Kalbaugh at ckalbaugh@rceb.org
- Rate review request form is also available to dispute rates if vendors see a problem: <https://www.rceb.org/announcements/rate-review-process-for-4-1-22-rate-adjustment/>
- SLS Providers under old A & B Worksheets – rates have been converted to hourly rates, and some clients ended up with a reduced budget under the new rate implementation. Continuing to work to ensure that no one's rate is reduced under the rate implementation – more updates coming after multiple meetings to resolve the issue, hopefully by end of June.
- **Maureen DeCoste** asked when the hourly billing scheme is expected to start for Day Programs. **Steve** responded that it's not likely to start until 2025.
- **Sylvia Yeh** asked about the TDS rate and whether they should submit the dispute form. **Steve** responded that they can troubleshoot together in a meeting that is scheduled for next week.
- **Mike Pereira** asked on behalf of SLS Providers – is there an organized meeting to receive feedback or ask questions? **Steve** responded that for now, emailing Steve or Jacob is the best way. Once RCEB has more information from DDS, they will reach out to SLS providers to set up a meeting.

Presentation: Housing Discussion – Darin Lounds, Executive Director, Housing Consortium of the East Bay; Tom Heinz, Executive Director, East Bay Innovations

Housing: Nuts and Bolts

- Housing Authority Listservs
- Housing Authority Waitlists
- Affordable Housing Developer Websites
- Housing Access Services

Housing Authorities

- PHA's – Public Housing Authorities receive funding from HUD and cover a specific local jurisdiction.
- PHA's provide either housing units or subsidies to people are low-income (not exceeding 80% of the area median income).
- In Alameda County, PHA's are City of Oakland, City of Berkeley, City of Alameda, City of Livermore, Housing Authority of Alameda County (covers Emeryville, Albany, San Leandro, Hayward, Dublin, Pleasanton, Castro Valley, Union City, Newark, Fremont).
- 3 Programs – Public Housing, Project Based Section 8 Subsidy, Housing Choice Section 8 Vouchers
 - Public Housing owned/operated by the PHA with rent at 30% of tenant's gross income.
 - Project-based section 8 awards a developer subsidies which stay with the unit, and developer maintains a waitlist for the units, with rent comprising no more than 30% of tenant's income.
 - Housing Choice Vouchers are awarded to the tenant and the tenant finds a landlord who will accept the voucher, which allows the tenant to pay 30% of their income to rent. PHA maintains the waitlist.
 - Contra Costa County, HACA, and the Berkeley Housing Authority were awarded additional housing choice vouchers for non-elderly (<62YO) people with disabilities through the HUD Mainstream program. Still waiting for information about next round of Mainstream funding.

Subsidies for Live-In Attendant

- Section 8 and HUD 811 allow for a second bedroom for a live-in attendant.
- Allows recipient to have a 2-bedroom unit for 30% of the income of the tenant.
- Recipient must complete application to show need.
- Attendant may have to show credentials for services offered.

Housing Strategies

- Ordinarily, Section 8 Program experiences overwhelming demand.

- It is usual to be open only once every 5 years.
- Once on Section 8 list, wait time to receive voucher can be 5 years.
- It is allowable to get a Section 8 voucher for a PHA not in your area, but you may need to live in the housing authority for a certain amount of time – usually a year.
- Reasonable accommodation requests can be made to port the voucher immediately – depending on whether day program or services needed in a particular area.

HUD's 811 Public Rental Assistance Program (PRA)

- In 2013, CA received \$24M for affordable housing for two populations:
 - o People with disabilities receiving MediCal residing in Skilled Nursing Facilities who wish to transition to their own home.
 - o People who are RC clients who reside in an institution or who are at risk of homelessness or institutionalization.
 - o People must be 18 – 61 years of age.
- **Wendell James** asked whether individuals with a criminal background history are eligible for 811 services?
- **Tom Heinz** responded that this barrier has sometimes been removed, but it depends on nature of criminal history. 811 is a project-based voucher where developers (usually nonprofit) apply with orgs like EBI to get vouchers which are non-portable. Developers and management may also have their own rules for the property, and there may also be complications from the funding streams that help to develop the property.
- Darin Lounds responded that there is a tolerance for some criminal background within the housing systems; in Oakland for example, you can no longer request information about criminal background; however this is not the case in the majority of the system. Successful advocacy does happen but can be difficult to navigate.

Current/Future 811 Properties in Alameda County

- Mercy Housing: 10 studio units at Casa Verde, San Leandro; 20 1-br units at Bermuda Gardens, Oakland; 7 studio units at Santana Gardens.
- For-Profit – Promenade 1 & 2 in Pleasanton: 5 units
- Mid-Peninsula – Chestnut Family Apartments: 8 units (2 1-br, 6-2br)
- Fremont: Resources for Community Development/Bell Street Gardens: 30 units in 2023
- For 811 referrals: email address for referrals - 811HUD@eastbayinnovations.org
- Pre-Application to certify with DDS or DHS: fill out 1-page form and send to the email above.

Mike Pereira asked, due to the extensive wait for Section 8 housing (5 years), and the other shared programs - 811, Mainstream, etc... - is there public access to occupancy and/or vacancy rates to determine the pool of potential residences for people? Is there something similar for voucher awarding from the counties for all housing programs? If those lists exist, how regularly are they updated?

Darin responded that no such resource or clearinghouse exists, which is why consistent and wise advocacy is so needed. On the affordable side, there is a clearinghouse called Eden I&R that can be accessed by dialing 211 from Alameda County or the internet.

Donna Feingold added that waiting lists are updated in some counties which is why it is so important for people served to have support with their mail. Over the years, we have had folks bumped from waiting lists because they didn't respond to letters from Housing Authorities asking if they still wanted to stay on the list.

Darin replied, yes, great point. Housing Authorities and affordable housing developers are required to update their wait lists annually. Failure of a waitlist applicant to respond to mailer can cause them to be dropped from the list. It is critical that folks watch for these annual forms and respond appropriately.

Donna replied, my understanding is that there is never enough subsidized housing for all the people we support. I worked in San Francisco for many years, and we were rarely able to get anyone into subsidized housing. I also had the same experience in Napa and Contra Costa County. As we know, we just need a lot more affordable housing.

Non-Profit Affordable Housing Providers

- Satellite Affordable Housing Associates
- Resources for Community Development

- Eden Housing
- MidPen
- HCEB

Required to create housing with rents Below Market Rate (BMR); they may have units with Project-based S8 Vouchers attached; and they will also accept Housing Choice S8 Vouchers. They have units set aside for individuals with I/DD.

Zack Wheeler asked whether the funding began in 2013? **Tom** responded it was awarded in 2013, but developers were applying for funding through 2017. **Zack** recalled the consumer advocate group Capital, which started West Bay Housing, then changed to Brilliant Corners. Since 811 was signed into law in 2004, DDS must have been providing housing services to consumers in the community.

Darin responded that there were several different 811 programs, including one to build housing properties and provide subsidies such as West Bay Housing's Octavia Court and HCEB's Lincoln Oaks. That program was ended.

Zack pointed out that these services have been available to consumers for a long time, but only certain consumers – how does this process work? **Zack** gave the example of a relative who was threatened with eviction, and fit the criteria, but did not receive support or funding. Why have these supports been so hidden for so many years?

Tom responded that in the 811 process, there used to be a tenant referral and outreach organization to do outreach to the community, and provide preliminary screening with basic information about applying – bedroom size, etc. When units become available, they are announced to RC's. 811 does not provide funding to tenant outreach organizations, and broad outreach is very labor-intensive. When Mercy was first awarded 811 funding, DDS announced to all Bay Area RCs, and close to 100 people applied, incorrect information about eligibility, location, bedroom, size was abundant – EBI provided education about match information for units, but funding isn't available for this work. With Mid-Pen project, EBI presented to RC Case Managers, but outreach is a difficult piece of the puzzle.

Zack responded that in his experience, there was housing funding available for consumers, but there wasn't nonprofit housing available – just vendors and consumers without a lot of information. Why wasn't information live streamed to all RCs and all consumers?

Zack reiterated that there was money for housing in 2004, but it wasn't available to their consumers (as Black vendors), and when consumers did receive funding, they were moved away from these vendors rather than be funded to stay.

Tom mentioned that although federal funds are available, housing isn't always available on the same timeline.

Lisa asked if we can collaborate to ensure everyone has access to information about housing – maybe RCEB can have a dedicated email listserv for providers who are interested in housing opportunities? For example, projects like Satellite Housing and MidPen could be publicized through this list.

Housing Access Services

- In 2010, HCEB began providing Housing Navigation for homeless adults with Serious Mental Illness.
- Services include:
 - o Housing readiness (documentation, credit, landlord history)
 - o Application assistance
 - o Landlord outreach
 - o Move-in resources
 - o Tenancy support
 - o Coordination with services and supports
- In 2010, only a handful of RCs were offering similar services through service code 101.
- In 2015, CMS/HCBS transition began to cover housing-related activities and services for individuals with disabilities.
- Funded Housing Access Services:
 - o Individual Transition Services
 - o Individual Housing and Tenancy-Sustaining Services
- East Bay:

- HCEB and CCC Housing Authority entered into MOU to secure non-elderly disabled Mainstream Vouchers for adults receiving RCEB Services.
- EBI and other vendors are also providing HAS to RCEB consumers.
- Once vouchers were awarded, RCEB vendored HCEB to provide services through 089 – one of the first RC's to vendorize for this service code and set the tone for the state.

Maria Ramirez asked about average wait times. **Tom** responded that the waitlists generally open about every 5 years, with 3-5 year wait times to receive vouchers. **Darin** shared that individual programs vary greatly – for example Lincoln Oaks in Fremont, 10 units have only had 3 units turn over in 15 years.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee – Sheraden Nicholau

- **Sheraden** thanked the presenters.
- **Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting** - June 29th, 630p – 9p, Oakland's Elihu Harris State Building. Featured: Policy Updates, Member Advocacy updates, and more. Two ways to join: In-person and over Zoom. Flyer, w Zoom info:
<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2022/06/BARO-Accessible-Outreach-Flyer-6.2022.pdf>
<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2022/06/BARO-Accessible-Outreach-Flyer-6.2022-Spanish.pdf>
- **July State Council and related Committee Meetings:** <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilcalendar/>
7/14 Employment First Committee
7/25 Self-Advocates Advisory Committee
7/26 Council Meeting
- **Fair Housing Training Slide Decks and FAQ sheets:** email Sheraden at sheraden.nicholau@scdd.ca.gov
- **Fair Employment Law Trainings** coming up soon!
- Order **Antigen Testing** through SCDD: email Sheraden at email above.
- **PPE:** SCDD continues to maintain connection with Cal Emergency Services – email Sheraden for this.
- **SCDD Co-sponsored four legislative bills**, with three moving forward:
 - AB 1663 Maienschein Conservatorship reform and creating alternatives (in June referred to Human Services and Jud Comm): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1663
 - SB 1092 Hurtado, IPPs and Fair Hearings (in June referred to Human Services and Jud Comm): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1092
 - AB 2547 Nazarian and Wicks, Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities (in June rereferred to Human Services Comm): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2547
 - AB 2920 Arambula, Inclusive college pilot programs at UCs and CSUs (in May was held in submission): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2920 (not moving forward)

Alameda County DD Council Report – Ben Chen

- **COVID-19 updates:** Mask mandate announced in Alameda County last Friday; Press Release: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/covid19-assets/docs/press/press-release-2022.06.02.pdf>
- **AlCoDD COVID Advisory Group Meeting:** Alameda County's Long-term COVID-19 Strategy: June 14, 5:30PM – 7:00PM: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=1652116393970.338cd812ce0b2198aedb5ac315a4d835&xzm_rtaid=wXlIFmPJSDe7uuOGHGbkMA.1652116393970.338cd812ce0b2198aedb5ac315a4d835&xzm_rhtaid=468
- Sign up for Alameda County **HCSA Biweekly newsletter:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/24d027097eb042058870a07969239096>
- For **COVID testing and treatment** - Find a test-to-treat location: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Test-to-treat-locations.aspx>

- New directors and staff being welcomed on at Alameda County DD Council with the new program year.
- Many thanks to the awardees, audience at the 32nd annual Awards Ceremony for the great work being done, the providers and sponsors ensuring accessibility.
- First Board Meeting of the new program year is July 13 from 9:30-12PM: Annual Planning Meeting; welcoming folks to join and give feedback on the coming year's focus points.

Contra Costa County DD Council Report – Leslie Visbal reporting for Vi Ibarra

- Vi is out on vacation; Leslie providing links to new Health Coordinator positions at CCC Health: Specialty Health Ambassador - <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AsPIZkx6vt5N0I2LqucFxrROOqEq?e=Utlu1V>
Program Coordinator - <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AsPIZkx6vt5N0I6CWUVZ6Q61wd8f?e=awd86N>
- The next CC DD Council Meeting is Wednesday, June 22nd at 10am via Zoom. After the June Meeting, the Council will recess for the summer. Link to join: <https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/96433584883?pwd=bEtCdk9wM0NyZHFVaVlON3U3Rm1mQT09>
- No July or August Contra Costa County DD Council Meetings – see you in September!

East Bay Legislative Coalition – Will Sanford

- **AB 154** and **SB 154** Budget bills have been approved by House/Senate; now going to Governor's desk. Leadership in both houses aligned on budget passage; expected smooth sailing to Governor.
- **Mike Pereira** added re: Senate hearing yesterday with public comments: after last year's investments, we have an opportunity to further bridge a generational funding gap.
- **Lisa Kleinbub** added that Nancy Skinner asserted that the Senate and Assembly are on board to provide this funding; important to advocate with the Governor. **Mike** mentioned that the Assembly has championed the DD system with greater vigor in recent years. **Will** added that the budget bill is mainly on-time, and can now be amended, but is in good shape to pass. Advocacy links: www.TheFutureIncludesUs.org, <https://p2a.co/mqzffb0>, <https://mobilize4change.org/7UXEuai>
- Budget regarding DD system includes approx. 6 pages of dollar info; very little program-specific info. Pushing forward improvements on the rate study: core staffing formula; rate increase added without deducting dollars allocated by Governor.
- Total for DD System is now nearing \$13 billion total.
- Has Governor convened with legislators in order to support all budget aspects? Reductions may still be on the way from the Governor's office. This is unusual but may occur. Then there will be trailer bills that further modify spending/funding. <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/trailer-bill/trailerBill.html>
- It is expected that the budget will meet the June 15 timeframe; how Governor responds to the budget as written is still unknown.
- There is a piece eliminating the requirement for ½ day billing; full-day billing language has not been fixed yet.
- Tailored Day Services language being worked on to make it possible to offer the service.
- \$50M grant program to expand and build dental/surgical facilities statewide, greatly expanding access for patients with disabilities.
- 5-yard line, 4th down for advocacy and efforts to ensure investments in our system push forward!
- Reminder to fill out the DSP Wellness survey – along with a reminder about the \$8K payment to providers who complete the survey! DDS webinars with tips coming out now! <https://dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/dsp-workforce-survey/>
- Legislative Bills moving, but mainly on the back burner until budget passes.
- CMS has announced that states have an additional year to spend ARPA dollars.

Day Program Subcommittee – Mike Pereira

- Reminder re: weekly provider meetings Fridays at 11AM, troubleshoot meetings Wednesdays at 2PM.

- One item percolating: Alternative Services ending; providers concerned about monthly billing units – what is the provision going forward, since attendance is still reflecting pandemic norms?

HireAble – Donna Feingold

- Thanking Deaf Plus and Futures Explored for nominations of employers in our community hiring individuals with Developmental Disabilities.
- Shout out to Ben and Vi for the work involved in putting on the annual awards ceremony! Looking forward to hopefully meeting in person next year!
- This month’s HireAble meeting welcomes representatives for CalAble on how to set up CalAble Accounts. This is an incredible tool for people on SSI; ABLE accounts are so important for exiting poverty, saving beyond the \$2K limit.
- Please fill out the HireAble needs assessment list! No \$8K completion fee, but very short!
- Please reach out to **Donna** at donna@hireable.org if you’d like to be included in the HireAble Listserv!

Membership – Marcie Hodge

- Co-Chair position is available; please consider membership and leadership with PVAC!
- New members: once you have attended three consecutive meetings, you are automatically a member of PVAC; additional offices with openings – Alameda County Transportation Vendor.
- Please place name and organization in the chat so that we can pull this information for our minutes!
- Otherwise, no changes to the membership report.

Announcements and Public Comment

- **Maria Ramirez** had asked to send the 2020 report from Lucile Packard on inequities in the Developmental Disabilities system. A new report has surfaced: ‘Examining Racial and Ethnic Inequities Among Children Served by California’s Developmental Disabilities System.’ Maria will send these reports to Leslie to forward to PVAC members.
- **Angeleter Pringle** repeated a concern on the part of vendors that, initially during COVID, vendors weren’t able to move concerns forward, and now the delays continue both with case managers and supervisors as vendors are not able to get assistance with COVID cases or POS payments. Vendors are not able to pay administrators or DSPs because they are waiting on payments for services already provided. Providers are doing their very best to serve consumers but receive less than the very best from the system. **Chris Hanson** provided her email chanson@rceb.org for Ms. Pringle to reach out regarding these issues.
- **Donna Feingold** mentioned that the DSP Survey is coming out this week and will be shared directly with providers. Providers who complete it receive a minimum honorarium of \$8,000, and the information helps advocate for rates that cover fair compensation for DSPs throughout the system.
- **Louise McClellan** posted the link to the June 9th CDPH Updated Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>
- Next PVAC meeting on Zoom is Friday, July 8 at 9:30AM, and PVAC will break for summer in August.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Amanda Eicher, Secretary