



Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024

Virtual Meeting

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RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sadia Mumtaz, Vice-President/D&E Chair
Dr. Steve Whitgob, Vice-Treasurer
Reneé Perls, Secretary
Nyron Battles, CAC Chair/Diversity & Equity Co-Chair
Brian Blaisch
Teresita DeJesus
Daniel Hogue, PVAC Representative
April Key-Lee, Membership Development Committee Chair
Dinah Shapiro
Lisa Soloway
Linda Stevens

ABSENT:

Frank Paré, President

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration
Lucy Rivello, Director of Health & Behavioral Services
Steve Robinson, Director of Community 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
Michael Minton, Manager of Risk Management and Quality Assurance
Priscilla Gomez, Transportation Manager
Herb Hastings, Consumer Advocate
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Ala Costa Center
Families United for Equity
Chris Aguire/DDS

Danielle Mackey
Krystovia Marquez
Dominique Mellion

Denise Bradley
Alphonso Cole
Rose Coleman
Tandra DeBose
Maureen Fitzgerald
Lorena G.
Virginia Hom
J. Douglas Hollie
Vi Ibarra/CCDDC
Marcie Lyn
Sonia M.

Sheraden Nicholau/SCDDC
Assata Olugbala
Jeri Pietrelli
Ann Pringle
Maria Ramirez
Dr. Eleanor Ramsey
Antonia Salina
Marybeth Stachowicz
Shawndrell Wheeler
Zackery Wheeler

Presentation 7:06 – 7:24

National Core Indicator [NCI] Data 2021-2 - Ronke Sodipo

“The National Core Indicators (NCI) survey is a collaborative effort between the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) and the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). It is nationally recognized as a valuable source of information about individuals with developmental disabilities receiving services across a large sample of states. The information is gathered by surveying individuals with developmental disabilities and their families about their satisfaction with the services they receive and their overall quality of life.” Only those with one purchased service are surveyed. Those just receiving case management are not.

What is the NCI Survey?

The National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey gives individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families the opportunity to voluntarily and confidentially participate in surveys to share their experiences on access to and use of regional center and community services. The results of the Survey responses help California learn how it is doing compared to other states (42 participating) as well as to help the regional centers see what they are doing well and what they can improve on. Indicators address key areas of concern including employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice, and health and safety.

Who Administers the Survey in California?

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Bay Area administers this survey in our area. The surveys in this report were completed between July 2021 – June 2022. Pre-Covid, the surveys were completed in-person.

Benefits for sharing this Survey

The survey is run by a third party accessing the information from the individuals that we serve and asking questions that we want to know; such as how are you experiencing services, are you satisfied with the provisions from our vendors, do you know about the IPP's, etc. In this way, we can assess comparative performances among all the regional centers, and to identify needed services. DDS compiles all the regional center's results on their website when the surveys have been completed.

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

Main Categories Surveyed

1. Child Family Survey – These surveys are completed by families who have a child between the ages of 3-17 years old living with them, and who receive at least one regional center service as well as case management services.
2. Family Guardian Survey – These surveys are completed by families or conservators of an individual aged 18+ and living in a community placement setting, who receive at least one regional center service as well as case management services.
3. Adult Family Survey – These surveys are completed by families of an adult aged 18+ and living at home, who receive at least one regional center service as well as case management services.

Point of Interest

Respite- Ms. Kleinbub added that most families are eligible for respite services when they are living in the family home. It is surprising that the numbers are so low in the survey; so we question how much of this has to do with service provider rates as well as the fact that this was during the pandemic.

CATEGORY	ADULT FAMILY	CHILD FAMILY
Statewide	36%	44%
RCEB only	27%	40%

Ms. Sodipo shared her PowerPoint reports as she gave an overview on the major points of interest. This document will also be available on our website under Public Information:

<https://www.rceb.org/about-us/public-information/national-core-indicators/>

Other sites regarding the NCI reports:

National Core Indicators (NCI) national website: <https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/>

CA's Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) National Core Indicators Project homepage: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

Quality Assessment Project homepage, State Council on Developmental Disabilities:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/gap/>

DDS' NCI Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/quality-assessment-faq/>

Prior to the start of the board meeting, a public meeting on the 2021/22 National Core Indicator Data was held. The minutes of that meeting will be posted on the RCEB website and sent to DDS.

CALL TO ORDER

Sadia Mumtaz called the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay to order at 7:24 pm. A quorum was established.

CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES

- M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the February 26, 2024 Agenda as presented”
[Battles/Stevens] Unanimous The motion was adopted
- M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the January 22, 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.

Virginia Hom spoke about not being able to locate the oncalleasemanagement@rceb.org information/e-mail address on the website in the location that was stated in the BOD January minutes, as well as not receiving updates after she signed up online. She also inquired on what can we do to assist the case managers with the ability to have a better response time, both with information as well as call-backs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director

Acronym List

CDER – Client Development Evaluation Report

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/transparency/cder/>

The CDER report contains diagnostic and evaluation information for persons 3+ y/o who have active status in the DDS system. The CDER is divided into two major sections (or elements), the Diagnostic Element and the Evaluation Element. The Diagnostic Element contains information pertaining to the individual’s developmental disability(ies), **mental disorders**, risk factors, major medical conditions, hearing and vision impairments, behavior modifying drugs, special health care requirements, and other special conditions. The Evaluation Element covers information relating to motor, independent living, social, emotional, cognitive, and communication skills.

Alternative Residential Service Model [ARM] Service Levels – A Community Care Facility is vendored by one of these ARM levels

ARM L1: Care and supervision for persons with self-care skills

ARM L2: Care, supervision and incidental training for persons with some self-care skills and no major behavior challenges

ARM L3: Care, supervision and ongoing training for persons with significant deficiencies in self-care skills and/or some limitations in physical coordination and mobility

ARM L4 A-I: Care, supervision and training for persons with deficits with self-help skills and/or severe impairments in physical coordination and mobility, and/or severely disruptive or self-injurious behavior. This level is sub-divided into levels from 4A to 4I where staffing levels are increased to correspond to individual needs.

Residential Service Codes:

905 - Residential Facility Serving Adults-Owner Operated

915 - Residential Facility Serving Adults - Staff Operated

Presentation 7:30pm – 8:06pm

Mason Tillman Report Status – Dr. Eleanor Ramsey & Antonina Salina (Database Manager)/Mason Tillman Associates.

RCEB contracted with Mason Tillman to address referral equity concerns that our African American providers have expressed.

Mason Tillman Associates has been analyzing the data from our computer systems as well as surveys that were sent out to our service providers.

Dr. Ramsey and Ms. Salina presented their PowerPoint of their draft report and highlighted certain portions of that report. They are welcoming any suggestions or comments to be informed to them via e-mail to RCEB at writetous@rceb.org, and their final report including their recommendations, will be completed and shared within two months.

Main issues to be answered by the Study

- Client resident referrals were not filling the beds
- Were black providers receiving referrals/having placements at the same rates as other providers.
- Were Consumer referrals in alignment with the vendor level
- Invoice processing- not done in a timely manner
- Did the regional center conduct the annual quality reviews and corrective action plan process in an equitable manner.

Home Category

The information from the RCEB system was used for two home category service codes as well as payment records for the time period January 1, 2019 to December 3, 2022:

- Number 905 and Number 915

- Level 2, 3, 4 home providers

Data was also taken from the consumer CDER scores for adults.

Preliminary Findings

There are more empty beds for African American providers overall than for other providers.

Invoice processing in a timely manner- dates looked at were payment date as it relates to invoice date and date of payment. Largest gap between invoice date and payment is for Asian providers.

Were there more challenging individuals served by African American providers than other providers.

Data did not support this hypothesis.

Comments from the Board:

Mr. Blaisch- Looking at the data is helpful, but also creates lots of sub-questions. Provider to client pairing is one of them, and we will need to look into that further. The payments to providers were clarified as per individual, not the number of beds. He also requested more information regarding the slides depicting the distribution/percentage showing the service provider ethnicity to the ethnicity of the resident. Dr. Ramsey also addressed Mr. Blaisch's inquiry regarding their experience with running disparity studies with regional centers. Our regional center is their first experience with this type of agency, but they have in-depth experience with questions of equity and different ways of looking at the data when attempting to find factors that may account for the findings. They have learned a lot from the system from the providers and the RCEB staff. They stated that they have not found any other studies comparable to this type of study with this level of analysis of the regional center's data, and with the limitations of that data.

Mr. Hogue- requested a summary of the findings; what was the most significant findings and is there thought on the data confirming some of the disparities and biases that were stated. He also asked why it has taken so long to receive and analyze the data and what were the challenges. Dr. Ramsey showed one of the slides again and stated that based on the data, there is an assertion that there were inequities in the assignment of clients to providers. Therefore, they looked further into the two cities; Oakland and Antioch, and see the same issue of having vacant beds compared to other ethnic groups, and that it was not just an Oakland address that affected the occupancy.

Ms. Mumtaz inquired if the final report will breakdown or interpret the numbers to show possible causes for the data results; is it really inequity or something else. Dr. Ramsey stated that they will attempt to interpret the data in the various ways which it might be translated.

Ms. Kleinbub added that she and Dr. Ramsey spoke about what needs to be done with these findings. RCEB is working on their database referral system for ILS/SLS and that all providers will receive referrals that match their services. We will have similar for the residential service providers then create a similar system to minimize any biases. We have an opportunity to improve our process to make the needed changes.

Ms. Kleinbub thanked Dr. Ramsey and her staff for their patience around our complicated system that we have, and for working with us to figure out how to get to some of this data to study. A final report will be available within 90 days.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - continuation

POS/Independent Living Service [ILS] Policy

We continue to look for feedback on this policy, and we will analyze and discuss the feedback that we have received before taking the revision to the board for approval next month. We received some great feedback from the Diversity & Equity meeting this evening and will be looking to putting additional information to address inequities better.

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

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

Purchase of Service

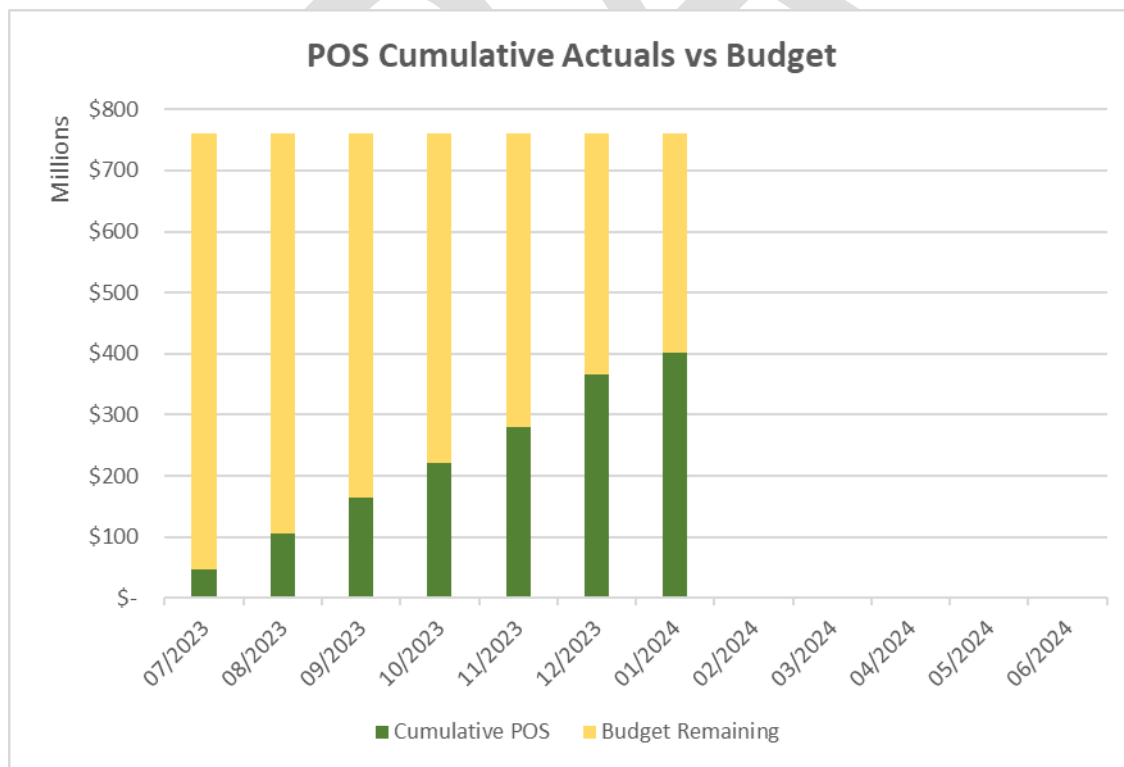
Through January 2024, we have expended 53% of the total POS budget of \$761M for Fiscal year 23-24. This is compared to 48% of the total budget of \$720M for the last fiscal year at this time.

For NON-CPP POS Expenditures, we are projecting a surplus of \$30M, which is a decrease of \$6M from the previous month’s projection. Note that this PEP projection now has 6 months of expenditures in base. It does not have the cost impact for the rate increases in January 2024. More expenditures in base decreased the amount of surplus, including new projected lag loans to ICFs of \$1.8M.

Currently, 12 out of 21 Regional Centers are reporting a surplus in their POS projections, while 9 centers are reporting a deficit. With the E-1 budget allocation, the Statewide system is reporting in an overall deficit of \$8M, which is a decrease of \$54M from previous month’s projection. There is a disparity among regional centers’ projections for this fiscal year, which DDS and ARCA are reviewing the methodologies to help with standardization.

We will continue to analyze monthly POS expenditures and trends as more data become available next month, specifically with the impact of the rate increases in January 2024.

The graph POS cumulative Actuals versus Budget shows POS expenditures trending month-over-month compared to the overall budget for FY 23-24.



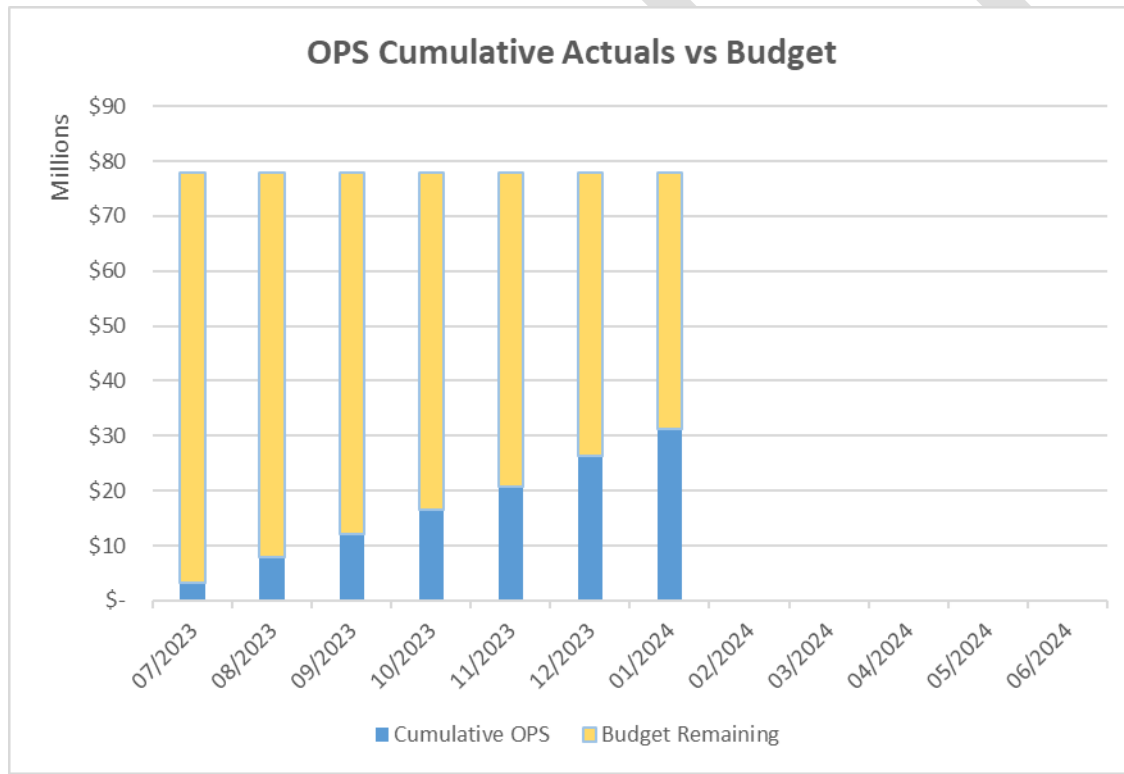
Operations

Based on the E-1 allocation, through January 2024, we have expended 40% of the total Operations budget of \$78M for FY23-24, which is comparable to 43% of \$68M budget for the FY 22-23 at this time.

This month’s total expenditures included the impact of the increased salary and wages that were approved in the Union negotiations, including a COLA salary increase, a Step 8 added to the salary scale, retention stipends, increased employer medical contributions, increased bilingual stipends and others. We hope that these increases in salary and wages will help with hiring while retaining staff.

We will report on hiring efforts in March after we have the results from the two job fairs held in February.

The graph OPS cumulative Actuals versus Budget below shows OPS expenditures trending month-over-month compared to the overall budget for FY23-24.



The Jim Burton Helping Hand Fund

Last month, we already provided our biennial update to the Board on the Helping Fund activities for the 6 months ending December 2023. Since then in January, we received one large donation of \$250k from a Trust of a deceased consumer. This donation has been invested in short-term Treasury bill, earning an interest rate of 4.74%, and will help with future grants issued to other consumers as needed. The fund currently has a balance of \$941k.

DDS Audit for Fiscal Years 21-22 and 22-23

DDS started the audit of the two fiscal years 21-22 and 22-23 on February 12, 2024, with an estimated completion date of March 15, 2024. DDS was onsite at RCEB’s San Leandro for the first week and planned to work remotely for the remainder of the audit.

We will present the results of the audit to the Board at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report/President’s Report: Sadia Mumtaz for Frank Paré

Acronym List

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

CONTRACT APPROVAL

Regional centers are required by Medicaid law to vendorize 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.

Contracts

Enhanced Behavioral Support Home [EBSH]

Housing Consortium of the East Bay [HCEB] – Fairview

This Start up Agreement with the Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB) represents Community Placement Plan (CPP) renovation funds to renovate an existing home so it can function as Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH). This contract represents one EBSH home for adult female clients who have co-occurring mental health support needs and intensive behavioral support needs.

Term: 03/01/24-03/31/26

Renovation cost: \$412,211

From CPP Funds: \$412,211

Total Capacity: 4 female clients

M/S/C

“The Board moves to approve RCEB’s agreement with Housing Consortium of the East Bay to renovate a home to become an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home, as presented.” [Hogue/Battles] Unanimous Motion was adopted

Brilliant Corners

This Amendment to the Housing Agreement with Brilliant Corners represents Community Placement Plan (CPP) acquisition and renovation funds for the development of one Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH). RCEB will request funding in FY 23-24 for start-up funding for the provider for this home. This contract represents Community Placement Plan startup funds for the acquisition and renovation of one (1) Enhanced Behavior Support Home (EBSH) for adult male clients who have co-occurring mental health support needs and intensive behavioral support needs. Individuals will also have forensic support needs.

Term: 06/01/2023-03/31/2025

Acquisition Cost: \$682,321

Renovation cost: \$663,054

From CPP Funds: \$1,345,375

Total Capacity: 4 clients

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve RCEB’s agreement with Brilliant Corners to renovate a home to become an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home, as presented.” [Hogue/Soloway] Unanimous Motion was adopted

Supported Living Services [SLS]

Development World Services

Development World Services has applied to become a Supported Living Services (SLS) service provider. The agency is prepared to serve up to four individuals in Alameda County and able to serve both ambulatory and non-ambulatory clients. 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.

Term: 03/01/2024-02/28/2027

Avg monthly volume/client: \$10,000

Annual Capacity: \$480,000

Total Capacity: 4 clients

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve RCEB’s agreement with Development World Services to operate a supported living service agency, as presented.” [Hogue/Stevens] Unanimous Motion was adopted

Transportation – 880 Friends of Children with Special Needs [FCSN]

An 880 code indicates transportation services that are a component to the day program. This Agreement is for Purchase of Service funding for FCSN transportation services for the clients attending their programs. FCSN is vendored separately for transportation as an additional component to provide transportation services to individuals attending one of the FCSN programs that include the Adult Development Center, Community Integrated Day program, and Adaptive Skills Training.

Terms/Costs:

- a) 7/2023-2/2024 (contract capacity 38)
Up to \$165,011.20
- b) 3/2024-6/2024 (contract capacity 52)
Up to \$112,902.40

Total for FY 23/24: \$277,913.60

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve RCEB’s 880 transportation contract with FCSN to provide transportation service to-from their programs, as presented.”
[Hogue/Stevens] Unanimous Motion was adopted

Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Kleinbub stated that the BOD and the RCEB Directors had an all-day Strategic Planning retreat at our San Leandro office last week. This retreat was run by the Helen Sanderson group, to review the community input survey results, in order to determine strategic focus areas and desired outcomes. From that meeting, they established five focus areas along with why they are priorities as well as the desired outcomes:

Process Improvement- to streamline the processes

- 1. Work Culture- to make regional center an employer of choice in our area
- 2. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging- to positively impact the community and assure that people are supported by the regional center.
- 3. Communication and Engagement- to be more responsive and transparent about supports and relationships with case managers
- 4. Person-Centered Services Planning- to make sure communities are able to seek regional center services that are personalized and identified through a person-centered-planning process

These focus points came about as a result of the surveys that were done in our community, including the concerns from those in our community, as well as priority decisions that were made by the team at the retreat.

M/S/C “The BOD agrees that these five areas are what we would like our strategic focus areas to be” [Battles/Persl] Unanimous Motion was adopted

Consumer Advisory Committee [CAC]: Nyron Battles

The CAC met on February 12th via Zoom. We started by watching a short video from another regional center on the Lanterman Act, that was very entertaining. We shared our memories and stories of one of our members, Carmen Quinones, who recently had passed away. We also talked about the importance of getting our COVID and flu shots, since so many people are sick. There was also

information on Supported Life Institute having a May conference where the theme is *Reaching for the Stars*. Dinah shared that she designed the t-shirt with the design of hands reaching for the stars and they look like trees.

Membership Development Committee: April Key-Lee

We have one candidate who has attended more than two board meetings and we will be proceeding with the interview process with this individual shortly. There are three other prospects; one is a monolingual Spanish speaker, and the other is bi-lingual in Spanish. We also have a regional center client who has been attending our board meetings regularly, who is very interested in joining the board.

We are currently looking for new members who are Latinx who reside in the Contra Costa County. Please check our website and read about the board and e-mail your interest:

<https://www.rceb.org/about-us/board-directors/members/>

Diversity & Equity Committee: Sadia Mumtaz

Sub-Committees:

1. Communication
2. Purchase of Service [POS]
3. Policy & Grievances

Ms. Mumtaz candidly spoke about the challenges she is experiencing in partnering with the RCEB sub-committee staff, as she feels that the communication and goal alignment is lacking. One of the asks from the committee was to have the case managers add their supervisor's contact information on their own auto signature. However, this is something that needs to be worked through with staff.

Ms. Kleinbub acknowledged Ms. Mumtaz' frustrations and added that there was a confusion in regards to interpretation of the agenda. In the POS sub-committee meeting, the group reviewed the draft ILS Policy, made good progress and there were good suggestions shared and conversations. Ms. Kleinbub and Ms. Sodipo have been conferring on the activities in the Communication sub-committee. There are many things that are being worked on, and due to the nature of this business, it takes time. Ms. Kleinbub added that all these items that are important to follow up on, the categories are in the strategic plan and the reporting to the BOD timelines on those will be every six months.

Both Mr. Blaisch and Mr. Hogue brought up the discussions that they had at the Strategic Planning meeting, and how the training expectations for the case managers as well as other staff, to try to create the sense that RCEB is an Employer of Choice. Systems will be worked out in the Strategic Planning process and building them to get to where we will need to go.

Provider/Vendor Advisory Committee [PVAC]: Dan Hogue

PVAC met on February 9th and Ms. Kleinbub presented her report at that meeting, which also highlighted the Governor's budget and the delay in the rate increases. Many of the providers are concerned, especially in light of the fast food wage increase that will take affect in April, and the fear that they will not be able to compete and they will lose staff. PVAC is also working on a letter to the Governor with two asks; to reject the Governor's proposal to delay the rate increases that was scheduled for July 1st this year, and has now moved to next year. The second ask is to revisit the faulty rate model assumptions. However, upon communication with ARCA, the second ask will confuse the united message that they want to be sent.

Mr. Hogue added that at the last RCEB board meeting, Mr. Battles brought up the subject of SLS staff not having all the information to assist their clients with all the changes to Medi-Cal/Medicare. Mr. Hogue brought that subject up for discussion at PVAC, as well as other provider groups and hopefully providing there will be some training sessions to SLS providers to address that concern.

The PVAC Equity Group has met twice since the last meeting to further focus on the allegations brought up in January. Due to perceived discrimination and retaliation, the reporters are remaining anonymous. They are requesting RCEB to develop a formal service provider grievance procedure that will protect them (such as a whistleblower). Along with developing such a policy, is accountability to make sure people are following that policy. A letter was sent to RCEB the past week. Mr. Hogue added that Ms. Kleinbub has been very receptive to many of the proposed solutions. It is difficult to solve an issue when the service provider remains anonymous and the complaint can't be investigated with any solid findings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alphonso Cole, who will be the Program Director of Development World Services, which was the contract that was approved today, thanked the board members for approving the contract. He stated that they are looking forward to being in Alameda County; starting small first to establish successful programs.

Virginia Hom spoke regarding the response email where case managers do not respond and how it would be a good idea to roll that idea out to the staff as soon as possible. She felt that she did not want case managers to be highlighted when other staff might be responsible.

Assata Olugbala added that vendor retaliation that was in the PVAC report, is broad. She also commented about the Independent Living Services [ILS] policy which was discussed in the Diversity & Equity sub-committee, has nothing to do with diversity or equity and its relation to policy or grievance.

Denise Bradley spoke about the Mason Tillman report this evening. She stated that by using CDER data, we are missing individuals who have mental health, co-occurring substance abuse and forensic issues. Many African Americans end up working with individuals who were incarcerated, which is not reflected in CDER. Ms. Bradley referred to their PowerPoint presentation where it relates to surveys

that were sent to those who owned their business, and that she does not know of any service providers who had received that particular survey.

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

A reminder, we can offer PPE and antigen tests for orgs and community groups. Email to make a request: Sheraden.nicholau@scdd.ca.gov Note that the antigen test program will wrap up at the end of Feb, so please get your orders in now if your group or a group you know could use antigen tests at no cost

- Self-Determination Statewide Orientations (coming up offered in English, Spanish, & Tagalog): <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Upcoming statewide trainings in English and Spanish: <https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/>
- Upcoming SCDD Council and Committee Meetings: <https://scdd.ca.gov/scddcalendar/>
On Zoom unless otherwise stated

The BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) is recruiting new members!

- The BATF is a public committee comprised of BART riders to advise the BART Board of Directors and staff on disability-related issues and advocate on behalf of people with disabilities and seniors to make the BART system accessible to all.
- The BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The BATF meetings are open to the public and are located at the East Bay Paratransit Office in Oakland, which is adjacent to the 19th Street BART station street level elevator.
- Learn more: <https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2024/news20240102>

Current 2024 Schedule: <https://files.constantcontact.com/be05f332501/b943dc09-fb9c-481b-b970-c6e39ce0162e.pdf>

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Elena Van Loo at 510-874-7366 or by email at evanloo@bart.gov

Feb 28 & 29: Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:30-2 p.m.

Feb 28: Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting (also known as the RAC) on Wednesday, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. In this meeting, the RAC will vote on Bay Area RAC priorities, hear about the Specialty Health Ambassador program from CCC Health, RAC member updates, community partner updates, and more. You can attend this meeting in-person or on zoom.

Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council [CCDDDC]

January 26: from 10:00-11:30 am the East Bay Legislative Coalition's Annual Virtual Legislative Event is an opportunity for the IDD community to directly engage with local legislative offices and voice what matters to you directly to your elected officials. All stakeholders from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are welcome--Families, Service Providers, Regional Center Representatives, Direct Support Professionals, and especially Self-Advocates! Breakout rooms will be arranged to allow for

people to directly converse with your elected officials and their staff, based on the legislative district of your residence. Register here to attend. This event will feature live captioning, Spanish and ASL interpretation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdOiorjMiGtbace-TDOnKEfFW4PnHF7Zl#/registration> [us02web.zoom.us].

SDP Information: The Local Advisory Committee for Self-Determination, in partnership with NeuroNav, are offering webinars in February and March on specific topics related to Self-Determination. Presentations are available in both English and Spanish. Check out the flyers for more information-

- Webinars in February: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A1lhr6_pjq9RBTbaU6TGX8vEcljyEp_/view [drive.google.com].
- Webinars in March: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N3ETImLo6zhUrc--18Pb-1mxKPBeQUW/view> [drive.google.com].

Feb 7: HireAble is offering Benefits Training at 4:00pm. Learn about how to manage disability-related benefits such as SSI and SSDI while working. Webinar is free of charge, more info on flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bbpcX7jAOcl3imHrPbYtVH7iI4fLMjYp/view?usp=sharing> [drive.google.com]

The Transition Task Force is a group of professionals that are working to smooth the transition from school to adult services for students with disabilities. We have developed a series of presentations that provide a basic overview of several service systems that affect students transitioning to adult life. Professionals working at schools, the regional center, or programs that serve transition age students and young adults are welcome to attend. Info flyer here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GjnCN6uUXB2LumdA17QMpj652sg683cX/view?usp=sharing> [drive.google.com]

Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA]

No report this evening. ARCA will be meeting in March.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The board meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Virtual Meetings on March 25, 2024

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

The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 PM