



Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 24, 2024

Virtual Meeting

Approved 9/23/2024

RCEB BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Paré, President
Sadia Mumtaz, Vice-President/D&E Co-Chair
Nyron Battles, CAC Chair/Diversity & Equity Co-Chair
Daniel Hogue, PVAC Representative
Teresita DeJesus
April Key-Lee
Dinah Shapiro
Linda Stevens

ABSENT:

Brian Blaisch
Reneé Perls, Secretary
Lisa Soloway
Dr. Steve Whitgob, Vice-Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director
Lynn Nguyen, Director of Finance & Administration
Caylin Patterson, Director of Human Resources & Support Services
Ronke Sodipo, Director of Client Services
Ben Braun, Associate Director of Early Start & Young Children
Chris Hanson, Associate Director of Client Services/Adults
Lindsay Meninger, Associate Director of Client Services/SD
Elvia Osorio-Rodriguez, Associate Director of Client Services/Children
Michael Minton, Manager of Risk Management and Quality Assurance
Ashley Harmon, Support Services Supervisor
Rebecca Sterling, Clinical Supervisor
Herb Hastings, Consumer Advocate
Michi Toy, Executive Assistant

GUESTS:

Families United for Equity
Chris Aguire/DDS
Patricia Albeño
Denise Bradley
Rose Coleman
Tandra DeBose

Marcie Lyn
Sonia M
Dominique Mellion
Sheraden Nicholau/SCDDC
Assata Olugbala

Maureen Fitzgerald
Jenica Hadley
Virginia Hom
Wendell James

Ann Pringle
Maria Ramirez
Jaynette Underhill-Levingston
Zackary Wheeler

CALL TO ORDER

Frank Paré called the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Regional Center of the East Bay to order at 7:07 pm. A quorum was established a few minutes after the meeting started, and motions were revisited.

CONSENT AGENDA / MINUTES

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the June 24, 2024 Agenda as presented.”
[Stevens/Battles] Unanimous The motion was adopted

M/S/C “The Board moves to approve the May 20, 2024 Minutes as presented.”
[Battles/Shapiro] 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were expressed at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director

State Budget

Ms. Kleinbub stated that we now have a confirmed budget agreed to by the Governor and legislative leaders and there is good news:

Service Provider Rate Increase: The rate increase implementation will be on January 1, 2025, instead of the following July 2025. The Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA] as well as many strong advocates in our community worked hard to push for this earlier date in 2025. The rates will be brought up to the rates in the 2019 rates study.

Child Care Subsidies and other social service programs that the legislature promoted were also approved and not pulled back as listed in the May Revise.

Another positive in the budget is the elimination of the *Family Cost Participation* [enacted in 2002] program of two fees which required families to share in the cost of respite services and daycare and the *Annual Family Program fee*, a flat fee of around \$250 for those < 18 years old who receive other services. These two fees were a point of advocacy for regional centers for many years.

IPP/IFSP Format Change

IPP/IFSP meetings will be able to continue remotely for those individuals/families who choose that method. If a minor is older than 3 years old, the case manager will be required to meet at least yearly in person. This meeting can be held outside of the IFSP meeting. For those < 3 years old, the in person meeting will be every six months.

Performance Contract

The Performance Contract was presented to the public on May 16th and to the BOD at the May Board meeting. The BOD placed their votes via SurveyMonkey where a majority voted to approve the Performance Contract. Ms. Kleinbub thanked everyone for their input on the Performance Contract. Some of the suggested activities to input in the plan have been incorporated and sent to DDS. Those measures will be included in our Strategic Plan.

Master Plan for Developmental Disabilities

The Master Plan Committee, run by the Health & Human Services Agency is focused on how to best provide services for those with developmental disabilities in California. The Master Plan has five main areas of focus and created workgroups to focus on specific topics:

- Workgroup 1: Person Centered Services in a system that is trusted
- Workgroup 2: Having seamless, timeliness access to services for the whole system. To streamline services for those with IHSS. Educations- people access
- Workgroup 3: Highly stable Person-Centered Workforce
- Workgroup 4: Consistent, Transparent and Data-Driven System where the outcomes are driven by data. Updated data reflects what we are interested in looking at today.
- Workgroup 5: Lifelong Sustainable Service System that is resourced so that people can get services that are an entitlement.

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/#committee-workgroups>

The Master Plan group is looking for volunteers to join new workgroups. The workgroups will consist of clients, families, expertise in different areas, in order to have a demographically representation. The commitment is around two hours/month. The application is on CalHHS' website as well as ours:

<https://www.rceb.org/announcements/13934/>

Provider Referral System

As reported at last month's board meeting, a client referral system for Supported Living Services [SLS] and Independent Living Services [ILS] is being worked on by RCEB and this relates to our diversity and

equity efforts. A survey for SLS/ILS providers has been conducted to identify important areas that are relevant for a referral. We are currently working with a contractor who is developing this database that will match providers and clients according to the people's needs. We are beginning with ILS/SLS first, then will move on to other services including day and residential services. Our timeline is 60 days to get this system up and running.

Mason Tillman Report

Additional data was provided to them, and when data points are looked at, it raises other questions. We want to make sure that the report covers everything completely. We will advise on the status upon their confirmation.

Service Access & Equity Grants

DDS is currently taking applications for this \$11M grant to assist in reducing POS disparities and increasing the developmental service system to attain improved outcomes for diverse communities. There is a Bidder's conference this week.

<https://www.rceb.org/providers/announcements-service-providers/call-for-service-access-equity-sae-grant-applicants/>

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

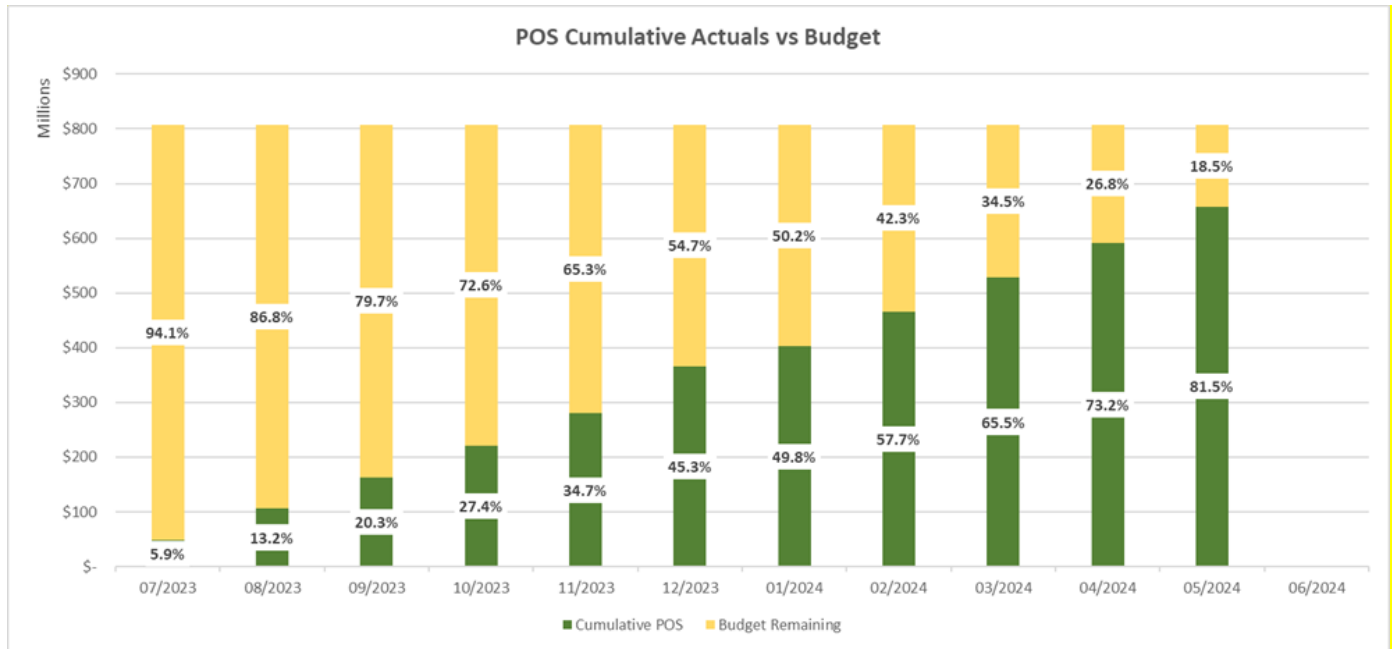
Purchase of Service [POS]

Through May 2024, we have expended \$658M, or 82% of the \$802M budget, which is compared to 79% of the total \$731M for the last fiscal year at this time.

For Non CPP Purchase of Services Expenditures, with the additional POS allocation of \$42.6M in the E-2 amendment, we are projecting a surplus of \$69M, which is only a slight decrease of \$90k from previous month's projection.

For the Direct Service Professional (DSP) training stipend program, since the program started in September 2023 to current, RCEB had 436 vendors participating with 7,039 staff completed various trainings. The total value of the stipends paid to date is \$5.5M. This program is scheduled to end on June 30, 2024.

Here is the graph showing POS expenditures for cumulative Actuals versus Budget, trending month-over month compared to the overall budget.



Operations

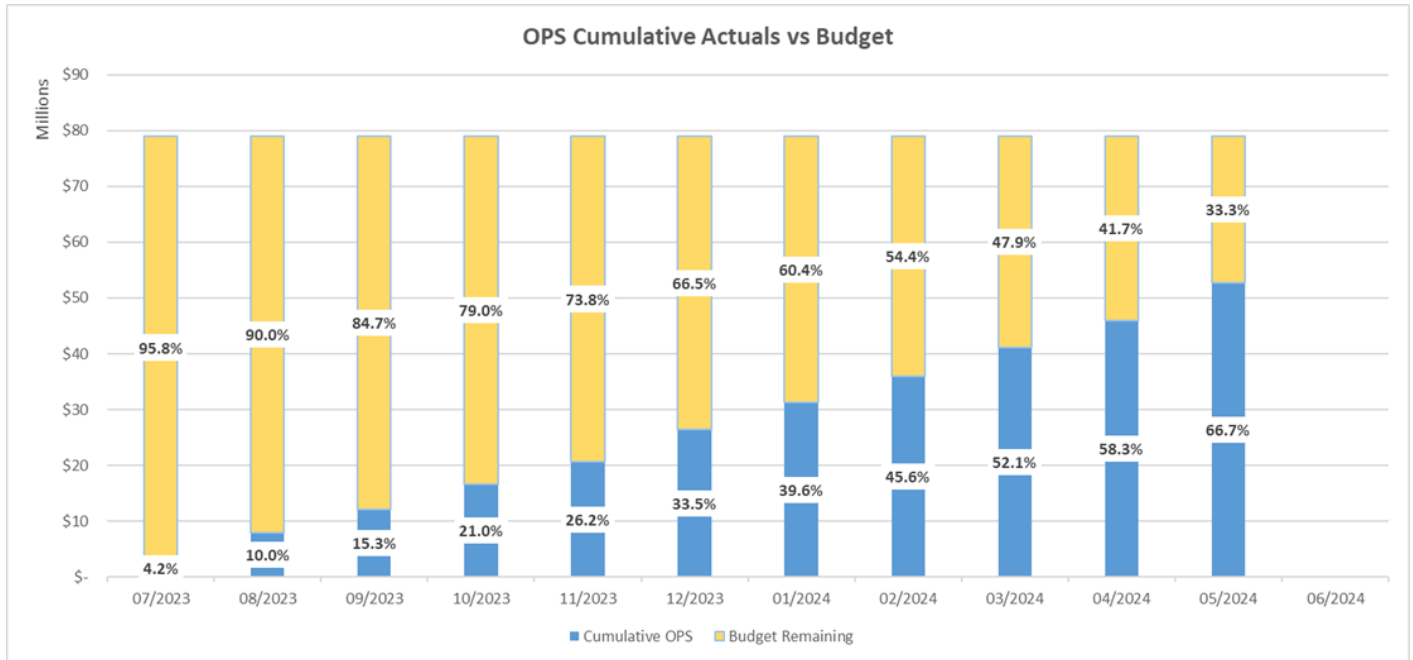
For regular Operations through May 2024, we have expended \$53M, or 67% of a total of operations budget of \$79M, which is slightly less compared to the 69% for previous year at this time. We have made good progress in hiring with the additional 43 staff hired in the last quarter for a total headcount of 542 staff.

At this time, we are projecting a balanced budget for FY23-24, pending final year-end one-time purchases for office expenses, supplies, cleaning, and technology hardware.

Here is the graph showing OPS expenditures for cumulative Actuals versus Budget, trending month-over month compared to the overall budget.

Questions were asked by the Board about the OPS budget and below are the points made:

- Tuition of \$892k budgeted and -0- expended currently, is the amount awarded to RCEB and can be spent over a period of three years. This program is for qualified staff’s tuition for higher learning education reimbursement. Since it is restricted funding, what is not used, is returned to the State.
- The advertising budget of \$197k is due to our progress in hiring and not needing as much funding in advertising. Since it is discretionary funds, we do not need to return the balance to the State, but can use for other OPS costs.
- Restricted category includes tuition reimbursement, rent, facility maintenance, State Staff and other State contracts.



The additional graphs are provided for information and comparison purposes.

- Operations actual versus budget as compared to May 31, 2023.
- Operations 11 months YTD for the last 5 fiscal years.
- Purchase of Services actual versus budget as compared to May 31, 2023.
- Purchase of Services 11 months YTD for the last 5 fiscal years.

Cash Flow Status

The Agency had adequate cash to fully fund our invoices for May Services that were paid out mid-June. We are projecting a fiscal year-end cash balance of \$73M.

At this time, DDS informed us that assuming the budget passes on time, DDS plans to pay the first two advances for Fiscal Year 24-25 on July 17th. There will be 3 cash advances: the first and second cash advances are expected to be released mid-July. The 3rd cash advance is scheduled to be released in early August.

Based on our request, DDS already sent additional cash advance of \$25M for outstanding claims to cover our cash shortage at year-end. We will continue to monitor our cash flows closely in early July to determine if we need to draw on our \$40M line of credit. A recent cash flow projection shows that we will have enough cash on hands.

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

The Jim Burton Helping Hand Fund

The Staff would like to provide an update on how the fund was spent in FY23-24. The fund received donations of \$258,085. Investments in short-term treasury bills earned \$30,620 in interest income. As of June 2024, the fund balance is \$937,644.

Activities from July 2023 through June 2024 show a total of \$52,359 were spent: \$36,708 in grants and \$16,651 in loans for rent/lodging, utilities, food, clothing and other miscellaneous. Compared to FY22-23, we spent a total of \$52,858. The detailed schedule below shows each total by category for both grants and loans.

<u>Helping Hands Allocation (7/1/23 - 6/30/24)</u>			
	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Rent / Lodging	10,155	29,869	40,024
Utilities	-	-	-
Food Exp	-	-	-
Clothing	-	-	-
Misc Exp.	5,496	6,838	12,335
Total	15,651	36,708	52,359

Questions were asked by the Board in regards to the Helping Hands Fund, and below are the points made:

- The source for the +\$250k was from the Trust of a client who had passed away
- All the funds in this account are restricted funds
- The loan terms depends on each individual’s financial situation, with zero interest rate
- During the COVID years, we issued very few loans and awarded grants instead

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report/President’s Report: 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 APPROVALS

EDEA Care Integrity Transportation Services, LLC

This contract represents Community Resource Development Plan [CRDP] service provider startup funds for one (1) specialized transportation service for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities who may have challenging vision and or mobility needs and who require shorter transportation routes of under 1.5 hours one way.

Term: 6/30/2024 – 3/31/2026

Rate: \$250k startup funds for transportation services

Capacity: 3-4 vans w/capacity of a total of 16 passengers

Questions were asked by the Board in regards to this transportation service, and below are the points made:

- The startup funds are for the business to purchase the vehicles and other necessary items in order to operate the transportation service.
- The vans do not belong to the provider. They are purchased with State funds, therefore, they are considered state property and can be given to another provider, should this vendor not work out.
- This company went through our Request for Proposal [RFP] and bidders conference requirements.
- Clients who are deaf or visually impaired will be the main clients serviced, and the driver's will be experienced with those who are deaf or visually impaired population.

M/S/C "Motion to approve the startup transportation service with EDEA Care Integrity Transportation Services, LLC as presented."
[Shapiro/Stevens] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Transportation Renewals – Service Code 875 where transportation is separate from the program These providers are not vendored for any other services. Last month the Board requested a report that lists the transportation complaints and the resolutions. Therefore, they did not approve the 875 transportation contracts that were presented at the May Board meeting, pending receipt of the transportation complaint tracker. The motion to approve was retracted at that time, and brought forth again at this June board meeting after the Board had time to review the list of complaints and resolutions. The general feeling was that many of the complaints revolved around client behavioral challenges possibly due to a lack of knowledge of developmental disabilities and what may trigger individuals.

The Board agreed that the vendors need to show their process of improvement before we can approve a 3-year contract extension. Therefore, the board agreed to approve the renewals but for three months, then revisit and review what improvements have been made at the September Board meeting, then bring them forth for a vote at the October board meeting.

M/S/C

“Motion to approve the 875 Transportation until Oct 28, 2024”
 [Shapiro/Stevens] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Contractor Name	# Consumers currently served	Date First Vendored	Term of Contract	Any variations to the standard contract	Rate of Reimbursement
G&S Transporters HB1000	40	7/1/2016	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027	No	\$31.86 per consumer/per day \$15.93 one way/per consumer Total: Up to \$351,734.40 3 Year Total: Up to \$1,055,203.20
Kidz First Transit, LLC HB0726	45	1/1/2010	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027	No	\$30.52 per consumer/per day \$15.26 one way/per consumer Total: Up to \$379,058.40 3 Year Total: Up to \$1,137,175.20
The Cozy Carriage HB1333	29	12/15/2021	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027	No	\$31.86 per consumer/per day \$25.65 per hour/per transportation aide for up to 184 hours per month Annual Total: Up to \$311,642.64 3 Year Contract: Up to \$934,927.92
WT All Access Transportation, Inc. HB1072	200	5/1/2017	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027	No	\$31.86 per consumer/per day \$15.93 one way/per consumer \$27.81 per hour/per aide for up to 1,600 hours per month Total: Up to \$2,292,624.00 3 Year Contract: Up to \$6,877,872.00

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] – Renewals

This is the last SLS renewal group in a series of multiple contracts/month, totaling around 45 contracts. The board requested this method of approval, so that they can conveniently review each group.

Discussions in regards to these SLS renewals, and below are the points made:

- There are Corrective Action Plans [CAPS] for two providers:
 - Bertha Izalee Matella*- They will be more carefully monitored with their staffing issues via case manager visits with their clients.
 - Jaqui Foundation, Inc.*- The contract term will be pulled back from 6 months to 3 months. RCEB requested for them to hire a behaviorist, which they have, but we would want to vendor that behaviorist as a supplement to the SLS rate, which we are working on with them.

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

Contractor Name	# Consumers currently served	Date first vendored	Term of contract	Any variations to the standard contract	Rate of reimbursement	Provider is vendored for these other services (if any)	QA reports (attached if applicable)
Bertha Izalee Matella	12 Currently Served Capacity 20	8/2/2018	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 20, the Annual total: up to <u>\$2,400,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x20)	None	Yes. CAP currently in place.

Community Life Skills	1 Currently Served Capacity 3	4/10/2008	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 3, the Annual total: up to <u>\$360,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x3)	None	None. In good standing.
Jaqui Foundation, Inc.	25 Currently Served Capacity 30	12/18/2008	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through December 31, 2024.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 30, the Annual total: up to <u>\$1,800,000</u> (\$10,000 x 6 x30)	HB0455 Jaqui Foundation, Inc. / 520 Independent Living Services	Yes. CAP currently in place.
Rights of Passage, LLC	2 Currently Served Capacity 15	4/21/2004	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 15, the Annual total: up to <u>\$1,800,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x15)	None	None. In good standing.
Seasons Supportive Living	0 Currently Served Capacity 15	10/05/2012	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 15, the Annual total: up to <u>\$1,800,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x15)	None	None. In good standing.

Sentry Living Solutions	24 Currently Served Capacity 35	5/22/2018	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 35, the Annual total: up to <u>\$4,200,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x35)	HB1080 Sentry Living Solutions / 520 Independent Living Services HB1365 Sentry Living Solutions / 952 SEP-Individual Placement HB1445 Sentry Living Solutions / 862 In-Home Respite PB2573 Sentry Living Solutions / 048 Client-Parent Support-Behavior Intervention PB3065 Sentry Living Solutions / 612 Behavior Analyst PB3065 Sentry Living Solutions / 615 Behavior Management Assistant	None. In good standing.
Serra Center	15 Currently Served Capacity 35	12/18/1995	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 35, the Annual total: up to <u>\$4,200,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x35)	H14141 Serra Center / 520 Independent Living Services PB1941 Serra Center / 625 Counseling Services PB2451 Serra Center-Ellen ICF / 091 In-Home Day Program PB2447 Serra Center / 091 In-home Day Program H70215 Serra Center-San Juan / 930 ICF-DDH	None. In good standing.
Sierra Environmental	3 Currently Served Capacity 20	7/26/2012	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 20, the Annual total: up to <u>\$2,400,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x20)	HB0834 Sierra Environmental / 520 Independent Living Services	None. In good standing.

Thrive Support Services	25 Currently Served Capacity 40	3/09/2007	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 40, the Annual total: up to <u>\$4,800,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x40)	HB0689 Thrive Support Services / 520 Independent Living Services	None. In good standing.
Toolworks	29 Currently Served Capacity 35	12/18/1995	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 35, the Annual total: up to <u>\$4,200,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x35)	H12463 Toolworks, Inc. / 520 Independent Living Skills HB0150 Toolworks, Inc. / 510 Adult Development Center H88959 Toolworks Inc. / 952 SEP-Individual Placement H88960 Toolworks Inc. / 950 SEP-Group Placement PB1301 Toolworks, Inc. / 605 Adaptive Skills Training	None. In good standing.
Positive Adult Transitions	5 Currently Served Capacity 20	3/19/2003	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 20, the Annual total: up to <u>\$2,400,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x20)	HB1393 Positive Adult Transitions / 520 Independent Living Services	None. In good standing.

Unity Social Services, Inc.	1 Currently Served Capacity 15	4/21/2004	Effective 7/1/2024 The term of this Contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 and remain in effect through June 30, 2027.	No	The estimated average monthly volume per client is \$10,000. Based on total capacity of 15, the Annual total: up to <u>\$1,800,000</u> (\$10,000 x 12 x15)	None	None. In good standing.
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M/S/C “The Board moves to approve this last set of SLS contract renewals as presented today, and listed in our board packets.”
[Shapiro/Battles] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES [SLS] – New

Revive SLS, LLC

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: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027
Capacity: 15 individuals
Rate: \$10k/person/month
 \$1,800K/person/year at capacity

M/S/C “Motion to approve the Revive SLS, LLC contract as presented”
[Hogue/Battles] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Sweet River 18th ST 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.

Term: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027
Capacity: 15 individuals
Rate: \$10k/person/month
 \$1,800K/person/year at capacity

M/S/C "Motion to approve the Sweet River 18th ST Inc. as presented"
[Hogue/Battles] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

New Housing Contracts

Eden Housing

This contract represents Community Resource Development Plan service provider startup funds for the development ten (10) one-bedroom apartments for RCEB clients who are extremely low to very low income and aged 62 or older.

Term: 6/30/2024 – 3/31/2026
Capacity: 10 individuals
Cost: \$1,500K

M/S/C "Motion to approve the Eden Housing as presented"
[Battles/Shapiro] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Thornton Limited Partnership

RCEB Re-appropriation (RAP) funding for \$1,500k for 10 low income apartments to be set aside for RCEB clients. This contract represents Community Resource Development Plan service provider startup funds for the development of seven (7) one-bedroom apartments, two (2) two-bedroom apartments and one (1) three-bedroom apartment for RCEB clients who are extremely low to very low income.

Term: 6/30/2024 – 3/31/2026
Capacity: up to 14 individuals
Cost: \$1,500K

M/S/C "Motion to approve the Thornton Limited Partnership as presented"
[Battles/Shapiro] 1-abstain The motion was adopted

Strategic Plan Update – Frank Paré

Our second all-day retreat is scheduled for mid-August. We will go over the Mission, Vision, and Core Values to solidify where we want to see the organization in the future. This is a collaboration with our stakeholders. We should be very close to finalizing the strategic plan at the end of August. The draft will then be reviewed and shared with all for comments.

Executive Director Search Committee – Frank Paré

Mr. Paré engaged in a discussion earlier this month with the consultant who provided detailed vetting questions to the multiple search firms that they received, to ask for request for proposals. One of the

key elements in an Executive Director is someone who can engage our community and to get their input and ideas on what they think is important. We are starting off with weekly meetings with the consultant for now until we choose a search firm.

Consumer Advisory Committee [CAC]: Nyron Battles

The CAC met on Monday, June 10th where the main discussion was on creative ways to recruit CAC members thru social media, posting flyers at day programs as well as the wording for the recruitment flyer which is also on our website:

<https://www.rceb.org/about-us/board-directors/board-committees/consumer-advisory-committee/>

Another important topic was on the automated front door to our building, and the need to increase the time that it stays open, because currently it is only 5 seconds. This short time is not long enough for those who use wheelchairs or who walk very slowly and need assistance. The committee will work on requesting building management to increase that timing.

Diversity & Equity Committee: Sadia Mumtaz

The Diversity & Equity Committee met this evening prior to the board meeting. Ms. Mumtaz commented that the vendor database referral system that Ms. Kleinbub has been promoting and expressed her thoughts that it will be great especially since one of the major concerns from the service providers joining this meeting has been on inequities in the referrals and assignments. Some of the issues being brought up are the same as those brought up at the Vendor Advisory Committee meeting as well.

Each sub-committee head focused their separate meeting on the following subjects:

1. Communication and Accessibility/ Ronke Sodipo

- RCEB Newsletter
- Interpreter Training Updates

2. Policies, Grievances, Complaints/ Mariana Varela

- Global Statement of non discrimination : Discussion on what this would mean
- Communicating Processes for Individual Consumer Grievances , Complaints, and Appeals.

3. POS Disparities/ Jairo Guiza

- Outreach at Faith Based Organizations: for population in general
- Other outreach efforts: RCEB families & Community in general
- Explore new initiatives to help in reducing POS disparities

Provider/Vendor Advisory Committee [PVAC]: Dan Hogue

PVAC met on June 14th with a presentation from Denise Bradley and Karen Birks on the Monarchy Subscription Service, which would support regional center vendors in offering trainings and assistance

in areas such as HCBS compliance and in multiple services. Mr. Hogue stated that RCEB is on track to get their HCBS compliance reviews done and is ahead of most of the regional centers.

The *Day Providers Subcommittee* is focusing on advocating for the budget and ensuring compliance to secure full rates where a large part of it is making sure that the DSP surveys are completed. The provider portal that is being worked on by DDS, will be part of the incentive to receive full rate payment, so it is important that the providers understand that.

The *Service Provider Equity Committee* is focusing on acquiring a neutral third-party reporter. This would be for providers to anonymously report issues to them as well as act as an intermediary. We will need to continue this discussion with Ms. Kleinbub and get the support to proceed, in order to start with an RFP process. There are certain HIPAA issues and other system issues that need to be looked at first as well as a scope of work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Hom inquired about the existence of a parent's self-advocate committee or similar to the existing Consumer Advisory Committee. RCEB will respond with the committees that are being run.

Sonia M. requested to be able to see the documents referred to during the meeting so that she can understand the material being discussed. She can make the request to our writetous@rceb.org so that she can be added to the guest list to receive all the documents as well as the link on the website calendar where the documents are also available.

Assata Olgugbala stated her concern over the unavailability of the Mason Tillman report and how it must be past the contract deadline, and that it does not make any sense as to why there is such a delay in the completion of the report.

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

June 26: The next Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 26th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/06/RAC-Agenda-6.2024.pdf>

June 26: Tiger Talks w State Council and the Learning Rights Law Center where all trainings are 10a – 12p. They have a series about how to be an influencer in policy that impacts people with IDD. How to be an effective board member in English and Spanish. Flyer with log on info:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/03/How-to-Be-an-Influencer-with-SCDD.pdf>

RCEB Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee (SDLAC) is reviewing applicants—especially from Family Resource Centers, from Contra Costa County, and self-advocates.

SDLAC Committee Application: <https://www.rceb.org/clients/self-determination/advisory-committee/>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU3zu0qt2I9Xg48JPx6sJKTGil6RO0LJALHoDy6q8u3KAqSA/viewform>

An Interview with Grand Marshal and Councilmember Nicole Adler:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/2024/06/05/disabilities-and-lgbtq-advocacy-is-all-love-an-interview-with-nicole-for-love-adler/>

<https://sfpride.org/grand-marshals>

Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA] – Frank Paré

Mr. Paré attended the ARCA meeting in Sacramento, and wanted to highlight the standardization of the IPP across all regional centers. A DDS e-mail will be coming out possibly at the end of this month with a draft of this new IPP. This draft will be released for comments. The implementation of this new standardized IPP will be in January 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The board meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Virtual Meetings on September 23, 2024

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

The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 PM