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**Public Meeting Announcement**

**Issue**

Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) received Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) funding from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in Fiscal Year 2023-24 to work with a provider to develop a specialized residential home (now Level 7) for four adults who have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who require staff that are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). Bleu Moon LLC, was awarded to be the service provider.

In Fiscal Year 2021-22, RCEB was awarded Community Resource Development Plan funding for a housing developer organization to purchase and renovate a property for this specialized home. The home has four single bedrooms, and is located in Newark, California.

The current rate structure for a Level 7 for community care facility does not allow for the necessary funding so that the home can be staffed by ASL fluent staff, nor does it allow for the necessary funding for an administrator who is ASL fluent.

As this program is unique and innovative, RCEB is requesting that Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 4681.6 (a) (2), 4689.8 (b), and 4691.9 (a) (2), be waived to allow RCEB to utilize a rate that can fund the needs of individuals of this home to be served in the language of their preference.

**Impact to Regional Center of the East Bay Clients under this Proposal**

RCEB has identified a service provider who can provide ASL services to our Deaf and Hard of hearing community. Without this resource, individuals in the Deaf community could not be supported adequately to allow them language access and proper support. The lack of this type of service prevents families with a loved one who is deaf or hard of hearing from accessing residential services with language access. A service provider that has staff fluent in ASL will allow clients who require this level of support to live in their own home with the ability to communicate and interact in the community.

**Impact on Regional Center and State Budget**

The cost of services has been factored into the RCEB budget.

**Public Comments**

This information will be made available via the RCEB website www.rceb.org, on June 17th 2025. A public meeting for comments on this proposal will be held on July 2nd from 11 am to 12 noon via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84168020764?pwd=IENIAJ9IlomvDfV5DYzYKwWKv1xNq8.1>

Meeting ID: 841 6802 0764

Passcode: 974251

Written comments can also be sent or emailed to: mlrochlitz@rceb.org through July 2nd by 5:00PM. Please use public comment on 637 as subject line if comment is emailed. Mailed public comments may be sent to RCEB, 500 Davis St. Ste 100, San Leandro, CA 94577 Attn: Mary Lynn Rochlitz.