

Friday, January 9, 2026 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting: Join via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 933 1002 4404 Passcode: 190316

- I. **Opening** Welcome & Introductions
 - Voting Membership Roll Call

- II. **Action Item: Minutes** Review/Approval of last month’s meeting minutes
November 2025 meeting; December 2025 meeting did not make quorum

- III. **PVAC Business**
 - Membership Dan Hogue
 - Action Item: Membership Vote

- IV. **RCEB Leadership and Community Services Update**
 - Statewide Dr. Becky Nanyonjo
 - Local Steve Robinson and the Community Services Team

- V. **Reports**
 - RCEB Board Dan Hogue
 - SCDD Regional Advisory Committee Sheraden Nicholau
 - DD Councils Sabreena Sahota, ACDDC
Vi Ibarra, CCDDC
 - Legislative Will Sanford
 - Programs
 - Service Provider Equity Marcie Hodge
 - Day Programs Michael Pereira
 - HireAble Donna Feingold

- VI. **Public Comments** All
 - Announcements; Resources; Concerns

- VII. **Adjourn**

The next PVAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM will be held virtually on Zoom only.

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes: Friday November 14, 2025

Call to Order – Geneva Carlos-Valentino

Dan and Geneva introduced themselves as PVAC Co-chairs and welcomed everyone to the group at 9:36 am. Member roll call took place at 9:37am and quorum was not met. Quorum was met at 10:29am. A motion to approve October meeting minutes was passed by PVAC membership.

PVAC Business:

RCEB & PVAC Meeting – Dan Hogue:

PVAC membership hosted a meeting with RCEB leadership to discuss how to be a resource to the regional center.

- PVAC members will be reviewing the bylaws to ensure they are aligned with the Lanterman Act as well as reviewing the purpose of all subcommittees to ensure they are aligned as well.
- A survey will be sent out to all providers to gather feedback and information on different topics and/or concerns.

Google Groups – Geneva Carlos-Valentino:

Geneva has sent out many google group invitations.

- She will continue to send these out in groups.
- Some organizations have IT protocols that do not allow the use of google groups.
- As these kinks are worked out, Geneva will continue to send out announcements through the RCEB Gmail account.
- Some invites have gone to spam or junk, please check. If you are having any other issues, please reach out.

RCEB Report:

Snap Benefits – John Lee

California began sending out benefits beginning November 7th, 2025 due to a court order. Though there was federal pushback, funding has been restored through February of 2026.

- Alameda County a partnership with Sunflower Hill to acquire 500,000 from the Board of Supervisors to gather data and distribute resources to most affected populations. This is on hold for the time being.

- In Contra Costa County, food boxes were handed out to families in attempt to ease this stressor.
- John will be reaching out to providers to see if PPP models can be applied to this situation to provide resources.

Excessive Mileage – Steve Robinson

No procedure sent out by Nov 1st, but DDS updated their directive.

- DDS updated the directive to include SLS and behavioral services.
- The worksheet was also updated
- RCEB is meeting with DDS to establish an internal process and they hope to have updates early the week of November 17, 2025.

Standardized Vendorization – Steve Robinson

DDS will be standardizing vendorization effective December 3, 2025.

- DDS is providing recorded sessions of how to work in the portal for standard vendorization.
- Regional centers will only be getting a certain number of licenses, so not all resource specialists will have licenses to do the work in the portal.
- The timeline process is a 90 day process total
 - This process can be paused.
 - 15 days to check qualifications per Title 17 if not, deny right away.
 - If so, applicant moves on to next phase of RC sending out program design checklist.
 - The clock pauses until all information is received.
 - RC has 30 days to review, RC can within those 30 days get back to applicant about missing application items and time will be paused when these requests are made.
- There is concern regarding the ability of Regional Center to support vendors through the process due to the number of licenses.

Rate Implementation – Steve Robinson

DDS was to send out surveys to all specialized residential facilities and due Friday, November 14, 2025.

- RCEB has reached out to confirm if specialized residential facilities has gotten the survey.
 - Some individuals confirmed they have not gotten the survey and that some surveys went to other providers.
- Transportation providers 875 surveys are being sent out and due November 22, 2025.
- Rate model development for one to one day services, currently only supplemental rate DDS is looking at a specific one to one rate for day services.

Respiratory Care Board Issue – Steve Robinson

Recent regulations effective October 1st, 2025 only allows Respiratory Technicians or RN's to carry out respiratory functions that have previously been completed by LVN's such as: suctioning.

- RCB is holding a meeting to discuss the potential to push for an emergency regulation to allow LVN ability to do this in certain settings.
- There are other groups that are considering pursuing legislation to allow LVN support in different settings.
- Short term Health and Safety Waivers can be pursued to help with additional costs.

QIP Incentives – Steve Robinson

Provider Capacity Requirements:

- Register/ Update service provider information on the provider directory.
 - Last date to do so was October 30th, 2025.
- Maintain Compliant eligibility by Feb 27, 2026, by completing the following:
 - Register for EVV
 - HCBS Regulation
 - Independent audits/review
- Beginning November 3, 2025, you should be checking email inbox and be on the lookout for provider capacity measure and other requirements.
 - Staff data, turnover, wages, tenure, benefits
 - Agency data (provide structure)
 - Must be done by January 31, 2026.

Employment Service Providers – Priscilla Gomez

- Have already registered for provider directory
- Beginning November 3, 2025 vendors will begin receiving emails regarding QIP employment measures so they can submit data by January 31, 2026.
 - Staff Training: Completed ACRE & CESP Certifications
 - Employment Data: Transition from Individual to group employment, educational day programs, paid internships, job.

- To maintain compliance: Independent Audits/Reviews apply only.

Residential Service Providers – Steve Robson

- Beginning November 3, 2025 vendors will begin receiving emails regarding QIP wellness and prevention measures so they can submit data by January 31, 2026.
- To maintain compliance: Independent Audits/Reviews apply and HCBS only, not EVV.

DDS Trainings – Steve Robinson:

- On the DDS website there are recordings for each of these measures for assistance.

RND Transportation Routes – Priscilla Gomez:

- Day Programs with transportation routes, please reach out to RND; they are point of contact for concerns or questions.

Discussion:

- Larger providers may be experiencing issues with receiving surveys, if not received, it is recommended to submit ticket through portal and email QIP: QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov
- Providers/Organizations are not getting their surveys to correct emails.
- Some surveys have not been received and currently there is no confirmation on whether there is a penalty.

Request for Proposals - Jeff Nagafuji:

Request for proposals have been posted on the website effective November 7, 2025. There are three requests:

- Specialty Mental Health
- Non-Housing Developer organized Level 7 Group Home
- Day Program Recruitment as Emergency Shelters for Medically Fragile

Community Listening Sessions - Fata Nelson

- Community Listening Sessions for Muslim Community on November 22, 2025 in San Ramon and virtual on November 25, 2025.

RCEB Board Report – Dan Hogue

The board met on October 27, 2025, and nominations for slate of officers were taken.

- Two new members were voted in: Raj and Deena
 - Deena previously served on the board.

- For slate of officers, there is competition:
 - President: Frank P. & Sadia M. & Brian G.
 - VP: Sadia (if she doesn't move to President) & Raj
 - Lisa S. was nominated, but she rescinded her nomination.
 - Treasurer: David G. was nominated.
 - Secretary: Deena S.
- Vote will be taking place this coming Monday.
- Some board members are attending the ARCA Academy. The topics are:
 - Good board governance.
 - The role of board and ED.
- Participation in the Board meetings is encouraged.

SCDD Report – Geneva sharing report on behalf of Sheridan

- Next Cal SC Advisory Committee meeting will be December 3rd, 2025 from 5:30pm to 8pm.
 - Available hybrid but will be at las Trampas in Lafayette.
- SCDD has noticed an increase in community requests for updates on budget. Let them know other topics you are interested in exploring:
 - Zoom sessions can be held on these topics and for providers and their families serviced.
 - Reach out to Sheridan if interested: Sheraden.Nicholau@scdd.ca.gov

ACDD Council Report – Sabrina Sahoto:

ACDD has begun planning the annual transition conference that will take place at Alameda County in 2026.

- Planning committee meets bimonthly 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
- Currently focusing on presentation topics and trying to gauge where the community is interested.
 - If interested in joining, reach out to Sabreena.

CCDD Council Report – Vi Ibarra

- CCDD's next presentation will be on healthy aging and how to plan for the future.
- RCEB Community Listening Sessions are ongoing and the next is in San Ramon.

Legislative Update – Mike Periera

Snap:

Recent legislation was passed to end the government shutdown which has extended snap benefits until September of 2026.

- A continuing resolution was signed. This is a funding mechanism until end of January of 2026.
- Impacts on CA as a response to HR1
 - HR1 will have devastating impacts on the health and human services field.
 - Really, as a community we are waiting for governor's proposal in January.
 - Advocacy is a contact sport, and it is encouraged organizations continue to introduce themselves to individuals who have influence.
- EBLC Legislative Breakfast will be held on January 30th, 2026, from 10am to 12pm at the Ed Roberts campus in the Osher conference room.
 - Theme: the impact Is Now!
 - Three panels and a presentation – currently EBLC is looking for panelists.

Service Provider Equity Committee – Dan Hogue

The committee met last month in October.

- The group is still seeking new members.
- This committee meets regarding equity concerns every quarter with the next meeting planned for January of 2026.

Provider Meetings - Mike Pereira

The group has been focused on breaking down information reported and working through any questions. All providers are welcome to this meeting.

HireAble - Donna Feingold

HireAble continues to provide training for their members. They are receiving heightened number of referrals of individuals who need help with SSI and social security issues.

- It is taking around 18 months to get a hearing.
- HireAble is vendored with regional center.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the Public Records Act will go into effect. This is something suggested to discuss in the future as we get close to the fast-approaching effective date.

Membership – Geneva Carlos - Valentino

Membership is still open. If you are a voting member, we are looking for a membership chair.

- One of the current PVAC members is no longer providing services at RCEB so they cannot continue as voting members.
- Transportation is a category with no members.

- At large – looking for a community member who is a vendorized individual.
- Kelly and Jessica are under our Support Services.
- Diana is in the Children & Infant Services area.

If folks are interested in membership, please reach out to Geneva or Dan. Participation in community groups or a subcommittee as well as three meetings per year are required.

- We are a subcommittee of RCEB Board of Directors and we have requirements that must be met.
- One member completely terms off next month.
- Two members will be up for reelection next month in January of 2026.

We will review that in January, but those members will be notified of term dates and next steps soon.

Public Comment:

- The location for the in person meeting Friday December 12, 2025 RCEB has been confirmed. The RCEB Concord office will be hosting in the John Rodriguez room.
 - Potluck style.
 - RSVP Doc will be sent out to everyone.
- Las Trampas hosted Nicole Adler on November 1st, 2025 as part of elevate every voice series.
- March 27, 2026, is Tempo Grande.
- Convo between Dan and Dr Beck in May.
- Las Trampas is hosting a 1920's casino night on January 31, 2025.

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Respectfully submitted for review by Diana Gonzalez.

PVAC Membership January 2026

Licensed Residential (*Minimum 3 members*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided
Marcie Hodge <i>Provider Equity Subcommittee Chair</i>	Alameda	St. John's Boys Home marciehodge@msn.com	2 - 12/2026	Licensed homes
Sara Trail	Alameda Contra Costa	Connected Living saratrail@berkeley.edu	1 - 11/2026	Licensed Group Home - Small
Ann Pringle	Alameda	apocdda@gmail.com	1 - 12/2026	Licensed Group Home - Small

Day Programs (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided
Daniel Hogue <i>Co-Chair</i>	Contra Costa	Executive Director Las Trampas, Inc. 3460 Lana Lane Lafayette, CA 94549 (925) 284-1462 ext. 255 dhogue@lastrampas.org	1 - 12/2025	Licensed Day Program Licensed Residential SLS/ILS
Teresa Nold	Alameda County	Executive Director Deaf Plus Adult Community 5437 Central Ave, Suite 4 Newark, CA 94560 tnold@deafplus.us VP: (510) 556-2755	1 - 09/2027	Community-based Day Program
Ember Avalos	Contra Costa	Community Programs Director NIAD Art Center 551 23rd Street Richmond, CA 94804 510-620-0290 ember.avalos@niadart.org	1 - 01/2028	Day Program

Supported Living/Independent Living Services (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided
Carlos Cienfuegos	Contra Costa Alameda	CEO Sentry Living Solutions 3824 Buell St, Suite A Oakland, CA 94619 Direct: (510) 906-7776 carlos@sentrylivingsolutions.org	2 - 12/2025	Independent Living Supported Living Behavioral Employment Academy
Anthony Rowe	Contra Costa	Executive Director Adaptive Learning Center 3227 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA 94519 (925) 827-3863	1 - 12/2026	ILS Day Program

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Transportation (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided

Children and Infant Services (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided
Diana Gonzalez <i>Committee Secretary</i>	Alameda Contra Costa	Client Services Supervisor Manos Home Care (510) 336-2900 diana@manoshomecare.com	1—04/2028	Respite, ILS, In-Home Daycare

At Large (Community Members and Vendorized Individuals) (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Services Provided

Support Services (Respite, Behavioral, Extended Day, Etc.) (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Other Services Provided
Jessica Woods-Torlowei	Alameda	Respite Program Director Family Support Services 303 Hegenberger Road, Suite 400 Oakland, CA 94621 Office: (510) 906-2750 Cell: 510-290-2304 jwtorlowei@fssba.org	1 - 09/2027	Respite
Kelly Derr	Alameda Contra Costa	District Operations Manager Pacific Home Care Services 5000 Hopyard Rd. Ste 205, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925) 719-1497 kderr@pacifichomecare.com	1 - 10/2028	Respite In-home Daycare

Employment/Work Services (*Minimum 1 member*)

Name	County	Contact	Term Expiration	Other Services Provided
Lindsey Dyba	Contra Costa	Associate Director Futures Explored 1140 Galaxy Way Ste 180, Concord, CA 94520 Direct Line: (916) 704-5204 lindseydyba@futures-explored.org	01 - 12/2027	Work Programs Supported Employment PIP Tailored Day In-Home Day
Geneva Carlos-Valentino <i>Co-Chair</i>	Alameda Contra Costa	VP of HR & Administration Toolworks 3075 Adeline St Ste 160, Berkeley, CA 94703	1 - 12/2025	SLS ILS Community-based Day Tailored Day

		Direct: (628) 502-0513 gcarlos-valentino@toolworks.org		Supported Employment PIP Work Programs
Laura Martinez	Alameda	AWD Transition Specialist Pleasanton Adult and Career Education 925-596-3914 lmartinez@pleasantonusd.net	01 - 05/2028	PIP Supported Employment Work Programs