

Friday, March 13, 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
- III. **PVAC Business** **Co Chairs**
 - **Action Item I: Membership Vote**
 - **Action Item II: Position Vote**
- IV. **RCEB Leadership and Community Services Update**
 - Overview Dr. Becky Nanyonjo
 - Local Steve Robinson and the Community Services Team
- V. **Reports**
 - RCEB Board Geneva Carlos-Valentino
 - 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, April 10, 2026, at 9:30 AM and will be held virtually on Zoom only.

PVAC Membership March 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	2 - 12/2028	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
Anthony Rowe	Contra Costa	Executive Director Adaptive Learning Center 3227 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA 94519 (925) 827-3863 arowe@alc-ca.org	1 - 12/2026	ILS Day Program

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 Direct: (628) 502-0513 gcarlos-valentino@toolworks.org	2 - 12/2028	SLS ILS Community-based Day Tailored Day 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
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Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2026

i. Opening Welcome & Introductions:

Geneva welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 9:35am. She reminded everyone that the meeting packet was sent out via email and google groups to everyone prior to the meeting.

ii. Voting Membership Roll Call:

Roll call was conducted and quorum was met at 9:37am.

III. Action Item: Minutes Review/Approval of last month's meeting minutes

November 2025 meeting minutes were approved by a majority; There was no quorum December 2025 and January 2026, so there are no minutes to vote on.

III. PVAC Business:

Bylaws: There is a coalition working on the bylaws now. They are looking to bring information to the larger PVAC group as there is a lot of information that is in the bylaws now that is no longer relevant. There will be an upcoming meeting scheduled to continue this discussion and the PVAC email will send out a meeting invite for anyone who would like to join.

Google Groups: Over 100 individuals still have pending invites. Some email accounts have rejected the google groups invitation due to organizational security structures. If possible, individuals are encouraged to join google groups. As of February 2026, PVAC is sending messages out via email and google groups.

Membership Vote: A motion was carried out to renew Geneva and Dan's term for the next three years and the motion carried.

IV. RCEB Leadership and Community Services Update (Steve Robinson & Team):

New Vendorization Process: Effective March 1, 2026, all vendorizations will be through the provider directory vendor portal. DDS will be putting out a video guide for providers to provide simplicity in the vendorization process. RCEB will post this on their website once it is released. Regional center staff have noticed if there are any mistakes on the provider end, the provider will have to restart the whole application as they cannot make edits or go back. No solution yet. Another concern from regional center is the limited number of licenses given to regional center for staff.

Respite Ratios: DDS will be adding 1 to 4 and 1 to 5 respite ratios for families with more than three siblings.

Rate Implementation: Level 7 and 113 providers were sent a new worksheet to fill out and return. Regional center is analyzing and providing feedback as needed.

Request for Proposal: Regional center posted a request for an emergency shelter for individuals with high medical needs as well as a request for a provider to take over operations in community home in Oakley. There is a bidder's conference on Tuesday, February 18, 2026.

<https://rceb.org/providers/request-proposal/>

QIP: The deadline is February 27, 2026. RCEB is sending out weekly reminders every Monday or Tuesday, to vendors who have not completed one or two required surveys. In the email there will be specific details regarding which surveys must be completed.

QIP for New Vendors: Vendors with no authorizations, vendors not active or new from July 2025 to July 2026, as of February 6, 2026, new providers should have received a survey from DDS-OQA@QUALTRICSSURVEY.COM. Providers will have 60 days to submit the survey.

Vendorization through the Portal: If a provider is vrending through the portal, they will receive the 100% benchmark rate as they are validated through the provider directory. Providers will have until July 1, 2026, to complete QIP requirements and if not, then face a rate reduction to 90% or 95% if QIP requirements are not met.

HCBS: December 2026 DDS directive regarding HCBS outlined that all SLS and ILS settings, owned by agency, must be compliant with HCBS requirements. Additionally, all service provider staff have to be trained on 10-point HCBS requirements.

RCEB Meetings: POS Meetings & Deaf Community Listening Sessions will be available on the RCEB website.

V. Reports

RCEB Board (Dan Hogue):

New Board Members: The RCEB board meeting was held on January 26, 2026 and new officers were elected: Sadia M. is now president, Raj V. is Vice President, David Glasser is Treasurer, and Dana S. for Secretary. These officers will start effective immediately.

Board Improvement: DDS will be meeting with the board next Wednesday to discuss how RCEB board will address complaints. RCEB is doing financially well, but certain community groups such as Client Advisory Committee have low participation.

Trailer Bill Language: There is proposed trailer bill language from DDS that will change the board makeup. These changes will no longer require 50 percent parent/advocates participation but instead focus on requiring a level of professionalism. If the language passed the board will have individuals different professional backgrounds such as law and finances. Joining RCEB Board meetings to stay connected and up to date is encouraged!

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (Sheraden Nicholau):

SB 1052: SCDD has a sponsored bill SB1052 authored by Senator Lena Gonzales which supports greater stability and planning for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities by clarifying how the SCDD can appoint authorized representatives. Current law allows SCDD to appoint authorized representatives and this bill would allow SCDD to make contingent authorized representatives appointments while establishing a clear process for what to do when an individual's rights cannot be respected and clarifying time limits on authorized representatives' appointees.

Next SCDD Meeting: The next regional advisory committee hosted will be in hybrid mode. SCDD will explore: updates on Autism and Trauma, updates on Airline Protection and introduction of the new Regional Area Manager.

Alameda County DD Council (Sabreena Sahota):

No report.

Contra Costa DD Council (Vi Ibarra):

Upcoming Transition Conference and Resource Fair March 28, 2026 at Chabot College! Please share with your community!

Legislative Update (Mike Pereira):

EBLC Breakfast: The EBLC Breakfast event was very successful with over 180 people present with around 75 or more self-advocates.

DDS Support Letter: Senator Aisha Wahab wrote a letter of support for our community acknowledging the need of full funding as outlined by AB 2423 and addressing the regional center core staffing formulas.

Legislation Tracking: EBLC will be reviewing legislation and encouraging legislators to include the IDD community in those conversations.

Service Provider Equity (Marcie Hodge):

Email Marcie if you would like to join.

Day Programs (Michael Pereira):

This is a meeting for all providers, and everyone is welcome to attend. Every Friday at 11am except for when PVAC is held.

HireAble (Donna Feingold):

DDS is advocating for the elimination of CARF.

VI. Public Comments All

VII. Adjourn

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