

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee

Regional Center of the East Bay

Meeting Minutes: July 10th, 2026

i. Welcome & Introductions (Dan Hogue):

The meeting began at 9:36a.m.

ii. Voting Membership Roll Call:

Roll call was conducted and quorum was not met as of 9:38a.m. Ember highlighted the open seats available on PVAC. Anyone interested may reach out to Ember or the general PVAC email for additional information.

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

Approval of June meeting minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum.

III. PVAC Business (Dan Hogue):

PVAC Member Attendance: PVAC members are required to attend meetings regularly. Irregular meeting attendance may lead to outstanding or overdue voting items.

Pending items: PVAC anticipates providing updates to the community at the September meeting regarding PVAC bylaws and the pending PVAC and RCEB Board meeting.

IV. RCEB Leadership and Community Services Update (RCEB Executive Director Dr. Becky & Community Services Team):

Request for Proposals: 26 RFP'S were received and are currently under review and scoring. One proposal focuses on surveying vendors regarding training needs. Vendors will receive a survey to identify training needs in the future. Additional information will be shared soon.

HCBS Evaluations: Evaluations must be conducted annually. RCEB is currently behind on evaluations for day programs and Toolworks will be assisting with completing them. Toolworks is currently facilitating trainings for ILS/SLS providers who are the primary leaseholders for mutual clients.

TBL: The State of CA continues to review TBL as of July 10th, 2026. Dr. Becky reported spending a week with ARCA discussing TBL. There is disconnect regarding community input and the current DDS Board Composition TBL proposal. TBL also includes language regarding executive director qualifications, regional center performance measures, and provider issues. Additional updates will be provided once TBL has been chaptered. Individuals may also visit [DOF.ca.gov](https://doe.ca.gov) for most up to date information.

Directives: DDS directives continue to change quickly and affect individuals served, providers, regional center staff and other stakeholders. There has been discussion with DDS surrounding QIP payments and standard vendorization.

Master Plan: The master plan was launched was under a previous administration. Because of this there may be some priorities from three or four years ago that may have since shifted.

CA Deficit: Dr. Becky shared concerns regarding the reductions in safety net services that are occurring. She noted that, while there may not be a state deficit, there are differences in funding priorities being reflected.

Aging in the IDD Community: Dr. Becky reported that she is on a workgroup focused on aging and IDD. The workgroup is scheduled to meet at the State Capitol the third week of July to discuss resources for the available for the aging IDD population.

End of Year: RCEB spent the last week of June and first week of July completing fiscal year-end activities.

New CFO: RCEB announced the promotion of their new Chief Financial Officer.

Communications: RCEB is working to improve communication and timely outreach to providers. Mike and his team have been developing a curriculum to support providers in beginning services and understanding the steps needed to be a successful vendor.

Alameda County DD Council: The council is developing their strategic priorities for the upcoming year. RCEB identified the priority of cultivating strategic relationships. Dr. Becky will continue developing partnerships with Alameda and Contra Costa County agencies such as Behavioral Health Services, Probation, and the school system with the goal of strengthening overall services and supports for individuals served.

DDS Directive for Remote Services: Remote service tracking through e-billing should be available to applicable services. RCEB reported that they are not aware of any issues with the e-billing system. Priscilla will get back to PVAC regarding any updates or glitches.

QIP Status Updates: Providers with 100% compliance should have received notification that their reimbursement rate will remain unchanged. Providers with 90% or 95% compliance due to incomplete requirements should have also received the corresponding reimbursement rate for FY 2026-2027. If providers have any question regarding their status, they should contact the DDS QIP team and copy the RCEB QIP inbox as well. RCEB shared that DDS has been responding to inquiries in timely manner.

Community Resources development plan: RCEB reminded providers that the Community Resource Development Plan survey was released last month and all are encouraged to submit their feedback.

DDS Community Feedback on Cost Effectiveness: DDS has posted a community survey on cost effectiveness available through July 31, 2026.

V. Reports

RCEB Board Report (Dan Hogue):

Board Meeting: The board met on June 22nd, 2026. The main agenda item was approval of contracts. There was some confusion regarding whether all board members had received the contract materials prior to voting.

Contracts: Most contracts were approved, but action on contract B5 was deferred and a special Board meeting will be scheduled to vote on the remaining contracts to ensure RCEB is fully funded.

SDP Presentation: The board received a presentation on the Self Determination Program (SDP) which included an overview of the program and transparency regarding the challenges some families may experience during the transition into SDP.

Bylaws: The RCEB Board will begin its annual review of the bylaws and board member training in July. While the Board does not typically meet in July or August, due to pending Board business, additional special meetings will be held throughout the month of July. One meeting will focus on establishing a Membership Committee and other additional meetings will be held to conduct member nominations with the election of Board members scheduled for September

PVAC x RCEB Board Meeting: PVAC will follow up with the RCEB board regarding setting a meeting date with PVAC.

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (Greg Gonzalez):

No report.

Alameda County DD Council:

Council Support: Council Coordinator, Sabreena Sahota remains out of the office. Ben Chen and his team are supporting the council's meetings and activities in her absence.

Annual Planning: The council held its annual planning meeting to establish priorities for the upcoming year. A follow-up planning meeting is scheduled for August to continue planning efforts.

Contra Costa DD Council (Vi Ibarra):

Annual Planning Session: The council does not meet in July or August. Vi will continue developing the council's strategic plan over the summer, with updates to come in September.

Legislative Update (Will Sanford & Mike Pereira):

State Budget: The state budget was signed on June 29, 2026. Trailer bill language (TBL) remains under review and may continue into the summer. As of July 10th, the Legislature is in summer recess until August 3rd. The legislative session resumes at that time and concludes on August 31, marking the end of the second year of the current legislative season.

Federal Update: EBLC reported on federal legislation related to housing and voting. A bipartisan housing bill intended to expand the housing opportunities has not been signed by the President yet. The SAVE act, a voting related act that would require voter ID for in person voting and limit certain forms of remote voting, has not been enacted.

Special Election: There is a special runoff election in Alameda County for Representative Eric Swalwell's former Senate seat scheduled for August 18th between Senator Wahed and Fernandez of the BART Board. If Senator Wahed is elected, a special election will be held to fill her Senate seat.

Cost effective definition: DDS is seeking community feedback on the definition of "cost effective".

September: EBLC will host candidate forums for individuals participating in upcoming races and special elections.

CARF Elimination: There is the potential elimination of CARF upon signing of AB 163.

Service Provider Equity Meeting:

Meeting planning: It has been some time since the committee last met. PVAC members will develop a strategic plan for these meetings.

Day Programs Meeting:

Meeting Cadence: This is a meeting that is open to all providers. Regular meetings are held every Friday at 11:00am, except on PVAC meeting days. A troubleshooting provider meeting is also held on Wednesdays at 2:00pm.

HireAble (Donna Feingold):

Elimination of CARF: Discussion included the elimination of CARF and its anticipated impact.

New Department Task Force: A new taskforce has been established to discuss what will replace CARF.

HireAble Meetings: Meetings will pick back up in August 2026.

Membership (Ember):

PVAC Positions: PVAC continues to have multiple vacancies. Providers interested are encouraged to reach out to the PVAC email or Geneva and Dan for additional information.

VI. Public Comments:

RCEB Board Recruitment: Information regarding RCEB Board member opportunities are available on the RCEB website. Individuals who are not service providers and are interested in serving on the board are encouraged to apply.

VII. Adjourn:

The next PVAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14th, 2026, at 9:30 AM. The meeting on July 10th, 2026 adjourned at 10:45am.