

Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes: September 11th, 2026

I. Welcome & Introductions (Geneva Carlos Valentino):

The meeting began at 9:39am. Members and attendees introduced themselves.

II. Voting Membership Roll Call:

Roll call was conducted and quorum was established at 9:51am.

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

June and July 2026 meeting minutes are pending approval. Geneva made a motion to approve June 2026 minutes and Sara Trail seconded the motion. Geneva then made a motion to approve July meeting minutes, and Amanda seconded the motion. Both motions passed unanimously and the June and July 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

III. PVAC Business

PVAC Attendance: Geneva and Dan will review PVAC attendance policies as regular member attendance is required and needed to pass and approve PVAC business.

Board Response Concerns: In the month of June 2026, PVAC membership sent a letter to the RCEB board regarding concerns related to board conduct, training, operations, and responsibilities. The board attended a listening session during the June 2026 meeting to hear community concerns; however, no follow up meeting date was established to continue the dialogue. Dan will follow up with the board to set a follow-up meeting date.

- PVAC members and attendees discussed board accountability and the need for the RCEB board to maintain timely communication.
- Board composition requirements have changed and the current recruitment efforts are focused on meeting the composition requirements. The RCEB Board has developed a membership committee, which will meet on September 11th to select the slate of officers. The selected individuals will be prepared for the November slate of officers meeting.

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

RCEB POS Coordinator: RCEB has a POS coordinator, Evelin, who works with vendors to resolve POS issues. Vendors can contact Evelin through the RCEB website using the appropriate form or via email. Vendors must first attempt to resolve the POS issue or concern with their case manager. If the issue cannot be resolved, vendors can then reach out to Evelin, who will review the issue, verify with the case managers that services should be approved, and work to input, update, or correct the POS as needed. Evelin may also coach case managers on resolving these issues.

Compass: RCEB continues to work with vendors to identify and schedule trainings that are responsive to vendor and community needs.

QIP: DDS updated the QIP spreadsheet on their website as of August 24th, 2026. If providers did not submit the first DDS QIP Survey last year, they will remain at 90% and will not be eligible for the additional 10% QIP until the FY 2027-2028 QIP Measures.

- A QIP workgroup meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 2pm. QIP updates will be discussed at this meeting.
- New vendors: Upon enrolling as a new vendor, vendors should receive an email from DDS with a survey link. That survey must be completed within 60 days of receipt to qualify for the 10% QIP rate.
- Incorrect QIP Status: Some vendors reported concerns that their QIP status remains incorrect or outdated. DDS has to process and correct these issues, which may take time. Some corrections may take longer than others.
- RCEB cannot approve any QIP increases without approval or manual input from DDS regardless of what else is being communicated.

Day Service Providers: RCEB has sent out attestation forms with new sub-codes to day service providers. The form reflects a change in sub-code only, there are no rate updates.

- Once RCEB has sent out and collected all forms and signatures, RCEB will begin phase two, which involves changing and updating all POS' in the system by December 31st, 2026.

Steve Robinson: Steve will be retiring from RCEB effective October 1st. PVAC expressed appreciation for Steve's collaboration and support.

V. Reports

SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (Greg Gonzalez):

No report.

Alameda County DD Council (Representative):

No report. The council is currently looking for a representative, as Sabreena has stepped down from her role.

Contra Costa DD Council (Vi Ibarra):

National Disability Employment Awareness Month: In October, NDEAM will be recognized at the next CC Board of supervisors board meeting on October 6th.

CC DD Council Meeting: The committee is back from break and will meet on September 23rd at Las Trampas and via zoom for their regularly scheduled meeting.

EBLC Report (Will Sanford & Mike Pereira):

Legislative Cycle: The two-year legislative cycle concluded on August 31st, 2026. Most bills are on the Governor's desk or are expected to be sent to the Governor. The Governor has until September 30th to sign bills.

Election Season: California primarily conducts elections by mail and there are current federal efforts to restrict this option. EBLC encouraged individuals over 18 to register and vote.

Candidate Forum: Senate District 10 has two candidates running for the seat, Linda Price and Scott Sakakihara. EBLC will be hosting an online Zoom candidate forum on October 5th from 11am to 12pm to provide an opportunity for our community to hear directly from the candidates.

- The forum will provide an opportunity for community members to learn more about the candidates' priorities and their knowledge of the IDD system.
- Registration for this event will be shared on the PVAC Listserv.

EBLC reoccurring Meeting: EBLC meets every month on the 2nd Wednesday. Anyone interested in joining can reach out to Vi Ibarra or Mike.

Voting Guide: PVAC members discussed the usefulness of having a plain language voting guide available for individuals with IDD.

- AC DD Council will be reviewing voting and ballot measures at their next meeting on October 14th, 2026.

Service Provider Equity Meeting (Marcie Hodge):

The committee is not currently receiving any concerns or complaints to address. Marcie proposed exploring whether the committee should be placed on pause and regroup as needed. This will be explored at the next PVAC meeting.

- Originally, this committee meeting was a space for providers to share their concerns regarding equity, treatment and other concerns.

Day Programs Meeting (Michael Pereira):

This is a meeting open for 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.

New PVAC Subcommittee (Geneva Carlos-Valentino)

With new QIP Measures coming for FY 27-28, PVAC membership discussed potentially developing a subcommittee specifically focused on QIP concerns, questions and issues.

- 30% of vendors are not currently in QIP compliance, and the committee may provide an opportunity to address these questions and concerns.

HireAble (Report given by Will Sanford on behalf of Donna Feingold):

CalAble Presentation: HireAble will be hosting their CalAble presentation on October 4th.

Order of Selection: DOR has announced that it is officially in the order of selection process.

VI. Public Comments All

- Las Trampas will be hosting Didi Conn on October 17th in the Lafayette Community Center. Tickets are available for purchase now on the Las Trampas website.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting on September 11th, 2026, adjourned at 11:56am.