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## **MEETING NOTICE**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is a regular business meeting scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** April 5, 2017  
**TIME:** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** **North Bay Regional Center**  
**2351 Mendocino Avenue**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

### **Map & Agenda Enclosed**

**Board Related Meetings:** The next meeting of the Vendor Advisory Committee will be April 11, 2017, at North Bay Regional Center office “Board Room” from 10:00 to noon.

**REMINDER:** Please contact Kathy Newman at (707) 256 1224 if you are unable to attend the Board meeting.

**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.  
Board of Directors' Regular Business Meeting  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m.  
North Bay Regional Center  
2351 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

**AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Secretary Rita Edmonds-Norris
- II. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Rita Edmonds-Norris, Secretary (2 minutes for call to order, roll call, and introductions)
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**  
Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of Feb 1, 2017 be approved as submitted (3 min) (Pgs. 1-6) ACTION
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT**  
Treasurer's Report for the period of Jan 1 – Feb 28, 2017 be approved as submitted. (3 min) (Pgs. 8) ACTION
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VI. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Walt Spicer ACTION  
Proposed Slate of Officers for 4/1 – 6/30/17:  
Harry Matthews, President  
Angel Greber-Giroux, Vice President
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**  
A. Contract Approval - Federally Qualified Health Clinic-Santa Rosa Community Health Center – Courtney Singleton ACTION
- VIII. **FEATURE PRESENTATION** – North Bay Regional Center Purchase of Service Disparity – January Crane (20 minutes) (Pgs. 14-41)
- IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
A. Executive Committee - Board Officers – (Vacant) President; (Vacant) Vice President; Secretary, Rita Edmonds-Norris; Franklin Phillips, Treasurer (3 minutes) ACTION  
B. Vendor Advisory Committee – Linda Plourde – (10 minutes) INFO
- X. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (30 minutes)  
A. Bob Hamilton, Executive Director (10 minutes)  
B. Michi Gates, Director Client Services' Report (10 minutes) (Pgs. 9 – 13)  
C. Dave Johnson - Chief Financial Officer (10 minutes) (Pg. 7)
- XI. **LIAISON REPORTS**  
A. Association of Regional Center Agencies – Bob Hamilton (10 min) INFO  
B. State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Bay Regional Office – Lisa Hooks (10 min) INFO
- XII. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Sign-up sheet (2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson). Public invited to comment on any matter. Public comment will also be invited on each Action item after the Board has discussed the item and prior to a motion.
- XIII. **GOOD OF THE ORDER** - any other Board business may be brought up at this time. (5 minutes)
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CLOSED SESSION** – The governing board of a regional center may hold a closed meeting to discuss or consider one or more of the following: (1) real estate negotiations, (2) the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee, (3) employee salaries and benefits, (4) labor contract negotiations, (5) pending litigation – W&I Code 4663(a).

<b>NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT</b> - The next Board of Directors meeting is the monthly business meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017, North Bay Regional Center, 610 Airpark Road, Napa, CA at 5:00 p.m.
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**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.  
Board of Directors' Regular Business Meeting  
February 1, 2016, 5:00  
610 Airpark Road, Napa, CA 94558**

**MINUTES**

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Franklin Phillips, Treasurer  
Len Carlson, Facilitator  
Jose Ayala

Linda Plourde, Bayberry, Inc.  
Rita Edmonds-Norris, Secretary  
Walt Spicer, Vice President  
Angel Giroux-Greber

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rhonda Foster, (Excused)

Barbara Power (Excused)  
Joanne Tsai

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Michi Gates, Director, Client Services  
Dave Johnson, Chief Financial Officer  
Courtney Singleton, Assoc. Dir. Client Services  
Deanna Kirkpatrick, Assoc. Dir. Client Services  
H. Suwatanapongched, MD  
Darius Bruner II, SC  
Ashley McClain, SC  
Tammy Larsen, IQM  
Hernani Mac Dula, IT  
Alicia Culaba, SC

Bob Hamilton, Exec. Dir.  
Kathy Newman, Executive Assistant  
Deanna Heibel, Associate Dir. Client Services  
Thomas Maseda, Director, Administration  
Ivan Arce, SC  
Angelina Ordonez, SC  
Breanica Pereira, SC  
Jennifer Garcia, SC  
Paul Bray, IQM  
Irma Acevedo Luna, SC  
Kristin Doorman, SC

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Anh Nguyen, Consultant  
Lauren Meiklejohn, BI  
David Mauger, Christopher's House

Harry Matthews, Parent  
Elizabeth Mard, DDS  
Jessica Sadowski, Bayberry, Inc.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Walt Spicer, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present and the Board and audience introduced themselves.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**M/S/C (Phillips/Giroux-Greber) Move that the minutes of December 7, 2016 regular business meeting be approved as submitted. UNANIMOUS**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**M/S/C (Giroux-Greber/Plourde) Move that the Treasurer's Report for the period of October 1 – December 31, 2017 be approved as submitted. UNANIMOUS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**FEATURE PRESENTATION:** Introduction to the Department of Developmental Services Regional Center Oversight Dashboard – Michi Gates, Director of Client Services

Recent legislation required DDS to develop a website dashboard to monitor regional centers in order to improve quality of services for consumers living in the community.

- Overview: There are 308,850 clients served by Regional Centers throughout the state. NBRC serves 8,796 consumers in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties. Thirty seven percent are female, 63% are

male. NBRC's Average expenditure per client is \$15,892; statewide is almost \$13,000. Statewide Hispanic is 30%. NBRC's largest group is Caucasian, second Hispanic.

- **Performance Contracts: 2015 Performance Data**
  - ✓ DDS establishes contracts with Regional Centers that include specific, measurable performance objectives which are reviewed by the public on an annual basis. The annual performance contracts are designed to help consumers achieve quality of life, reach meaningful progress above current baselines, and develop services and supports to meet consumer needs. Every year, DDS reviews each Regional Center's performance data for compliance with their contracts.
  - ✓ The Developmental Center population continues to decrease as consumers move into the community. Regional centers coordinate services and supports for consumers as they transition from Developmental Centers to community settings.
  - ✓ For the last four years NBRC has reported around 2% of Adults live in Facilities with more than 6 beds.
  - ✓ For the last four years NBRC has reported that 99% of minors live with families and less than 10% live in facilities with more than six beds.
- **Purchase of Service: NBRC must ensure that regardless of ethnicity that each group is receiving an equal-opportunity for supports and services needed. Why is Hispanic so low and does that reflect that NBRC is not meeting the needs of this population?**
  - ✓ Language: 98% of consumers identify either English or Spanish as their primary language. 82% English; 16% Spanish. The remaining 1% of consumers selected a language outside their primary language.
  - ✓ Diagnosis: Intellectual Disability is the majority of the population NBRC serves.
  - ✓ Age: 22-99 is the population NBRC spends the most money on.
- **National Core Indicator: In 2010, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 4571, the Department of Developmental Service implemented a nationwide quality assessment survey called the National Core Indicators (NCI) produced by the Human Services Research Institute and the National Association of Directors of Developmental Disabilities. NCI is one tool that DDS uses to monitor the performance of the developmental disabilities service system as well as the performance of our twenty-one regional centers in providing services and supports for developmentally disabled adults and children.**
- **The NCI surveys:**
  - ✓ NCI surveys are conducted through in-person interviews with adult consumers every three years and consumers who have moved out of a developmental center to the community every year.
  - ✓ NCI surveys are conducted by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Surveys collect data on consumer and family satisfaction, quality of services, and personal result.
- **Employment First in California. People with developmental disabilities seek to work, earn and be part of the economic life of their communities. It is the policy of the state that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. Those who want to be employed have that opportunity.**
- **Fair Hearings: The fair hearing process is used to resolve disputes regarding eligibility, the nature, scope, or amount of services and supports, or any decision or action of the regional center for consumers or applicants who are age three or older. NBRC is one of the lower centers for receiving appeals.**
- **Welfare and Institutions Code 4731 - These complaints are made when an individual consumer, or any representative acting on behalf of a consumer, believes that any right has been wrongly or unfairly denied by a regional center. NBRC is on the low/middle of the statistics for 4731 complaints.**
- **Early Start Complaints - Early Start is for infants and toddlers under the age of three who are at risk of having a developmental disability, or have developmental disabilities or delays, and their families. The purpose of the Early Start complaint process is to investigate and resolve alleged violations of federal or state laws or regulations governing California's Early Start that are filed with the Department.**



- Home and Community Based Waiver Complaint – Data is forthcoming

This is one piece of legislation that is very helpful to NBRC's community and to Regional Centers to assist us to continually improve services and supports.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Community Placement Plan (CPP) \$250,000 and Over Contract Approval – Courtney Singleton.  
NBRC's 2015-16/2016-17 Housing Projects:
- 1516-3 Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) \$250,000/\$300,000 Scioto
  - 1516-5 Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) \$150,000/\$200,000 Scioto
  - 1516-14 Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) \$150,000/\$200,000 Scioto
  - 1516-16 Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) \$150,000/\$200,000 Scioto
  - 1617-16 Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) \$350,000/\$300,000 Brilliant Corners
  - 1617-14 Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) \$250,000 Elwyn
  - 1617-15 Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) \$250,000 Elwyn
  - ZN0078 1415 Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) \$383,158/\$191,940 Brilliant Corners
  - ZN0082 1415 Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Healthcare Needs (ARFPSHN) \$426,291/\$191,960 Brilliant Corners
- M/S/C (Edmonds-Norris/Phillips) Move approval of Scioto, Brilliant Corners, and Elwyn contracts that exceed \$250,000 annually. UNANIMOUS**
- B. Succession Planning Contract – NBRC will contract with Kinetic Flow to assist with succession planning. They will be providing succession planning as well as renewing NBRC's Strategic Plan. This process will require Board time. Bob inquired of the Board if they are willing to commit that time. Typically a four to eight month preparation period is required for the succession and hiring process. The plan will include development of measurable performance criteria on which to judge an applicant on experience and education. The transition period will run smoother with retaining a firm to assist in this process. It will require two one-day retreats. All Board members were comfortable with the time commitment involved.
- M/S/C (Giroux-Greber/Plourde) Move approval of retaining Kinetic Flow to assist in NBRC's Succession Planning as well as renewing the Strategic Plan. UNANIMOUS**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Executive Committee – Walt Spicer, Vice President; Rita Edmonds-Norris, Secretary; Franklin Phillips, Treasurer – No meeting.
- B. Vendor Advisory Committee – Linda Plourde
- The VAC met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.
  - Ali Tabatabai of New Leaf discussed how his agency deals with client matters when a client has passed. He discussed the expectations of the Social Security Administration. January Crane is developing a training regarding end of life plans for NBRC clients. DDS has a workbook / curriculum already developed for end of life planning and it is available on the DDS website: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/ThinkingAhead.cfm>
  - Rick Burkett of NBRC discussed the Mass Emergency Communication System. NBRC wishes to conduct a system wide test on February 24, 2017 to ensure that the system is functioning appropriately. It is important that all vendor information is up to date in the system.
  - On December 1, 2015, vendors received a 5.82% increase in funding. The increase had been intended to be effective on 10/13/15 but DDS determined the effective date to be 12/1/15 instead. The California Developmental Services Association (CDSA) filed litigation on behalf of all vendors against DDS for full reimbursement beginning 10/13/15. The court ruled in favor of CDSA. Vendors can expect reimbursement to cover 10/13/15 to 12/1/15.
  - CDSA held a policy meeting in Rancho Cordova on January 31, 2017.
  - CSLN Annual Conference is scheduled for April 13 and 14, 2017 in San Diego.

- ANCOR Governmental Relations meeting was held January 10 and 11, 2017 in Baltimore, MD. Their annual conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from April 30, 2017 to May 3, 2017.
- Please refer to the minutes for further detail.
- The next VAC meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

C. Nominating Committee – Walt Spicer

- Walt Spicer read his letter of resignation to the Board and attendees; *“It is with regret that I announce my resignation effective at the end of February. My health is the reason. At age 87, balance problems and diminishing memory are limiting my contribution as an active, contributing Board Member. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board for over four years, participating in the many contributions to the developmentally disabled in our communities, and important matters that have confronted the Board. I have enjoyed working with you, and with Bob Hamilton and his administrative staff. My best wishes to you all.”* The Board extended their appreciation to Walt for all he has contributed. Bob noted that a temporary slate of officers will be determined and placed on the agenda for approval at the March 1 Board meeting.
- Walt proposed that Harry Matthews be seated as a Napa County Board member effective March 1, 2017. By law Board members are allowed to serve seven consecutive years out of eight. Harry completed his last term February 28, 2016.

**M/S/C (Phillips/Giroux-Greber) Move approval of seating Harry Matthews, Napa County Board Member, effective March 1, 2017. UNANIMOUS**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Bob Hamilton, Executive Director*

- Bob thanked the Board and the staff, specifically Dr. Michi Gates, for taking care of things at the Regional Center during the month of December.
- With the new administration in Washington DC, NBRC may be looking at many dramatic changes. The Affordable Care Act is estimated to leave an approximate \$18-20M dollar hole in the State budget. The State Administration, the Governor and his staff, legislators have many times gone on record stating they will support the Regional Center citizens and the citizens of California.
- The new Governor's budget will be released the middle of January 2017. The period of time from that announcement to the May Revision, is a time when the legislature looks at the budget to test its adequacy and to determine priorities. That process is going on right now.
- Bob noted that he will testify before the Legislative Staff Committee regarding the SDC closure. He will inform the Committee how NBRC is doing on the plan to move SDC residents into the community.
- NBRC hosted a DDS Safety Net meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017 with people attending from all over Northern California. This meeting was specifically targeted for people who don't make it in the programs the Regional Center system has. A “plan” will then go to the administration where priorities will be determined and what can be done to fix the problem.
- The new language the Governor's budget has put forward will allow the DDS Director to put funds toward non Developmental Center programs. Nancy Bargmann is interested in providing more housing opportunities along with services generally.
- Governor's Budget includes four positions for DDS to oversee housing development.
- The Department has partnered with ARCA to fund a study to better understand the equity/disparity issue that Regional Centers face. Children's Hospital will be carrying that contract.
- Bob noted a problem with the “tools in DDS's toolbox” relative to what to do when programs don't work. There is a “tool” called the Health and Safety Exception which some Centers are submitting “blanket” exceptions for various issues such as minimum wage increase. The “blanket” Health and Safety Exceptions have been rejected by the Department because it doesn't fit in their “toolbox”. Bob noted that he and one of his colleagues, Carlos Flores (who sits on Secretary Dooley's Taskforce), will be presenting that issue to Secretary Dooley as part of the rate reform.

*Michi Gates, Director Client Services' Report*

- Michi noted the Competitive Integrated Employment contract/MOU between three departments, i.e., Department of Developmental Services, Department of Education, and the Department of Rehabilitation. The MOU covers the next five years as the three departments ensure individuals who want integrated employment at minimum wage or more will have that opportunity. A Board presentation is scheduled for May 3 featuring Denise Kirkright from DDS who is heavily involved in the development of the MOU, along with representatives from the other agencies.
- Federal Programs: NBRC's annual target for the 2016-2017 fiscal year has not yet been established. At this time, NBRC is assuring that more clients are added to the Waiver than terminated. Missing our target or not adding monthly can result in the withholding of federal funds in our operations budget and less purchase of service reimbursement. The Home and Community Based Waiver is the largest Waiver the Federal government has. It is designed to keep people in their homes rather than state institutions. Each Regional Center has to have qualifying characteristics and maintain a community based purchase. NBRC is one of the best performing Regional Centers in the state. For those who are the Waiver, the State receives reimbursement for the amount of money spent on each individual's services as well as reimbursement for Operations cost. For fiscal year 2015, NBRC received 66% federal funding and found to be in substantial compliance. Michi thanked Quality Assurance and Service Coordinators who work with the Waiver for all their hard work. Discussion followed.
- Self Determination Program has not been approved by the Feds. Progress is being made and DDS is very confident about it. NBRC is looking forward to receiving training from the Department.
- New Staff Positions and Vendors:
  - ✓ NBRC added a Federal Revenue Supervisor to NBRC's staff in order to maintain the program. Free up January to focus more on the Purchase of Service Disparity, Social Sensitivity, DDS Performance Contract, Strategic Planning, staff training.
  - ✓ Resource Development vendored five new vendors, three of which were developed through CPP money related to the SDC closure. They will be providing Special Incident Reporting training to address the issue of untimely reporting by our vendors. There is a 24 – 48 hour reporting mandate that is not being met.
  - ✓ Intake Department has hired an Assessment Counselor, Intake Referral Coordinator, and a Psychologist who are all Spanish speaking.
- For fiscal year 2015-2016 eligible clients with autism increased from 38% to 54% with intellectual disabilities decreasing from 49% to 35%. The number of people coming through Intake has increased as well. Growth is faster in Sonoma County versus Solano/Napa County.
- Sonoma Developmental Center closure activity: Five individuals have moved from SDC into the community in the last 30 days. Twelve more are scheduled to move during February and March. NBRC faces a very tight timeline to meet closure date of December 2018. Developing appropriate resources is very time intensive. There is transition activity for each individual to assure they are safe in the community. DDS has increased calls to weekly in order to review progress on SDC closure.
- Federally Qualified Health Clinic – NBRC has received applicants for the \$2.5M Federally Qualified Health Clinic project. Members of Sonoma County and Parent Hospital Association (PHA) will assist in making a selection.

*Dave Johnson - Chief Financial Officer*

- Operations and Purchase of Service is currently in good shape.
- Union Negotiations are in process. Contract expires the end of February. Management and Union Reps have met three times so far.
- CalPERS Retirement Plan is underfunded by close to 25%. They lowered their return projections. Rates could possibly double as gains fall far short of their goals.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**A. Association of Regional Center Agencies – Bob Hamilton**

- Last ARCA meeting was held on January 19-20.
- The new homes being developed for the SDC closure that Courtney Singleton reported on require regulations as they are licensed homes. NBRC is awaiting final regulations.
- NBRC is also developing community crisis homes and the regulations are almost ready to be published. Providers are responding to Requests for Proposal (RFPs) but there are no regulations to understand what will be required.
- Eileen Richey, Executive Director of ARCA, has resigned effective February 28<sup>th</sup>. The ARCA Board has selected a recruitment committee to find a new director.
- Rick Rollins, ARCA, Legislative Analyst, is focused on four committees that affect the Regional Center system.

**B. State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Bay Regional Office – Lisa Hooks – No report.**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Sign-up sheet (two minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson). Public invited to comment on any matter. Public comment will also be invited on each Action item after the Board has discussed the item and prior to a motion.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Mike Thompson will tour NBRC's new Napa Offices on February 21, 2017. Board members were invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT - M/S/C (Phillips/Edmonds-Norris) Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. UNANIMOUS**

**NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The next Board meeting will be a regular business meeting scheduled for March 1, 2017 at Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA at 5:00 p.m.

**North Bay Regional Center  
Finance Dashboard FY 2016/17**

67% of the year elapsed

As of February 28, 2017

			YTD Actual	% Total			Total YTD	Total
	Allocation/C-1			POS	Var/ Alloc	Forecast	Actual + Fcst	Surplus (Deficit)
								From Allocation
<b>Purchase of Services (POS)</b>								
Day Programs	\$ 26,166,667	\$ 25,735,337	23%	\$ 431,330	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 38,735,337	\$ 514,663	
Supported Living Services	32,000,000	31,623,030	28%	376,970	16,000,000	47,623,030	\$ 376,970	
Community Care Facilities	25,500,000	25,835,467	23%	(335,467)	13,000,000	38,835,467	\$ (585,467)	
Behavioral Services	15,666,667	15,715,544	14%	(48,877)	8,000,000	23,715,544	\$ (215,544)	
Other	22,194,301	17,365,071	15%	4,829,230	9,500,000	26,865,071	6,426,381	
<b>Total POS services</b>	<b>\$ 121,527,635</b>	<b>\$ 116,274,449</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>5,253,186</b>	<b>\$ 59,500,000</b>	<b>\$ 175,774,449</b>	<b>\$ 6,517,003</b>	
Receipts from ICFs for SPA services	(4,000,000)	(3,911,053)	-3%	(88,947)	(1,100,000)	(5,011,053)	11,053	
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	7,947,033	401,129	0%	7,545,904	11,500,000	11,901,129	19,421	
<b>Total POS &amp; CPP Services</b>	<b>\$ 125,474,668</b>	<b>\$ 112,764,525</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 12,710,143</b>	<b>\$ 69,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 182,664,525</b>	<b>\$ 6,547,477</b>	
<b>Operations Expense (OPS)</b>								
Personnel	\$ 8,166,667	\$ 8,208,560	58%	(41,893)	\$ 4,125,000	\$ 12,333,560	\$ (83,560)	
Benefits	2,800,000	2,860,919	20%	(60,919)	1,402,500	4,263,419	(63,419)	
Facilities/Insurance	1,033,333	1,010,588	7%	22,745	520,000	1,530,588	19,412	
Equipment / General office	400,000	415,848	3%	(15,848)	185,000	600,848	(848)	
Consultants	300,000	278,581	2%	21,419	200,000	478,581	(28,581)	
Mileage	180,000	157,743	1%	22,257	100,000	257,743	12,257	
Legal	183,333	166,310	1%	17,023	110,000	276,310	(1,310)	
Communications	80,000	100,834	1%	(20,834)	32,000	132,834	(12,834)	
Other Expenses	30,105	(114,385)	-1%	144,490	5,000	(109,385)	154,543	
<b>Total Operations Expense</b>	<b>\$ 13,173,439</b>	<b>\$ 13,084,998</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>88,441</b>	<b>\$ 6,679,500</b>	<b>\$ 19,764,498</b>	<b>\$ (4,340)</b>	
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	1,019,217	1,170,549	9%	(151,332)	358,000	1,528,549	276	
<b>Total OPS &amp; CPP Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,192,655</b>	<b>\$ 14,255,547</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>(62,892)</b>	<b>\$ 7,037,500</b>	<b>\$ 21,293,047</b>	<b>\$ (4,064)</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 139,667,323</b>	<b>\$ 127,020,072</b>		<b>\$ 12,647,251</b>	<b>\$ 76,937,500</b>	<b>\$ 203,957,572</b>	<b>\$ 6,543,413</b>	

DDS Contract Allocations 2016/17	Date Received	POS	Operations	CPP Ops only	Total	
Preliminary Allocation	5/19/2016	\$ 127,322,114	\$ 14,451,195		\$ 141,773,309	68%
C-Prelim ABX-1			1,386,403		1,386,403	1%
1st Amendment C-1		48,969,338	3,922,560		52,891,898	25%
1st Amendment C-1 CPP		11,920,550	-	1,528,825	13,449,375	6%
<b>Total Allocation</b>		<b>\$ 188,212,002</b>	<b>\$ 19,760,158</b>	<b>\$ 1,528,825</b>	<b>\$ 209,500,985</b>	<b>100%</b>

**North Bay Regional Center  
Franklin Philips Horne NBRC Treasurers' Report  
For the Month of April 2017**

In February 2017 NBRC's board money market account increased by \$162 to end the month with a balance of \$47,355.

The board checking account ended the month with a balance of \$3,407. No change from last month.





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**FAIR HEARING & MEDIATION UPDATE**  
**MARCH 1 - 31, 2017**

Eligibility (16-15)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of respite services. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Eligibility (16-17)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Eligibility (16-20)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Eligibility (16-23)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Eligibility (16-25)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn without Prejudice
Eligibility (16-29)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request pending.
Respite (16-30)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of respite. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Respite (17-01)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of respite. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request pending.
Eligibility (17-02)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request pending.
Eligibility (17-03)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request pending.
Day Care (17-04)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of day care. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn
Respite (17-05)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of respite. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request pending.
Eligibility (17-06)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing withdrawn

Respite  
(17-07)                      Reason for Appeal: Claimant appeals denial of respite.  
Ruling: Fair Hearing request pending.

Rent Subsidy &  
SLS  
(17-08)                      Reason for Appeal: Claimant appeals denial of Supported Living Services and rent subsidy.  
Ruling: Fair Hearing withdrawn

Eligibility  
(17-09)                      Reason for Appeal: Claimant appeals denial of eligibility.  
Ruling: Fair Hearing request pending.

SLS  
(17-10)                      Reason for Appeal: Claimant appeals denial of SLS.  
Ruling: Fair Hearing request pending.

Respite  
(17-11)                      Reason for Appeal: Claimant appeals denial of respite.  
Ruling: Fair Hearing request pending.



AGE RANGE	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL	GENDER	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL	RESIDENCE TYPE	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL
0 - 2	1,260	14.0 %	MALES	5,692	63.4 %	OWN HOME	6,251	69.6 %
3 - 17	2,531	28.2 %	FEMALES	3,278	36.5 %	ILS	591	6.5 %
18 - 40	3,237	36.0 %			SLS	714	7.9 %	
41 - 60	1,323	14.7 %			DC	94	1.0 %	
61 - 80	589	6.5 %			SNF	57	.6 %	
					ICF	241	2.6 %	
80 & OLDER	30	.3 %			CCF	754	8.4 %	
					FOSTER CARE	183	2.0 %	
					OTHER	85	.9 %	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

ETHNICITY	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL	DISABILITY	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL	COUNTY	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL
MIXED	697	7.7 %	AUTISM	1,998	22.2 %	28. NAPA	1,128	12.5 %
ASIAN	218	2.4 %	EPILEPSY	1,110	12.3 %	48. SOLANO	3,740	41.6 %
BLACK	843	9.3 %	CEREBRAL PALSY	903	10.0 %	49. SONOMA	3,964	44.1 %
FILIPINO	324	3.6 %	MENTAL RETARDATION	4,837	53.9 %			.0 %
NATIVE AMERICAN	32	.3 %	OTHER	1,025	11.4 %			.0 %
POLYNESIAN		.0 %						.0 %
SPANISH/LATIN	2,104	23.4 %	CONSUMERS MAY HAVE MULTIPLE DIAGNOSES					.0 %
WHITE	4,316	48.1 %						.0 %
OTHER	133	1.4 %						.0 %
UNKNOWN	303	3.3 %						.0 %
						OTHER	138	1.5 %
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>				<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

PRIMARY LANGUAGE	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL	Status	Count	% TO TOTAL
SIGN LANGUAGE	25	.2 %	0	464	5.1
ENGLISH	7,327	81.6 %	P		
SPANISH	1,476	16.4 %	1	1,014	
OTHER LATIN LANG.		.0 %	2	7,398	
CANTONESE CHINESE	8	.0 %	3		
MADARIN CHINESE	5	.0 %	8	94	
JAPANESE	2	.0 %			
VIETNAMESE	13	.1 %			
KOREAN	3	.0 %			
LAOTIAN	5	.0 %			
CAMBODIAN	3	.0 %			
OTHER ASIAN LANG.	4	.0 %			
RUSSIAN	2	.0 %			
ALL OTHER LANG.	97	1.0 %			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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# **Consumer Advocate Report**

## **March 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017**

A few self-advocacy/support groups started back up in June using the educational materials on self-advocacy. Consumers seem to be uninterested as meetings were conducted. I was unable to follow-up in February due to a situation beyond my control. I will try again in April.

The Napa County IHSS Advisory Committee is sponsoring an Educational Appreciation Luncheon at the Elk Lodge in Napa for IHSS providers and consumers in April or May 2017. More information will be provided as things develop. We have made two appearances on Channel 27 regarding IHSS.

I gave a presentation to a combined unit meeting explaining my job to new staff on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

I continue to assist service coordinators with their cases and am still the DDS Conservator designee.

Thank you

Submitted by:

Randy Kitch

# NBRC Resource Development and Quality Assurance

Become an NBRC Vendor! Visit the NBRC website:  
<http://nbrc.net/service-providers/becomeavendor/>

## Resource Development

The Resource Development Department vendored four new service providers during February/March. Please join NBRC in welcoming the new below vendors to the North Bay Regional Center vendor community.

## New Vendors

- Alegria Community Living-Specialized Behavioral Assessments-All counties
- Inclusion Specialized Programs, LLC-4 bed Specialized Residential Facility-Vacaville
- Lattice Educational Services-Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services-Sonoma County
- WNJT Home-Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Healthcare Needs-Santa Rosa

# Congratulations

## Quality Assurance

The NBRC Quality Assurance Unit has been hard at work this month providing QA assistance to NBRC Vendors and Service Coordinators. Below is a brief summary of some of their activities in January



13 Community Care Facility annual reviews	13 QA assistance requests from Service Coordinators
24 Vendors received QA technical assistance	55 Individuals @ Living Arrangements Committee
3 Trainings for vendors or NBRC employees	30 Individuals @ Day Program Arrangement Committee
	75 Instances of assistance provided to Service Coordination

Visit <http://nbrc.net/service-providers/calendars/> for more information on upcoming vendor trainings.

## Special Incident Report Team Activities

- NBRC vendors continue to have a high percentage rate for late reporting for the past three months, December 34%, January 25%, February 30%. NBRC continues to send in the completed SIR training sign in sheets to Department of Developmental Services
- NBRC had the best RC Timeliness submission of SIRs to the Department for February; just 2% out of compliance
- SIR staff provided a customized on-site training for a CCF and continues to schedule on-site vendor trainings as requested

# SIR

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

1600 NINTH STREET, Room 320, MS 3-9  
 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
 TTY (916) 654-2054 (For the Hearing Impaired)  
 (916) 654-1958



January 6, 2017

**TO: BOB HAMILTON, NORTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER**

**SUBJECT: ABX2-1 FUNDING TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND REDUCE DISPARITIES  
 – RESPONSE TO REGIONAL CENTER PROPOSAL**

This correspondence supersedes the letter to North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) dated October 25, 2016, regarding your regional center's proposal to utilize available funding to reduce disparities in purchase of services, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) X2-1 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016). In reviewing regional centers' proposals, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) took into account statewide needs and available resources, as well as information gathered during the Department's statewide stakeholder meetings. In addition, each proposal was analyzed for compliance with applicable statute and regulations, and the Department's guidelines issued on July 25, 2016.

On December 9, 2016, the Department received NBRC's revised proposal. As a result, the Department approves the following proposed activities contingent upon the regional center's assurance that funding is used specifically for the designated purpose(s), and complies with applicable federal and state laws and regulations:

<u>Proposed Activity</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
<b>1. Advertising and Outreach</b>	
– Continue Town Hall Meetings: Increase use of interpreters, translators, and provide stipends for childcare and refreshments.	<b>\$14,940</b>
– Develop and translate "Autism Spectrum Disorder" Booklet	<b>\$1,120</b>
– Consumer Satisfaction Survey	<b>\$45,000</b>

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**2. Staff Training**

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| - Person Centered Planning Training for Management Staff      | <b>\$9,375</b>  |
| - Mentor for Four Person Centered Thinking Trainers           | <b>\$24,000</b> |
| - Person Centered Planning Training for Case Management Staff | <b>\$40,000</b> |
| - Cultural Competency Training for All Staff                  | <b>\$9,750</b>  |

**3. Vendor Training**

- |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| - Person Centered Planning Training | <b>\$20,000</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$164,185</b> |

**Collaboration**

The Department received several funding requests to develop and translate written materials into native languages. We encourage you to partner with other regional centers to eliminate the duplication of effort and to maximize the use of available funding.

**Funding and Claiming**

The Department will include the approved funding in the next contract amendment and has revised the state claim form so regional centers can delineate funding expended to implement activities approved in your regional center's proposal to address local equity issues.

**Outcomes**

Regional centers are required to maintain records, collect data, and track qualitative and quantitative outcomes. Records must reflect your regional center's progress in achieving the purpose of each activity and, at a minimum, must include the following details: activity status, completed tasks and quantitative measures (e.g., survey results, funding utilization, and number of impacted staff or consumers/families). Please incorporate this information with the report, due to the Department annually on May 31<sup>st</sup>, resulting from your public meetings discussing purchase of service disparities.

Bob Hamilton  
January 6, 2017  
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**Requesting Modifications of Proposals**

Regional centers are required to provide the Department with written notification of any amendments to the approved activity(ies), including, but not limited to: deviation from the initial intent of the proposed activity, unexpected obstacles or delays in project implementation, or anticipated changes to the originally requested funding amount. The Department will review your requests and work collaboratively with you to identify necessary actions to address any modifications. Written notifications should be forwarded to:

Rapone Anderson  
Regional Center Branch Manager  
Community Services Division  
1600 Ninth Street, Room 340, MS 3-12  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please send electronic notifications to: [RCB@dds.ca.gov](mailto:RCB@dds.ca.gov).

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Rapone Anderson at (916) 654-3722, or by email at [rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov](mailto:rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov). The Department looks forward to assisting you in your efforts to promote equity in the purchase of services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

BRIAN WINFIELD  
Deputy Director  
Community Services Division

cc: Eileen Richey, Association of Regional Center Agencies  
Nancy Bargmann, Department of Developmental Services  
John Doyle, Department of Developmental Services  
Rapone Anderson, Department of Developmental Services



# 2016 NBRC Expenditures & Demographics Data Report



North Bay  
Regional Center



# Purchase of Service Disparities Data

## *WIC Section 4519.5*

- DDS and regional centers compile purchase of service (POS) data annually
- Centers post data on website with respect to age, race or ethnicity, primary language and disability
- Centers meet with stakeholders in a public meeting



## Limitations of Data

- *POS Expenditures*— cost of services consumers receive that are paid for by regional centers
- *Consumer Count* – total numbers are greater than actual caseloads; short-term services weighed same as long-term
- *Multiple Diagnoses* – consumers often have more than one diagnosis, therefore can be counted in more than one category



# Other Considerations When Interpreting Data

- Services are specific to individual's needs
- Some services are more expensive than others
- Differences in expenditure do not mean that needs are unmet
- Expenditure data does not tell us *why* differences exist
- We don't know *why* differences exist without looking at other information and data

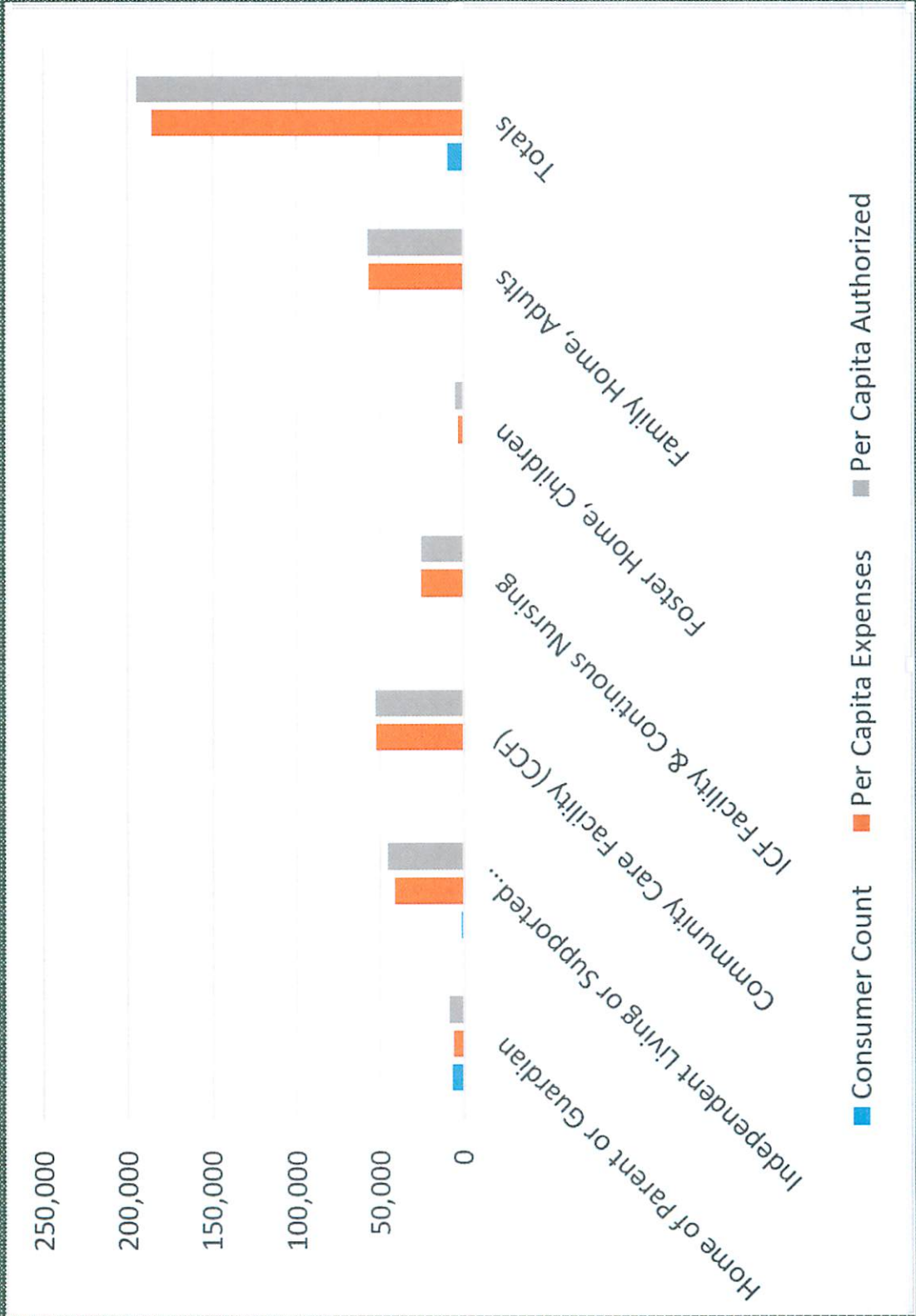


# Questions & Discussion

1. How do you get information about NBRC, and what advice would you give others about getting information?
2. What is the role of parents & families helping others get information about NBRC?
3. How can the Service Coordinator play a part in helping families better understand NBRC's services?
4. What steps can NBRC take to make information about services more accessible? Easier to understand?
5. What are your ideas about the differences in expenditures, and what can be done?

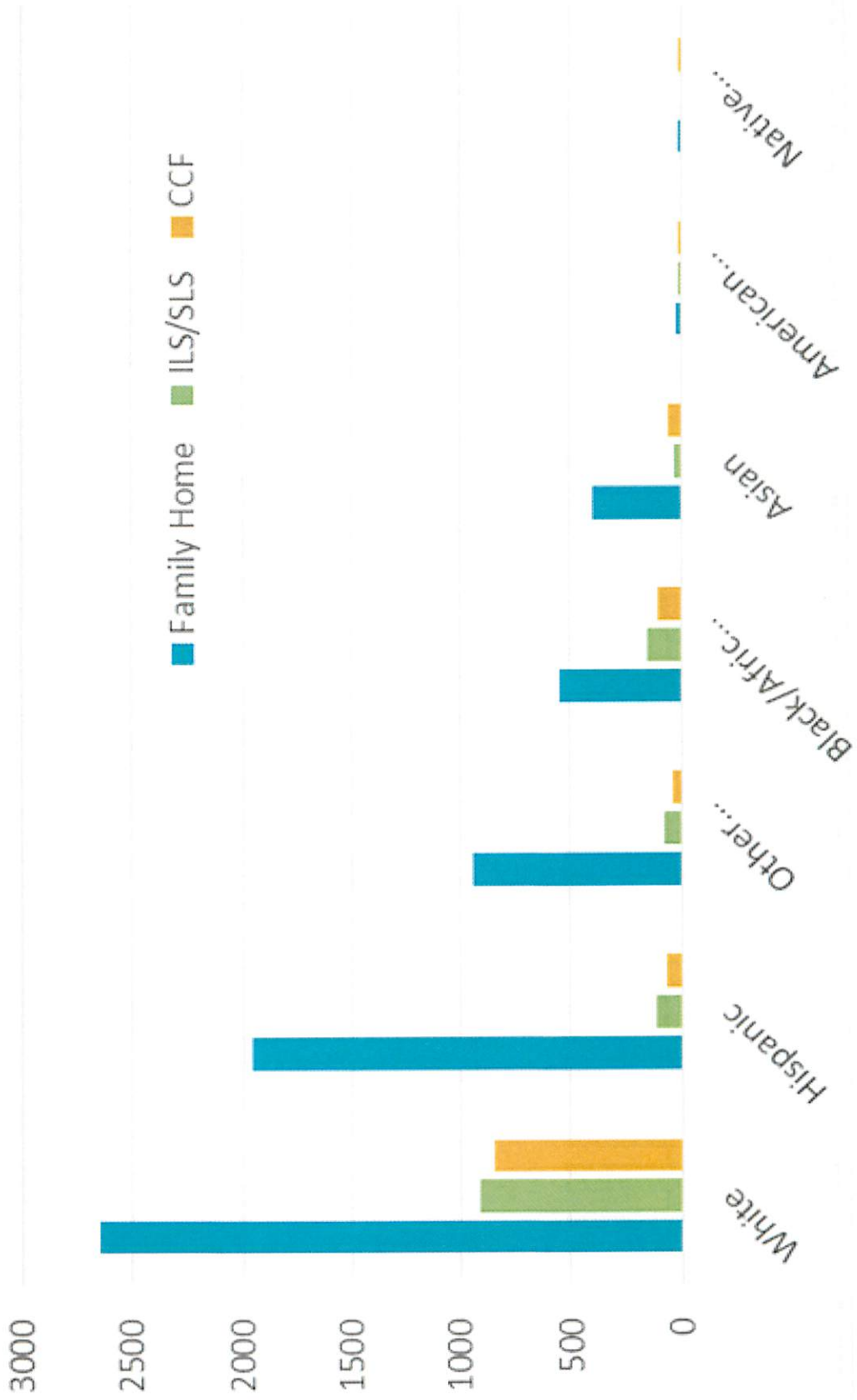


# Expenditures Differences Based on Residence





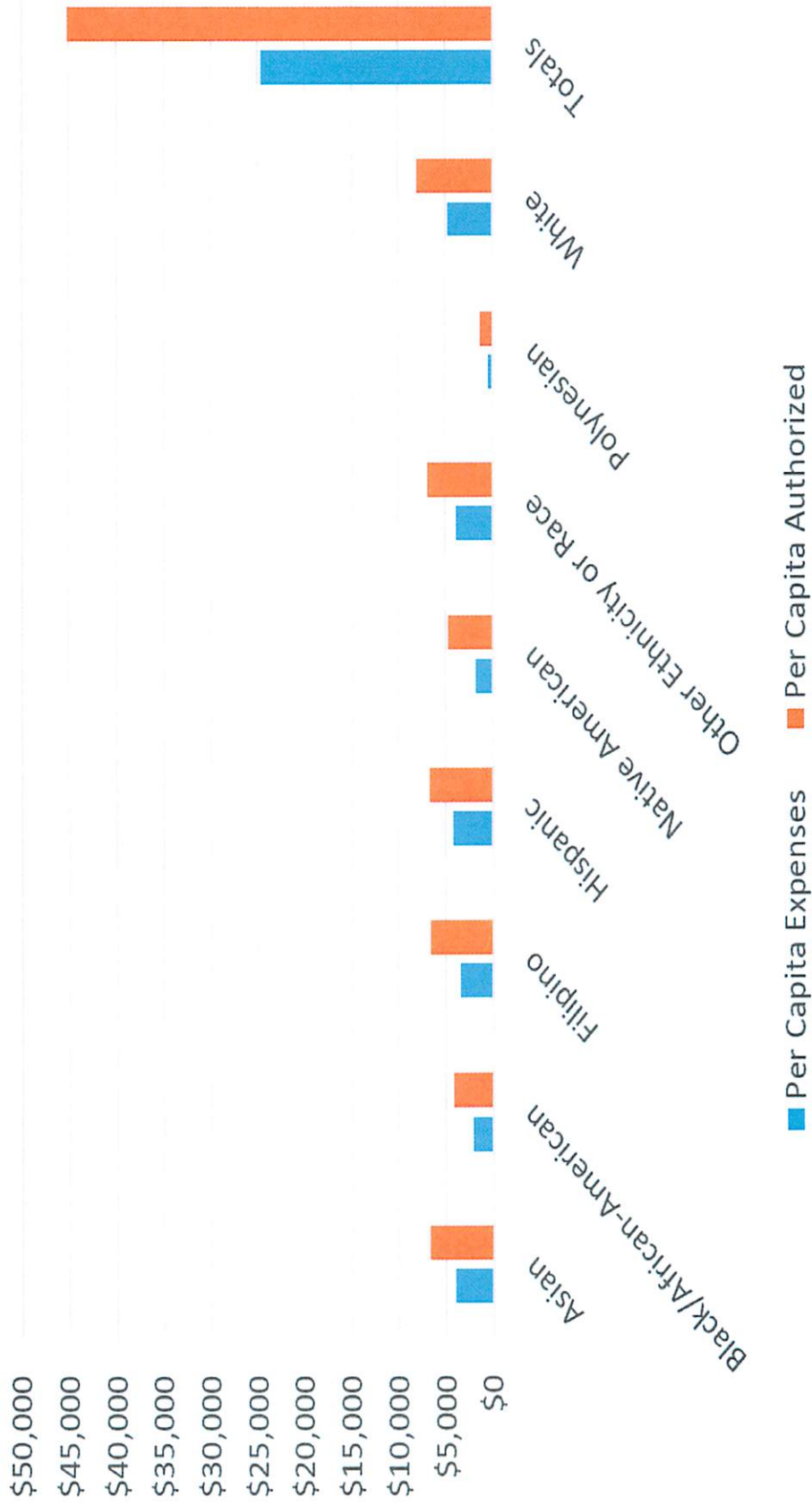
## Where Individuals Live By Ethnicity





# Comparison of NBRC Expenditures by Ethnicity

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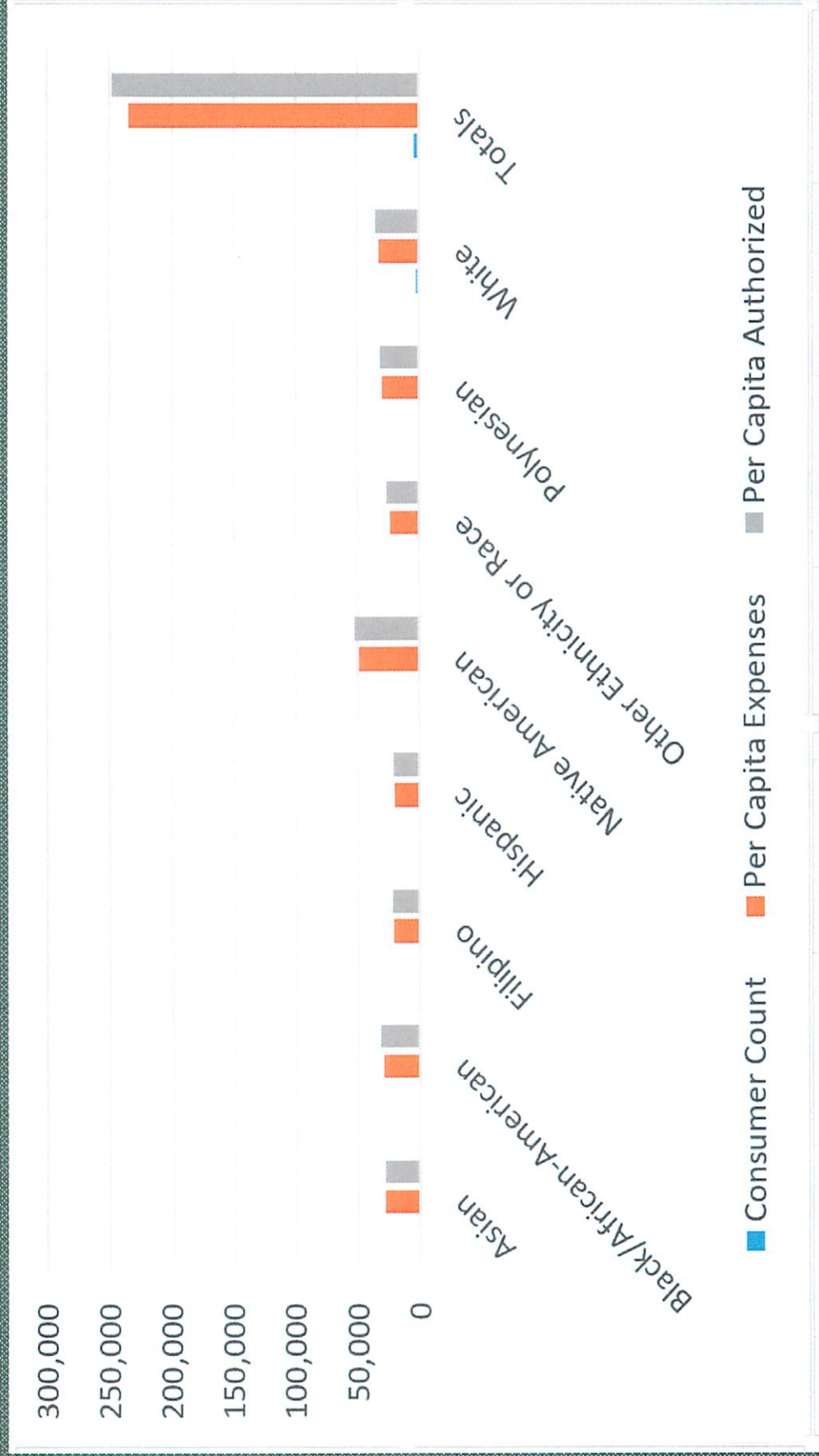
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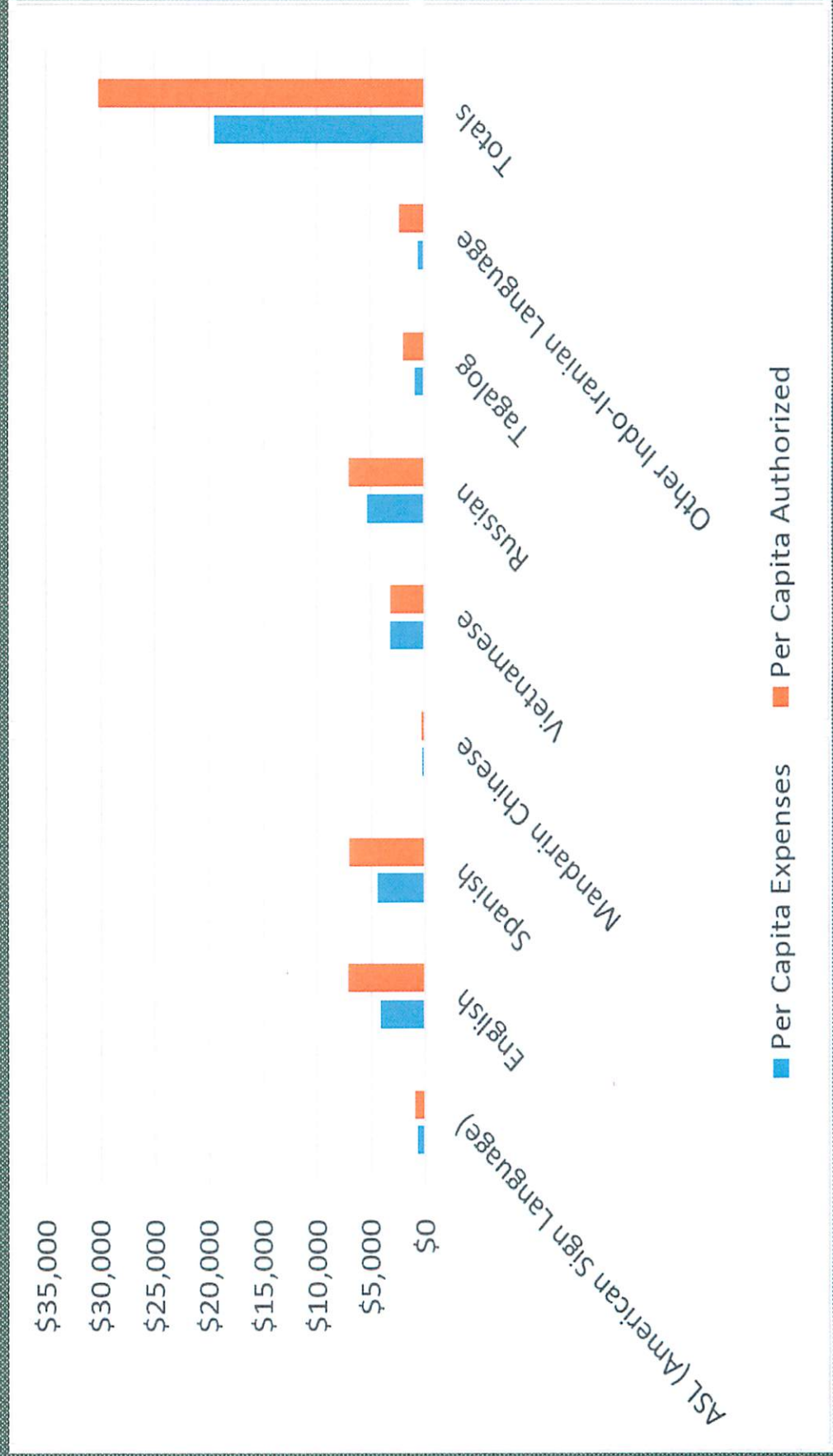
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## Comparison of NBRC Expenditures by Language

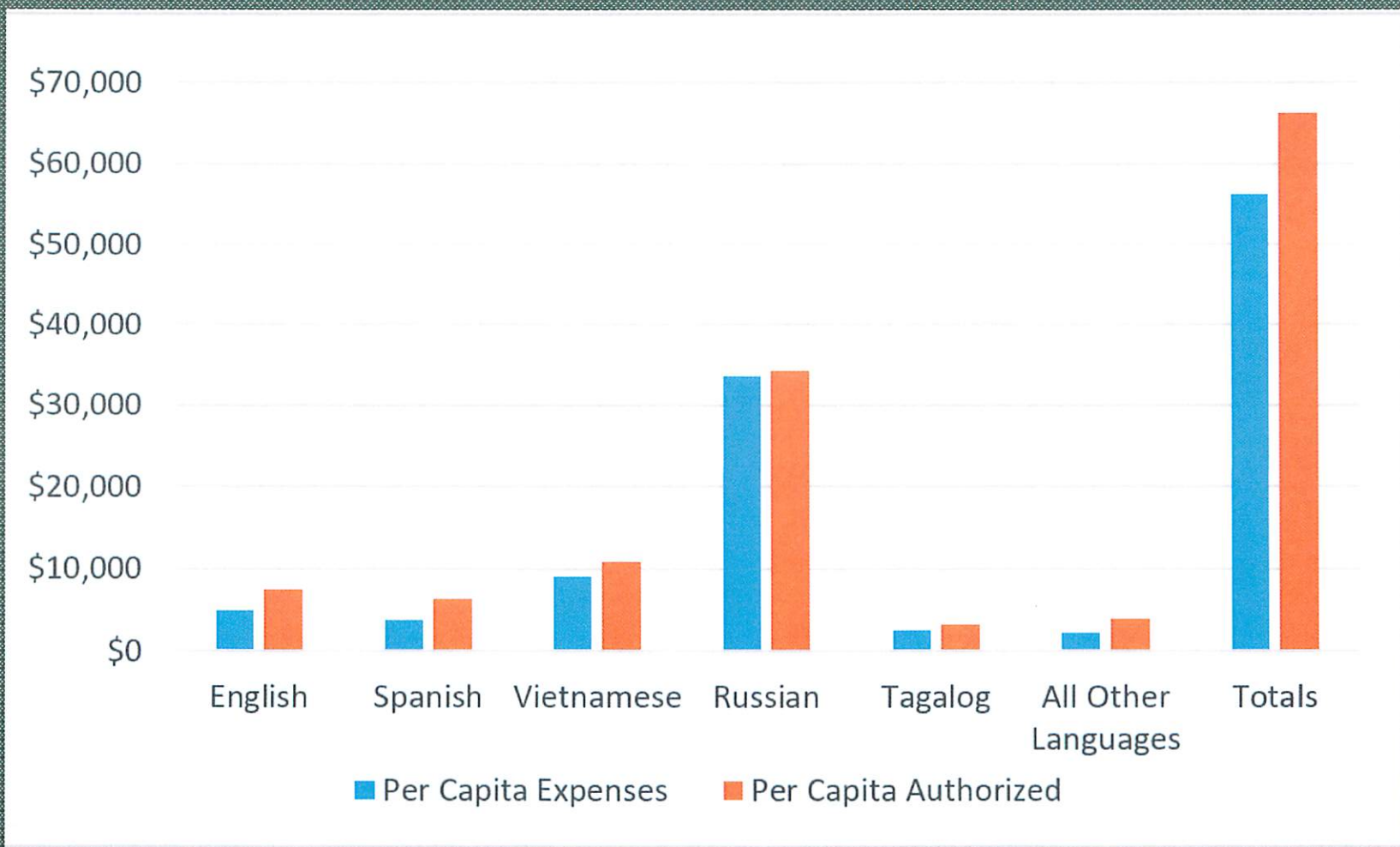
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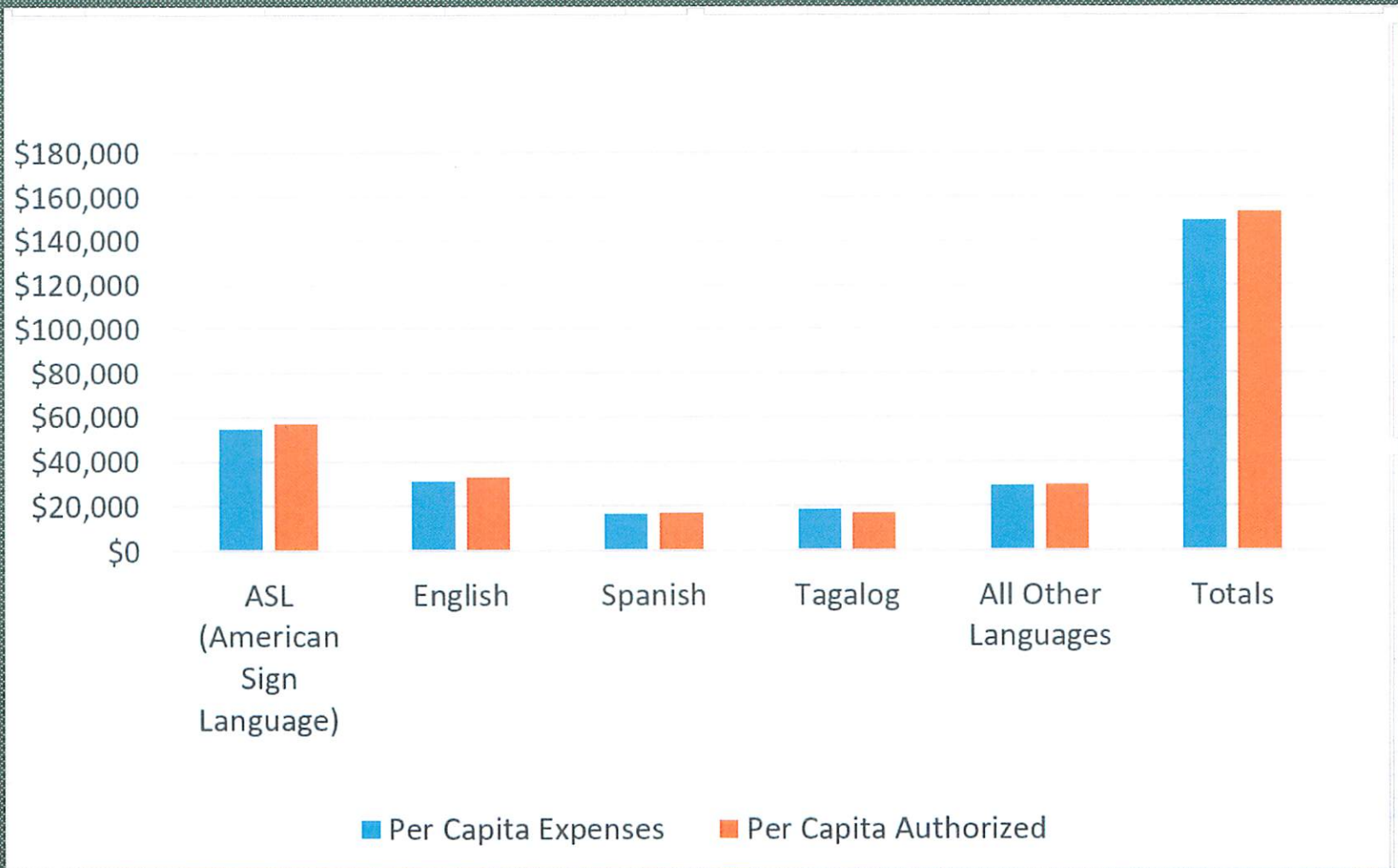
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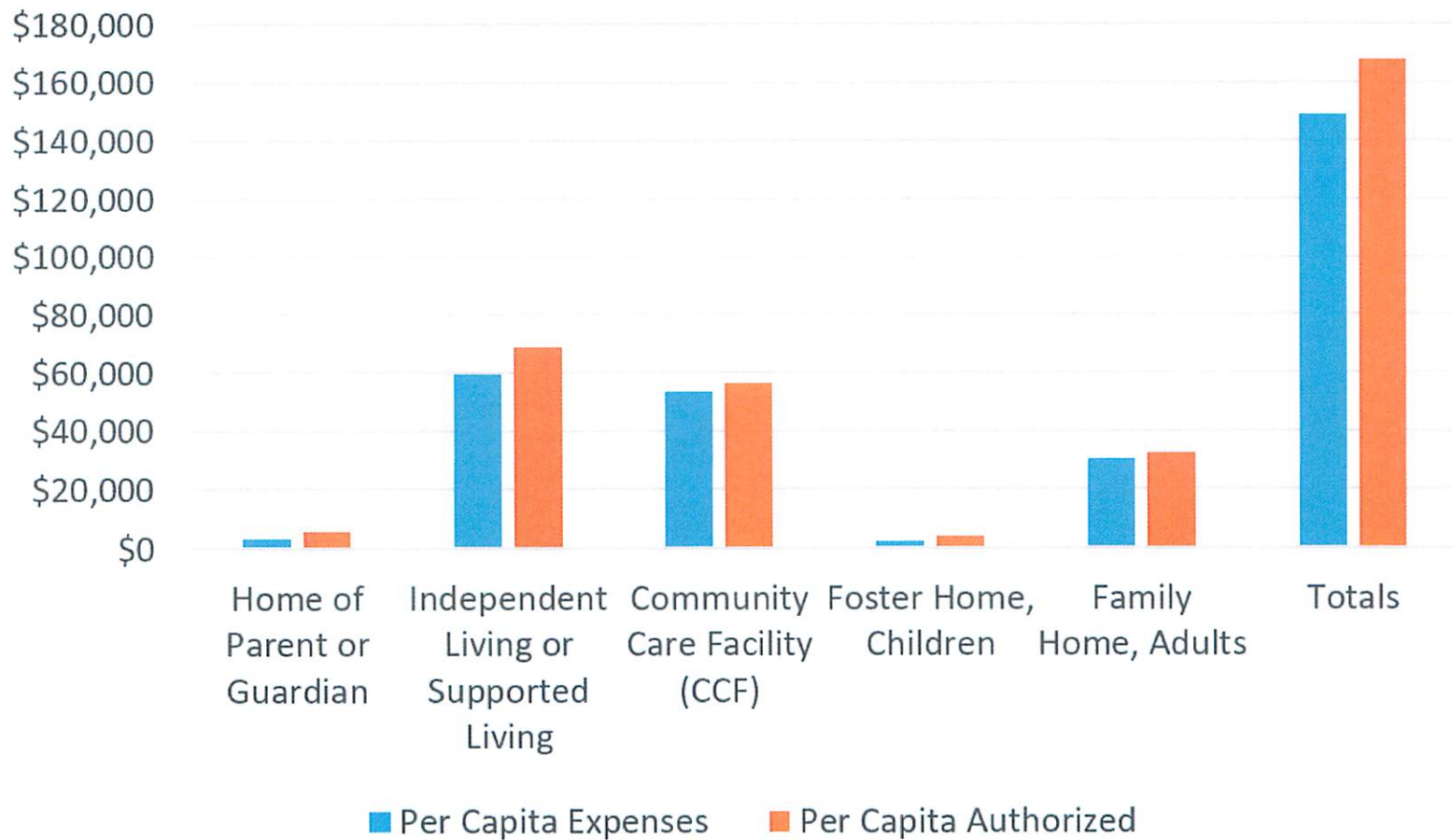
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## Comparison of NBRC Per Capita Expenditures by Residence

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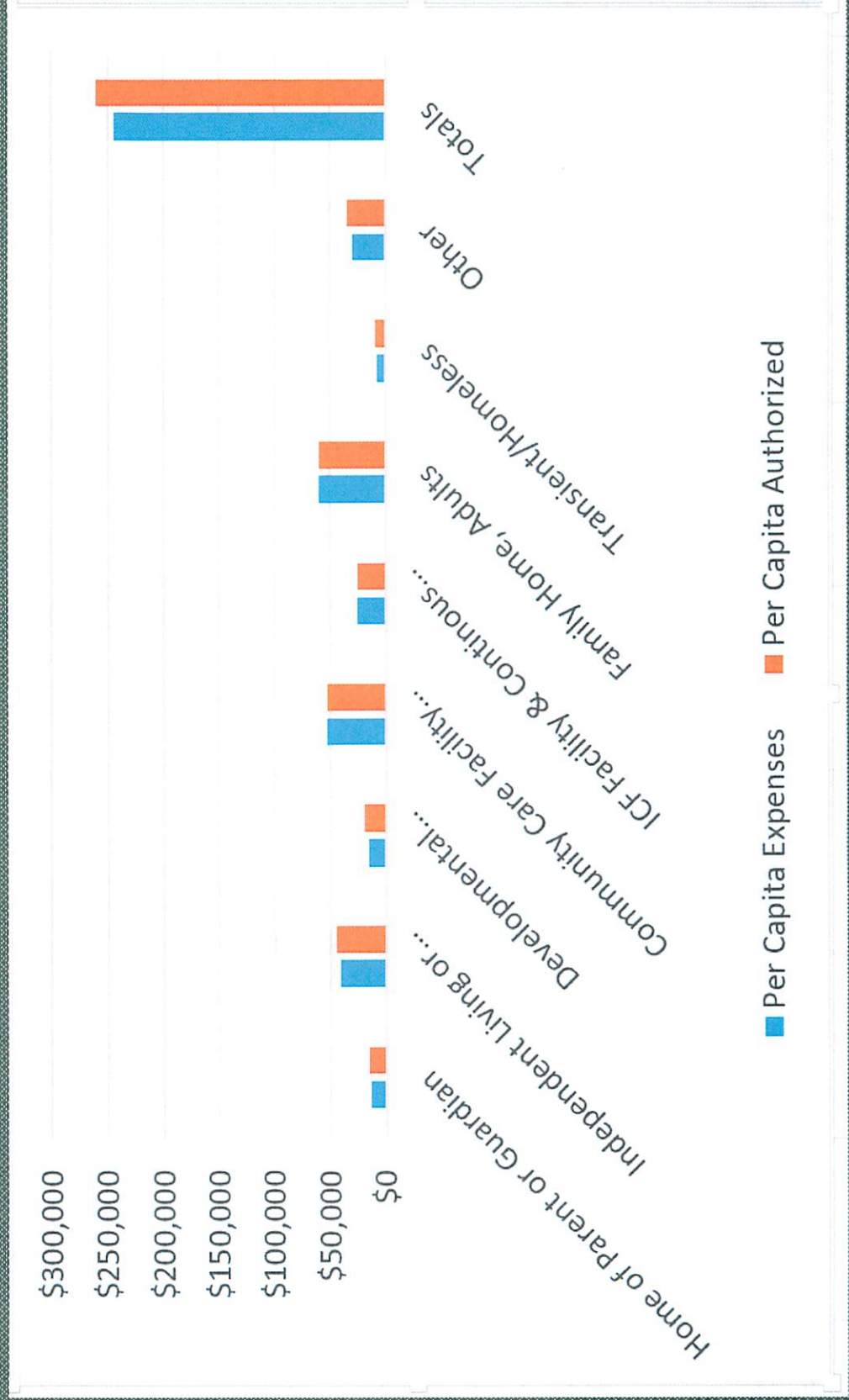


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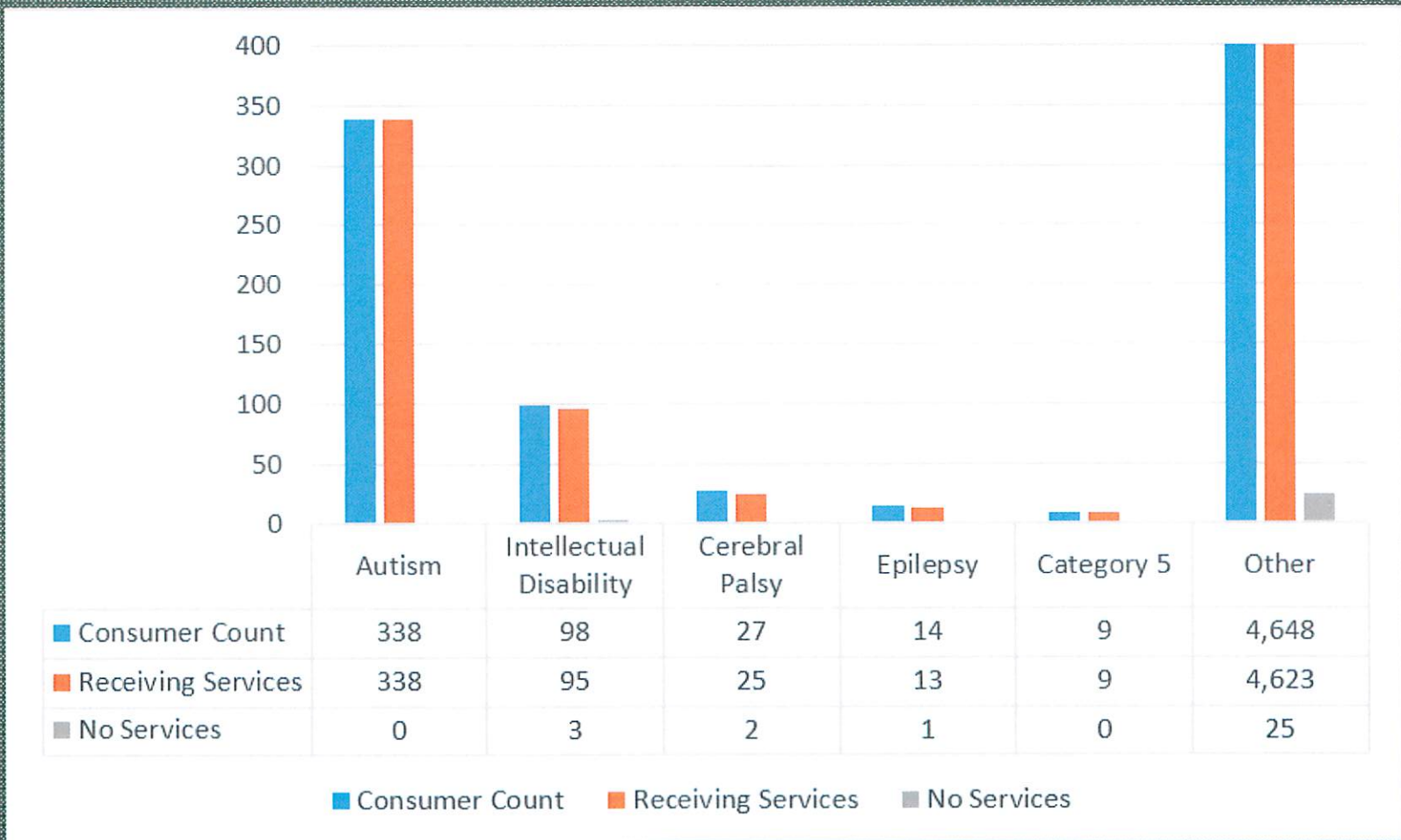
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## Comparison of NBRC Data: No Services

0-2 years old: Early Start

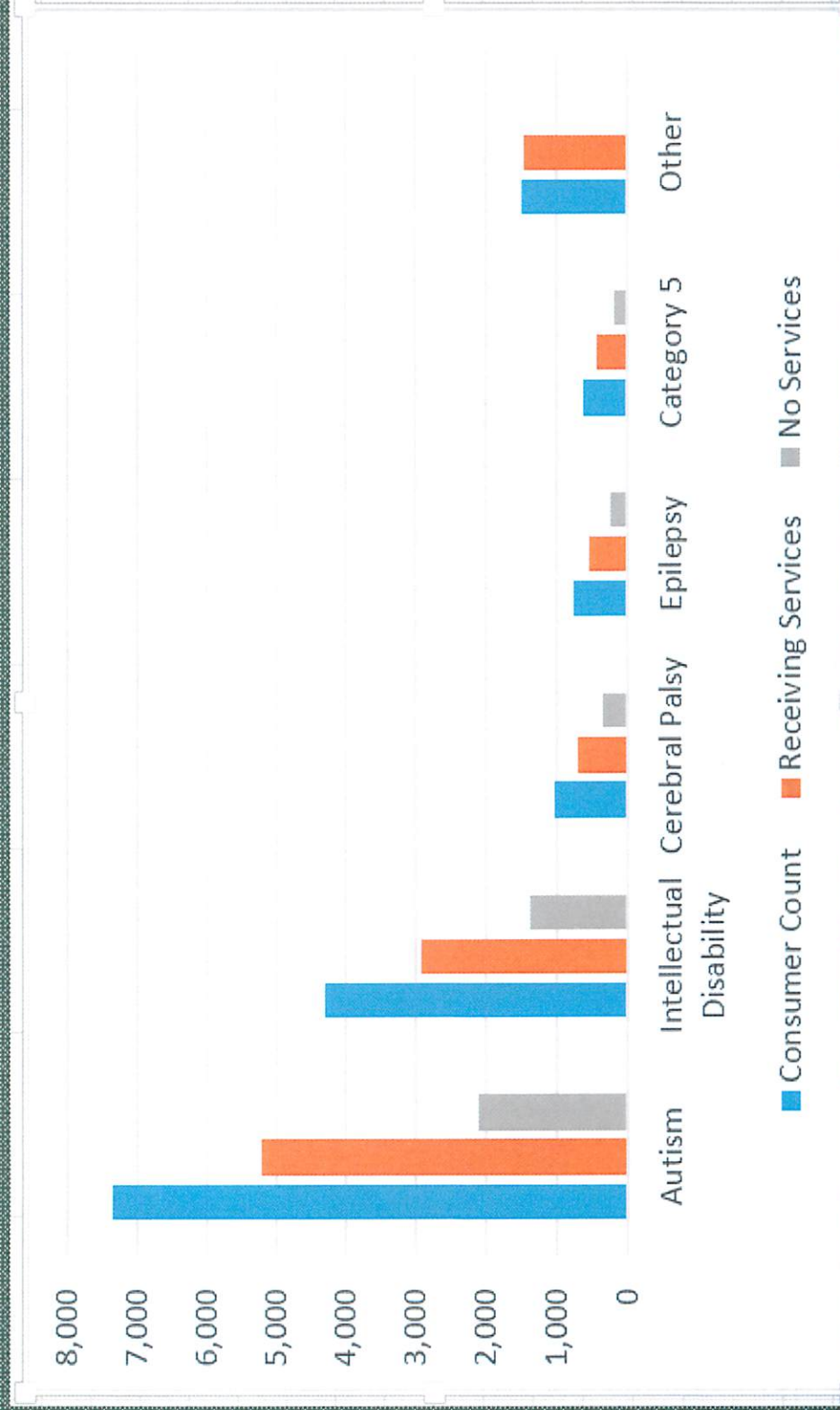


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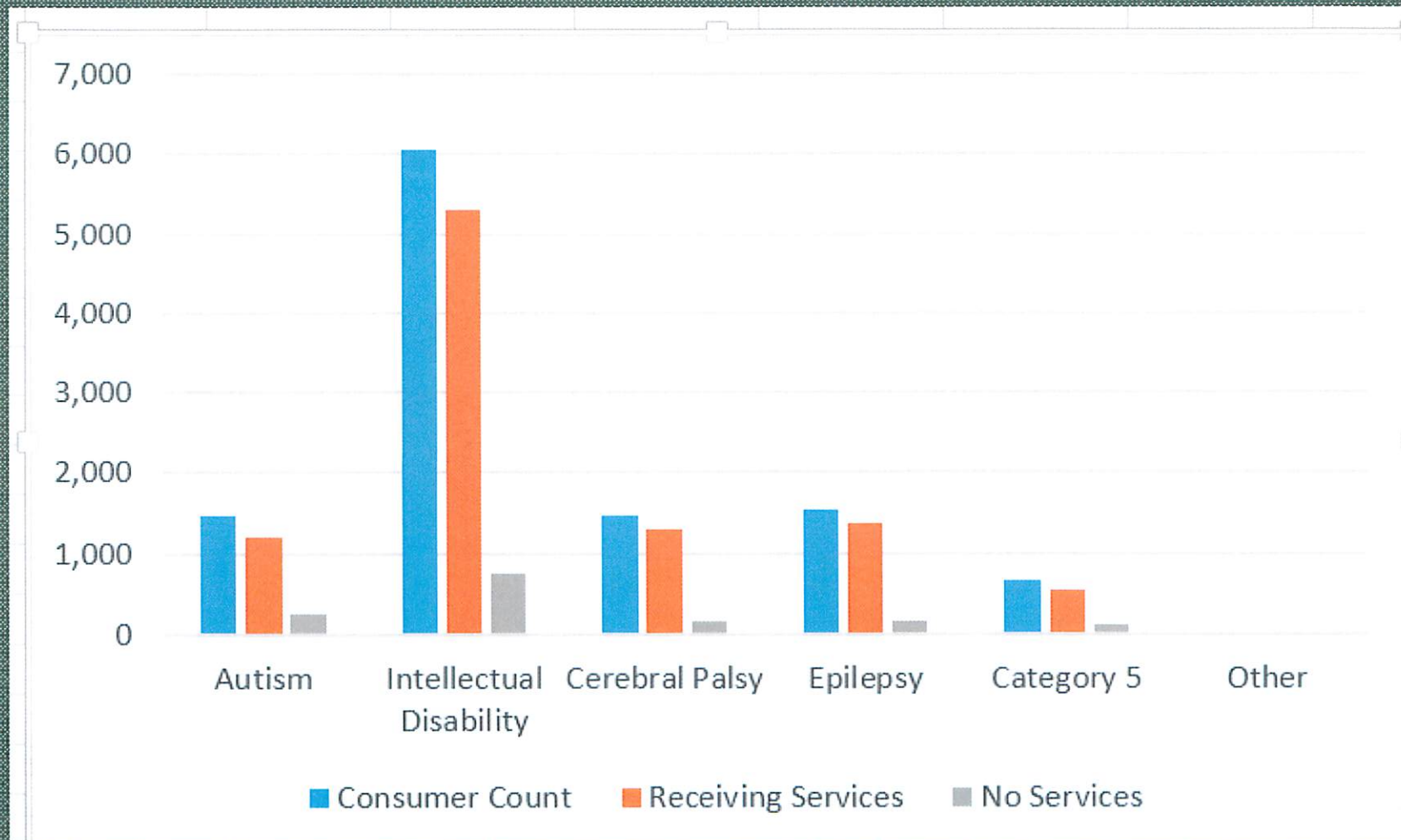
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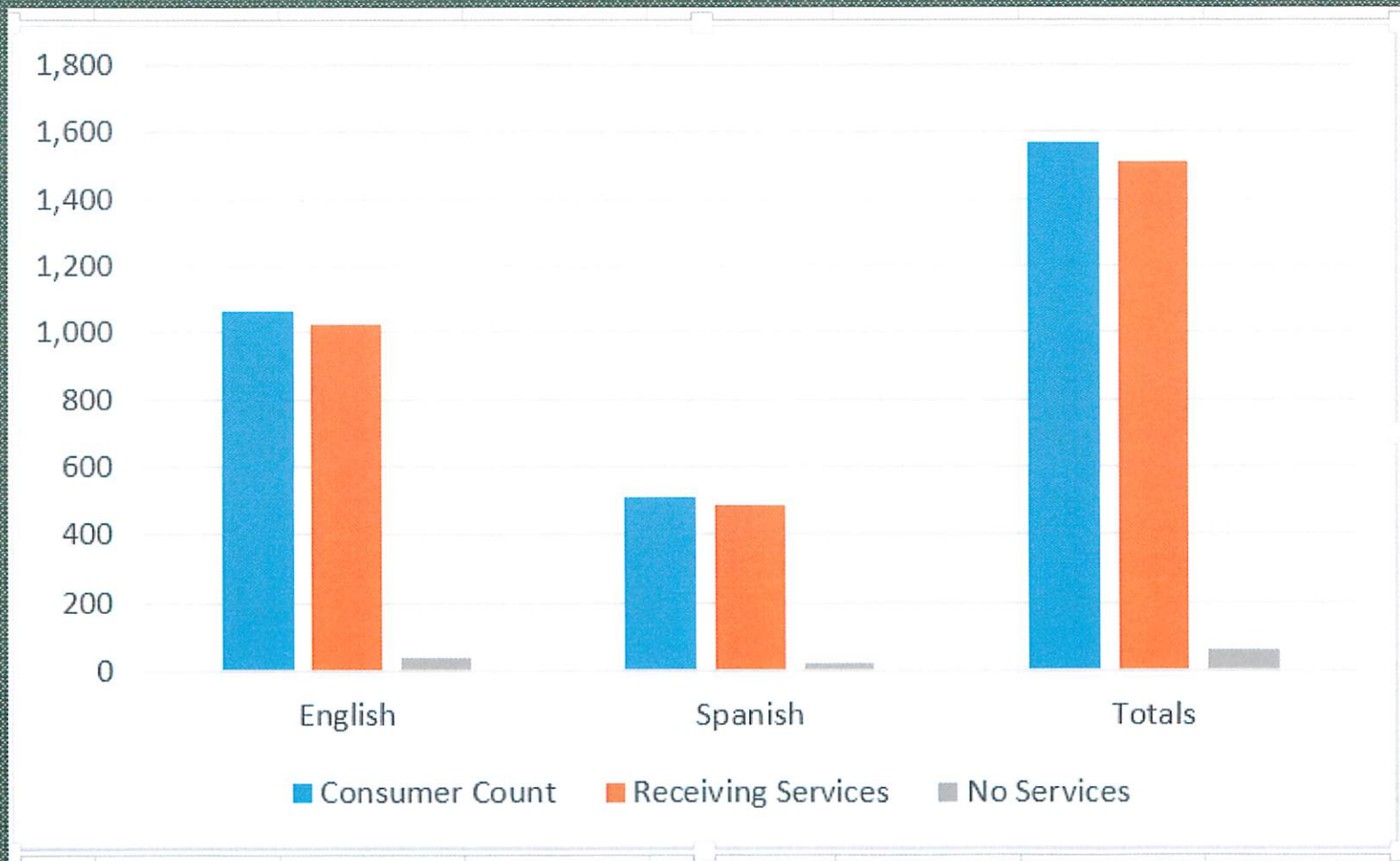
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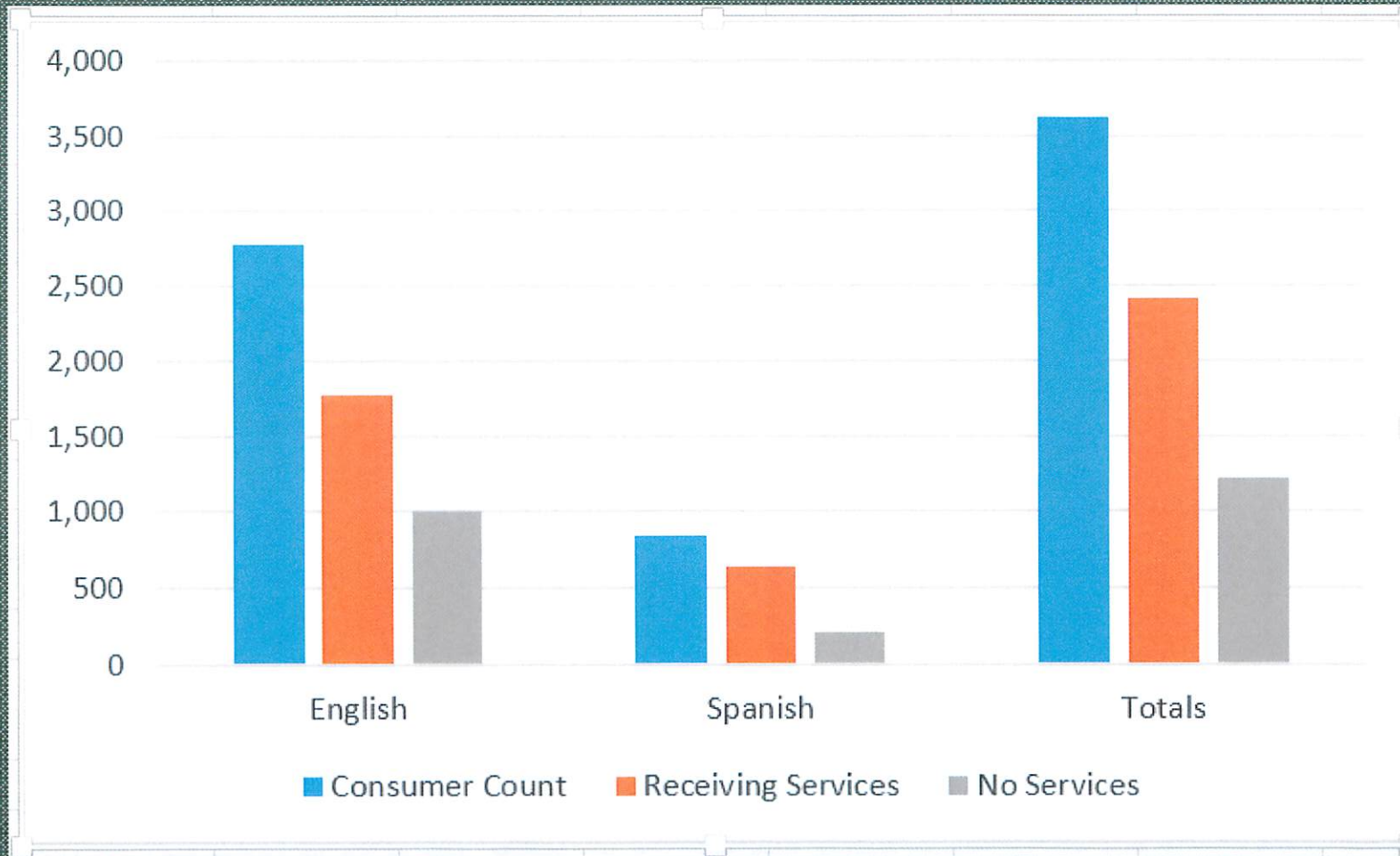
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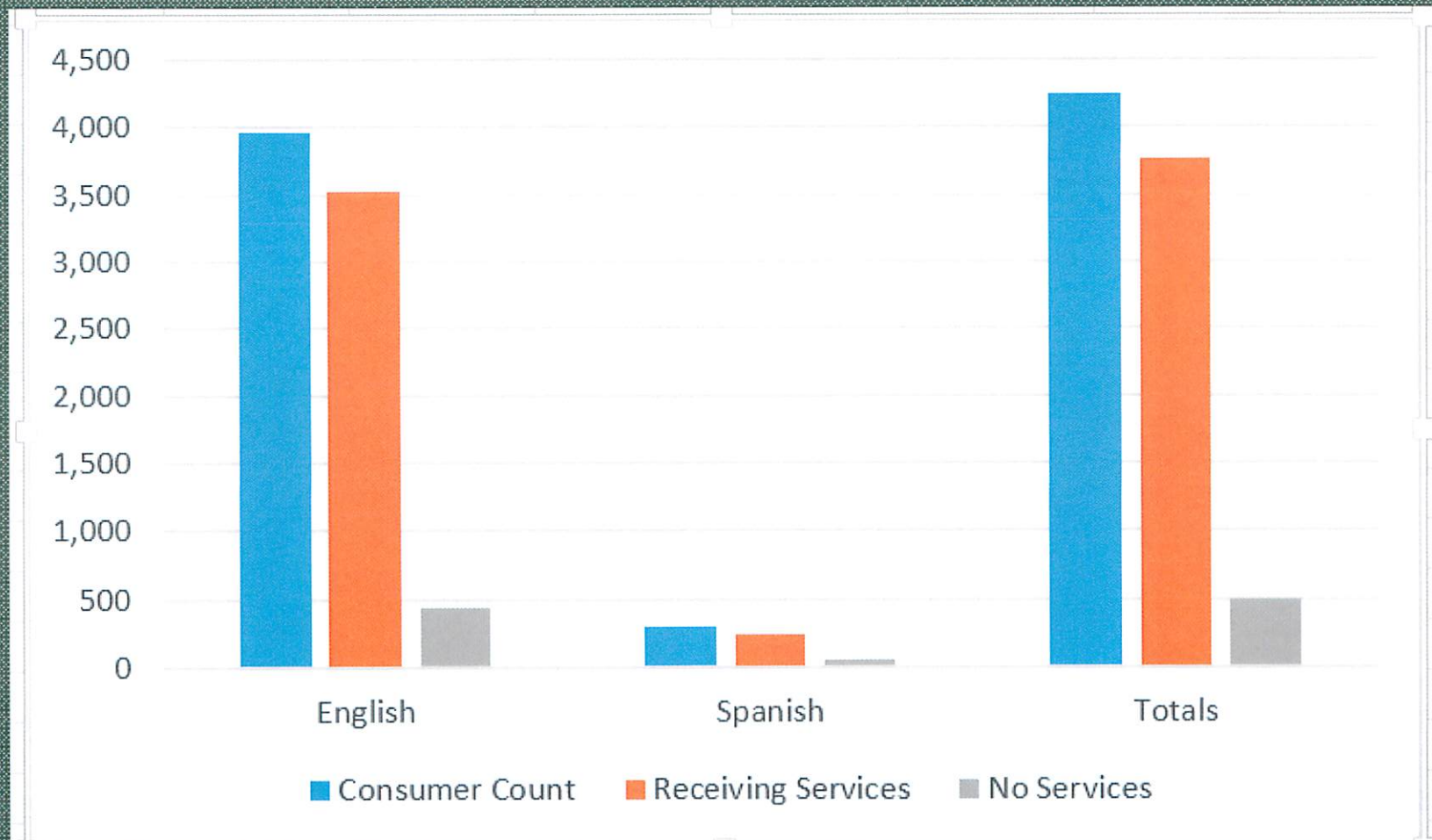
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## Other Information That Helps Us Understand Expenditure Data

Does disparity exist?

**Yes.**

Does disparity mean people's needs are not being met?

***Not necessarily.***

What other information is available?



# Core Indicators of Interest

- Satisfaction
  - 75% of families are satisfied with services and supports received
- Family Outcomes
  - 93% agree that services/supports have improved ability to care for child
- Service Coordination
  - 67% agree the Service Coordinator helps get what is needed in the IPP



# Summary

- Disparity exists
- The POS data doesn't answer why disparity exists
- Disparity in expenditure does not necessarily mean needs are unmet
- NCI results add to the story by providing more context and information to stakeholders



**Vendor Advisory Committee**  
**Report to the NBDDS Board of Directors**  
**April 5, 2017**  
submitted by  
Linda Plourde

The VAC met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

January Crane presented information regarding the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) Settings Rule. The DDS website provides details of this rule and can be found at: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/index.cfm>. Each regional center employs a liaison to DDS for the purposes of gathering information that is pertinent to the application of this rule. Julie Parish, Program Evaluator, is that person for NBRC's.

Ali Tabatabai, Vendor Advisory Committee member, would like to see more in depth and detailed legislative updates at the VAC meetings. The VAC and NBRC vendor community as a whole could be more proactive legislatively given more detailed information. He suggested we add a list of pending legislation to the VAC agenda.

Vendors have received rate increases in the past year and a half. With the increases comes the expectation that vendors will be able to show evidence that it had been utilized according to law. DDS will survey vendors October 2017 to ensure that increases have been used appropriately. Additionally, further increases will in part be dependent on the results of these surveys.

Potential Medicaid cuts were discussed. The Repeal and Replace of the ACA would change the funding for services drastically. The AHCA would eliminate many essential services and revert funding to the states to block grants or per capita caps.

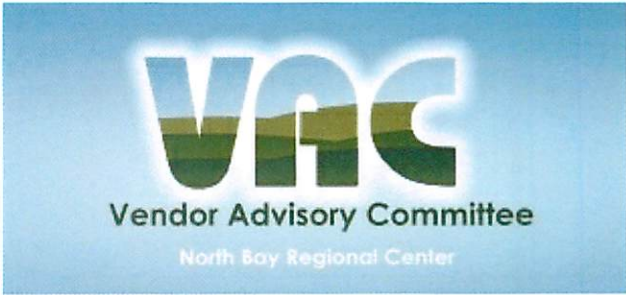
Please refer to the minutes for further detail.

The next VAC meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2017.



# VAC Meeting Minutes

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
North Bay Regional Center, Napa



March 14, 2017

<b>1. Attendance</b>	
a. Call to order	VAC Meeting held March 14, 2017 was called to order at 10:05 AM (PST). Chaired by Lauren Meikeljohn
b. Roll call Quorum met?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> quorum was met  February minutes approved: Kelley /Mike MSC U  Agenda Approval:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  With items added below Under items #2.	<p><u>VAC Membership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darelyn Pazdel (PRIDE Industries)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Karen Farnsworth (CPA)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Meikeljohn (Becoming Independent)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Lustig (Aldea Supported Living Services)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Linda Plourde (Bayberry, Inc.)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Pagel (Connections for Life)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelley Hanson (PACE Solano)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ali Tabatabai (New Leaf)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Mendoza (REI/CHDC)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Mauger (C. House)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Ramirez (On My Own)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lisenko (UCP of the North Bay)</li> </ul> <p><u>NBRC Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Michi Gates</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January Crane</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanne Giardello</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isabel Calder</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maura McDonough</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seneca St. James</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Ursini</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Parish</li> </ul> <p><u>General Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adria Carson (On My Own)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Stickels (Enriching Lives)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anja Hansen (Life House)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chari Glogovac-Smith (CA Mentor)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cinthia Flores (Bay Respite Care)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbi Davis (SCSLS)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Sutton (North Bay Industries)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Martin (Oaks of Hebron)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Hansen (Dungarvin)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JoAnne Redican (Connections for Life)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joetta Griffin (GFCH/Impact)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lea Ronald (Napa Valley PSI)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leticia Leon (R &amp; D Transportation)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Condit (Lifehouse)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Perrez (Bay Respite Care)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Bazzds (CA Mentor)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Rowland (Milestones)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Melchor (Special Care SLS)</li> </ul>



<b>2. Agenda changes/Additions</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC&amp;IR - Kelley Hanson</li> <li>• R&amp;D feedback from Courtney – tabled in Courtney’s absence.</li> <li>• Various announcement requests.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Feature Presentation</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action/Follow-Up</b>
	<p>January Crane – CMS settings rule (handout provided) Link to DDS website for information <a href="http://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/index.cfm">http://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/index.cfm</a></p> <p>Each regional center is assigned a liaison by DDS to gather information For NBRC this liaison is Julie Parish, Program Evaluator. Funding proposal (\$15mil) should be out by mid-March. There is another \$15 mil in the next budget proposal. Impacts all day programs.</p>	
<b>4. Community Concerns</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action/Follow-Up</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michelle – DDS rate increase/surveys</b> – CDSA conference summary –funding and time periods are flexible with the audit due in October. DDS is looking for more narrative with data, not necessarily all data. End of June for time to collect data by the October deadline. Many have asked DDS if the regional centers will have guidance. AB 279, authored by Assembly Member Holden, addresses minimum wage increases and municipalities.</li> <li>• <b>Lauren</b> read Medicaid Funding cuts summary as legislative changes may affect Medicaid funding.</li> <li>• <b>Maura – CIE, TDS Training</b> – March 29, from 10AM to 12PM, NBRC Napa. Will offer a Training regarding Incentive program and tailored day programs. Handout of procedure, form, and an addendum to use for competitive integrated employment were provided. Maura will provide electronic copies of the forms to Lauren and she will email them to the group.</li> <li>• IN summary, the incentive program will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Assistance in finding a job; capture copy of initial paycheck; and complete NBRC form. The payments are in intervals of 30 days, six months, and 12 months of consecutive employment. After this is complete, payment will be rendered. Does not require a new vendorization. Billing will include sub codes for payment. Payments are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ \$1,000, \$1,250 and 12 months \$1,500. Retro payments available back to July 2016.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Lauren – VAC Planning</b> – Joetta expressed concern that there are few care facilities represented at the VAC meetings. Group discussion - send invite to all care facilities. Perhaps develop a sub group for Care Home Providers. Ali suggested that perhaps he can put a note on the direct deposit notices sent to care homes. County provider groups can include invites as well. Put back on agenda after working with David Mauger to develop a new sub group.</li> <li>• Ali would like to see the legislative updates developed a bit further during the meetings to take a proactive approach to legislative process. He would also like to see us add bill list to the agenda. The VAC will further develop and discuss this again next month (April).</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Group Reports</b>		<b>Action/Follow-Up</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Napa Solano Vendor</b> – no meeting this month.</li> <li>• <b>Sonoma Vendor Group – Elizabeth Sutton</b> – no meeting this month.</li> <li>• <b>State Council – Lisa Hooks</b> – No presentation this month. Lisa not in attendance.</li> <li>• <b>Housing – Mary Eble</b> – No presentation this month. Mary not in attendance. Mary sent a link with housing updates. <a href="https://www.housingca.org/our-positions-on-current-bills">https://www.housingca.org/our-positions-on-current-bills</a></li> <li>• <b>CDSA – Liz Sutton</b> – Legislative meet and greets continue with funding lobbying. Senate Subcommittee hearing will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> regarding DDS budget, audible call in available on the Cal Channel.</li> <li>• <b>ANCOR / CSLN – Linda Plourde</b> – Nothing this month.</li> <li>• <b>ARC</b> – Nothing this month.</li> <li>• <b>UCP – Mike L</b> – Other groups having the same struggles with legislative changes. Margaret at UCP National meeting and Mike will report next month.</li> <li>• <b>CSLN – Lauren</b> - CSLN conference next month.</li> <li>• <b>NBRC Board Report – Dr. Michi Gates</b> – NBRC Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.</li> <li>• <b>Bob Hamilton – ARCA</b> – Bob not in attendance this month, information will be covered in Dr. Gate’s report to follow.</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Michi Gates NBRC update:</b> ARCA update &amp; DDS report Hearing on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm will air on the Cal Channel. Disparity is the hot topic. Trends are showing no changes in disparity. Report due from regional centers to DDS summarizing status. Summary looks at the contributing factors to the POS system and the disparity issue.</li> <li>• <b>Self Determination Program</b> – DDS working on another group of responses. The plan should be submitted in April. There will be a DDS webinar in April with details.</li> <li>• <b>\$15M grant awarded.</b> Response included, “Largely disappointed by the applications received, did not reflect the depth and understanding of the change needed.” Want to see something deeper and more involved. DDS will announce awards soon.</li> <li>• <b>The crisis home regulations</b> are still being worked on. The safety net “challenging to serve” is the same title as health and safety. Although no wait lists, there are 15 people waiting to get in to a home today.</li> <li>• <b>ABX funds from surveys</b> - October 2017 surveys. DDS doing their best to make surveys easy to complete. They will assist with completion so they do not have to review distributed funds.</li> <li>• <b>1915 HCMS Medicaid Waiver documentation</b> is increasing and Service Coordinators are a little overwhelmed.</li> <li>• <b>Undocumented families</b> are not going to want anything to do with regional centers out of fear of deportation. There is already at least one child left behind in care home and there is no advocate available.</li> <li>• <b>ARCA</b> – This is budget season. ARCA has a new Executive Director. Restoration of suspended services i.e., camps, respite care, finding a way to help services stay in business rather than doors closing and vendorizing a new vendor. Draft proposal to make funds available to community providers once Developmental Centers close. Legislative Analyst is not supportive of this proposal. Budget is a status quo budget. ARCA asked to testify on a panel regarding disparity.</li> <li>• <b>Legislative issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Health care; federal dollars of medical; state to back fill dollars.</li> <li>✓ Current Fed administration may not renew IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). California would have to pick these funds up.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<b>6. Report</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action/Follow-Up</b>
<b>7. New Business</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report this month.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Report</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Action/Follow-Up</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January Crane – Gathering information on disparity. There was a one-time grant for regional centers to research disparity issues. Requested funding included three parts to be completed by May i.e., person centered thinking, training Service Coordinators, July sometime provide 40 staff members from vendors. This will target those who may be underserved.</li> <li>• Ali – Michael Walling M.Ed., is the owner of Benefits Training and Consulting. Ali is working on securing Michael Walling for a training regarding <i>Navigating Social Security Benefits</i>. The proposed date for training is May 15<sup>th</sup>, however this still requires confirmation.</li> <li>• Ali - New referrals into New Leaf for payees authorization has come to a halt. Individual appointments (30 min each) to change employees. The process is sound, but currently slows the process down. Working with Social Security and making appointments prioritizing health and safety and/or abuse cases to be reviewed first.</li> <li>• Karen Lustig, Aldea Supported Living Services Open House is today, March 14 at 12:00 in Napa</li> <li>• Christina Bautista with NBRC – Resources, community outreach development plan. Vendorization process responsibilities. Focusing on education and expanding services.</li> <li>• Joanne Giardello with NBRC – Family justice center, Sonoma and Solano opened their doors and Napa is in the works. Sexual Assault and Family Justice Center representatives may be here on May 10, 17 or 24<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for confirmation on the date.</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Adjournment</b>		
	Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM	

Minutes submitted by: Darellyn Pazdel.