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MEETING NOTICE

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

DATE: October 7, 2015

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

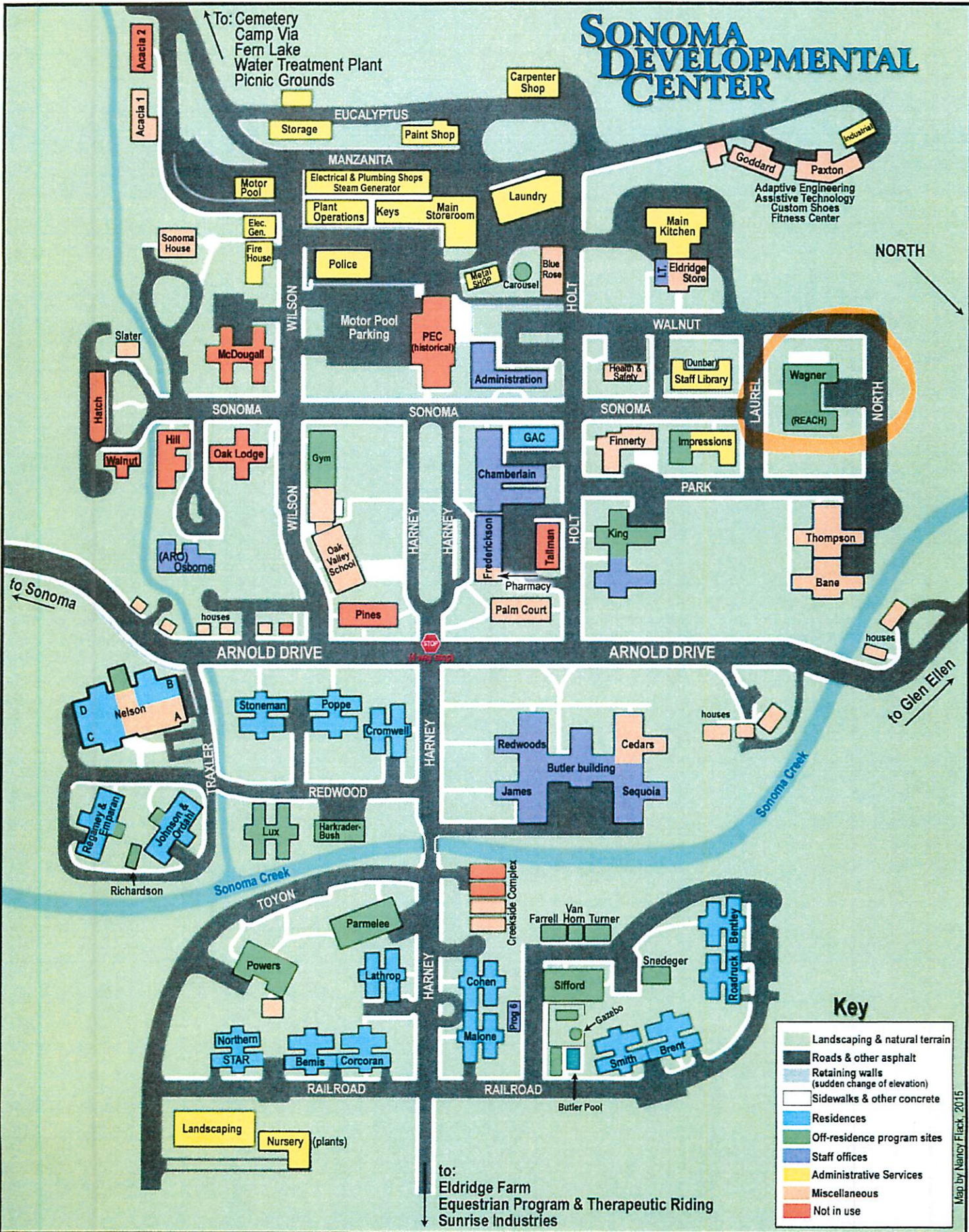
PLACE: Sonoma Developmental Center
Wagner Community Center – Dance Hall to Left
14000 Arnold Drive
Eldridge, CA 95431

Map & Agenda Enclosed

Board Related Meetings: The next meeting of the Vendor Advisory Committee will be October 13, 2015, at North Bay Regional Center Jameson Canyon office conference room (4A&B) from 10:00 to noon.

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

SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER



To: Cemetery
Camp Via
Fern Lake
Water Treatment Plant
Picnic Grounds

NORTH

to Sonoma

to Glen Ellen

to:
Eldridge Farm
Equestrian Program & Therapeutic Riding
Sunrise Industries

Map by Nancy Flack, 2015

**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Regular Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
Sonoma Developmental Center
Wagner Community Center – Dance Hall
14000 Arnold Drive, Eldridge, CA 95431**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER – President Harry Matthews
- II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Margi Stern, Secretary (2 minutes for call to order, roll call, and introductions)
- III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of September 2, 2015 be approved as submitted. (3 min)
ACTION
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer's Report for the period of August 1 - 31, 2015 be approved as submitted. (3 min) ACTION
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)
- VI. FEATURE PRESENTATION – not available
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. North Bay Regional Center Performance Plan Approval – Pamela ACTION
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Executive Committee - Board Officers – Harry Matthews, President; Walt Spicer, Vice President; Margi Stern, Secretary; Franklin Phillips, Treasurer (3 minutes) ACTION
 - B. Vendor Advisory Committee – Mike Huckins – (10 minutes) ACTION
 - C. Nominating Committee – Walt Spicer (Chair), Joanne Tsai (10 minutes) ACTION
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (30 minutes)
 - A. Bob Hamilton, Executive Director (10 minutes)
 - B. Michi Gates, Director Client Services' Report (10 minutes)
 - C. Dave Johnson - Chief Financial Officer (10 minutes)
- X. LIAISON REPORTS
 - A. Association of Regional Center Agencies – Bob Hamilton (10 min) INFO
 - B. State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Bay Regional Office – Bob Phillips (10 min) INFO
- XI. 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.
- XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER - any other Board business may be brought up at this time. (5 minutes)
- XIII. 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).

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - The next Board of Directors meeting is a Regular Business Meeting scheduled Wednesday, November 4, 2015, North Bay Regional Center, Napa Office, at 5:00 p.m.
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**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Regular Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
North Bay Regional Center
10 Executive Court, Napa, CA 94558**

MINUTES

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Huckins, VAC Rep.
Margi Stern, Secretary
Rita Edmonds-Norris
Barbara Power

Harry Matthews, President/ARCA Rep
Franklin Phillips, Treasurer
Joanne Tsai
Walt Spicer

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rhonda Foster (Excused)

Angel Giroux-Greber (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Michi Gates, Director, Client Services
Kathy Newman, Exec. Assistant
Deanna Heibel, Assoc. Dir., Client Services
January Crane, MW Dept. Manager
Rafael Hernandez-Perez, CMS
Pamela Madden Krall, Training & Information Manager

Bob Hamilton, Executive Director
Thomas Maseda, Director, Administration
Dave Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Larissa Brown, SC
Cristina Bautista, CMS
Christin Niederberger, SC

GUESTS PRESENT:

Pat Walters, Parent
Jose Ayala, Person Rec. Services
Gary McNamara, Director Special Olympics/Napa
Kelley Hanson, Pace/Solano
Lauren Meikeljohn, BI

Eric Vanderville, AIS
Ali Tabatabai, New Leaf
Mr. & Mrs. Ayala, Parents
John McCue, Alchemia
Andrea Mendoza, Redwood Empire Industries

CALL TO ORDER – Harry Matthews, President, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board and audience introduced themselves.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Spicer/Edmonds-Norris) Move that the minutes of July 1, 2015 regular business meeting be approved as submitted. Correction was made to reflect Rhonda Foster's attendance. **UNANIMOUS**

TREASURER'S REPORT

M/S/C (Huckins/Spicer) Move that the Treasurer's Report for the period of June 1 – July 31, 2015 be approved as submitted. **UNANIMOUS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pamela Madden Krall noted that parent orientation meetings have been scheduled for Sonoma County as follows: Tuesday, September 22, Tuesday, December 8, & Tuesday, March 22.
- Kelley Hansen noted a rally at the State Capitol Crest Theatre (1013 K Street) September 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is anticipated that approximately 1000 people will attend. There will be speakers including but not limited to Santi Rogers, Director, DDS and Legislators/staff. Clients, families, providers etc., will then walk to the capitol around noon stressing the importance of a 10% rate increase for everyone. Buses are being chartered from Southern California. There will be separate rallies in San Diego and Los Angeles.
- There will be a training on CMS Rules at Sonoma Vets Center September 28th. Support Took Kit for living independently.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Jose Ayala, Silver and Bronze star Olympian. Pamela Madden Krall, Performance Plan Public Input.

Pamela Madden Krall introduced Jose Ayala as a member of Special Olympics Team USA athletics and is from Napa, California. Jose competed in the Special Olympics World Games in August. Pamela showed a video of Jose receiving a silver medal for Track and Field (javelin), participating in carrying the Olympic Torch through Napa County, as well as throwing the first pitch at the Giants game.

When asked about competing on the world stage, Jose said, "I have never done anything like this before and my family is excited to see me compete!".

With unwarranted modesty, Napa's Jose Ayala shared his Special Olympics experience to an awestruck audience at NBRC's Board Meeting September 2. An athlete through and through who won a silver medal in javelin and a bronze medal in the 4-by-100-meter re-lay, Jose shrugged off any suggestion that his competitors posed challenges. But Jose was dwarfed by the pride in his mother's voice as she described the great abilities and interest her son has always had in sports, as evidenced by his collection of medals. It was an amazing night for NBRC's Board, and everyone touched by Jose's great achievements. NBRC is a proud supporter of Jose and all Special Olympics athletes. Jose also threw the first pitch at the Giants opening game and received a signed baseball by Sergio Romo.

Cristina Bautista, Jose's Service Coordinator, as well as Jose Ayala, made a short presentation. Jose noted that he participates in soccer, basketball, softball, track & field, hockey, etc. Jose noted that he received a silver medal in javelin, bronze for 4 by 100 relay. He also won ribbons for other sports. Following the games, Jose was then able to tour Hollywood. Jose and his mother shared what appeared to be hundreds of medals/ribbons Jose has received over the last five years. Mrs. Ayala (Jose's mother) noted that she is very proud of her son. Jose has overcome many obstacles to become an Olympic athlete. He has reached many of his goals. Jose has always wanted to participate in sports at a "big stadium".

Gary McNamara, Director of Special Olympics in Napa, provided a brief overview of Jose's accomplishments. Jose competes in 10 of the 11 sports. To prepare for the games and competitions Jose trains six days a week. Jose works at Lixit five days a week.

Michi Gates congratulated Jose for all his hard work and noted that the Olympic Games was a worldwide event. It is a huge accomplishment to qualify for the world games. ESPN also carried the Olympic Games.

Performance Plan - Pamela Madden Krall noted that each year regional centers submit their Performance Plan to DDS reflecting how they have performed on core measures over the previous years, and how they will improve performance in the coming year's plan. DDS looks at how many people are living in the community, meeting NBRC audits, evaluation reports etc. Has NBRC improved data from the previous year and strives to improve over the statewide data.

Performance Contract 2015/16 reflects targeted activities NBRC will engage in to improve outcomes related to local and public policy measures as a result of both internal review and external feedback sessions.

- Fewer clients reside in State Developmental Centers. As we know, legislation has been passed that SDC will close by 2018 so we should see acceleration in those numbers. Current NBRC has 90 people residing at SDC.
- More children continue to live with families, including own family, foster family, and/or guardian.
- Fewer children live in licensed care homes.
- More adults live in community and home settings, including living with family, parent or conservator, adult family home agency, independent living, or supported living arrangements.
- More adults reside in independent living arrangements. Below statewide average previous two years. Legislation was passed for clients to receive ILS in family homes

- More adults reside in Supported Living arrangements. Highest percentage of population in state for SLS.
- More adults reside in Family Home Agency living arrangements. FHA becoming a popular living option. Up to two adults can live with a family in their family home.
- Fewer adults live in licensed homes.
- Number and percent of adults with earned income and average wage. First time NBRC obtained Employment Development Department (EDD) data. This is the first year National Core Indicators (nationwide quality assurance mechanism to evaluate the quality of services) looks at quality of services for people with developmental disabilities.
- Adults in Supported or competitive employment exceed statewide average.
- Number and percentage of adults who engage in paid work by weekly hours.
- Number and percentage of adults earning wages (in relation to Minimum Wage).
- Percentage of adults reporting integrated employment as a goal in IPP.
- How many hours are people working and engaging in paid work weekly hours. Aligned with the statewide average
- Adults without a job in the community who want one. Data being captured through NCI.
- Intake assessment completed in a timely manner. For the second year in a row, NBRC has maintained 100% of intake timeline. Tracked the data to show NBRC is exceeding the 142 day timeline with an average of 97 days. Bob applauded Deanna Kirkpatrick and her team for restructuring Intake. Rhonda Foster challenged Intake to find a way to lessen the timelines.
- Client Development Evaluation Reports. Improved over the last two years. Below the statewide average.
- Substantial compliance with all audits etc.
- Disparity reporting looking closer at POS spending to ensure that expenditures are tracked in greater detail.
- Federal Waiver and are in compliance with vendor audit requirements.
- IFSP to meet Title 17 requirements.
- Local policy outcomes and strategic objectives. This year for the first time NBRC has a greater baseline data.
- Individuals achieve self-reliance and independence. NBRC will continue to promote independence.
- 51% of our adults are choosing their own homes, 12% are receiving benefits at their jobs, and 81% receive adequate transportation that prove they are living more independent lives.
- Promote Work First options in the IPP. 85% of adults chose their own jobs, 20% of adults work over 10 hours per week. 37% work for above minimum wage.
- Principle decisions made. 26% of adults participate in self advocacy.
- 63% of adults are choosing their own staff, 41% of adults choose their roommates, 77% of adults participate in community activities, 58% of families report that their son or daughter are involved in important decision making.
- Family Support Services result in healthy family environments. 57% families report that they receive the services documented in their IPP.
- 95% report that they have a good quality of life, 97% families report that family supports have made a difference, 83% report that family supports improve their ability to care for their child, 89% report that they have made a positive difference.
- Access to community resources. Improve dental services and family health.

Community Input to improve the data and quality of services:

- Harry noted that he was randomly interviewed by the National Core Indicators (NCI). Interviewers were responsible for questioning 400 NBRC clients which is combined with random sampling from all 21 Regional Centers. Baseline of where data comes from.
- Rita Edmonds Norris noted she was also interviewed.

- NBRC SLS is 15% of catchment area population whereas other 20 Regional Centers are at 5% of catchment area population. Bob Hamilton noted that in the Spring of 2009 prior to knowing that a rate freeze was forthcoming, NBRC designed a five-tier program for SLS that provided more flexibility with five minimum rates versus just one. It allowed expansion of the SLS program from 400 to 800 participants. The main credit goes to NBRC's excellent SLS providers who find places for NBRC SLS clients to live, working with roommates through North Bay Housing Coalition, appropriate rentals, Section 8 Vouchers, low income housing, etc. Our board fund and Friends of NBRC provide a stipend or gift to clients to become situated in their home. This is the least restrictive alternative to community living. Even though there are challenges on both ends, it is a priority for NBRC. NBRC is currently partnering with low cost housing developers for two dozen additional homes/units for SLS.
- John McCue noted that with the cost of housing in NBRC's catchment area, it is astounding that NBRC has been able to maintain Independent Living Services and Supported Living Services. Historically NBRC has been an "early adopter" of ILS and SLS services. One of the first SLS agencies was in NBRC's catchment area. Bob noted that John McCue served on NBRC's Board of Directors as the VAC Rep., assisted NBRC develop its initial strategic plan, and served as the Executive Director of Becoming Independent for 26 plus years. Discussion followed.
- Better access to community resources.
- Improve dental services including sedated dentistry and preventative dentistry.
- Improve California DentiCal program.
- Adequate transportation available.
- Work or volunteer in the community.
- Compare NCI data with general population. Housing issues/DD; compare statewide with general population. Clients are at risk for homelessness at any given moment.
- Other states have identified that people with developmental disabilities were not receiving adequate health care, i.e., Arizona has greater health care access.
- Practitioners accept MediCal and DentiCal rates.
- Adequate mental health care.
- Durable medical equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee – Harry Matthews – No meeting. Harry noted that the lease on both Napa NBRC offices lease expires June 30, 2016. An Ad Hoc committee has been developed to review pros and cons to renewing the current leases or finding a more affordable place as well as see what is available in the community.

B. Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) – Mike Huckins

The VAC met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Please refer to the minutes for the complete report.

Pamela Madden-Krall announced a number of vendor trainings coming up and stated that there will be a news link specifically for the Service Provider section of the NBRC website. Lanterman Coalition. Commended the VAC and Dr. Michi Gates. Dividing up aspects of the survey. Recommendations to present to Michi.

- Group reports were given.
 - ✓ The Sonoma Vendor Group and discussed the budget and the challenges with recruiting and retaining staff.
 - ✓ NBHC: Mary Eble emailed the list of housing bills the CA legislature is considering and will send along alerts as advocacy is needed. NBHC has an offer in on a property to help out our consumers who have been homeless.
 - ✓ Public Relations and Outreach: The Vendor Fair will be in the fall.
 - ✓ Trade Associations: Mike shared two handouts of the SBX2-1 Special Session Bill by Senator Jim Beall as well as the most recent Action Alerts from the Lanterman Coalition. The Legislature goes on recess next week so this would be an excellent time to visit them in their district.

- ✓ Board Report: The Board meeting was held in Santa Rosa to a low turnout. The dire need for dental sedation was discussed with Rita Edmond Norris providing a horrific example of what her son went through when he experienced a dental emergency. Karen Farnsworth stated that DHHS is proposing an initial dental visit annually before dental sedation can occur. She and Alyssa are advocating that this not occur.
- ✓ ARCA: Bob stated that the next ARCA meeting will be on August 20th and 21st at Harbor Regional Center.
- ✓ Dr. Michi Gates: POSs for Community Care Facilities will remain until cancelled and Day and Work programs will remain until cancelled for at least another year. SLS POSs will be done on a triannual basis now. NBRC Staff will create a 2015/16 and 2016/17 plan for closure at SDC by Friday, July 17th. Michi and Bob will continue to meet with SDC Staff and Parents related to the closure and will only support placements where community resources exist. A new Forensic Home in Vacaville is up and running. A new Nurse was hired and New Adult Service Coordination Unit has been created and will be supervised by Rafael. Self-Determination Advisory Committee could use more Sonoma County Consumer/Family representation.
- ✓ CASACC Vendor Chair Conference Call: Mike was unable to attend this call.
- New Business: The August VAC meeting was cancelled.
- Other Announcements:
 - ✓ Saanen announced the Napa locations for the Special Olympics Torch Event.
 - ✓ Patrick S. the new local Quality Assurance Representative for NBRC was introduced.
- Mike thanked Isabel and NBRC for extending the e-billing deadline to July 6th.
- Next VAC Meeting: The next VAC Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

VAC has been without a full membership for quite some time. VAC membership is organized by counties and types of services i.e., Skills Development, Support Services at Large, Living Arrangements, and Support Services. The NBRC Board of Directors interviewed four VAC applicants which include the following: Holly Pagal Connections for Life; Ali Tabatabai New Leaf, Andrea Mendoza, REI, and Kelley Hansen, PACE.

M/S/C (Edmonds-Norris/Franklin) Seating of Holly Pagal Connections for Life; Ali Tabatabai New Leaf, Andrea Mendoza, REI, and Kelly Hansen, PACE. UNANIMOUS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bob Hamilton, Executive Director, Report:

- Heavy focus on the closure of Sonoma Developmental Center, i.e., local community activity including core group of families, local politicians, and many conservancy groups. Senator Mike McGuire, Chair of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee hosted a town meeting in Sonoma which was well attended, i.e., Assemblymember Bill Dodd, Senator Lois Wolk, Sonoma County Supervisor Susan Gorin, Secretary Health & Human Services Diane Dooley, and Congressman Mike Thompson. From the Department, Director Santi Rogers and Chief Deputy John Doyle. There were approximately 200 people in attendance. All legislators were very supportive. Assure that every person needs are met. The biggest issue is the short schedule for closure. There was discussion regarding how long it took for other Centers to close i.e., four year process for Lanterman Developmental Center, a five years for Agnews Developmental Center. Bob noted NBRC's team was in attendance, i.e., Michi Gates, Courtney Singleton etc. NBRC attempted to coordinate a tour of "962 homes" which was aborted due attendance. Legislators who committed to attend sent staff representatives at the last minute. The original eight who committed to attend diminished to two. NBRC will develop a virtual video tour of every home supported for the SDC closure transition. Senator Dooley made an agreement with the Feds who funds the Developmental Center's Medicaid Plan. Dedicated folks who are willing to "do it".
- Bob thanked Harry for organizing Silverado Country Club as the Board Retreat location. The guest speaker was Bob Baldo.

Michi Gates, Director, Client Services, Report:

- Federal Revenue Department Report - Reporting last fiscal year. January and her dedicated team not only met annual goal required by DDS but exceeded it. It has become harder and harder to find people who meet the criteria for Medicaid Waiver. The Team consistently adds people to the Waiver through the year. Exceeding this goal preserves POS funding through the Federal Government.
- NBRC Intake Department – Michi commended Deanna Kirkpatrick and her dedicated team of clinicians, assessment counselors, support staff who have pulled together to meet the goals and specifically address the needs of our community so that individuals can find out as soon as possible whether or not they are eligible for services. The Regional Center has 120 days to complete the Intake process, but with the assistance of Deanna Kirkpatrick and her team, last year NBRC's average was 105 days and the average this year is 97 days. The majority of eligibility is Intellectual Disabilities and Autism. Michi applauded the Intake Teams success in lowering the average intake time.
- National Core Indicator (NCI) Symposium – This was the first year DDS hosted a statewide symposium regarding the NCI data. The purpose of the symposium was to gather all Regional Centers together to The Department requested all Regional Centers to gather together to discuss what the data means, what the significance is, and what to do with it. DDS very supportive and noted they are available to assist. They also noted that the data is packaged differently and if it doesn't meet the needs of individual Regional Centers to please let them know. NCI's largest data base is developmental and intellectual disabilities. DDS's priorities for the NCI are employment and preventative health. DDS wants to use this data for the CMS Settings Rules. They will also use the data for the transition to the settings rules and also to monitor compliance of the rules.
- There will be a "Mover Study" for people leaving SDC. Families with family members/loved ones residing at SDC will be contacted.
- SDC Closure – NBRC is meeting monthly with a parent group at SDC. In September, NBRC will begin monthly calls with the Department of Developmental Services to monitor what progress is being made with the Community Placement Plan (CPP). NBRC meets weekly to discuss what has been done and what needs to be done.
- Disability Rights and NBRC has commenced monthly meetings to collaborate regarding SDC closure, community issues, and ensure client's rights are being met.
- Self Determination – DDS is giving the community until September 7th to submit comments/input regarding Self-Determination. They will then review the comments and make changes to the Waiver where appropriate and resubmitting the Waiver Plan. There is an Outreach video posted on DDS website explains and interviews people who are a part of the program. Advisory committee issues arising out of CMS settings rules.

Dave Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Report:

- Sixty six percent of NBRC funding comes from the Federal Government.
- Lease and Rent AdHoc Committee. The two Napa NBRC buildings rent has been increased effective July 1, 2016. NBRC was paying approximately \$108,000/month which is approximately \$1,250,000 per year. We are attempting to negotiate lower rent. The normal annual rent increase is 3%.
- Last year NBRC's total POS budget increased by \$4.2M dollars which is a 3% increase from the prior year. \$1.7M came from Supported Living Services, day programs increased by \$100K, Behavioral Services increased by \$1.6M, and community care facilities increased by \$900K.
- Last four years NBRC's POS budget for day programs have increased 3%, SLS has increased by 48%, CCF has declined by 2%, Behavioral Services has increased by 39%. Overall, NBRC's POS budget has grown 16% in four years. Annual POS budget for the entire Regional Center system is \$4B. Discussion followed.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) – Bob Hamilton (10 minutes):

- ARCA Board meeting was held August 21. Harry was unable to attend and Bob attended via conference call.

- ABLE Act and how it will work in California. More to come.
- Self Determination Waiver and CMS Rules. More to come.
- Nothing has come out of the Special Session as of yet.
- Presentation by Mike Monk, Attorney at Law, on Duties & Responsibilities of Board Members of Regional Centers. Bob distributed a handout that Mike used in his presentation.

B. State Council on Developmental Disabilities/North Bay Regional Office – Bob Phillips - (10 minutes):
No report

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Ali Tababatai, Executive Director, New Leaf, thanked the Board for allowing him to serve on the Vendor Advisory Committee. Mr. Tababatai noted that it is a privilege to serve the North Bay Regional Center community. He provided a brief update on New Leaf, the Representative Payee Company, contracted with NBRC to transition client services payeeships from the Regional Center to New Leaf. There are approximately 900 clients who have the Regional Center coordinated payeeships.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Bob wishes everyone a very HAPPY LABOR DAY! He thanked Jose Ayala and his family for attending and sharing his experience as a Special World Olympian.

ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C (Phillips/Spicer) Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. UNANIMOUS

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – The next regular business meeting of the Board is for scheduled for October 7, 2015 at Sonoma Developmental Center, at 5:00 p.m.

**North Bay Regional Center
Franklin Philips NBRC Treasurers' Report
For the Month of August 2015**

In August 2015 NBRC's board money market account increased by \$264 to end the month with a balance of \$50,811. The increase was due to donations.

The board checking account ended the month with a balance of \$3,129, a decrease of \$77 from June.

The net balance in both NBRC board accounts was \$53,940, an increase of \$295 since the January 1, 2015 balance of \$53,645.

**North Bay Regional Center
Finance Dashboard FY 2014/15**

17% of the year elapsed

As of August 31, 2015

	<u>Allocation/B-1</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>% Total</u>		<u>Forecasted</u>		<u>Forecasted</u>
			<u>POS</u>	<u>Var/ Alloc</u>	<u>Spending</u>	<u>YTD Act + Fcst</u>	<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>
Purchase of Services (POS)							<u>From Allocation</u>
Day Programs	\$ 6,083,333	\$ 5,956,978	25%	\$ 126,355	\$ 30,550,000	\$ 36,506,978	\$ (6,978)
Supported Living Services	6,000,000	5,915,560	24%	84,440	30,075,000	35,990,560	\$ 9,440
Community Care Facilities	5,041,667	5,022,777	21%	18,890	25,225,000	30,247,777	\$ 2,223
Behavioral Services	3,166,667	3,113,706	13%	52,961	15,900,000	19,013,706	\$ (13,706)
Other	5,982,994	4,204,034	17%	1,778,960	28,250,000	32,454,034	3,443,929
Total POS services	\$ 26,274,661	\$ 24,213,055	100%	2,061,606	\$ 130,000,000	\$ 154,213,055	\$ 3,434,908
Receipts from ICFs for SPA services	(833,333)	(843,761)	-3%	10,428	(4,150,000)	(4,993,761)	(6,239)
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	183,476	49,582	0%	133,894	13,500,000	13,549,582	(9,841)
Total POS & CPP Services	\$ 25,624,803	\$ 24,262,637	100%	\$ 1,362,166	\$ 139,350,000	\$ 162,768,876	\$ 3,418,828
Operations Expense (OPS)							
Personnel	\$ 1,654,167	\$ 1,734,929	57%	(80,762)	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 9,934,929	\$ (9,929)
Benefits	616,667	650,376	21%	(33,709)	3,050,000	3,700,376	(376)
Facilities/Insurance	283,333	365,286	12%	(81,953)	1,335,000	1,700,286	(286)
Equipment / General office	120,833	120,176	4%	657	600,000	720,176	4,824
Communications	26,667	17,396	1%	9,271	140,000	157,396	2,604
Mileage	36,667	36,437	1%	230	185,000	221,437	(1,437)
Legal	33,333	23,902	1%	9,431	175,000	198,902	1,098
Consultants	54,167	93,942	3%	(39,775)	230,000	323,942	1,058
Other Expenses	12,136	(9,322)	0%	21,458	80,000	70,678	2,138
Total Operations Expense	\$ 2,837,969	\$ 3,033,122	100%	(195,153)	\$ 13,995,000	\$ 17,028,122	\$ (306)
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	149,889	135,000		14,889	764,335	899,335	-
Total OPS & CPP Expenses	\$ 2,987,859	\$ 3,168,122		(180,264)	\$ 14,759,335	\$ 17,927,457	\$ (306)
Total	\$ 28,612,662	\$ 27,430,759		\$ 1,181,903	\$ 154,109,335	\$ 180,696,333	\$ 3,418,522
DDS Contract Allocations 2015/16	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>POS</u>		<u>Operations</u>	<u>CPP</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Preliminary Allocation	6/9/2015	\$ 124,226,256		\$ 14,006,806		\$ 138,233,062	75%
1st Amendment B-1	8/19/2015	28,421,707		3,485,381	815,557	32,722,645	18%
1st Amendment B-1 CPP		13,539,741		-	285,300	13,825,041	7%
Total Allocation		\$ 166,187,704		\$ 17,492,187	\$ 1,100,857	\$ 184,780,748	100%

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**FAIR HEARING & MEDIATION UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2015**

Eligibility (14-31)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility for Regional Center services <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting denied Claimant's appeal. Fair Hearing pending OAH decision.
Eligibility (15-23)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility for Regional Center services <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting and Fair Hearing denied.
Parent Vendor/ Respite (15-27)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of Parent Vendor Respite <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting decision and Fair Hearing decision pending.
Transportation (15-30)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of transportation vendor <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing pending
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Eligibility (15-31)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility for Regional Center services <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting decision denied and Fair Hearing pending OAH decision.
Day Care (15-32)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of Day Care services. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting decision denied and Fair Hearing decision pending OAH decision.
Respite (15-33)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of respite. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing pending.
ABA Co-Pay (15-34)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of ABA co-pay. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting and Fair Hearing pending.

CONSUMER ADVOCATE REPORT

September 28, 2015

The self-advocacy/support groups have been put on hold until we get more educational materials on self-advocacy. They should start up again in October.

The Napa County IHSS Advisory Committee is looking for new members. If you know of anyone interested please contact me.

Voter registration continues to improve in both our offices and people are really wanting to register to vote as the national election gets closer.

Michi Gates, Bob Phillips, Cindy Ruder, Annie Bauer, and I are working on the Self-Determination Project and we have selected seven people to be on the Advisory Committee. The Self-Determination Project is for clients who want to handle their own budget with Financial Guidance through NBRC. It is limited to 2,500 clients currently.

I continue to assist service coordinators with their cases and I'm still the DDS Conservator designee. Being the designee had doubled my time with conservatees due to the amount of emergencies and cases.

Thank you,

Submitted by Randy Kitch

Federal Revenue Department Board Report for Quarter 1 July-Aug-Sept 2015

- **Status:** NBRC has 3,665 individuals enrolled in the Medicaid Waiver program as of September 30, 2015 NBRC has met and exceeded its total goal for the fiscal year 2014-2015. New goals for the Regional Centers have not been communicated to RCs. NBRC continues to add more to the Medicaid Waiver each month. This represents all NBRC clients eligible under the Lanterman Act.

California's Department of Developmental Services (DDS) completed a Medicaid Waiver audit May 11th - 22nd at NBRC. Preliminary findings from the DDS Medicaid Waiver audit were minimal and considered positive. NBRC will be presented the official audit findings from DDS later this year.

- **Goals:** A total 3,645 individuals were enrolled in the Medicaid Waiver program at the end of 14/15 fiscal year. Targets are established by DDS along with the requirement to add clients to the waiver monthly. Targets for 15/16 fiscal year have not been released; the Fed Rev team continues to add clients monthly per DDS requirements.
- **Training:** NBRC Federal Revenue Department staff provided the following trainings in Q3, 2015:
 - Overview of Federal Revenue programs to include Money Follows the Person, Nursing Home Reform, HCBS/Medicaid Waiver program, and Institutional Deeming
 - Individual training to newly hired Service Coordinators
- **DDS update:** The 1915(i) SPA (State Plan Amendment) that DDS submitted continues being reviewed for approval by Centers for Medicaid Services (CMS). Once approval is completed, Regional Centers will begin implementing and managing the program. The 1915(i) SPA will allow California to receive federal funding for POS services for individuals who may not qualify for Medicaid Waiver, but will not provide funds for operational expenditures.
DDS and Sandis are in the final stages of technical development so that Regional Centers can begin enrolling and monitoring identified clients.
- **Agency Support:** The Federal Revenue Department will continue to provide trainings and support to service coordinators and supervisors in order to assist with coming into compliance with Federal regulations. The Federal Revenue Department will do so by:
 - Providing support with ongoing MW enrollment and duties.
 - Help transition into the 1915(i) SPA.
 - Track the Client Development Evaluation Report (CDER).
 - Record and analyze forensic data integrity.
 - Provide ongoing support to staff during all audits.

NBRC Community Resource Development and Services

Transportation

During the month of August 2015 26 Transportation Request Forms (TRFs) were received. 36 Transportation Access Plans (TAPs) were completed with 22 individuals receiving routed transportation, 4 individuals will be transported by their residential services provider and/or Supported Living Service Agency, 3 individuals will utilize public transportation and 3 will access paratransit. 3 individuals received travel training services this month and 1 new referral for travel training was approved.

New Vendors

- Oaks of Hebron Tailored Day Services
- Lynn Steiner Registered Nurse
- Lisa Springer Registered Nurse
- Turning Point Inc.
- Napa Valley PSI Community Integration Training for the Braided Services Pilot

Interested individuals or agencies who would like to become vendored with NBRC to provide services in Napa, Solano or Sonoma Counties, please visit the NBRC website:

<http://nbrc.net/service-providers/vendorization/vendor-application/>

NBRC Vendor Training

- Customized on site SIR training for 3 NBRC vendors
- General SIR training for all vendors
- Vendor training: Bed Bugs and Environmental Health Sept 15
- The RAM/SIR Department will continue to provide trainings and support to service coordinators, supervisors and vendors in order to assist with coming into compliance with Title 17 regulations. Call January Crane for more information @ 707-256-1256.

Quality Assurance

Working to improve knowledge about behavioral supports of Service Coordinators and Vendors, to improve the quality of services for clients. August training with Animate Consulting and CBEM to discuss service models. Training with Emily Branscum, BCBA from CVRC, to learn about the great progress they have made in providing behavioral supports to individuals and families.

New Provider Orientation

November 18, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. @ 10 Executive Court, Napa CA (NBRC Napa Office).
Registration- Contact Erika Dominguez @ 707-256-1287

[Community Placement Plan Request for Proposals coming to NBRC website September 30th. 34 Projects: nbrc.net](http://nbrc.net)

Vendor Advisory Committee Report to the NBDDS Board of Directors September 8, 2015 Submitted by Mike Huckins

The VAC met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Please refer to the minutes for the complete report. Linda introduced our four new VAC Members: Holly from Connections for Life, Andrea from REI, Ali from New Leaf, and Kelley from PACE Solano. We now have a full complement of VAC members.

Mary Eble announced that they have renewed their search for purchasing housing for Vallejo residents who have been homeless. She will be sending out a test survey about what a great life looks like soon for feedback.

Community Concerns/Clarifications:

- The Vendor Fair will be held Oct. 22nd at the Sonoma Vets from 1pm to 2pm. Vendors should get there around noon to set up. Vendors should delineate their services by County(ies) served, Adult or Children Services, and Specific type of services.
- The Ari Neeman presentation will be on 9/28. From 10 to noon he will discuss the new CMS rules. From 2 to 4 he will demonstrate his 'My Supports' software. Mr. Neeman is also doing a Self Advocacy presentation on 9/29. VAC will determine how to assist in paying a part of his travel and other expenses.
- Maura introduced Seneca St. James and Hope Beale as new QA Staff. She will meet with TDS interested vendors after the VAC meeting about using TDS for work discovery. California's CMS plan still requires approval.

Group reports were given.

- The **Napa Solano Vendor Group** met and discussed R&D's organizational chart, uniform holidays, admission process timeframe, service coordinator changes, non-referral list, minimum wage changes, sick leave law, survey findings, and SIR review process.
- The **Sonoma Vendor Group** did not meet but will meet on 9/22 and NBI on 649 Martin Ave. Rohnert Park.
- **SCDD North Bay:** Bob reported on TransCen's progress on their customized employment grant with REI and PSI. An "Imagine Possibilities" workshop is planned on 9/30 at the Solano County office of Education and in Sonoma County on 9/24.
- **Public Relations and Outreach:** Vendor Fair covered above.
- **Trade Associations:** Mike stated that respite organizations may have to create a new policy to avoid paying for travel time between two respite bookings as there is no funding slated for this. Michelle Ramirez stated that CDSA is hoping to recruit more respite and transportation vendors. The Bonilla cocktail tax proposal was discussed. The Annual Meeting is 9/29 through 10/1. Linda reported out on the successful turnout of 1,500 people at the crest/capital rally on 9/3 but with little media resulting. Elizabeth thanked Linda for her huge part in putting this rally together.
- **Board Report:** Mike congratulated Jose Ayala for his participation in and winning two medals at the World Special Olympics. Mike handed out the NBRC Board retreat packet which included notes from Bob Baldo as well as economic footprint by County. He also handed out the Annual Performance Goal report from the Board meeting.
- **NBRC/ARCA:** No report.
- **Dr. Michi Gates:** Michi noted that the National Core Indicators show that we need to improve on identifying employment goals in IPPs more frequently. She sent along Bob's congratulations to the new VAC members. She would like to work with the vendor community in improving the number of direct service professionals we have who speak Spanish or Tagalog. Due to the SDC closure plan, there will be a huge increase in the number of CPP and non-CPP Requests for Proposals going out this year. She updated VAC on what is happening with the Self-Determination efforts locally as well as the challenge of it being in compliance with the new CMS settings rules.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Elizabeth stated that regional meetings need to occur.
- **CASACC Vendor Chair Conference Call:** No report.

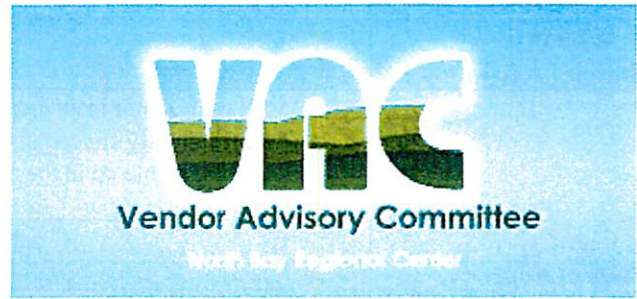
Policy and Procedure Changes: No updates at present

New Business: There will be a vendor relations committee meeting following the meeting.

Announcements: Please refer to the VAC minutes

Next VAC Meeting: The next VAC Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

VAC Meeting Minutes



Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 North Bay Regional Center, Napa
 Tuesday, September 8, 2015

1. Attendance	
a. Call to order	VAC Meeting held September 8, 2015 was called to order at 10:10 AM (PST). Chaired by Linda Plourde
b. Roll call. Quorum met? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Approval of Meeting Minutes: July meeting minutes: MSC Mike Huckins' Saanen Agenda Approval: Announcement added <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No With changes listed below.	<p><u>VAC Membership</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saanen Kerson (Vine Village) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darelyn Pazdel (PRIDE Industries) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Clary (UCP of the North Bay) <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Farnsworth (CPA) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Huckins (The ARC Solano) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Meikeljohn (Becoming Independent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Lustig (Aldea Supported Living Services) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Plourde (Bayberry, Inc.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Page (Connections for Life) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelley Hanson (PACE Solano) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ali Tabatabai (New Leaf) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Mendoza (REI CHDC)
	<p><u>NBRC Staff</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michi Gates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hope Beale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January Crane <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanne Giardello <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isabel Calder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maura McDonough <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Singleton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seneca St. James
	<p><u>General Members</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adria Carson (On My Own) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Kahiga (Napa Valley Support Services) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Phillips (Area Board 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Kelly (Attendant Care) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Mendez (Bay Respite Care) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Sutton (North Bay Industries) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emer Maraid (Wellness SLS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah Frey (Maxim Health Care Services) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joetta Griffin (GFCH/Impact) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Eble (Northbay Housing) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Loucks (Wheelcare Express) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Ramirez (On My Own) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Schloessman (R&D Transportation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Ramirez (New Beginnings) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandi Trotter (R & D Transportation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stan Higgins (Oaks of Hebron) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Rowland (Milestones)

2. Agenda changes/Additions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Hamilton not in attendance, remove from agenda • Add Community concerns, QA • Move Mary Eble up in the agenda 	
3. Feature Presentation	Summary	Action/Follow-Up
	Nothing this month.	
4. Community Concerns	Summary	Action/Follow-Up
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor Fair - Elizabeth and Terri – The Vendor Fair is scheduled to be held at the Sonoma Veterans Hall on October 22nd from 1:00 to 2:00 PM following the NBRC All-Staff meeting. The group will determine how many tables are needed at \$15.00 each; faire will be held in the large inside room. Kelley Hanson will send out information and collect RSVPs from vendors. Michi suggested that the committee organize the Vendor Fair in a way that attracts NBRC Service Providers. • Ari Ne’eman Presentation – Mr. Ne’eman is presenting on September 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. He is a nationally recognized expert in his field and has presented many times. This presentation will take place at the Sonoma Veteran’s Building. He will discuss CMS rules during the morning session and “My Support Network” during the afternoon session. To attend, please sign up with Pamela Madden Krall. Once we the number of interested participants, the committee will engage in an on line vote to fund it in coordination with the regional center. • Maura announced Seneca St. James and Hope Beale as new Quality Assurance representatives for NBRC. Maura is developing a QA tool that has been tested with New Horizons. She is also working with Denise Curtwright regarding the language for the proposed Tailored Day programs and Employment First. 	
5. Group Reports		Action/Follow-Up
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Napa Solano provider group – Saanen reported – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The group discussed the R&D structure; the agreed upon holiday schedule; time from referral to floor for programs; changes in Service Coordinators (affecting consumers when they do not know how to navigate NBRC communication); non referral list and how to be removed from the list and once removed, how this is communicated within the regional center; changes in minimum wage and the length of time it may take NBRC to calculate back pay; sick leave topic; looking forward to survey findings with VAC survey. ✓ SIR review process and more feedback from NBRC, and the development of a work group in the regional center that includes vendors regarding SIRs. ✓ R&D - Sandy Trotter introduced Patrick Schloessman, R&D QA, and let the group know that he has been “on duty” since the end of June. Sandy is the Manager and works in NBRC’s catchment area 2 to 3 days per week. R&D currently has an open position for a Travel Trainer. R&D is currently working 	

on Vendor Audits and Driver Training. They are now working on fiscal schedule for the year.

- ✓ The group will discuss the SIR process within a smaller meeting with Michi. The feedback appears to be delayed when reviews take place by NBRC. SIR Training is scheduled for September 17th at NBRC (check website for details.)
- **Sonoma Provider group** – Elizabeth Sutton – did not meet in August. no notes from July meeting. Next Meeting is September 22nd.
- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities:** Bob Phillips noted:
 - ✓ The Ari Ne’eman training is good and encouraged everyone to participate. Training is specific to service providers, transitional aged students, families, and will address work and the new models. Please check the State Council’s website for training dates in September.
 - ✓ Self-determination open period for comments on waiver application is closed as of September 7th. Hopefully the waiver will be sent back to CMS and the 90 day clock will restart. Bob is hoping that the self-determination will unfold early in the year. The self-determination advisory committee is in place.
 - ✓ SDC update: Draft plan due Sept. 11th, followed by a response period. Legislative hearings will be held during the new year. There is much in play regarding the closure.
- **North Bay Housing Coalition** - Mary Eble reported -
 - ✓ The Coalition has pulled out of the Vallejo Housing Collaborative due to safety concerns in the area.
 - ✓ Decision Tree - Karen Farnsworth is working with Mary: They have found software to guide people through the housing location process. Asking NBRC to test the software and the decision tree process. Will branch out into other services as well as they become familiar with the website.
- **Public Relations Committee** - Nothing to report this month.
- **Trade Associations:**
 - ✓ **Rally Update/Lanterman Coalition** – Linda Plourde reported – Jacquie Dillard-Foss’s was instrumental in setting up the rally event. Tony Coelho, author of Americans with Disabilities Act, participated as well. The Crest Theater was filled to capacity with over 1,000 people in attendance; standing room only. Over 1,500 traveled to Sacramento that day specifically for the rally. Other bills in place include a sugary drink tax. “A fight to finish.” Not very much media attention that day. “Thank you Wheel Chair Express for transporting folks to the rally.” Elizabeth Clarey thanked Linda for her “take charge” with this effort.
 - ✓ **CSLN** - No report this month.
 - ✓ **Respite Association:** Mike Huckins reported – efforts toward 10 Campaign and the removal of the overtime position continue. Linda gave a summary of the Fair Labor Standards Act as it changes to encompass overtime.
 - ✓ **CDSA** - Michelle Ramirez reported - rally went well, however, the Governor is not willing to fund ABX2.18. The Cocktail Tax is being heard today. September 7th. This bill would impose 5% tax per served cocktail. Comments will be heard until midnight Friday. Trying to get Governor to look at the system (rate structure, CMS.) CDSA looking at boosting membership and rebranding to include

	<p>transportation, respite etc. CDSA annual meeting is scheduled for September 29 to October 1st in Del Mar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Report – Mike Huckins reported – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Board retreat. Handout was distributed to the group. ✓ SDC closure was discussed and there is county by county information available now as well as the economic impact. ✓ During the September board meeting, Jose Ayala presented his experience as part of the US Team of the World Olympics in LA this summer. ✓ Performance goals for the regional center were discussed and compared to national goals. Mike handed packet of information regarding the measured goals. • NBRC Report – Bob Hamilton not able to attend, no report this month. • Dr. Michi Gates – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Working on meeting IPP goals to include standard employment first and identifying what the goal is for employment? ✓ Bob sent a special congratulations to the new members of the VAC committee, Holly, Ali, Andrea, and Kelley. ✓ The regional center is concerned about having a disparity with access to bilingual staff. They are looking at vendor’s ability to acquire bilingual staff, Spanish in particular. ✓ Request for Proposals will be coming soon for CPP (Community Placement Plan). With the DC closure there will be a need for increased services. Day programs as well as residential services. ✓ The Self-Determination Advisory Committee meetings need to be public, which means they need to be advertised 10 days in advance. Look to the NBRC and /or State Council website for updates. • Disaster Preparedness - Nothing to present this month. • CASACC: No update this month. 	
6. Report	Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Policies Procedures Practices or Trends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report this month. 	
7. New Business		
	Vendor Relations Committee meeting following this meeting.	
8. Report	Summary	Action/Follow-Up
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Pagel – Supported Life Annual conference, October 8-9, 2015. • Maura – Training on bed bugs, emphasis on prevention. CMS, if you have any question for Ari Ne’eman prior to the training send them to her and/or also as a follow-up to the training. Please register on the Vendor Portal, first page sign in. • January Crane – NBRC SIR training - NBRC website to rsvp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two trainings in Napa on fall prevention, Queen of the Valley and Napa Valley Hospice - see NBRC website for details. • Ali Tabatabai - New Leaf - Ali, thanked the group for participation and gave kudos to the vendors in the group. 	
9. Adjournment		
	Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM	

Minutes submitted by: Darelyn Pazdel



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How to Prepare for a Wildfire

How To Prepare For A Wildfire

This hazard-specific guide provides information on the basics of each hazard, how to protect yourself and your property, and what steps to take now.

Wildfire

Be Smart. Know your hazard.

Wildfires can occur anywhere and can destroy homes, businesses, infrastructure, natural resources, and agriculture. For more information, download the How to Prepare for a Wildfire guide, which provides the basics of wildfires, explains how to protect yourself and your property, and details the steps to take now so that you can act quickly when you, your home, or your business is in danger.

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The Fight Goes On

From Greg deGiere, Public Policy Director, The Arc & United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration

“So what happened in the Capitol last week in the fight to save our developmental services?”

The bad news is that the Legislature didn't take any action before going home Friday night. The final push stalled by the end of the day, leading to the Democrats and Republicans angrily blaming each other for why they still couldn't do anything for our community.

The good news is that they didn't adjourn the special legislative session Friday as they had planned to -- so the Legislature will officially be in session even though they aren't here, and the legislators can be called back to Sacramento to vote if there's a deal. And they created a Senate-Assembly conference committee with members of both parties to work on it this fall.

The other good news is that our community has built more political power -- and put it into action in the Capitol on this -- than I've seen any time in my almost seven years as a professional advocate for you.

Thanks to our community's united effort for the last year, climaxing with a flood of calls to key legislators last week, every senator and assemblymember now is painfully aware of the problem and that we need to fix it before the system completely collapses. And they all feel pressure from the voters they represent to get it done this year. When they start complaining about how many calls they got, you know we have their attention.

Senator Ed Hernandez, who led the charge for us at the end, will be on the Senate-Assembly committee. So will Assemblymember Rob Bonta, who we know gets it and who put his vote where is mouth is in the budget process in June. We don't know who else will be on the committee.

So the outcome is that our service system will continue to disintegrate while the fight go on.

One potentially very positive development last week was that Senator Hernandez said that his goal is for the Legislature to develop a bill to solve the problem and pass it to the governor for his signature or veto – the first time a legislative leader has publicly acknowledged that they should pass a bill whether Jerry Brown likes it or not. And since it will likely be a comprehensive bill that also fixes the MediCal funding program, which Brown wants a lot, it's very unlikely he would veto it over our relatively small piece.

By the end of the night Friday, I was as angry as everybody else around here. Even after some rest this weekend, I still get mad when I think much about it. But the fact is that we're getting closer to a real solution, and the key is to keep up the pressure – not give in to cynicism and fatigue, no matter how tempting.

So you'll be hearing more from us in the coming weeks.

And thank you for your advocacy." - Greg deGiere, Public Policy Director, The Arc & United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration

Public Hearing on Sonoma Developmental Center

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will conduct a second public hearing on the transformation of Sonoma Developmental Center on -

Monday, September 21, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Conference Call Line: (866) 261-7147

The Renaissance Lodge at Sonoma – Sonoma Ballroom

1325 Broadway (Leveroni & Napa Roads)

Sonoma, CA 95476

Senate Bill 82, signed by the governor June 24, 2015, requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to submit a plan to the Legislature by October 1, 2015, to close one or more of the state's three remaining developmental centers. DDS will release a [Draft Closure Plan for Sonoma Developmental Center](#) on September 16, 2105.

Self-Determination Program Informational Video

DDS's informational video on the Self Determination Program is available on its [Self Determination Program Home Page](#)

DDS states that they are, "...excited about the possibilities and opportunities this program will provide for those who receive regional center services. In October of 2013, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law the Self-Determination Program, which will provide consumers and their families with more freedom, control, and responsibility in choosing services and supports to help them meet objectives in their Individual Program Plan. This site is designed to allow those interested to follow the progress and learn more about Self-Determination as the program moves toward implementation."

Updates on progress towards implementation of the new Self Determination Program are available on the DDS Self Determination Home Page. The latest Update states that the Waiver Application will be formally resubmitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shortly after the public comment period ends. The comment period ended September 7, 2015.

Locally, the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC), the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities' North Bay Office have established a Self Determination Program Advisory Committee (SDAC) to advise NBRC on the roll-out of the new program which will be available to approximately 80 NBRC clients and families in the first 3 years of the program. Afterwards, it will be available to all clients.

For information on the local self-determination advisory committee, please contact Michi Gates at michig@nbrc.net or Bob Phillips at robert.phillips@scdd.ca.gov.

Workshop on Community-Based Employment Imagine the Possibilities

Join us for this important workshop on
Community-Based Employment

Work is good! It offers an opportunity to become more independent, make new friends and earn money. Yet the idea of getting a job can be daunting for a job seeker and his or her family.

Where do I start?

What kind of work can I do?

Who can help me?

Who should attend?

- NBRC clients (and/or their parents) who are considering Employment
- Transition-age Youth
- School personnel and service providers

You will learn about -

- Customized placement services, which can be used to find the RIGHT job for you
- The services and supports available to help you find and keep a job
- NBRC's new program service model that braids employment and community integration services to create comprehensive wrap around supports
- How work may impact your SSI/SSDI benefits if you work

PRESENTER: Sara Murphy, WorkLink/TransGen, Inc., national expert on employment

The workshop is at two locations and dates:

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Central Santa Rosa Library
211 E Street, Santa Rosa

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Solano County Office of Education
5100 Business Center Dr, Fairfield

There is **no cost** to attend this training, **but** as space is limited, **registration is required!** Register with the State Council's North Bay Office at 707-648-4073 northbay@scdd.ca.gov

This workshop is presented through a Program Development Fund grant from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities awarded to Trans Cen Inc. The following agencies are collaborating with the Council and Trans Cen Inc. to create innovative ways to increase employment for individuals with developmental disabilities: North Bay Regional Center, Production Services Industries, and Redwood Enterprise Industries

State Plan Survey

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities recently announced it will keep its website survey links open and active until the end of 2015 for the purpose of continuing to collect information statewide – especially in regard to the state's unserved/underserved populations – for its new 5-Year State Plan.

The Council is committed to obtain input from ethnic/cultural minority populations. The on-line survey is translated into 14 languages, available <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/> or in print at any of its 13 regional offices.

State Plan Survey

SCDD wants to help and we need information from you.
Please take a moment to complete our online survey.

- [State Plan Survey](#)
- [Plan Estatal de Desarrollo de 5 años: Reunión Abierta y Preguntas de la Encuesta](#)

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