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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is a Regular Business Board Meeting scheduled as follows:

DATE: April 5, 2023

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: Via Zoom

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North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.
Board of Directors' Board Meeting
April 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Rosemarie Pérez, President
- II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Sara Speck, Secretary (3 min)
 - A. Thank you for your time served as Vice President of the Board of Directors, Jeremy Johnson.
 - B. Welcome, Candace White as new Vice President!
- III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Regular Business Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2023 be approved as submitted. (2 min) (pgs. 1-4) ACTION
- IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Please use the chat in the Zoom meeting, or if attending by phone, please text your name to (707) 320-3106 to sign up (2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson). (10 min)
- V. PRESENTATION ON SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM – Katie Gallagher, NBRC Self-Determination Program Supervisor (30 mins) (pgs. 5-18) INFO
- VI. TREASURER'S REPORT – Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer
 - A. Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted (5 min) (pgs.19-20) ACTION
 - B. Approval of B-6 Contract (5 min) (pg. 21) ACTION
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS –
 - A. Executive Committee Update – Rosemarie Pérez, President (15 min) INFO
 - i. Strategic Planning Update
 - a. Workgroup Updates
 - ii. Approved C-4 Contract (pg. 22)
 - iii. Approved Support Letter from Board of Directors for AB 649 (pgs. 23-25)
 - iv. Approved Board Opportunity Fund Request (pgs. 26-27)
 - v. Committee Membership (pgs.28-29) ACTION
 - B. Cultural/Linguistic Competency Committee Update – Rosemarie Pérez, President (5 mins) INFO
 - i. 2023 Community Events (pgs. 30-33)
 - C. Vendor Advisory Committee Update – Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair (5 mins) (pgs. 34-37) INFO
 - D. Public Policy Advisory Committee Update – Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative (5 mins) INFO
 - i. Update on Grassroots Day
 - E. Client Advisory Committee Update – Sara Speck, Secretary & CAC Co-Chair (5 mins) INFO
 - F. Risk Reduction Advisory Committee Update – Joanne Giardello, Board Member (5 mins) INFO
 - G. Nominating Committee Update – Joanne Giardello, Nominating Committee Chair (10 mins) INFO
 - i. Board of Directors' Membership Discussion
- VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director (15 mins)
 - A. Backup Board Opportunity Fund Signer ACTION
 - B. 2023 Board Meeting Locations & Attendance (pg. 38) INFO
- IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Any other Board business may be brought up at this time.
- X. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Please use the chat in the Zoom meeting, or if attending by phone, please text

your name to (707) 320-3106 to sign up (2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson).
(10 min)

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Rosemarie Pérez, President

CLOSED SESSION – a) 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. b) Any matter specifically dealing with a particular regional center client must be conducted in a closed session. -- W&I Code 4663.

NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – The next Board Meeting will be a regular business Board Meeting on May 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.
Board of Directors Regular Business Meeting
March 1, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Webinar

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosemarie Pérez, President, Sonoma County	Sara Speck, Secretary, Solano County
Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative	Brien Farrell, Solano County
Candace White, Solano County	Ronald Gers, Sonoma County
Jeremy Johnson, Vice President, Solano County	Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jose Ayala, Napa County	Joanne Giardello, Solano County
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NBRC STAFF PRESENT:

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director	Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services
Beth DeWitt, Director of Client Services	Deanna Mobley, Director of Intake and Clinical Services
Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer	Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services
Barrie Gordon, Controller	Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant

GUESTS: (*Based on participants' names in the Zoom Webinar meeting)

Adria Carson	All People of Color Developmental Disabilities Association
Trinidad Lopez, ICS Interpreting Services	De Williams All People of Color Developmental Disabilities Association
Angeline Kimbo	Families United for Equity
Carin Hewitt	Gloria Rodriguez
Corinne Sixkiller, DDS	Holly
D Turner	Paula Finley – BI
Jessica Kober, Windes	Roslyn
Tom Huey, Windes	Samantha Wilhite
Linda Plourde, Bayberry Inc.	Stacey Martinez

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – *Rosemarie Pérez, President*, called the regular business meeting to order at approximately 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Sara Speck, Secretary*, conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES –

- i. Regular Business Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2023 be approved as submitted.

M/S/C (Speck/Burris) Moved to approve the minutes for February 1, 2023.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

2021 – 2022 CPA AUDIT REVIEW –

Jessica Kober, Senior Manager and Tom Huey, Partner, Windes: Accounting Firm for Tax Audit & Advisory Services presented the findings of NBRC's 2021-2022 CPA Audit Review. The information can be found as an attachment to the March 2023 Board Meeting packet.

M/S/C (Bednarova/Speck) Moved to approve the 2021 – 2022 CPA Audit Review as submitted.

APPROVED

UNANIMOUS
Kolster ABSTAINED

TREASURER'S REPORT –

A. Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted.

Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's Report. A summary of the Board Opportunity Fund and the CFO board report can be found in the March 2023 board packet.

M/S/C (Speck/Johnson) Motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

APPROVED
UNANIMOUS

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

A. Executive Committee Update –

a. *Rosemarie Pérez, President,* updated the board on the following items.

a. Strategic Planning Update

1. A draft mission statement was shared during the meeting and can be found on page 9 of the March 2023 board packet.

a. The Board of Director's agreed that the revised mission statement looks good.

b. The Executive Committee approved 3 board opportunity fund requests that can be found on page 10-11 and as an attachment to the March 2023 Board Meeting packet.

B. Cultural/Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC) Update –

a. *Rosemarie Pérez, President,* shared the following.

a. The committee is in the process of revising several board policies

C. Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) Update –

a. *Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair,* listed the following items discussed during the Vendor Advisory Committee meeting.

a. Rate increases

b. Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) compliance

c. Staffing

d. Responsiveness from Service Coordinators and support from Management

e. Updated NBRC Organizational Chart

f. Transportation Directives

g. Increasing engagement and participation

D. Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) Update –

a. *Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative,* shared the following.

a. The Legislative Breakfast Event is scheduled for April 21st from 9am to 10:30am at NBRC's Napa office or on Zoom. There will be representation from Assemblymembers and Senators in attendance.

1. Please RSVP with Janelle Santana, NBRC Executive Assistant, if you would like to attend. janelles@nbrc.net or 707-256-1224

b. We discussed the recent Assembly Budget Hearing.

c. Social Security Income benefits and their impact.

E. Prevention Committee Update –

a. *Joanne Giardello, Board Member & Prevention Committee Chair,* shared the following.

a. The group reviewed the goals of the committee, sexual abuse bill of rights, and upcoming agenda topics.

b. The future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 1:00pm-2:00pm, except upcoming March.

c. The next meeting will be held on March 22nd from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

d. The committee requested a name change from the Prevention Committee to Risk Reduction Advisory Committee (RRAC).

M/S/C (Pérez/Speck) Motioned to approve the name change from Prevention Committee to Risk Reduction Advisory Committee (RRAC).

APPROVED
UNANIMOUS

F. Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Update –

Sara Speck, Board Secretary & CAC Co-Chair, reported the next date of the CAC meeting – March 24th 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

G. Nominating Committee Update –

- a. Rosemarie Pérez, Board President, presented the following candidates for election as a Vendor Advisory Committee Voting Member.

- a. Carin Hewitt left the meeting while the Board of Directors' took a vote.

M/S/C (Farrell/Speck) Motioned to approve Carin Hewitt as a VAC Voting Member.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

- b. Adria Carson left the meeting while the Board of Directors' took a vote.

M/S/C (Speck/Farrell) Motioned to approve Adria Carson as a VAC Voting Member.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

- c. Samantha Wilhite left the meeting while the Board of Directors' took a vote.

M/S/C (Bednarova/Speck) Motioned to approve Samantha Wilhite as a VAC Voting Member.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

- b. Vice President Nominations

- a. Jeremy Johnson's last term as Vice President ends March 2023.

- 1. Thank you, Jeremy!

- b. Candace White, Board Member, was nominated as Vice President of the Board of Directors. Candace accepted the nomination and left the meeting while the Board of Directors took a vote.

M/S/C (Farrell/Speck) Motioned to approve Candace White as Vice President from April 2023 to March 2025.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, reviewed the following with the Board of Directors.

- a. Regional Center Responsiveness

- a. During the VAC Meeting, service providers reported that NBRC's level of responsiveness has decreased.

- b. Gabriel Rogin will emphasize the importance of responding within two working days.

- c. We will have a conversation with the NBRC Management team to increase consistency regarding email and phone out-of-office greetings.

- d. Gabriel Rogin will report at the next Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting on how regional center responsiveness is being addressed.

- b. Phone List on NBRC Website

- a. We plan to have the NBRC phone list on the newly developed NBRC website. In the meantime, we are going to start sending the phone lists out via email to the Vendor Advisory Committee.

- c. Gabriel Rogin gave an update of the items discussed at the recent Assembly Budget Hearing.

- a. Regional center responsiveness

- b. Core staffing formula

- d. Grassroots Day is scheduled for March 29th via Zoom.

- e. Board Photos & Bios on NBRC Website

- a. It was suggested that we include Board photos & bios on NBRC's new website.

- b. The Board agreed they would like to move forward with that.

- f. Back-Up Signer to the Board Fund Check Process

- g. The ARCA Strategic Planning Documents are on pages 19-28 in the March 2023 Board Meeting Packet.

- a. Gabriel Rogin asked the Board to provide feedback on those documents.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –

De Williams from All People of Color Development Disabilities Association and All Families United for Equity, noted the following.

- We are working to develop a cohesiveness with the regional center.
- De Williams noted that several vendors have made complaints regarding racial inequities.
- De Williams would like to set up a meeting with Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, to discuss this.
 - o Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, provided his contact information to De Williams.

ADJOURNMENT – *Rosemarie Pérez, President*, adjourned the regular business board meeting at 7:29pm.

Self Determination Program

North Bay Regional Center

What is Self Determination?

- The Self-Determination Program (SDP) provides individuals and their families with an alternative to the traditional way the regional center provides services. This person-centered program affords participants with more authority over their service needs and preferences. Participants are empowered to select which providers deliver the services they feel will best support their individual goals, while owning the responsibility of overseeing the dollars allocated by the regional center for their use. Now, regional center clients have the freedom to decide what they want their life to look like and create a plan to make it happen.
- Our five principals are:
 1. Freedom: to plan their own life and make their own decisions.
 2. Authority: to determine how funding is spent for their services and supports.
 3. Support: to plan and choose their own formal and informal services.
 4. Responsibility: for the decisions they make about their life.
 5. Confirmation: of the critical role in making decisions in their life.

SDP vs. Traditional Services

- Self-Determination provides the flexibility for the participant in choosing services, supports and providers. In the Self-Determination Program, they can buy different services from almost anyone in their community, not just those available through the regional center.
- In the traditional program, the regional center service coordinator is the person who helps participants find the services they need. In Self-Determination, participants get to decide who they want to help them. This can be their family, friends, or an Independent Facilitator. Participants will be given a budget and then create a spending plan that will enable them to choose services and supports that help them achieve their goals.

SDP Department

Katie Gallagher SDP Supervisor



Napa Office

Participant Choice Coordinators



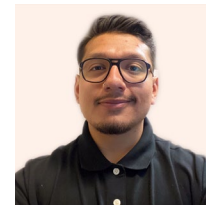
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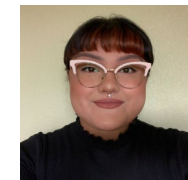
Santa Rosa Office

Participant Choice Coordinators



Jesus Rosales

Paula Garcia



Process of Enrolling into SDP



ORIENTATION



PERSON CENTERED
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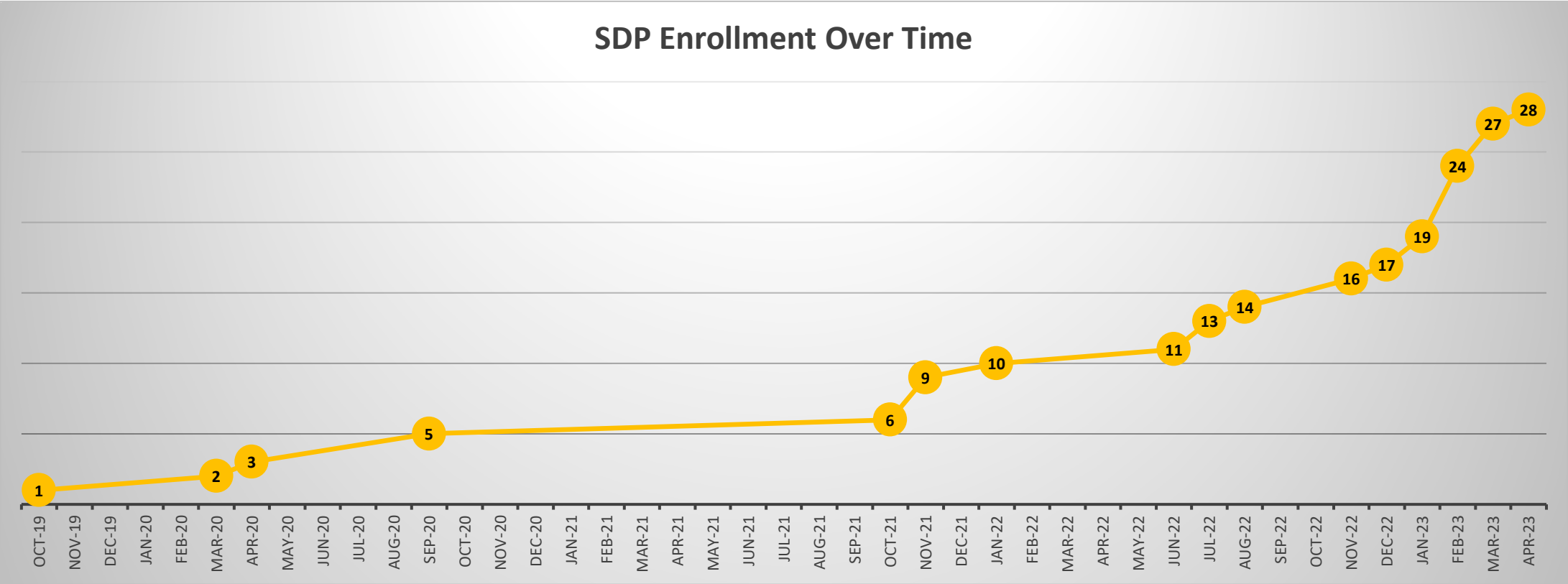
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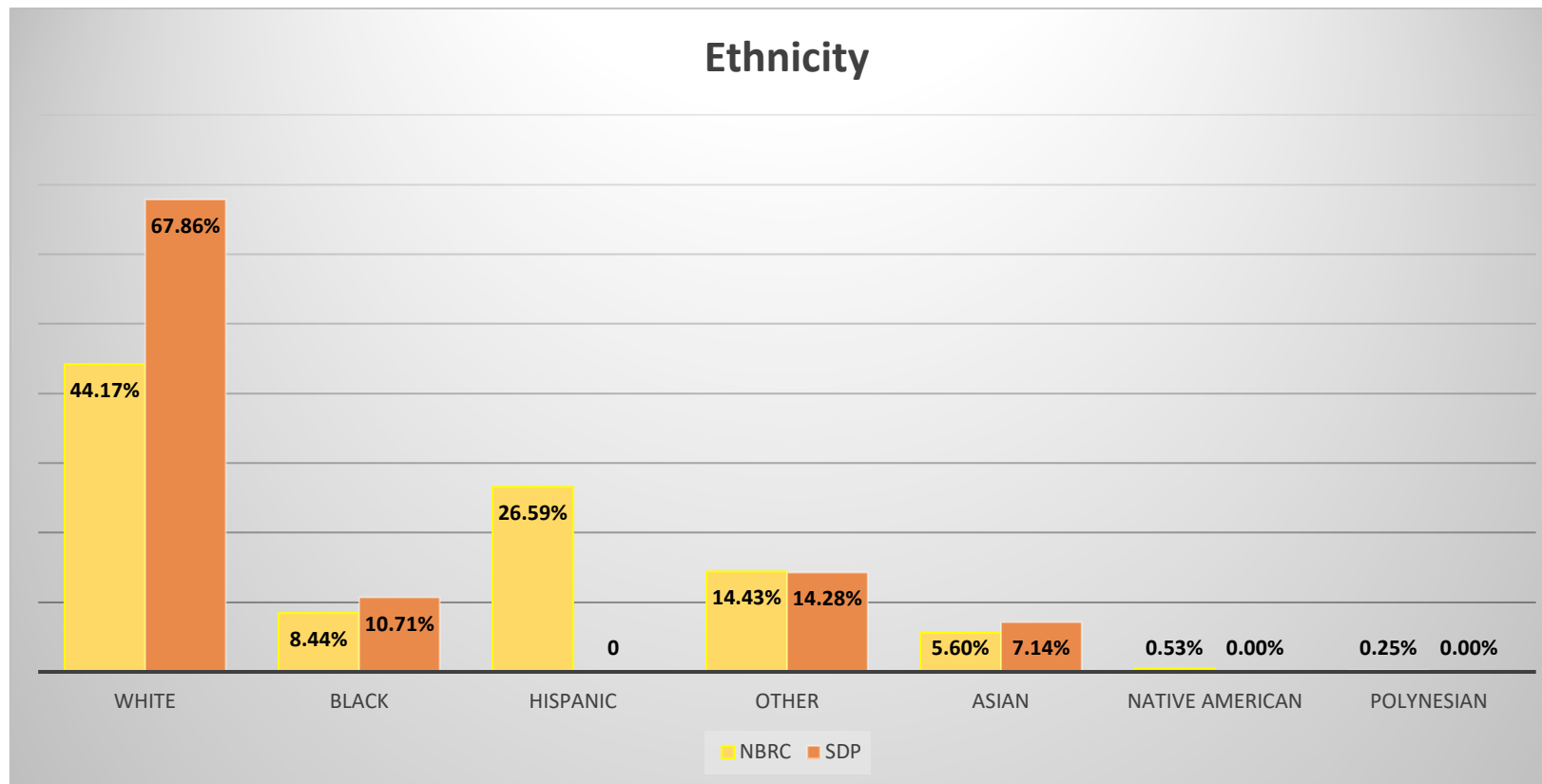
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SDP Enrollment

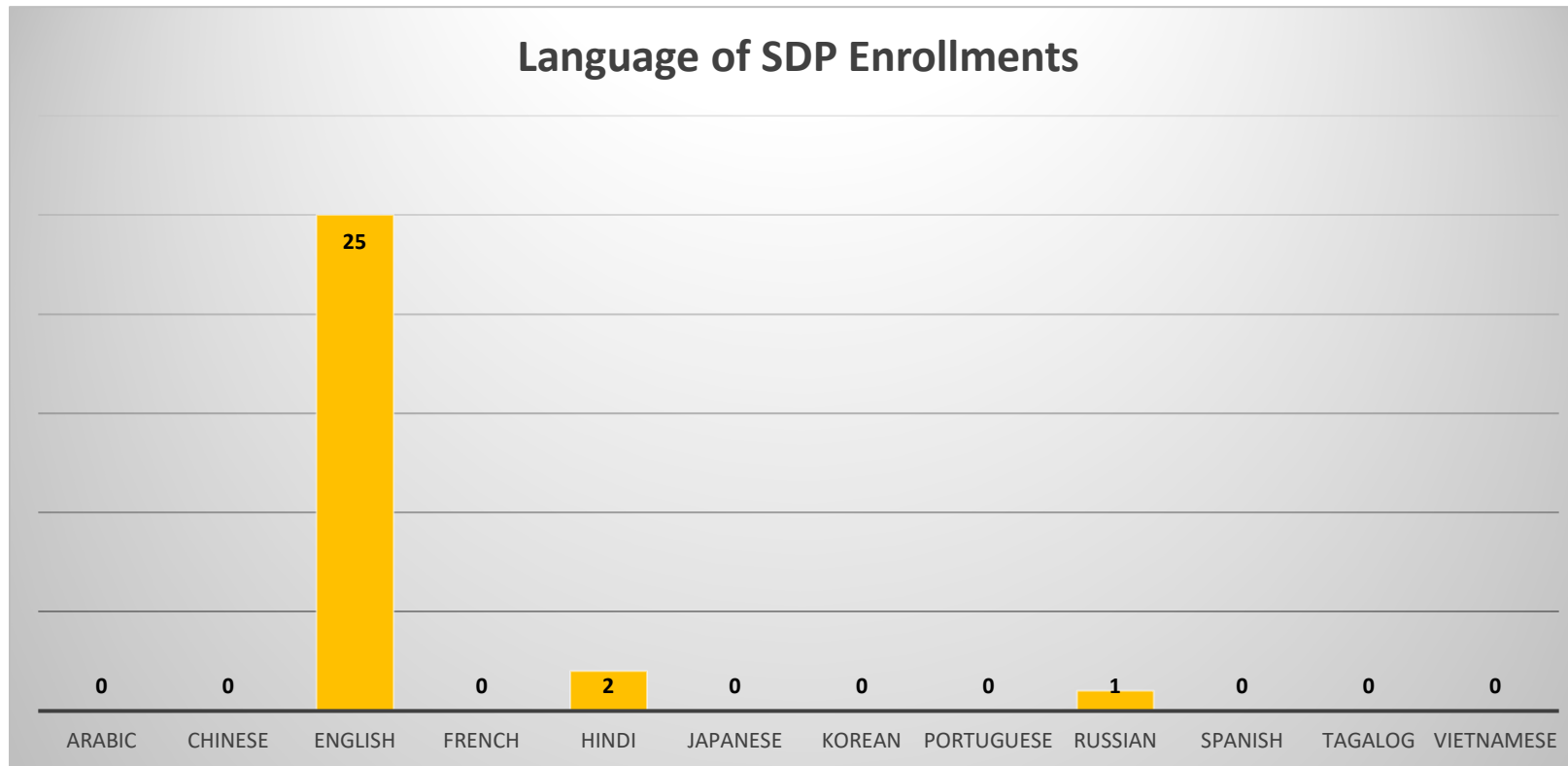
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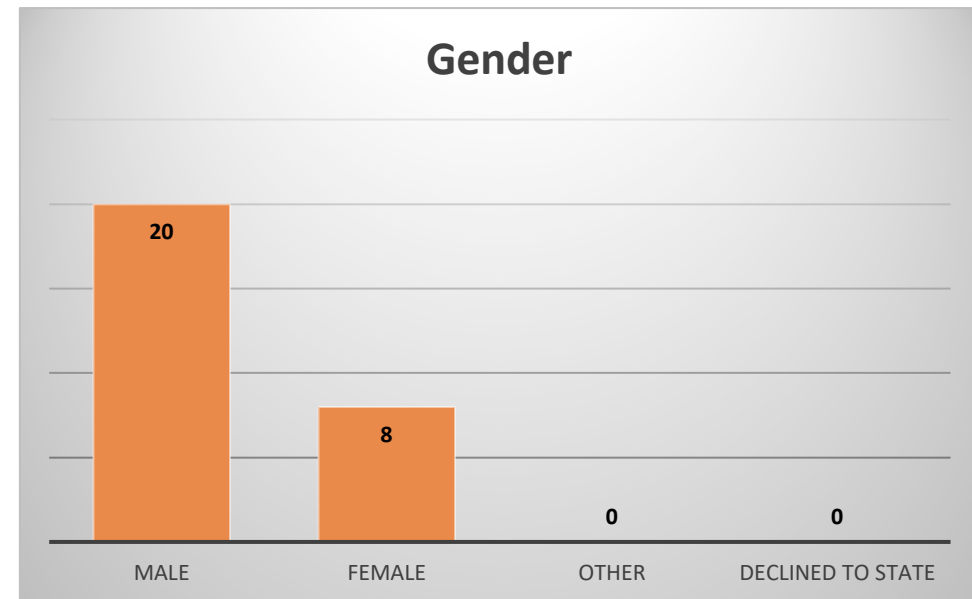
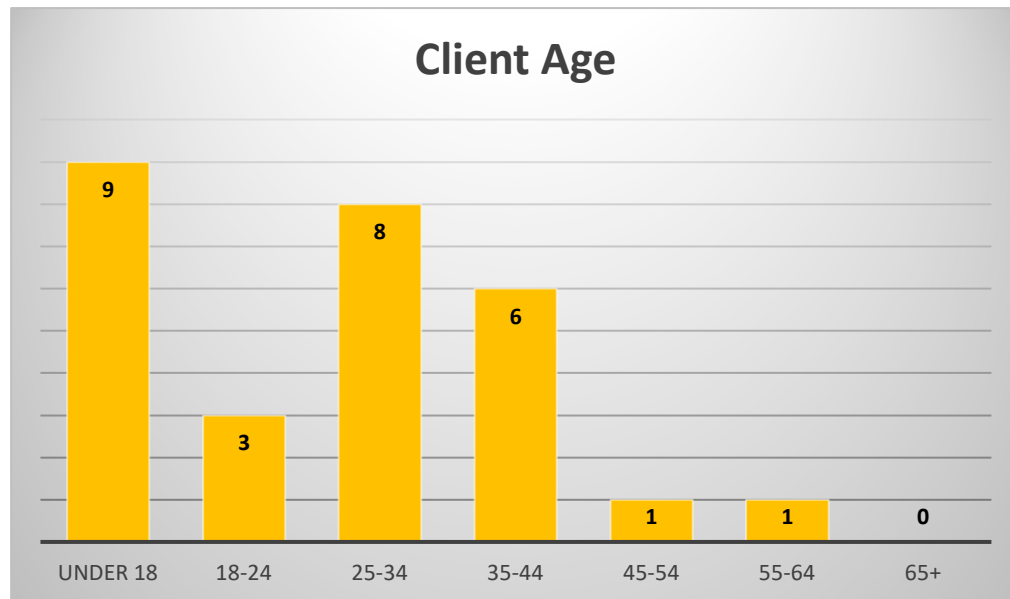
SDP Enrollments by Ethnicity



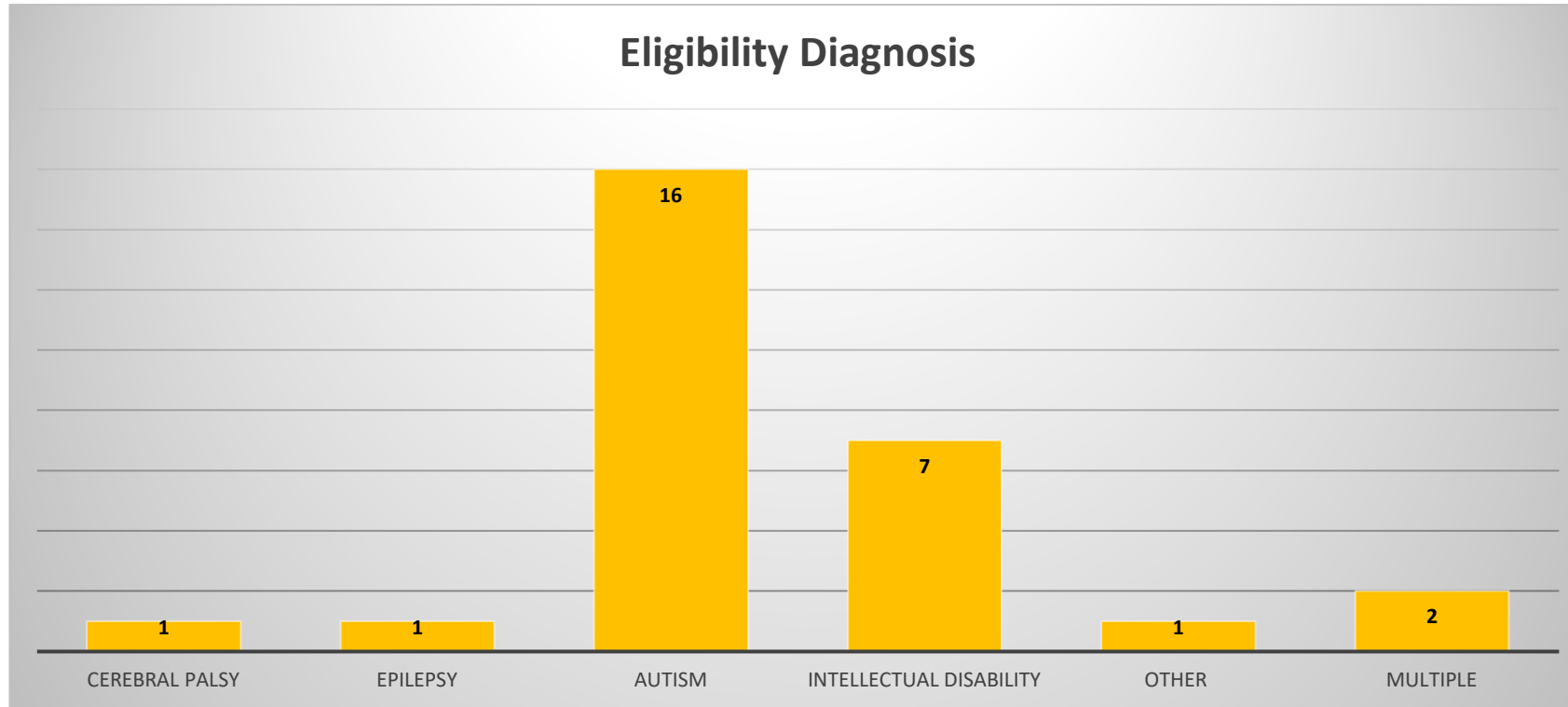
SDP Enrollments by First Language



SDP Enrollments by Age and Gender



SDP Enrollments by Eligibility Diagnosis



Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC)

- As required by law, each regional center must establish a Local Volunteer Advisory Committee to ensure effective implementation of the Self-Determination Program and facilitate the sharing of best practices and training materials. The committee provides oversight of the Self-Determination Program and to give consumers and families a voice in the development and implementation of SDP.
- North Bay Regional Center's SDAC meets on the second Monday of the month, every two months. Our next meeting is May 8th, 2023 at 12:30pm to 2pm via zoom.
- For more information visit the SDP webpage of the NBRC website!
 - <https://nbrc.net/client-services/self-determination/self-determination-advisory-committee/>

Barriers and the Necessary Next Steps

- FMS waitlists
 - DDS is working to help minimize the waitlist times for SDP participants enrolling into SDP.
- Staff Training
 - The SDP Team is working on developing an all-staff training for SDP.
- Independent Facilitators in the North Bay area
 - We are working on recruiting independent facilitators in our counties!
- Streamlining processes to enrollment into SDP
 - The SDP Team is developing an enrollment procedure, list of common acronyms, and a flow chart for staff to utilize.
- Outreach about SDP
 - The SDP Team is working on SDP fairs for each county and spreading the word about SDP so all participants can take advantage of this program!

Successes in SDP

- Since the department forming in September 2023, we have increased enrollment from 14 to 28 participants.
- The creation of a fully staffed SDP department has allowed stress to be taken off the Service Coordinators when enrolling interested clients into SDP.
- Clients are reporting feeling more supported in the enrollment process since the creation of the department.



The End!

Any Questions?

Thank you for your time!



North Bay Regional Center Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund April 5, 2023, Board Meeting

The Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund ending balance as of February 28, 2023, was **\$58,103.80**.

Below are the transactions that occurred in the month of February 2023:

Donations and Deposits:

- One Donation \$ 24.01
- Four Deposits \$ 22.42

Awards:

- Six awards were issued \$ 6,974.42

Other Transactions:

- None

Ops Expenditures 8 month 60%	CFO Board Report As of February 28, 2023 67% of the fiscal year has elapsed		POS Expenditures 8 month 54%	
OPERATIONS		Total Ops Allocation: \$ 31,797,439		
Total General Ops Contract: \$ 30,836,188		Total CPP Contract: \$ -		
General Ops Amount Available: \$ 12,320,406		CPP Contract Amount Available: \$ -		
Total YTD				
OPERATIONS EXPENSE (OPS)	YTD Actual	% by category	Forecast*	Actual + Forecast
Personnel	\$ 13,116,395	70.84%	\$ 8,470,927	\$ 21,587,322
Benefits	\$ 2,787,841	15.06%	\$ 2,730,081	\$ 5,517,922
Facilities	\$ 1,419,821	7.67%	\$ 661,891	\$ 2,081,712
Equipment	\$ 593,017	3.20%	\$ 42,973	\$ 635,990
Communications	\$ 268,752	1.45%	\$ 6,248	\$ 275,000
Mileage	\$ 106,062	0.57%	\$ 74,740	\$ 180,802
Legal	\$ 17,820	0.10%	\$ 29,010	\$ 46,830
General Office	\$ 47,066	0.25%	\$ 50,000	\$ 97,066
Consultants	\$ 221,109	1.19%	\$ 181,791	\$ 402,900
Bank Fee and LOC	\$ 19,107	0.10%	\$ 11,537	\$ 30,644
Other Expenses	\$ 36,962	0.20%	\$ 103,038	\$ 140,000
Revenue	\$ (118,170)	-0.64%	\$ (41,830)	\$ (160,000)
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 672,897	\$ 672,897
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 18,515,782		\$ 12,993,303	\$ 31,509,085
Senior Companion Program - Grant	YTD Actual	% by category	Forecast*	Actual + Forecast
Senior Companion Program - Grant	\$ 158,574	55%	\$ 129,780	\$ 288,354
Total Ops Paid: \$ 18,674,356				
PURCHASE OF SERVICES		Total POS Allocation: \$ 436,398,223		
Total POS Contract: \$ 436,398,223		Total CPP Contract: \$ -		
POS Contract Amount Available: \$ 201,270,284		CPP Contract Amount Available: \$ -		
Total YTD				
PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)	YTD Actual	% YTD Total	Forecast*	Actual + Forecast*
Community Care Facilities	\$ 79,516,249	33.8%	\$ 49,823,507	\$ 129,339,756
Supported Living Services	\$ 57,256,662	24.4%	\$ 45,974,070	\$ 103,230,732
Day Programs	\$ 41,723,567	17.7%	\$ 26,311,298	\$ 68,034,865
Behavioral Services	\$ 18,826,483	8.0%	\$ 11,651,287	\$ 30,477,770
Other	\$ 23,473,223	10.0%	\$ 44,068,558	\$ 67,541,781
Transportation	\$ 8,673,989	3.7%	\$ 8,095,609	\$ 16,769,598
Respite	\$ 5,544,244	2.4%	\$ 3,435,238	\$ 8,979,482
Medical Services	\$ 113,522	0.0%	\$ 4,028,044	\$ 4,141,566
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL POS EXPENSES	\$ 235,127,939	100.0%	\$ 193,387,611	\$ 428,515,550
*This budget reflects through the D-1 for FY23.				
Total Regional Center Budget:		\$ 468,195,662		



Date submitted to NBRC Board for review

03/28/2023

Date approved by NBRC Board Executive Committee (if applicable)

Date approved by NBRC Board

Operations

Purchase of Service

The following contracts have been reviewed by Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer and Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director. Both of whom recommend approval by the NBRC Board of Directors.

Purpose of Contract	Contractor Name and Vendor# (if applicable)	Term of Contract	Total Contract Amount	Notes
B-6 for Fiscal Year 20/21	Department of Developmental Services	July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2026	\$353,831,874	The B-6 includes POS allocation in the amount of \$1,460,133 . This funding is allocated for CPP. NBRC total allocation for FY21 as of B-6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ops: \$25,524,843 • POS: \$328,307,031

Note: This funding is for CPP/CRDP start up funds. This will be used to fund the development of new projects identified by the Community Resource Department.

Date submitted to NBRC Board for review

March 20, 2023

Date approved by NBRC Board Executive Committee (if applicable)

March 20, 2023

Date approved by NBRC Board

Operations

Purchase of Service

The following contracts have been reviewed by Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer and Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director. Both of whom recommend approval by the NBRC Board of Directors.

Purpose of Contract	Contractor Name and Vendor # (if applicable)	Term of Contract	Total Contract Amount	APPROVED	Notes
C-4 Contract for Fiscal Year 21/22	Department of Developmental Services	July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2026	\$408,304,243	Pérez/Bednarova	The C-4 contract for FY 21/22 includes POS allocation for rate reform and Early Start ARPA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS: \$5,477,550
<p>POS Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,384,919 was allocated for the Service Provider Rate Reform • \$113,411 was allocated through POS ARPA for Early Start Provider Training and Development Services. 					



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March 10, 2023

Assemblymember Lori Wilson
1021 O Street, Room 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 649 (Wilson) – SUPPORT

Honorable Assemblymember Wilson:

North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) is a non-profit, community-based organization established to support individuals with developmental disabilities, and their families, and ensure that they have the opportunity to lead independent, productive lives in their home communities. NBRC serves over 10,000 people within Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties.

We support AB 649, your bill to remove a Recession-era barrier to regional center services. North Bay Regional Center cares deeply about ensuring all Californians eligible for regional center services can access what they need to live full lives in their communities. The requirement this bill would remove is a barrier to access.

Regional centers are legally the “payer of last resort,” both by state law and federal mandate. During the Recession, the state created a new barrier to service, requiring that people not only seek, and be denied, services from another agency (where appropriate), but to appeal that denial in many cases. This purely bureaucratic hurdle is the kind of thing that is most likely to disempower people from low-income and diverse communities. It worsens disparities in access, and harms those families who need the most assistance in accessing regional center services.

We strongly support AB 649. All eligible Californians should be able to access regional center services, which is why barriers like this should be removed. We thank you for authoring this bill, and fighting to improve service access for people with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Pérez
President, NBRC Board of Directors

Cc: Nichole Sidney, Legislative Assistant, Office of Assemblymember Wilson
Daniel Savino, Government Affairs Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies



Assemblymember Lori D Wilson, 11th Assembly District

AB 649 – Restoration of Access to Disability Services

For more information contact: Nichole Sidney at Nichole.Sidney@asm.ca.gov or (916) 319-2011

BACKGROUND

When the Great Recession struck, California took major steps to address the sudden and massive short- and long-term revenue effects it caused. The regional center system, a community-based model of care for people with developmental disabilities, saw roughly a billion dollars in funding cuts. A number of the cuts were made at the expense of access to services, disproportionately falling on diverse and low-income communities with limited recourse to other options.

To restore our service system's ability to most effectively meet changing needs in a changing state, requirements that families try to navigate bureaucratic obstacles before accessing critical services must be reversed. This bill provides a simple opportunity to do so by reversing an access-limiting change from 2009.

SUMMARY

Restore access to critical services without first pursuing administrative appeals: Based on individual needs, the person served, family members, and a regional center service coordinator work together to create an "Individual Program Plan" (IPP). The IPP ensures only those services appropriate to an individual's needs and circumstances are purchased (with state and federal funds). Regional centers work to connect individuals and families to all programs they are eligible for.

Consistent with federal funding requirements, regional centers are the "payer of last resort" for services. This means before funding needed services, regional centers must identify other options (if any) to pay for them. ABX4-9 (Evans, Statutes of 2009, Ch. 9) created an additional

requirement blocking regional centers from buying services unless, in many cases, the individual or their family member goes through a formal appeal at the other funding agency (such as Medi-Cal) after being denied funding. By forcing the administrative appeal mandate on those served and their families, an unnecessary hurdle is created.

For those families who rely on the greatest number of safety net programs, the burden is greatest. Those who are better able to navigate bureaucratic systems are more likely to succeed. They are the families with the greatest resources (time, knowledge of bureaucracy, etc.). Meanwhile, historically under-served communities, become significantly less likely to ultimately obtain services they are entitled to, in part because they are not able to jump through these hoops. By reversing this mandate, California can invest in more equitable access to services, reducing barriers that disproportionately harm under-served communities.

SUPPORT

Association of Regional Center Agencies (Sponsor)

Contact: Daniel Savino, ARCA – 916-877-8620 or dsavino@arcanet.org



North Bay Regional Center

Board Opportunity Fund Request

Date: 3/24/23
Service Coordinator: AM
Individual Name: EN
DOB: 1986
County of Residence: Sonoma
Type of Request: Rental assistance for the month of April 2023.

Summary

EN is a 36-year-old un-conserved female who qualifies for Regional Center services with a diagnosis of Autism. EN's SSI benefits have been terminated due to Social Security determining she earned too much money from her current job as a teacher's aide. EN's representative payee is New Leaf. She submitted her pay stubs to New Leaf, as required, when she began her job in November 2021. However, Social Security was delayed in reconciling their records and sent notification that benefits would stop effective March 2023. With New Leaf's help, EN was provided an attorney to assist with getting benefits reinstated and they have filed an exemption request that will allow for her benefits to resume for 6 months while she makes application to SSA for eligibility. Although EN works part time and makes approximately \$1000 a month, her hours are not consistent. She does not have enough funding to cover her rent for April and no other funding sources are available.


EN is requesting rental assistance for the month of April; the amount is \$1042.00. She had enough funds to cover her March rent. With the exemption filed, EN and the attorneys are optimistic that she will not need further financial assistance.

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,042

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES EXPLORED: Salvation Army, Catholic charities, Reach for Home.

Service Coordinator: AM
Supervisor: KD

Approved: Not approved (please explain):

<p>X </p> <hr/> <p>Gabriel Rogin Executive Director</p>
Board President (if applicable): The Executive Committee approved this request via email on 3/24/2023.

Committee Information

Section 8.2 Committee Membership

Each committee shall have at least two Directors. Committee membership shall be established by a simple majority of Directors present at a Board Meeting. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, members of the committees are not required to be Directors of the Corporation. However, no committee can take action or be authorized to take action on behalf of the Board of Directors unless all of its members are members of the Board of Directors.

Committee	Members	Description	Next Meeting
Executive Committee	Board President - Rosemarie Pérez Board Vice President – Candace White Board Secretary - Sara Speck Board Treasurer – Andrea Bednarova	The Executive Committee consists of officers elected by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee oversees the direction of NBRC and provides leadership to the board. The committee meets monthly to discuss matters involving the agency and to plan the agenda for the upcoming board meeting.	6:30pm – 7:30pm Occurs the 3 rd Monday of every month
Nominating Committee	Chair & Board Member – Joanne Giardello Board President – Rosemarie Pérez Board Secretary – Sara Speck Board Member – Andrea Bednarova	The Nominating Committee recommends, recruits, and interviews potential board members.	4pm – 5pm Occurs quarterly, 2 nd Tuesday of the month
Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC)	Board VAC Representative – Breeanne Burris	The Vendor Advisory Committee is comprised of service providers from Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties. The members provide guidance, advice, and recommendations as they meet about issues and concerns that affect their services.	10am – 11:30am Occurs the 2 nd Tuesday of every month

Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)	Board VAC Representative – Breeanne Burris Board Secretary – Sara Speck	The Public Policy Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the board. The committee reviews public policy impacting regional center services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congressional bills, California state legislation and budget trailer bills - Federal and state executive orders - Changes in regulation and other law relating to disability programs and services - Department of Developmental Services directives The purpose of the committee is to keep the Board informed of important policy developments and recommend potential actions for the Board to take.	10am – 11:30am Occurs the 4 th Tuesday of every month
Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC)	Board President - Rosemarie Pérez Board VAC Representative – Breeanne Burris Board Member – Brien Farrell Board Secretary – Sara Speck	The CLCC promotes diversity, equity and belonging within our agency and community by gathering input, analyzing data, reviewing policies, and making recommendations to the Board.	12pm – 1pm Occurs the 3 rd Thursday of every month
Client Advisory Committee (CAC)	Board Secretary & CAC Co-Chair – Sara Speck	The CAC represents the perspectives of people served by NBRC. The members share information, provide feedback on NBRC policies and practices, and make recommendations to the Board.	1:00pm – 2:30pm Occurs quarterly, 3rd Friday of the month
Audit Financial Committee	Board President - Rosemarie Pérez Board Treasurer – Andrea Bednarova Board Secretary – Sara Speck	The Committee reviews and reports on the results of NBRC’s annual independent audit, including any findings and recommendations, to the Board of Directors.	As needed
Risk Reduction Advisory Committee (RRAC)	Board Member – Joanne Giardello Board Member – Brien Farrell	The Committee develops agendas that focus on policies, discussions, practices, and tasks related to prevention and response to neglect, physical and sexual abuse.	1:00pm – 2:00pm Occurs the last Wednesday of every month

NBRC Community Outreach and Engagement

Community Events 2023

January	N/A
February	<p>Mixteco Resource Fair February 26, 2023, 1-3pm 2590 1st St, Napa, CA 94558 Hosted by Napa County</p> <p><i>Resource Fair for Mixteco Community members and other similar regions.</i></p> <p>Child Start Virtual Community Resource Hour February 27, 2023, 3:00-3:15pm Via Zoom Hosted by Child Start Solano County</p> <p><i>Child Start hosts a virtual Community Resource Hour where community agencies, that are scheduled, present and educate our staff on your program and services. Child Start in turn shares their programs and services with participating community programs who provide services to their families.</i></p>
March	<p>H.O.P.E Resource Fair March 1, 2023, 12-4pm 1234 Empire Street, Fairfield, CA 94533 Hosted by the City of Fairfield</p> <p><i>The Fairfield H.O.P.E. - Community Resource Fair is a FREE one-stop shop to provide services and support for individuals and families who are experiencing/and or at risk of homelessness. The event is hosted in partnership by the City of Fairfield's Homeless Services Division and Fairfield Police Department's Homeless Intervention Team, Kaiser Permanente and Solano County.</i></p> <p>Sonoma Transition Consortium March 15, 2023, 3-6pm 1455 Corporate Center Parkway, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 Hosted by Sonoma County Office of Education</p> <p><i>This free annual event, currently in its 15th year, is designed to help students and their families learn about services for individuals with special needs as they transition from school-based programs to adulthood. This year, the Sonoma County Transition fair is in person! Service providers will be at the event to provide information and answer questions about residential options, adult day programs, vocational training,</i></p>

	<p><i>post-secondary education, employment, support services, and much more.</i></p>
April	<p>Community Health Fair April 16, 2023, 1-3pm 560 Jefferson St, Napa, CA 94559 Hosted by Napa County</p> <p><i>The Public Health division believes that health and wellbeing are achieved through a holistic manner and that only a multi-faceted and collaborative approach to some of the most pressing issues facing our community and its members can be addressed through partnerships. The Community Health Fair gives us an opportunity to build community as service providers and with our community members.</i></p>
	<p>Solano County Transition Fair April 19, 2023, 5-7pm 5100 Business Center Dr, Fairfield, CA 94534 Hosted by Solano County Office of Education</p> <p><i>The Transition Information Fair is an opportunity for our youth to engage with Solano County resources which will assist them to successfully acquire the daily skills and independence they need to move into the next phase of their lives. The event is for those students who are enrolled in middle school, high school, a transition program or in special education programs. Students are welcome as well.</i></p>
	<p>Avance Program April 24, 25 & 27, 2023, 11:00-11:45am 17000 Arnold Dr. Sonoma Ca. 95476, St Joseph Building Hosted by La Luz Center</p> <p><i>La Luz leads AVANCE, a national early childhood education program, for Sonoma Valley parents and children under the age of three. The AVANCE program strengthens families with a powerful eight-month curriculum for the parents and children that participate. AVANCE aims to improve parenting skills, provide tools to enrich the development environment at home and create fun early childhood learning experiences</i></p>
	<p>Translife Conference April 29, 2023, 1-3pm 2060 W College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 Hosted by Positive Images</p>

	<p><i>The vision of the TRANSLIFE Community Conference and the TRANSLIFE Professional Symposium is to foster a vibrant, healthy, and responsive community of, for, and by our transgender/gender-expansive population, those who love them, and those who serve them. The outcome of these two events is strengthened social networks, deeper community engagement, and increased skills across all three of these groups. TRANSLIFE strives to meet the needs of diverse populations and for cultural competency, with a goal to provide a safe and affirming environment for those with intersecting oppression, including trans LatinX, POC, black, brown, undocumented, immigrant, disabled, unhoused, neuro-divergent, and sex worker communities, and to be active anti-racist allies.</i></p> <p>Be You! A Celebration for Special Needs Awareness April 30, 2023, 11:30-4:00pm 815 Elmira Rd, Vacaville, CA 95687 Hosted by Vacaville People’s Forum</p> <p><i>Vacaville People’s Forum is excited to host its third-annual Be You! Event, a Celebration for Special Needs Awareness. for a gathering to celebrate differently-abled people living in our community for a day of music, inclusion, and fun!</i></p>
<p>May</p>	<p>Inclusion Festival May 13, 2023, 11-6pm 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, CA 94954 Hosted by Alchemia</p> <p><i>The Inclusion Festival, hosted by Alchemia, is an all-ages music and arts festival for people with disabilities, their friends, families, and allies. This year’s event will be offering a wide range of live musical and dance performances, a silent disco, group drumming, hands-on sensory experiences, face painters, a photo booth, tie-dye and much more!</i></p> <p>Indigenous People’s Gathering May 20 & 21, 2023 1350 Bennett Valley Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 *Participation inquiry pending</p> <p><i>More information to come.</i></p> <p>Juneteenth Family Block Party June 18, 2023, 11-5pm 680 Main St at Solano St, Suisun City, CA 94585 Hosted by Tri City NAACP</p>

	<p><i>This event is designed to bring the community together in a joyous celebration of the end of slavery and the rich cultural heritage of Black Americans. This family event will feature a range of exciting activities including live music performances, delicious food vendors, local artisans, shopping, and engaging family-friendly activities.</i></p>
June	<p>Pista Sa Nayon June 3, 2023, 11-6pm 850 Nimitz Ave, Vallejo, CA 94592 Hosted by The Philippine Cultural Committee *Registration confirmation pending</p> <p><i>Pista Sa Nayon takes pride in uniting different generations and encouraging youth to take leadership roles in events that uplift our community. Attendees can immerse themselves in the Filipino culture through food, entertainment, shopping, and cultural learning experiences offered in the 36th annual signature festival that everyone has come to love.</i></p>
July	<p>Dia de la Familia July 16, 2023, 1-3:30pm Napa St. adjacent to St. John’s Catholic Church, Napa, CA Hosted by Napa Valley Farmworker Foundation *Registration confirmation pending.</p> <p><i>Día de la Familia is a street festival in downtown Napa between Main Street & Yajome Street in late July. All Napa County farmworkers and their families are invited to this annual celebration with food, music, community organizations, family activities, entertainment and more!</i></p>
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

VAC MEETING MINUTES



Vendor Advisory Committee
North Bay Regional Center

January 10, 2023 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Via Zoom



- A. CALL TO ORDER- *Stacey Martinez, VAC Co-Chair*, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
- Roll Call of Voting Members: Stacey Martinez, Breeanne Kolster, Eric Martin, Jeremy Hogan, Mike Lisenko, James Cox, Michele Rogers, Mary Eble, Jamie Thompson, Michelle Ramirez (absent), Jessica Sadowsky (absent).
 - Establish Quorum: established
- B. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA
- Additions or modifications to this agenda by voting members – None
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Action Item for VAC Voting Members**
- November 2022, Meeting Minutes – approved by Jamie Thompson. Seconded by Jeremy Hogan. All in favor, none opposed.
- D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION
- Melissa Slama, NBRC Senior Companion Program Supervisor, shared a presentation giving an overview of the program.
 - Senior Companion Program Informational Flyer:
 - <https://mailchi.mp/8c5e4a83c3e7/vac-meeting-follow-up?e=de82f20fca>
- E. GROUP REPORTS
- Napa- Solano Vendor Group
 - The next meeting is scheduled for January 27th at 10am. Reach out to Kelley Hanson for the link.
 - If you would like to attend the Napa/Solano Vendor meeting please send me an email and I will send you the link. You can reach me at Kelley@pacesolano.org
 - Sonoma Vendor Group – None
 - Residential – None
 - Housing –
 - Mary Eble stated that housing is one of the goals for NBRC’s strategic planning process. A Housing Workgroup is in progress.
 - The HUD 811 program has a housing opportunity in Windsor.
 - Transportation
 - Leticia Leon, R&D Transportation*, shared the following.
 - R&D Transportation is currently monitoring the storm conditions.

2. Monday, January 16th is a closure day for transportation in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- f. Trade Associations
 - a. CDSA – None
 - b. CCLN - Jacquie V. Foss noted the following.
 1. We are continuing to push on the Independent Living Services (ILS) rate issue.
 2. Jacquie Foss is going to be a member of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Deaf Task Force. More information to come.
 - c. ANCOR – None
 - d. ARC/UCP –
 1. Stacey Martinez, VAC Co-Chair, shared that the ARC of California will be hosting their 16th Annual Disability Advocacy Conference on April 25th-27th. Stacey will share the registration link with the group once it comes out.
 - g. NBRC Board Report
 - a. *Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair*, reported the following on the January Board Meeting.
 1. DDS reviewed NBRC’s Audit findings for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 & 2021-2022.
 2. Ami Sullivan, Kinetic Flow, gave an update on NBRC’s Strategic Planning Process.
 3. The board reviewed the Treasurer’s report and committee updates.
 - a. During the Nominating Committee update, we were notified that 3 individuals were recommended to the Board as VAC voting members. The board will meet the 3 candidates at the February Board Meeting.
 - h. ARCA
 - a. *Gabriel Rogin, NBRC Executive Director*, shared the following items.
 1. North Bay Regional Center is looking for people to participate in the Strategic Planning Workgroups. Please reach out to janelles@nbrc.net if you would like to participate.
 2. ARCA will send a summary of items that impact the regional center system from the State budget proposal.
 3. NBRC is working with providers to be in compliance with the Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) policy.
 4. NBRC is moving their Santa Rosa office soon. If you are a provider and have wall art to sell, please reach out to Gabriel Rogin.
 - i. Committees/Subcommittees
 - a. Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)
 1. *Jeremy Hogan noted the group did not meet this month.*
 - a. Upcoming Legislative Breakfast on Friday, April 21st from 9am – 10:30am at NBRC’s Napa Office with a hybrid option (Zoom).
 - i. The Save the Date flyer will be sent out soon.

- ii. We plan to have local legislators or their staff attend.
- b. Cultural Diversity (Cultural Linguistic Competency)
 - 1. Breanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair, noted the committee is finalizing the Holiday Awareness Calendar and will send it out shortly.
- c. Early Intervention/Early Start Subcommittee – None
- d. SLS/ILS Subcommittee
 - 1. Eric Martin shared the following.
 - a. Maria Marino, NBRC's Emergency Management and Facilities Coordinator, gave a presentation on Disaster Preparedness.
 - b. The group discussed the difference between daily notes and monthly summaries. We are monitoring the pilot program that is sending monthly progress reports to regional centers.

F. NBRC UPDATES:

a. Fiscal

- a. Courtney Singleton, NBRC Director of Community Services, notified the group of the following.
 - 1. State of Emergency Absence Billing
 - a. Starting December 27th through January 31st: Residential vendors will be able to bill for absences that are due to the storm. Courtney gave details on the process of billing for this.
 - 2. Independent audits are due. Anyone that has a pending audit, has already received a letter from NBRC.
 - 3. NBRC will update the rate increases after the check run.
 - a. The Fiscal Team will upload new invoices by January 31st.
 - b. Each vendor will receive a rate worksheet via email.
 - c. Questions – email ebilling@nbrc.net
 - d. Minimum wage worksheets are available on the DDS website.

b. Vendor Relations

- a. Courtney Singleton, NBRC Director of Community Services, shared the following.
 - 1. Remote Service Delivery
 - a. NBRC reached out to vendors with a list of people served on what their preference is with remote services.
 - b. If any changes happen on whether a person served wants remote services, please reach out to their Service Coordinator.
 - 2. Insurance & DHS91 forms - briana@nbrc.net
 - 3. If you moved or have a new mailing address, please make sure to send an email to vendor@nbrc.net
 - 4. Please make sure to review "my Profile" in ebilling. Update your email or phone number, if applicable.
 - 5. NBRC is working to ensure they have a Business Associate Agreement for every single vendor.

c. Quality Assurance

- a. Katy Vanzant, NBRC Quality Assurance Supervisor, shared the following.

1. Katy thanked the vendor community for their prompt responses on HCBS compliance.
- d. Self-Determination Program (SDP)
 - a. Gabriel Rogin, NBRC Executive Director, shared the following.
 1. The SDP advisory committee met yesterday. People are enrolling more rapidly into the program. There is a concern that existing service providers are not familiar with self-determination.
 2. NBRC is going to do more provider trainings this year on the Self-Determination Program.

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. OLD BUSINESS

- a. January 1 changes check-in: ASD, remote services, etc.
 - a. James Cox shared a comment regarding the outcome of remote services after the storm watch passes.

I. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Training/Events
 - a. IDA 8th Annual Policy 2023 Update
Monday, January 23, 2023
8:30am-12:30pm | Virtual Event
Presenters: Ryan Anderson, Heather Calomese, Sharon Walsh, Maricris Acon, and James Moses
 1. Join us to discuss current policies and regulations that providers need to know in 2023 at the Federal, State and Local Levels
 - a. https://www.idaofcal.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalevent.detail&evid=202
 - b. [NBRC Vendor Training Schedule 2023](#)
- b. Community Concerns - None
- c. Reminders – None

J. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – None

- K. ADJOURNMENT- *Stacey Martinez, VAC Co-Chair*, ended the meeting.
11:17AM





North Bay Regional Center

Board Meeting Locations 2023

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

January 4, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Via Zoom</i>
February 1, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Via Zoom</i>
March 1, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
April 5, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
May 3, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
June 7, 2023	<i>Napa Annual Board Meeting</i>	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
July 5, 2023	<i>Santa Rosa Annual Board Meeting & Short Business Meeting</i>	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Santa Rosa Office</i>
August 2, 2023	<i>No Board Meeting</i>	<i>Board Retreat – Need to reschedule</i>
September 6, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
October 4, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
November 1, 2023	Regular Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>
December 6, 2023	Short Business Meeting	<i>Hybrid – Zoom & NBRC Napa Office</i>



North Bay Legislative Breakfast

Please join us in celebrating
our resilience while discussing our legislative priorities!

April 21, 2023

9am – 10:30am

610 Airpark Rd
Napa, CA 94558
Or Via Zoom

Light refreshments will be served!

RSVP via email or phone call

JanelleS@nbrc.net or 707-256-1224

Save the Date

ARCA Academy

Join the ARCA Academy training event to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of non-profit board of directors and what it means to be on a regional center board.

The event is free, and open to regional center board members. Please select one of the two available training event dates to participate in.

- Saturday, April 29 at Alta California Regional Center
- Saturday, May 6 at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

Agenda

(subject to change)

9AM - Complimentary breakfast will be served

10AM - 1st plenary session, Themes and trends in developmental services

11AM - 2nd plenary session, Board member recruitment and retention

Noon - Lunch will be served

1-2PM - Breakout session #1

2-3PM - Breakout session #2

3-3:30PM - Closing



ARCA Academy

ISSUE: Information on the regional center board training event

BACKGROUND: In February 2020, ARCA hosted an “ARCA Academy” training event for all regional center board members. This one-day event featured two plenary sessions and four breakout sessions, all focused on providing training related to the work of nonprofit boards generally, and regional centers specifically. During the pandemic, these events were transitioned to be single-subject, one-hour webinars. Materials from the original Academy, as well as materials and recordings of the webinars, are [available online](#) as a permanent resource.

With the ongoing return to in-person events, it was decided to once again host an in-person event. At the direction of the *ad hoc* steering committee, the event was scheduled as two identical sessions, one in the north and one in the south. While this doubling limited the range of options for speakers, contracts have been signed with all presenters, and the specifics of the event agenda are being finalized.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

This year’s event is set for Saturday, April 29th in Sacramento (Alta California Regional Center) and Saturday, May 6th in Pomona (San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center). Because events are being hosted in both the north and south, no hotel room blocks are available. However, for those needing accommodation, the following options may be considered:

Sacramento – [Hilton Sacramento Arden West](#), across the street from ACRC

Pomona – [Hilton Garden Inn Pomona](#), 1 mile from SG/PRC

While a remote participation option will be available, attendees of the 2020 in-person event strongly agreed that the informal networking and opportunity to meet colleagues from around the state was one of the best parts of the Academy!

The day’s schedule and topics are:

9-10am – Breakfast

10-11am – Plenary #1, **Themes and trends in developmental services**

11am-noon – Plenary #2, **Board member recruitment and retention**

Noon-1pm – Lunch

1-2pm – Choice of breakout sessions: **Representing the agency in the community** OR **Roles of Board officers**

2-3pm – Choice of breakout sessions: **Meetings and fiduciary duties** OR **Strategic planning for 21 centers in 21 communities**

3-3:30pm – Closing Discussions

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Regional center boards are encouraged to begin making arrangements to participate, and to distribute the save-the-date flyer to board members. Registration/RSVPs will be requested at a later date, though there is no attendance fee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Save the Date – ARCA Academy 2023.pdf



FAIR HEARING & MEDIATION UPDATE

MARCH 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023

Funding (22-7)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of funding for support services. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation completed. Fair Hearing request withdrawn.
Eligibility (22-8)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing completed. Waiting for decision.
Eligibility (22-9)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing completed. Waiting for decision.
Eligibility (23-1)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request withdrawn.
Eligibility (23-2)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Fair Hearing request withdrawn.