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### **Our Mission:**

(what we do and for whom)

Our mission is to empower, respect and serve each child and adult with or with the potential for a developmental disability, while promoting the health and well-being of each individual, their families, and our community.

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

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

**DATE:** February 4, 2026

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** Hybrid – NBRC Santa Rosa Office or Zoom  
520 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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**Agenda Enclosed**

The NBRC Board of Directors is actively recruiting for board members. Please email your completed application or send any questions to Janelle Santana at [janelles@nbrc.net](mailto:janelles@nbrc.net).

- [NBRC Board Application - English](#)
- [NBRC Solicitud de Junta - Español](#)
- [Ang Aplikasyon para Maging Miyembro ng Lupon ng mga Direktor ng - Tagalog](#)

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**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors' Board Meeting – Hybrid**  
**February 4, 2026 6:00 p.m.**  
**520 Mendocino Avenue**  
**Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

**Join Zoom Webinar:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85648714871?pwd=zdK7nwp8nll5X8k3ysebhixDNlSyLX.1>  
Passcode:082828

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Martha Valdez, President
- II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Ronald Gers, Secretary (3 min)
- III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Business Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2026 & January 23, 2026 be approved as submitted. (2 min) (pgs. 1-6) ACTION
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA – Additions or modifications to this agenda by Board Members (2 min) ACTION
- V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Please use the sign-up sheet if attending in-person or chat in the Zoom meeting to sign up. If attending by phone, please text (707) 256-1224 to sign up. (2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson). (10 min)
- VI. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CALPERS CONTRACT – Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services
  - A. Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013 (15 mins) (pgs. 7-10) ACTION
- VII. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT OVER \$250,000 ACTION
  - A. B-3 Contract – Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer (pg. 11) (5 mins)
- VIII. 2024-2025 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT REPORT – INFO
  - A. Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services (30 mins) (pgs. 12-17)
- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT – Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer
  - A. Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted (5 min) (pgs. 18-19) ACTION
- X. COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS – *A list of committee reports and upcoming meetings can be found on pages 20-29.*
  - A. Nominating Committee – Joanne Giardello, Nominating Committee Chair (15 mins) ACTION
    - i. Vote for Board Member Term (pg. 30)
      - 1. Alan Kerzin 04/26 – 03/29 (pg. 31)
    - ii. Vote for Board Officer Term
      - 1. Board Treasurer
    - iii. Vote for Board Candidate
      - 1. Sandra Stevens (pg. 32)
- XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director (15 mins) INFO
  - A. Governor's Proposed Budget Overview (pgs. 33-41)
- XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Any other Board business may be brought up at this time.
- XIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Please use the sign-up sheet if attending in-person or chat in the Zoom meeting to sign up. If attending by phone, please text (707) 256-1224 to sign up. (2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson). (10 min)

XIV. CLOSED SESSION (30 mins)

- a. The appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee
- b. Labor contract negotiations

XV. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

- c. Report on any action taken during the closed session (1 min)

INFO

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – Martha Valdez, 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 is on March 4, 2026 at NBRC's Vacaville Office – 445 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA.

**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Regular Business Meeting**  
**January 7, 2026 6:00 p.m.**  
**Via In Person & Zoom Webinar**  
**600 Airpark Road, Napa, CA 94558**

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

Martha Valdez, President, Sonoma County  
Cheryl Snavely, Sonoma County  
Christopher Bennett, Napa County  
Jessica Sadowsky, VAC Representative

Sahira Arroyos, Vice President, Solano County  
Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer  
Alan Kerzin, Sonoma County  
Joanne Giardello, Solano County

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ronald Gers, Secretary, Sonoma County

**NBRC STAFF PRESENT:**

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director  
Beth DeWitt, Director of Client Services  
Claudia Ritchie, Director of Equity and Engagement  
Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services  
Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services  
Oscar Castro, Compliance Supervisor  
Ellen Sweigert, Consumer Advocate

Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant  
Mariam Guirguis, Executive Assistant – Compliance  
Abigail Andrade, Community Outreach & Engagement Specialist  
Carrie Brown, PCT Coordinator  
Katy Vanzant, QA Supervisor

**GUESTS (names listed as seen on Zoom):**

Amber Lopez, Spanish Interpreter  
Stacey Martinez, The Arc – Solano  
Derek Hearhtower  
Sara Speck  
Breeanne Kolster, 24-Hour Homecare  
Kenya Martinez, SCDD  
Lisa Tolbert  
Maria Cortes Lamas  
Matt Flores  
Tara Lowe  
Adriana Diaz, 24-Hour Homecare  
Katherine Reyes, Community Access and Empowerment  
Jesse Durand

Chris Aguire, DDS  
ASL Interpreter, DeBlois  
ASL Interpreter, Jesse Durand  
Mirna Leal, Spanish Interpreter  
Amanda Pyle  
Ami Sullivan, Kinetic Flow  
Justin Hamilton Hole  
Paula Finley  
Sandy Stevens  
Swati Vembakottai  
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Jennifer Carper  
Carly Davis

**MINUTES**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEBRA KIRCHER** – A moment of silence was taken for the late Debra Kircher, a former NBRC employee.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** – Regular Business Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2025, approved as submitted.

**M/S/C (Giardello/Snavely) Moved to approve December 3, 2025, minutes as submitted. APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA – No modifications. APPROVED UNANIMOUS**  
**M/S/C (Bennett/Snavely) Moved to approve the agenda as submitted.**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Derek Hearthtower, Community Member, shared the following.
  - o Create a policy on anti-ableism
  - o Common Ground Society Meeting on January 17th at 11am at the Santa Rosa Library.
  - o HCBS violation with North Bay Industries
- Justin Hamilton Hole, Community Member, shared his excitement to be involved in helping with future NBRC vendor fairs.
- Kenya Martinez, SCDD, shared about upcoming events along with PDFs.
  - o Click the links for [SCDD Policy Priorities](#) and [There should be a law](#) contest winners.
  - o Kenya is also looking for (self-advocates) to serve as panelists for an upcoming CCL cohort training. I am looking to secure 3 or more advocates for these sessions. Sessions will occur between the hours of 3PM – 4:30PM every Friday, starting February 6<sup>th</sup> and ending April 24<sup>th</sup>. Individuals are required to log in no later than 2:50PM. Each participant will be compensated for their time at the rate of \$200. Please contact Kenya at the following email address: [kenya.martinez@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:kenya.martinez@scdd.ca.gov)
- Katherine Reyes from Community Access and Empowerment, shared about the services provided for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing.
  - o Email contact: [kreyes@caempower.net](mailto:kreyes@caempower.net)
  - o Website: <https://caempower.net/>

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO CALPERS CONTRACT**

Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services, presented the preliminary amendment to the CalPERS contract that can be found on pages 5-8 in the January Board Meeting packet.

- The formal contract will be presented to the Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting.

**M/S/C (Bednarova/Arroyos) Moved to grant Jennifer permission to work with CalPERS to amend the contract.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

**PRESENTATION: ALIFT LEADERSHIP COHORT**

Sahira Arroyos, Board Vice President; Teali; Carin Hewitt, ALift LLC; Ellen Sweigert, NBRC Consumer Advocate; & Kim Stevens presented an overview on how the Leadership Cohort has impacted them and the community around them.

- The presentation can be found on pages 9-16 of the January board meeting packet.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW**

Ami Sullivan, Kinetic Flow; Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services; Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director; Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services; and Claudia Ritchie, Director of Equity & Engagement shared a presentation on NBRC’s efforts to implement the strategic plan in 2025.

- The presentation can be found on pages 18-37 of the January board meeting packet.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –**

**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 on pages 38-39 of the January 2026 board packet.

- **Board Opportunity Fund**
  - o The Opportunity Fund had an ending balance of **\$53,179.30** as of November 30, 2025.
  - o There were no transactions to report.

- **Operations – Current Fiscal Year 2025/2026**
  - o NBRC Operations expenditures are within the **38%** lapse of this fiscal year. We will continue to monitor expenses as we begin the second half of our fiscal year.
  - o The report reflects our estimated projections for the year. We do not anticipate receiving any additional operations allocations.
  - o **Personnel & Benefits:** Our personnel and benefits are estimated to be 90% of our Operations allocation. This percentage is slightly higher than we have had in prior years. This is primarily due to growth, cost of living increase, and health benefit costs.
  - o **Facilities:** This reflects our rent allocation along with building overhead costs including maintenance, janitorial, and parking expenses for all 3 office locations.
  - o **Equipment:** This reflects costs associated with all office equipment including printers, postage machines, and software costs.
    - Laptops were purchased with remaining budget funds from the prior year balance.
  - o **Communication:** This reflects costs associated with our system networks (Wi-Fi, phones), translation and interpreting costs, along with cellphones, and remote work reimbursement for staff.
  - o **Mileage:** This reflects costs associated with travel and mileage reimbursements for home and vendor visits, conference and training expenses. Mileage is another area that has increased.
  - o **Legal:** This reflects costs associated with legal counsel for lease and contract reviews, employee relations, and liability.
  - o **General Office:** This reflects all office related costs including postage, printing, courier services, and supplies.
  - o **Consultants:** This reflects costs associated with all consultants including website designer, recruitment firms, and a state nurse for specialized homes.
  - o **Bank Fees and LOC (Line of Credit):** These are standard banking expenses.
  - o **Other Expenses:** This reflects miscellaneous expenses such as All Staff meetings, reimbursements, and business fees.
  - o **CPP, SCP, MHSA, and LACC** are all grants and earmarked funds.
  - o **Revenue:** This reflects interest earned from CD investments and miscellaneous reimbursements from DDS.
- **Purchase of Service (POS) – Current Fiscal Year 2025/2026**
  - o NBRC paid a total of **\$238,862,528** for POS expenditure through November 30, 2025. We have estimated our projections based on the 5 months of POS payments. We have an estimated \$9.1 million in POS funds to cover remaining rate reform and late bill adjustments.
- **Cashflow**
  - o As of January 2, 2026, our cash availability is \$100,578,782. Of this amount, \$85 million is invested in a 30-day CD which matures on January 16th. This investment will earn just over \$200,000 interest.
  - o We anticipate receiving just over \$51 million for the November State Claim on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**M/S/C (Snavely/Kerzin) Motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.**

**APPROVED  
UNANIMOUS**

**COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS –**

**A. Nominating Committee Update –**

**a. Vote for Board Member Terms**

- i. **Cheryl Snavely**
- ii. The Nominating Committee recommended Cheryl Snavely for her second board term from March 2026 to February 2029 (3 years).
- iii. Cheryl Snavely left the room. Board members discussed.

**M/S/C (Kerzin/Arroyos) Motioned to approve the second term for Cheryl Snavely from 03/2026 – 02/2029. All board members present voted in favor.**

iv. **Christopher Bennett**

- i. The Nominating Committee recommended Christopher Bennett for his second board term from March 2026 to February 2029 (3 years).
- ii. Christopher Bennett left the room. Board members discussed.

**M/S/C (Sadowsky/Snavely)** Motioned to approve the second term for Christopher Bennett from 03/2026 – 02/2029. All board members present voted in favor.

**b. Vote for Board Secretary – 2 Nominees**

- i. Christopher Bennett
  1. 2 board members present voted in favor.
    - a. 1 board member abstained.
- ii. Ronald Gers
  1. 5 board members voted in favor.

**M/S/C (Bednarova/Arroyos)** Motioned to approve the second term for Ronald Gers to serve as Board Secretary from 03/2026 – 02/2028 (2 years).

**c. Nominations for Board Treasurer**

- i. Joanne Giardello, Nominating Committee Chair, shared the need for nominations for Board Treasurer. To vote at the February Board Meeting.

**d. Introduction/Vote for Board Candidate**

- i. **Swati Vembakottai** was introduced to board members and shared a few words.
- ii. Swati left the room.
- iii. All board members present voted in favor.

**M/S/C (Snavely/Arroyos)** Motioned to approve the first board term for Swati Vembakottai from 02/2026 – 01/2027 (1 year).

**B. Public Policy Advisory (PPAC) Committee Update**

**a. State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Public Policy Priorities**

- i. Alan Kerzin and Christopher Bennett, Board Members, shared an overview of the document that can be found on pages 49-53 of the January board meeting packet.

**C. Client Advisory Committee (CAC) Update –**

- a. Christopher Bennett, CAC Chair, presented on the advocacy one-pager that can be found in the January 2026 board meeting packet on pages 52-60.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, shared about the upcoming 'Fight for Our Health Coalition Rally, Press Conference and Lobby Day'

- Wednesday, January 14, 2026
- Location: In person at the State Capitol, West Steps, Sacramento, CA
- Time: Gather at 9:30 am
- 10 am - Press Conference

Gabriel Rogin shared that he has submitted his resignation with North Bay Regional Center but is excited to advocate for the regional service system in a different capacity. Gabriel's end date at NBRC is to be determined.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** – None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Derek Hearhtower, Community Member, expressed the need for mandating Person-Centered thinking practices and they shared appreciation of Gabriel’s involvement in the Client Advisory Committee.
  
- Justin Hamilton Hole shared how nice it was to work with Christopher Bennett and offered help with the April 10<sup>th</sup> legislative event.

**CLOSED SESSION –**

The board moved into closed session at 8:27pm to discuss the following.

- a. Labor negotiations
- b. The appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee.

**RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION-**

**A. Report on any action taken during closed session.**

The board returned from the closed session at 9:39pm and there was no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Martha Valdez, President, adjourned the regular business board meeting at 9:39pm.

**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Short Business Meeting**  
**January 23, 2026 1:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

Martha Valdez, President, Sonoma County  
Cheryl Snavely, Sonoma County  
Christopher Bennett, Napa County  
Jessica Sadowsky, VAC Representative

Sahira Arroyos, Vice President, Solano County  
Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer  
Alan Kerzin, Sonoma County  
Joanne Giardello, Solano County

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ronald Gers, Secretary, Sonoma County

**NBRC STAFF PRESENT:**

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director

Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS (names listed as seen on Zoom):**

None

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Martha Valdez, President, called the regular business meeting to order at approximately 1:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Confirmed quorum was present.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA** – No modifications.

**M/S/C (Bednarova/Arroyos) Moved to approve the agenda as submitted.**

**APPROVED  
UNANIMOUS**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CLOSED SESSION –**

The board moved into closed session at 1:08pm to discuss the following.

- a. The appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a regional center employee.

**RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION-**

**A. Report on any action taken during closed session.**

The board returned from the closed session at 3:40pm and there was no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Martha Valdez, President, adjourned the short business board meeting at 3:40pm.



## EXHIBIT

California  
Public Employees' Retirement System



# AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT

Between the  
Board of Administration  
California Public Employees' Retirement System  
and the  
Board of Directors  
North Bay Regional Center



The Board of Administration, California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereinafter referred to as Board, and the governing body of the above public agency, hereinafter referred to as Public Agency, having entered into a contract effective October 16, 2002, and witnessed October 2, 2002, which provides for participation of Public Agency in said System, Board and Public Agency hereby agree as follows:

- A. Paragraphs 1 through 11 are hereby stricken from said contract as executed effective October 16, 2002, and hereby replaced by the following paragraphs numbered 1 through 13 inclusive:
1. All words and terms used herein which are defined in the Public Employees' Retirement Law shall have the meaning as defined therein unless otherwise specifically provided. "Normal retirement age" shall mean age 60 for classic local miscellaneous members and age 62 for new local miscellaneous members.
  2. Public Agency shall participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System from and after October 16, 2002, making its employees as hereinafter provided, members of said System subject to all provisions of the Public Employees' Retirement Law except such as apply only on election of a contracting agency and are not provided for herein and to all amendments to said Law hereafter enacted except those, which by express provisions thereof, apply only on the election of a contracting agency.

3. Public Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and its trustees, agents and employees, the CalPERS Board of Administration, and the California Public Employees' Retirement Fund from any claims, demands, actions, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, expenses and costs, including but not limited to interest, penalties and attorney fees that may arise as a result of any of the following:
  - (a) Public Agency's election to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas under this Contract that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under the Public Agency's prior non-CalPERS retirement program.
  - (b) Any dispute, disagreement, claim, or proceeding (including without limitation arbitration, administrative hearing, or litigation) between Public Agency and its employees (or their representatives) which relates to Public Agency's election to amend this Contract to provide retirement benefits, provisions or formulas that are different than such employees' existing retirement benefits, provisions or formulas.
  - (c) Public Agency's agreement with a third party other than CalPERS to provide retirement benefits, provisions, or formulas that are different than the retirement benefits, provisions or formulas provided under this Contract and provided for under the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.
4. Employees of Public Agency in the following classes shall become members of said Retirement System except such in each such class as are excluded by law or this agreement:
  - a. Employees other than local safety members (herein referred to as local miscellaneous members).
5. Any exclusion(s) shall remain in effect until such time as the Public Employees' Retirement System determines that continuing said exclusion(s) would risk a finding of non-compliance with any federal tax laws or regulations. If such a determination is contemplated, the Public Employees' Retirement System will meet with the Public Agency to discuss the matter and coordinate any required changes or amendments to the contract.

In addition to the classes of employees excluded from membership by said Retirement Law, the following classes of employees shall not become members of said Retirement System:

- a. **SAFETY EMPLOYEES;**



11. Public Agency shall also contribute to said Retirement System as follows:
- a. Contributions required per covered member on account of the 1959 Survivor Benefits provided under Section 21574 of said Retirement Law. (Subject to annual change.) In addition, all assets and liabilities of Public Agency and its employees shall be pooled in a single account, based on term insurance rates, for survivors of all local miscellaneous members.
  - b. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment within 60 days of date of contract to cover the costs of administering said System as it affects the employees of Public Agency, not including the costs of special valuations or of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
  - c. A reasonable amount, as fixed by the Board, payable in one installment as the occasions arise, to cover the costs of special valuations on account of employees of Public Agency, and costs of the periodic investigation and valuations required by law.
12. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be subject to adjustment by Board on account of amendments to the Public Employees' Retirement Law, and on account of the experience under the Retirement System as determined by the periodic investigation and valuation required by said Retirement Law.
13. Contributions required of Public Agency and its employees shall be paid by Public Agency to the Retirement System within fifteen days after the end of the period to which said contributions refer or as may be prescribed by Board regulation. If more or less than the correct amount of contributions is paid for any period, proper adjustment shall be made in connection with subsequent remittances. Adjustments on account of errors in contributions required of any employee may be made by direct payments between the employee and the Board.

B. This amendment shall be effective on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
MELODY BENAVIDES, CHIEF  
PENSION CONTRACTS AND PREFUNDING  
PROGRAMS DIVISION  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NORTHBAY REGIONAL CENTER  
BY \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDING OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Date  
Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Date submitted to NBRC Board for review

02/04/2026

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#	Term of Contract	Total Contract Amount	Notes
B-3 for Fiscal Year 25/26	Department of Developmental Services	July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2026	<b>\$622,701,138</b>	The B-3 for FY 25/26 has no financial impact

This amendment is a language only amendment and has no funding change to the contract. The contract has revisions to Article I, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 10 ‘Transparency and Access to Public Information’ and Exhibit F, ‘Statement of Assurances for Protection of Protected Health Information’. The language revision clarifies and identifies de-identification requirements for Public Records Acts (PRA) requests.

The changes can be reviewed on pages 10-13 and pages 67-69 of Exhibit A - Regional Center Contract Language, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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*Summer 2025*

## **Performance Report for North Bay Regional Center**

Every year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with regional centers in California to serve individuals and families. And, every year DDS looks at how well the regional centers are doing. This report will give you information about North Bay Regional Center (NBRC).

Last year, NBRC we served about 11,570 individuals. The charts on page two tell you about the individuals NBRC serves. You will also see how well NBRC is doing in meeting goals and in fulfilling our contract with DDS.

At NBRC, we want to improve every year, do better than the state average, and meet or exceed the DDS standard. As you can see, we did well in the following areas:

- Exceeded the statewide average of fewer adults living in large settings (6 beds or more)
- Passed our Department of Developmental Services audit and independent financial audit
- Completed vendor audits as required.

But we still need to improve in the following areas:

- Continue to prioritize providing equitable services to individuals served by NBRC
- Increasing the number of individuals who gain employment following a paid internship
- Intake/Assessments completed in a timely manner (240 days or less)

We hope this report helps you learn more about NBRC. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

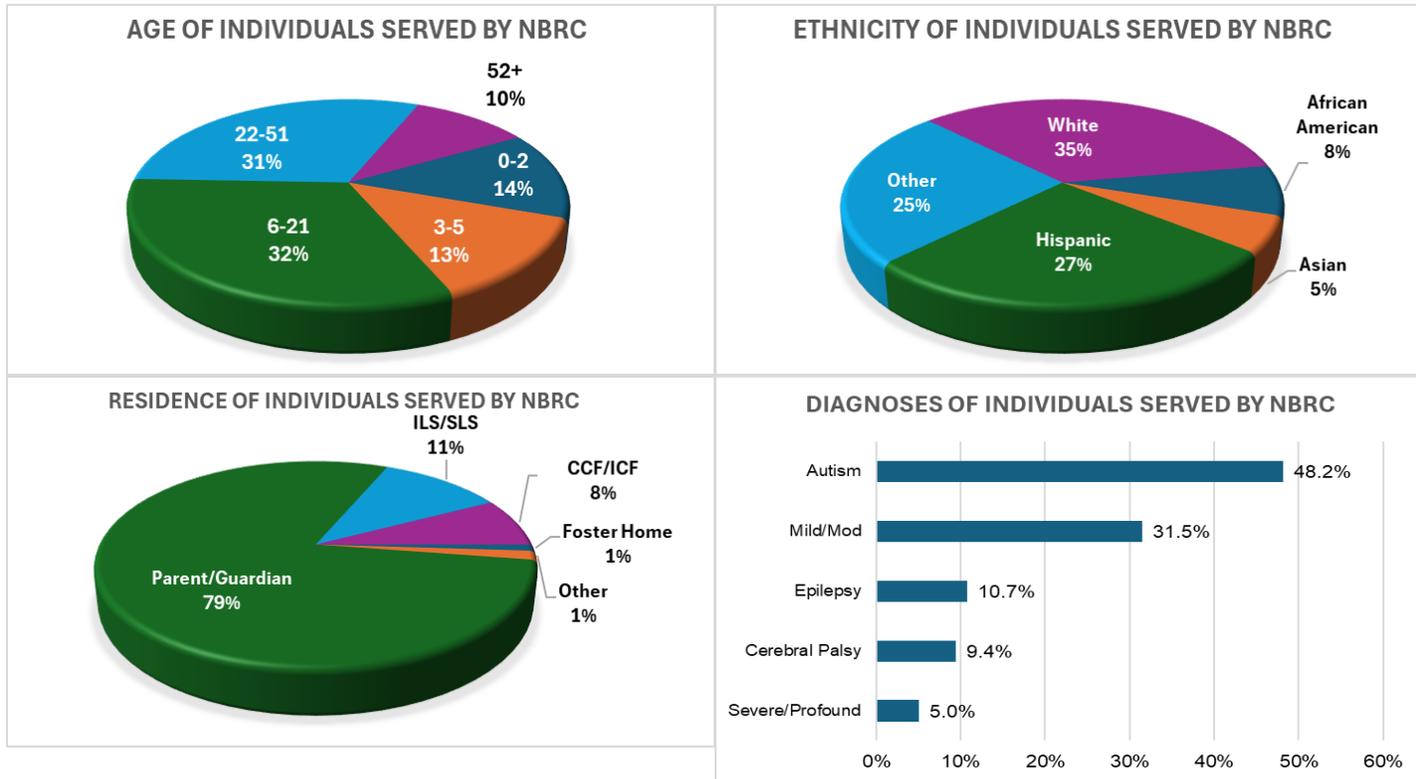
This report is a summary. To see the complete report, go to: [www.nbrc.net](http://www.nbrc.net) or contact Courtney Singleton at 707-256-1227 or [courtneys@nbrc.net](mailto:courtneys@nbrc.net).



Gabriel Rogin  
Executive Director  
North Bay Regional Center

## Who uses NBRC?

These charts tell you about who NBRC individuals are and where they live.



## How well is NBRC performing?

This chart tells you five areas where DDS wants each regional center to keep improving.

The first column tells you how NBRC was doing last reporting period, and the second column shows how NBRC was doing at the end of fiscal year 2024-25.

To see how NBRC compares to the other regional centers in the state, compare the numbers to the state averages (in the shaded columns).

Regional Center Goals (based on Lanterman Act)	June 2024		June 2025	
	State Average	NBRC	State Average	NBRC
More children live with families	99.69%	99.57%	99.71%	99.54%
More adults in home settings	83.86%	82.20%	84.29%	82.24%
Fewer children living in large facilities (more than 6 people)	0.02%	0.00%	0.03%	0.02%
Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	1.46%	0.32%	1.36%	0.46%

Notes: 1) Individuals can be included in more than one diagnosis category. 2) Residence Types: CCF/ICF is Community Care Facility/Intermediate Care Facility; ILS/SLS is Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services. 3) Home settings include independent living, supported living, Adult Family Home Agency homes, and individuals' family homes. 4) Green text indicates the RC remained the same or improved from the previous year, red indicates the RC did not improve.

## Did NBRC meet DDS standards?

Read below to see how well NBRC did in meeting DDS compliance standards:

Areas Measured	Last Reporting Period	Current Reporting Period
Passes independent audit	Yes	Yes
Passes DDS financial audit <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
Audits vendors as required	Partially Met <sup>2</sup>	Met
Didn't overspend operations budget	Yes	Yes
Participates in the federal waiver <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes
CDERs and ESRs are updated as required (CDER is the Client Development Evaluation Report and ESR is the Early Start Report. Both contain information about individuals, including diagnosis.) <sup>4</sup>	99.94%	98.67%
Intake/Assessment timelines for individuals age 3 or older met	66.61%	47.03%
IPP ( <i>Individual Program Plan</i> ) requirements met	97.80%	N/A <sup>5</sup>
IFSP ( <i>Individualized Family Service Plan</i> ) requirements met	87.3%	87.5%

Notes: <sup>1</sup> [Link to DDS financial audit for fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24](#)

<sup>2</sup> Regional center did not complete the minimum number of billing audits required for FY 2022-23 and did not submit vendor audit summary by deadline.

<sup>3</sup> The federal waiver refers to the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program that allows California to offer services not otherwise available through the Medi-Cal program to serve people (including individuals with developmental disabilities) in their own homes and communities.

<sup>4</sup> The CDER and ESR currency percentages were weighted based on the RC's Status 1 and Status 2 caseloads to arrive at a composite score.

<sup>5</sup> N/A indicates that the regional center was not reviewed for the measure during the current period.

NBRC is working to improve Intake/Assessment timeliness for individuals age 3 and older. NBRC recently vendored two psychologists and a physician to assist with the intake process. NBRC is currently in discussion with the physician about extending their practice to add additional assistance to NBRC with intake timelines.

## How well is NBRC doing at getting individuals working?

The chart below shows how well NBRC is performing on increasing individual employment performance compared to their prior performance and statewide averages:

Areas Measured	Time Period				
	CA	NBRC	CA	NBRC	
<b>Consumer Earned Income ( Age 16 to 64 years):</b> Data Source: Employment Development Department	Jan through Dec 2023		Jan through Dec 2024		
Quarterly number of consumers with earned income	32,132	1,268	32,936	1,345	
Percentage of consumers with earned income	15.20%	22.20%	15.60%	22.75%	
Average annual wages	\$14,251	\$13,142	\$14,902	\$13,555	
<b>Annual earnings of consumers compared to people with all disabilities in California</b> Data Source: American Community Survey, 2022 five-year estimate	2022		2023		
	\$29,382		\$31,436		
<b>Paid Internship Program</b> Data Source: Paid Internship Program Survey	2022-23		2023-24		
	CA Average	NBRC	CA Average	NBRC	
Number of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	12	1	13	1	
Percentage of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	10%	2%	9%	1%	
Average hourly or salaried wages for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	\$15.96	\$15.76	\$16.74	\$16.88	
Average hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	14	12	14	11	
<b>Competitive Integrated Employment</b> Data Source: Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Program Survey					
Average wages for adults engaged in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	\$16.51	\$16.53	\$17.33	\$17.38	
Average hours worked for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	21	15	21	17	
Total number of Incentive payments made for the fiscal year for the following amounts:**	\$3,000	38	11	35	10
	\$2,500	40	10	40	16
	\$2,000	49	15	51	28

Notes: 1) The National Core Indicator Survey question "Percentage of Adults who Reported having integrated employment as a goal on their IPP" is no longer asked and therefore could not be included on the report. 2) Differences in regional center population sizes may affect the number of individuals participating in employment programs.

## How well is NBRC doing at reducing disparities and improving equity?

These tables show you how well the regional center is doing at providing services equally for all individuals.

Number and percent of individuals receiving only case management services by age and ethnicity

Measure	Year	Number of Eligible individuals Receiving Case Management Only			Percent of Eligible individuals Receiving Case Management Only		
		Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older	Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older
American Indian or Alaska Native	22-23	0	*	*	0%	33%	9%
	23-24	0	**	*	N/A	39%	14%
Asian	22-23	*	95	56	7%	35%	**
	23-24	*	81	**	5%	25%	**
Black/African American	22-23	*	104	52	10%	32%	**
	23-24	*	94	**	5%	26%	**
Hispanic	22-23	63	348	81	6%	22%	11%
	23-24	43	456	94	5%	25%	12%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	22-23	*	*	*	33%	31%	18%
	23-24		*	*	N/A	27%	22%
White	22-23	40	473	272	5%	35%	10%
	23-24	27	363	258	4%	25%	9%
Other Ethnicity or Race	22-23	54	383	76	9%	35%	17%
	23-24	62	360	74	7%	28%	15%
Total	22-23	175	1,416	541	7%	30%	11%
	23-24	141	1,369	541	5%	26%	11%

\* In accordance with California Health and Human Services de-identification guidelines, counts of one through ten have been suppressed.

\*\* In accordance with California Health and Human Services de-identification guidelines, complementary cells have been suppressed.

Per capita purchase of service expenditures by individual's primary language  
 (only languages chosen by 30 or more individuals included)

Language	Count of UCI		Per Capita Purchase of Service Expenditures	
	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24
English	10,103	10,469	\$34,312	\$37,966
Spanish	2,077	2,178	\$10,827	\$12,161
Tagalog	56	58	\$26,680	\$32,387

**Want more information?**

To see the complete report, go to: [www.nbrc.net](http://www.nbrc.net)

Or contact Courtney Singleton [courtneys@nbrc.net](mailto:courtneys@nbrc.net) or 707-256-1227

Additional information can be found on the: [DDS Regional Center Dashboard](#)



# **North Bay Regional Center Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund February 4, 2026 Board Meeting**

The Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund ending balance as of December 31, 2025, was **\$63,179.30**

There was one (1) transaction during the month of December 2025. This donation was from Ms. Isbell who has donated **\$10,000** for the past few years. We appreciate her ongoing generous donation!

In addition, Debbie Adams, a service coordinator who worked for NBRC for over 23 years, recently retired from North Bay Regional Center and requested in lieu of gifts, a donation would benefit the Board Opportunity Fund. A total of \$1800 in honor of her years of service were donated and will be reflected in March.

A huge thank you to Debbie for her generous gesture and dedication to the individuals she supported over the years. We wish her the very best in this next chapter of retirement. A special thank you to your donors:

C&C Residential  
Equiventure Day Program  
Maria Van Luven, Case Management  
Stephanie Porter-Reid, Case Management  
Mo-Kang Ling, Case Management  
Arel Junio Castro, Fiscal  
Rafael Consing, IT Tech  
Teresa Palmer, Quality Assurance  
Acelya Ayson, Case Management  
Martha Cornejo, Case Management  
Heidi Oestreich, Case Management  
Arnel, Bright Homes  
Pam Lopez, Different Strokes

Ops Expenditures 6 months 47%	CFO Board Report December 2025				POS Expenditures 6 months 50%
50% of the fiscal year has elapsed					
<b>OPERATIONS</b>					<b>Total Ops Allocation: \$ 43,671,371</b>
<b>Total General Ops Contract: \$ 41,201,623</b>		<b>Total CPP Contract: \$ 1,345,793</b>			
<b>General Ops Amount Available: \$ 21,905,044</b>		<b>CPP Contract Amount Available: \$ -</b>			
Total YTD					
<b>OPERATIONS EXPENSE (OPS)</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>% by category</b>	<b>Forecast*</b>	<b>Actual + Forecast</b>	
Personnel	\$ 14,149,622	73.33%	\$ 15,522,363	\$ 29,671,985	
Benefits	\$ 3,449,471	17.88%	\$ 3,980,444	\$ 7,429,915	
Facilities	\$ 1,428,475	7.40%	\$ 1,489,525	\$ 2,918,000	
Equipment	\$ 255,180	1.32%	\$ 244,820	\$ 500,000	
Communications	\$ 299,585	1.55%	\$ 200,415	\$ 500,000	
Mileage	\$ 193,682	1.00%	\$ 256,318	\$ 450,000	
Legal	\$ 30,491	0.16%	\$ 169,509	\$ 200,000	
General Office	\$ 19,925	0.10%	\$ 81,798	\$ 101,723	
Consultants	\$ 232,723	1.21%	\$ 67,277	\$ 300,000	
Bank Fee and LOC	\$ 14,741	0.08%	\$ 15,259	\$ 30,000	
Other Expenses	\$ 47,352	0.25%	\$ 52,648	\$ 100,000	
Revenue (ICF Spa and Interest earned)	\$ (824,668)	-4.27%	\$ (175,332)	\$ (1,000,000)	
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,296,579</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 21,905,044</b>	<b>\$ 41,201,623</b>	
<b>Community Placement Plan (CPP)</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,793</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,345,793</b>	
<b>Senior Companion Program (SCP) - Grant</b>	<b>\$ 151,386</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>\$ 193,999</b>	<b>\$ 345,385</b>	
<b>Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Grant</b>	<b>\$ 111,513</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>\$ 174,312</b>	<b>\$ 285,825</b>	
<b>Language, Access, Cultural Competency Funding (LACC)</b>	<b>\$ 170,141</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>\$ 322,604</b>	<b>\$ 492,745</b>	
<b>Total Paid for Operations: \$ 21,075,412</b>					
<b>PURCHASE OF SERVICES</b>					<b>Total POS Allocation: \$ 579,029,767</b>
<b>Total POS Contract: \$ 577,257,243</b>		<b>Total CPP Contract: \$ -</b>			
<b>POS Contract Amount Available: \$ 285,947,043</b>		<b>CPP Contract Amount Available: \$ -</b>			
Total YTD					
<b>PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>Forecast*</b>	<b>Actual + Forecast*</b>	
Community Care Facilities	\$ 86,987,298	29.9%	\$ 89,726,349	\$ 176,713,647	
Supported Living Services	\$ 69,769,052	24.0%	\$ 70,013,049	\$ 139,782,101	
Day Programs	\$ 58,394,593	20.0%	\$ 58,612,959	\$ 117,007,552	
Behavioral Services	\$ 25,306,988	8.7%	\$ 25,726,216	\$ 51,033,204	
Other	\$ 23,055,631	7.9%	\$ 34,860,467	\$ 57,916,098	
Transportation	\$ 10,627,127	3.6%	\$ 10,653,677	\$ 21,280,804	
Respite	\$ 11,301,018	3.9%	\$ 12,739,632	\$ 24,040,650	
Medical Services	\$ 5,868,493	2.0%	\$ 6,112,667	\$ 11,981,160	
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL POS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 291,310,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 308,445,016</b>	<b>\$ 599,755,216</b>	
				<i>Amount reported to DDS for projected POS expenditures</i> \$ (20,725,449)	
*This budget reflects through the B-2 for FY26					
<b>Total Regional Center Budget:</b>				<b>\$ 622,701,138</b>	



## Board Committee Information

For board committee agendas and location information, please visit

<https://nbrc.net/about-us/board-of-directors/board-meetings/board-committee-meetings/>

Board Committees & Next Meeting	Summary of Previous Meeting	Description
<p><b>Executive Committee</b>  <b>February 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>6:30pm – 7:30pm</b>  <b>@Zoom</b></p> <p>Occurs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month</p>	N/A	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC)</b></p> <p><b>February 10<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>10am – 11:30am</b>  <b>@Zoom</b></p> <p>Occurs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month</p>	See meeting minutes in packet.	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)</b></p> <p><b>February 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>10am – 11:30am</b>  <b>@Zoom</b></p> <p>Occurs the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month</p>	See report below.	<p>The Public Policy Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the board. The committee reviews public policy impacting regional center services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Congressional bills, California state legislation and budget trailer bills</li> <li>- Federal and state executive orders</li> <li>- Changes in regulation and other law relating to disability programs and services</li> <li>- Department of Developmental Services directives</li> </ul>

		The purpose of the committee is to keep the Board informed of important policy developments and recommend potential actions for the Board to take.
<p><b>Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC)</b></p> <p><b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12pm – 1pm</b> <b>@Zoom</b></p> <p>Occurs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month</p>	<p>The CLCC meeting is preparing a draft of the Accessibility of Facilities Policy and is reviewing the barriers to transportation within this scope. The Committee would like to invite someone who has firsthand experience working with the transportation systems to provide input.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Client Advisory Committee (CAC)</b></p> <p><b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10am – 11:30am</b> <b>@Napa</b></p> <p>Occurs quarterly, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Risk Reduction Advisory Committee (RRAC)</b></p> <p><b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b> <b>@Zoom</b></p> <p>Occurs the last Wednesday of every month</p>	<p>The RRAC did not meet in December but is excited to report that the meeting in January will be developing its goals for 2026.</p>	<p>The Committee develops agendas that focus on policies, discussions, practices, and tasks related to prevention and response to neglect, physical and sexual abuse.</p>

## Public Policy/CAC Board Member Report by Christopher Bennett



*Photo of Christopher at the California State Capitol Fight For Our Health Coalition*

California health care advocates, labor unions and progressive lawmakers are urging the governor and the Legislature to fund medical care and other social services for millions of low-income and disabled Californians at the CA State Capitol West Steps from Wednesday January 14, 2026.

Their coalition, known as “Fight for Our Health,” demanded Wednesday on the Capitol steps that the Legislature, Gov. Gavin Newsom to act to fund cuts the federal Administration approved from last year. Gov. Newsom is fighting the measure which has yet to qualify for the ballot. A potential sign is that lawmakers are hoping Gov. Newsom is willing to pursue other funding for health care. The health advocates said they would make replacing federal funding a key priority this legislative session. Assembly Health Chair Mia Bonita suggested the state is looking at the ones who qualify for public health care assistance, health care advocates said they’re still just hoping to have more options on the table.



## MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2025 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am

### VAC VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeremy Hogan, VAC Co-Chair, UCP of the North Bay  
Marissa Elder, Enriching Lives Family Home Agency  
Jessica Sadowsky, Bayberry Inc.  
Adria Carson, On My Own

Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair, 24 Hour Home Care  
Carin Hewitt, alift llc  
Kelley Hanson, Pace Solano  
Kaela Talafili, Becoming Independent  
Sara Trail, Connected Living

### VAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Eble, North Bay Housing Coalition  
Samantha Wilhite, Connections for Life

### NBRC STAFF PRESENT at 10:30am:

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director  
Beth Dewitt, Director of Client Services  
Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer  
Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services  
Deanna Heibel, Associate Director of Client Services

Carrie Brown, Person Centered Thinking Coordinator  
June Ursini, Resource Developer  
Leslie Munoz, Resource Developer  
Kelly Weber, Associate Director of Client Services  
Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant  
Ellen Sweigert, Consumer Advocate

### GUESTS (Names as listed in Chat):

Ronda Reyes, Solano Diversified Services  
Leah Gulley – alift  
Elizabeth Clary – Alchemia  
Leeann Kellerman @ Lynn and Darla  
Caili Wilk – AngelSense  
Nick Paine- solano diversified services  
Julia Prentice, Solano Diversified Services  
Meddie Cueva -PRIDE Industries  
Emmy Bennett Napa Valley Support Services  
Cathy Forsyth Liberty ILS  
Linda Plourde- Bayberry  
Andrea Mendoza-Advanced Supportive Living  
Marissa Elder - Enriching Lives Family Home Agency  
Tokasa Buinimasi, Bulafiji SLS  
Rhonda Mottern-Bayberry  
Tobias Weare SCDD  
Anny Camerino- Luvinhome  
Lisa Ann Carbone, NBI  
Stacey Martinez, The Arc-Solano

Stephanie Munson - Goodwill - Redwood Empire  
Shanna Grogg, Starshine Therapeutic Services  
Graciela Menor - Enriching Live, FHA  
Gabrielle Auguste, Tomorrow House SLS  
Dalia Flores-North Bay Industries  
Mercedes Murphy- TPCP- TSS Sonoma  
Natalie Terrell New Leaf Solutions  
Lea Munoz, Integrated Resources Institute (IRI)  
Jeannie Smith- Napa Valley Support Services/ Napa  
Personnel Systems  
Brenda Miranda, Integrated Resources Institute (IRI)  
Kisha Hutcherson, Hands United SLS  
Jillianne Irving Inclusion services  
Lea Ronald, Napa Valley PSI  
Shayne Aloe, Kreative Community Services

- A. CALL TO ORDER at 10:02 am
- a. Roll Call of Voting Members
  - b. Establish Quorum-quorum established
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- a. Jeremy asked for any corrections to the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. None noted. Jessica Sadowsky moved, and Sara Trail seconded, to approve the November minutes as presented.
- C. VAC BUSINESS
- a. **Treasurer's Report** - Kelley reported the balance in the VAC account held at Pace Solano is a little over \$4100. No expenses since last meeting.
  - b. **VAC General Membership**
    - I. Jeremy called a vote to include Jessica Perez as a VAC voting member starting in January 2026. Jeremy made the motion to add her and the vote passed unanimously.
    - II. Jeremy shared that there are still open positions on the VAC. One of the things we ask for is regular attendance at the meetings. We do check attendance records so please make sure to add your name to chat if you want to get counted for being present. **Those interested in applying for the VAC, should click the link below:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1gTRb6k\\_zs8Ok9Wz0DsuY1gzQcYae6Y5REsLrvsdnKAONJw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1gTRb6k_zs8Ok9Wz0DsuY1gzQcYae6Y5REsLrvsdnKAONJw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
  - c. **Election of VAC Co-Chair** – Breeanne announced that Jessica Sadowsky was approved as the VAC Co-Chair and Board Representative at the December NBRC board meeting. Her term starts in January. Breeanne shared that she is excited to pass the baton but will miss being a part of the board. Jeremy expressed appreciation for Breeanne and her service in this role over the past couple of years. Others chimed in to express appreciation for her work.
  - d. **Development of a Self-Advocacy Sub-Committee to start in January**- There is general interest from NBRC and some vendors to create a new subcommittee related to self-advocacy. The goal is to enhance self-advocacy and bring together a variety of efforts across our area. The committee will begin in January of 2026. If you are interested, please send interest to [nbrcvac@gmail.com](mailto:nbrcvac@gmail.com)
- D. VENDOR COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
- a. **Discussion and sharing: What documents do you request from NBRC for referrals?** – The group had a discussion with the following comments:
    - Link to Title 17 regarding consumer information and records shared:  
<https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/california/17-CCR-56730>
    - When the new IPPs are sent as part of the referral packet, they are missing contact information which makes follow up difficult.
    - IPP/IEP and CDER (typically the numerical page), the Social Assessment, and any ISPs were typical parts of tone vendor's referral packet.
    - Some shared that they don't always get ISPs and will ask SCs but they don't always respond.

- Some agencies want the POS in place and have a referral form they ask SCs to complete. They won't proceed without getting that back. They also send out paperwork and ask families to fill it out as well.
- Another vendor mentioned that they have been getting minimal packets in the last 3-6 months.
- Individuals with behavioral support needs are missing key historical information, ISPs, SIR's, etc. it's typically just IPP/CDER.
- Another vendor requests the IPP, CDER & Service Authorization. Receiving the IPP & CDER can be delayed and take repeated follow up.
- More families are reaching out to us before hearing from an SC saying their SC gave them our contact information. Then they get partial referral packets when they request them.
- Social Assessments were noted as important to showing the person is eligible for regional center and vendor services.
- One vendor was told that NBRC would not forward other vendor documentation (for example other ISPs). It was noted that this might also be impacted by the Public Records Act.

Jeremy thanked the group for the input. The VAC will discuss any next steps related to this information and share with NBRC as well.

## END OF VENDOR ONLY TIME

### E. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carrie Brown, NBRC Person Centered Thinking Coordinator and Trainer** – Introduced herself and her role. Carrie has worked within NBRC and our community for many years and this is a new role for her. NBRC has 5 certified person centered thinking trainers who can provide the PCT curriculum to vendors. She wants to gather information from vendors about what they think will best work for their staff. She will send out a survey asking about the skills that vendors would like to see. Basically, she is interested in seeing how they can support staff and provide opportunities for practice. For example, ongoing skills classes for DSPs and Managers. Vendors also asked about training for families. SCDD and NBRC is planning to do trainings for families in 2026. Details are being figured out. Email [cbrown@nbrc.net](mailto:cbrown@nbrc.net) with any input or suggestions. A survey will be coming shortly.
- Vendor Potluck on January 13<sup>th</sup>** – Typically happens in December but NBRC Napa is under construction so it was determined to be in January. The business meeting and potluck will be held 10-12. Location is to be determined and more info to follow.

### F. NBRC UPDATES

- Fiscal** - Isabel said they are wrapping up rate reform including transportation. They are working on reconciliations. The website will be up and going by March. Feedback has been provided to staff that vendors have a difficult time getting forms. There will be a section for ebilling and vendor forms. She asked if the VAC could collect a list of standard forms that vendors would like access to. She will make sure they get uploaded to the website. Jeremy said VAC can send out a survey and collect this information. Isabel would need info by end of January so they have time to make sure everything works.
- Vendor Relations** – Courtney responded to previous questions about the lump sum payments for the Provider Directory. The bulk were done in November of 2025 but are they are waiting for wave two. Jamie mentioned that there was a statewide eligibility list on the DDS website and asked if this was still

available. Courtney said she wasn't sure as they get info directly from DDS. She shared that they have been focused on rate reform. All service codes except 113 which is Specialized Residential Facility are done. Those will be updated this month. There is still some clean-up of sub codes and service codes. They will be looking at exceptions to make sure they are documented as approved. They are also focusing on making sure all vendors between June and now who are qualified for the 100% rate, are getting their rate. There are several vendors so they are sorting through it. There is a minimum wage increase in January and February is the hold harmless end date.

It was mentioned that several vendors have still not received their QIP surveys. CDSA is pushing on DDS to make this happen. It is taking so long to get out, they may ask for a delay of their timeline. Some vendors got the wrong surveys as well. On a positive note, the surveys are easier to do than previous ones and offer space for feedback.

DDS is implementing a Standard Vendorization process for all new vendorizations. The question was asked, what will NBRC expect from vendors over the next few months until this is fully implemented. QA will need to practice using the new system. They will put out a plan for new vendorizations and/or modifications and can discuss in January. They will also put a link on the website to inform vendors on the process. DDS had 4k people attend the session on vendorization which was a record. Someone asked about whether DDS would do a FAQ based on all of the questions. Courtney indicated they likely will and shared that NBRC will host some informational sessions as well.

Courtney reviewed a new directive related to Excessive Mileage. This is geared towards rural areas where staff are traveling long distances to support individuals. NBRC will put out a calculator that will calculate the excess mileage beyond what was included in the rate model. The eligible categories include Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services and Specialized Therapeutic Services, Infant Development Program, and In-home Respite Agency services, service codes 896 (SLS), 612 (Behavior Analyst), and 616 (Behavior Technician). Courtney shared the worksheet which allows for a formula to figure out excess mileage. They will host an informational session before the end of the year. It was asked whether Supported Employment would be added? That is not yet known.

- c. **Consumer Advocacy** - Ellen shared that the Advocator Newsletter is being translated and should be ready soon. The Better Together dance is being planned for February 15th. Jeremy dropped a flyer in chat (see below). If anyone wants to volunteer at the event, please go to <https://forms.gle/hTch2jEcJ8tQdXPF8> to sign up.

## G. GROUP REPORTS

- a. **Napa-Solano Vendor Group** Kelley Hanson shared that the group did not meet in December. Contact Kelley if you want to join the Sonoma Vendor Group [kelly@pacesolano.org](mailto:kelly@pacesolano.org)
- b. **Sonoma Vendor Group**- Elizabeth Clary shared that the group did not meet in December. She put a Doodle Poll in chat for a January Meeting: <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/bq8KR70a>  
Contact Elizabeth if you want to join the Sonoma Vendor Group [elizabeth.clary@alchemia.org](mailto:elizabeth.clary@alchemia.org)
- c. **Affordable Housing Committee**- Mary Eble was absent but shared ahead of the meeting that there is no new report as the committee did not meet in December.
- d. **Transportation**- Myra Montejano from R&D reported that transportation rates are in process.
- e. **NBRC Board Report**- Breeanne shared the board had a regular meeting (no presentations). Andrea walked them through the budget to make sure everyone understood the categories. They talked about

POs and updates to the nominating committee. Joanne Giardello was voted on for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. The Treasurer and Secretary positions will be opening up so that was also discussed. The CAC touched on the One Page Descriptions they are working on. The board had the ARCA Academy so they shared some learnings. As part of Gabriel's ED report, they reviewed the board trainings. Breeanne suggested that the trainings happen during the meetings and could be shared out in advance so vendors can join. They typically start at the beginning of the board meeting. She will share more on this shortly. Jeremy gave Breeanne a shout out for her service on the board.

- f. **ARCA Report-** Gabriel also recognized Breeanne for her exceptional service. He said she was applauded at her last board meeting and he anticipates that Jessica will be a great addition. The January meeting will include an overview of their strategic plan, a presentation from an autism specialist at DDS, and an update on the National Core Indicator data and contract. They are also planning a March presentation on parent reimbursement processes. Gabriel expressed gratitude for the vendor community for their commitment and hard work. He recognized the partnership and working collaboratively through all the bumps. He also emphasized the benefit of the VAC meetings in creating a space to talk. He also thanked Jeremy and the VAC voting members and wished everyone happy holidays.

**g. Committees/Subcommittees**

- i. **NBRC Public Policy Advisory Committee** - Linda Plourde reported that the declassification of some degrees as nonprofessional led to discussion about efforts to professionalize the DSP workforce. There is an effort in place to create a Standard Occupational Classification for DSPs. Once this is in place, we will have more data and maybe an opportunity to increase staff wages. There has been a bipartisan effort to recognize the role of DSPs and the hope is that the bill will pass in 2028. There was also discussion about the CalCare Assembly Bill 2200 which proposes to create a universal health care program to cover all California residents. This may take years to implement but it will cover all medical services currently received through healthcare (drugs, vision, mental health, etc.). California will be the first state to have that kind of coverage although this is something that has been looked at nationally. Lastly, the feds are lowering the amount of tax that states can collect for Medicaid. This is part of the Medicaid cuts from the Big Beautiful Bill. The committee will share more details in the future. Contact Jessica about this.

The group is planning the Legislative luncheon. Is it scheduled for Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and a *Save the Date* is coming. The committee is working out the details but the plan is tentatively 11-12:30pm. They hope to have Congressman Thompson provide updates and the CAC is joining the meeting this Friday to help co-plan the event.

**H. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (from vendors, NBRC, & public)**

- a. Next VAC will be Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> with potluck
- b. SCOE Vendor Transition Fair- the registration is now open. Event is March 4<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. Held at the BI Backdrop. (see attached flyer)
- c. Alift shared free training opportunities for staff in HCBS. (see attached flyer)
- d. Holiday Sale this Saturday 12/13/25 at 2225 Brown Street Napa at Brown Street Gallery from 11am-3pm (see attached flyer)
- e. UCPNB Craft Fair in Napa. (see attached flyer)
- f. Following meeting today POS Drop in Sessions. In 2026, the goal is to have them directly after the VAC meetings starting in January.
- g. Alift Leadership Academy. Two in Spanish and two in English. (see attached flyer)

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP**

- a. Follow up on feedback collected about referrals during vendor only time.
- b. Collect a list of standard forms that vendors would like access to on the NBRC website and send to Isabel.

J. ADJOURNMENT at 11:32 am

# FREE HCBS TRAINING



Alift is hosting **FREE** trainings for direct support professionals and their supervisors. Each training is approximately 90 minutes and designed to build staff competence in understanding concepts related to the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule and person centered supports. During this training attendees will:

- ✓ Reflect on what it means to have a person centered mindset.
- ✓ Review the HCBS federal requirements and discuss barriers to compliance.
- ✓ Explore ways to enhance their organization’s services and help people live the life they want to live.

## HCBS Training for Residential Services



Wednesday Jan 21st  
10am - 11:30am



Wednesday Mar 18th  
10am - 11:30am



Wednesday Feb 18th  
10am - 11:30am

**JOIN US ON** Meeting ID: 817 7976 9571  
**Zoom**  Passcode: 068485

## HCBS Training for Day and Work Services



Wednesday Jan 21st  
2pm – 3:30pm



Wednesday Feb 18th  
2pm – 3:30pm



Wednesday Mar 18th  
2pm – 3:30pm

**JOIN US ON** Meeting ID: 836 7803 0376  
**Zoom**  Passcode: 650260

**This is an interactive training, participation is encouraged and cameras must be on to obtain a Certificate of Completion**



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**NORTH BAY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>
11/23 – 10/24 11/24 – 10/27 11/27 – 10/30 (10/30) <b>PRESIDENT:</b> 10/24 – 09/26	<b>Martha Valdez</b>	Sonoma
11/19 - 10/22 11/22 – 10/25 11/25 – 10/26 (10/26) <b>TREASURER:</b> 3/22 – 2/24, 3/24 – 2/26	<b>Andrea Bednarova</b>  <b>Treasurer Term Ends</b>	
07/22 – 06/23 07/23 – 06/26 07/26 – 06/29 (06/29) <b>SECRETARY:</b> 3/24-2/26, 03/26-02/28	<b>Ronald Gers</b>	Sonoma
01/24 – 12/24 01/25 – 12/27 01/28 – 12/30 (12/30) <b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b> 7/25 – 6/27	<b>Sahira Arroyos</b>	Solano
1/26 – 12/27 1/27 – 12/28 (12/28) VAC REP	<b>Jessica Sadowsky</b>	Napa / VAC
02/22 – 01/23 02/23 – 01/26 02/26 – 01/29 (01/29)	<b>Joanne Giardello</b>	Solano
03/25 – 02/26 03/26 – 02/29 03/29 – 02/32 (02/32)	<b>Cheryl Snavely</b>	Sonoma
03/25 – 02/26 03/26 – 02/29 03/29 – 02/32 (02/32)	<b>Christopher Bennett</b>	Napa
04/25 – 03/26 04/26 – 03/29 04/29 – 03/32 (03/32)	<b>Alan Kerzin</b>	Sonoma
02/26 – 01/27 02/27 – 01/30 02/30 – 01/33 (01/33)	<b>Swati Vembakottai</b>	Sonoma

(Dates in brackets are the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)

**Revised 02/2026**



## **Proposed Board Member for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Term: Alan Kerzin**

### **County: Sonoma**

Alan Kerzin has had a long and distinguished career in disability rights and advocacy, having provided direct representation to families in the North Bay for over 30 years. Throughout his professional career, he helped countless families and individuals with disabilities obtain necessary services and supports needed from Special Education, and or the Regional Center. Most importantly, Alan worked effectively with local school districts and the regional center resolving disputes through effective communication and listening. His strong advocacy skills and in-depth knowledge of special education law consistently led to positive outcomes for children and families.

Although currently retired, throughout his career, Alan worked in various leadership capacities at the Area 4 Board/State Council Office, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities in Sacramento, Mental Health Advocacy in Los Angeles, the Children’s Network of Solano County, and the Disability Law Center in Boston. In each of these leadership positions, he advocated for and gave voice to vulnerable populations, including children, youth, and adults with disabilities, foster youth, and low-income families. Alan’s work also included facilitating inter-agency working groups focused on disability policy initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels.

In addition to assisting and representing families, Alan’s career focused on helping parents develop the confidence they need to make a difference in the lives of their own children and in their communities. He was and is committed to making special education and regional center laws and regulations accessible, so parents feel confident and empowered to interface with school and regional center personnel and legislators to influence public policy.

In his free time, Alan enjoys watching UCLA basketball, walking, listening to music, traveling and spending time with his wife, kids and grandchildren.

Alan Kerzin served a one-year term from April 2025 to March 2026.

Alan is seeking his second term on NBRC’s Board of Directors from 04/2026 to 03/2029 (three-year term).



**Proposed Board Member: Sandra ‘Sandy’ Stevens**

**County: Solano**

My name is Sandy Stevens. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry, and Masters’ Degrees in Analytical Chemistry and Environmental Management. During my career, I have held management positions including laboratory supervisor at C&H Sugar, Director of Environmental Services at C&H and its parent Company, Alexander and Baldwin, Associate Vice-President of Environmental Services at a San Francisco real estate development company, and I retired as a Principal at an environmental consulting firm.

My adult daughter has been receiving support from the North Bay Regional Center for approximately 20 years. She has recently moved into her own apartment and is thriving with the support provided. She continues to develop her job capabilities through internships and job coaching.

I am also a member of the Advisory Council for the Area Agency on Aging. This organization supports the work of the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging by connecting with older and disabled adults in Napa and Solano Counties to better understand the issues they face. The council assists the agency in shaping the Area Plan, setting goals, and selecting service providers,

I look forward to giving back to my community by applying my experience and expertise to NBRC Board membership.

The Nominating Committee recommends Sandy to serve a one one-year term on the Board of Directors from February 2026 – January 2027.

[Lea este mensaje en español;](#)



Dear Community,

This message provides a budget update and ends with a “special note.” Read on!

### Budget Update

Earlier this morning, Governor Newsom released the proposed budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year that begins July 1, 2026. This proposed budget is known as “the Governor’s Budget”, or the “Jan 10 budget.” It is found on the [Department of Finance’s website](#).

The Governor's budget contains several proposals to close the \$2.9 billion difference between the money California will take in during 2026-27 and what the State will spend. For the developmental disability services system, the Governor’s Budget includes \$21.1 billion for 2026-27.

- This is an increase of \$2.4 billion over our current budget.
- The proposed budget increase funds services for approximately 37,600 more people next year, and regional center costs to support them.
- We estimate supporting nearly 527,000 individuals next year!
- Details of the proposed budget can be found on our website in the [FY 2026-27 accordion](#).

You might be interested in these additional items in the Governor's Budget:

Federal Funding:

- Improvements in the quality and accuracy of data is increasing our ability to claim federal reimbursements. This means that each year we get about \$100 million more from the federal government for eligible services provided by regional centers.
- The proposed budget also adjusts other federal reimbursement claims for people receiving Medi-Cal through the Affordable Care Act's adult expansion population. This change is estimated to bring in about \$154 million each year in additional federal funding.
- Federal funding is very important to California because it can reduce our spending of state General Fund money.

Ongoing funding for the Life Outcomes Improvement System (LOIS) project's planning phase:

- \$14.6 million and 20 staff positions are proposed to help the Department develop LOIS.
- After collecting a lot of input from all over the State through 2025, the Department is using what we learned to get the state and federal approvals we need to build LOIS. Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas about LOIS!
- Securing approval from the California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS), Department of General Services, California Department of Technology, and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will take up at least the first half of 2026.

Implementation of the federal Home and Community-Based Services Access Rule:

- \$2.4 million and nine positions to address increased workload for a new grievance process.
- Starting in July 2026, people will be able to file a grievance if they believe:
- their Individual Program Plan was not developed in a person-centered way;
- their services are not being provided in a person-centered way; or
- their residential services provider is not following the federal home and community-based services requirements.

Aligning efforts to increase access to employment:

- We are partnering with the Department of Rehabilitation to create a “no wrong door” service delivery model for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to get a job.
- This work will reduce the burden of identifying the right department to help get and keep a job. It also will make individuals’ access to employment services faster and reduce confusion and stress.
- The Budget includes \$3.3 million for the Department of Rehabilitation to support this effort.

Department-wide human resources and information technology support:

- We are moving positions and associated dollars within the Department to better support vital work, protect state resources, and address needs for programs, including autism and employment services.

You might be interested in other sections of the Governor’s budget like California’s economy overall, health care, social services, employee compensation, or housing. We encourage you to learn more about

the budget topics you are interested in at the Department of Finance's website. Use the link in the first paragraph of this note to see the full budget document.

### A Special Note

This is a good opportunity to highlight a milestone in California history. Fairview Developmental Center, in the City of Costa Mesa in Orange County, first opened in January 1959. For decades, Fairview was home to thousands of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, supported by thousands of Department employees. These employees became part of the surrounding communities, building their lives and families around supporting the people living at Fairview.



After the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision established the right to live in the community, California began relying less on large institutional settings, giving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities more choices and improving community inclusion. Years were spent developing homes and supportive resources throughout California for all developmental center residents, including Fairview's. Many community resources were improved from collecting ongoing input from individuals and families and closely monitoring each person's transition into their community. Fairview's last residents moved out in February of 2020. Today, these individuals are living successfully in their own communities across California.

The Fairview property will support Californians in new ways. In the Harbor Village section of the property, three small homes are being built for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who also have mental health diagnoses. Harbor Village currently includes apartments set aside for individuals receiving services from regional centers. Additionally, 15 acres of the Fairview property have been transferred to California’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for its new Southern California Emergency Operations Center. A [groundbreaking ceremony](#) was held in October 2025, and the center is under construction. In the future, the remaining Fairview property will be transferred to the City of Costa Mesa for housing development.

The Governor’s Budget includes savings of \$8.1 million, reflecting the closure of our offices and presence at Fairview. A few employees continue working at Fairview. They are clearing out surplus property, emptying and closing buildings on the grounds, supporting CalOES’ construction efforts, and working on the development of the three new homes for individuals with complex needs. This note is a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has worked at Fairview. We honor and appreciate your contributions to the state’s history of service to Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Pete

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## **SUMMARY OF THE GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED 2026-2027 STATE BUDGET**

**This is an initial summary of the Governor’s proposed budget and details will be added as they develop. (January 9, 2026)**

### **OVERALL BUDGET**

- **While a significant budget shortfall had been anticipated, this budget predicts more than \$42 billion in additional revenue than originally thought. For this reason, a modest projected shortfall of \$2.9 billion is anticipated for 2026-27.**
- **The proposed budget is balanced and includes money the state must set aside for surprise costs (“Rainy Day Fund”).**
- **A shortfall of \$22 billion is anticipated in 2027-28 and shortfalls in the next two years. The budget proposal in May (“May Revise”) will include updated information about revenue and spending to balance the budget through 2027-28.**

### **DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS) AND REGIONAL CENTERS**

- **There is \$21.1 billion allocated to DDS for over 527,000 individuals. This is a net increase of \$2.4 billion from last fiscal year and approximately 37,600 individuals.**
- **There is an increase in Medicaid reimbursements, resulting in over \$154 million in savings annually.**
- **Continue planning for the Life Outcomes Improvement System**

(LOIS), costing over \$14 million in 2026-27 (same cost as last fiscal year).

- Cold shutdown of Fairview Developmental Center saving \$8 million.

## HEALTH

- HR 1, the passed federal bill that reduces states' funding, is expected to create \$1.1 billion in additional costs for Medi-Cal and \$300 million for CalFresh. These costs are in addition to typical anticipated growth such as program costs and the number of people who join the program. Overall, there is an increase of \$2.4 billion to Medi-Cal costs for various reasons.
- Other impacts from HR 1's passage include:
  - o a work requirement beginning 1/1/27 with an anticipated reduction of \$373 million in 2026-27 and \$13.1 billion by 2029-2030.
  - o a reduction from the federal government that matched funding for emergency services (from 90% to 50%) resulting in \$658 million in additional costs in 2026-27 and \$872 million by 2029-2030.
  - o a reduction in federal funding for Medi-Cal for individuals with certain immigration statuses. If the state continued to provide services to these individuals, the costs would be \$786 million in 2026-27 and \$1.1 billion thereafter.
  - o redeterminations for eligibility every six months instead of annually, resulting in fewer people being found eligible and a reduction of \$463 million in 2026-27 and \$3 billion by 2029-2030.
- Because of federally required changes in how states can collect taxes from Medicaid providers, additional costs of \$1.1 billion in 2026-27.
- Expand access to care, strengthen the workforce, and enhance infrastructure in rural and frontier communities at the Dept. of Health Care Access and information, costing over \$233 million in federal funds (called the Federal Rural Health Transformation Program).

## IHSS

- There is \$33.4 billion allocated in 2026-27 to IHSS for over 875,000 service recipients.
- Beginning in 2027-28, stop paying for increases in IHSS hours, saving \$233 million. This means the state will stop paying for more hours when the county approves them – the cost will fall on the counties.
- Eliminate the [IHSS Backup Provider System](#), which saves \$3.5 million.
- End state-funded IHSS during the waiting period before Medi-Cal begins, which saves \$86 million. IHSS would only be available once Medi-Cal coverage starts.

## CHILDCARE, NUTRITION, AND EDUCATION

- An increase of almost \$90 million to pay for cost-of-living adjustments to childcare programs run by the CA Dept. of Social Services (CDSS).
- An increase of almost \$383 million in 2026-27 to CalFresh because of HR 1's reductions and \$66 million in savings because of HR 1 changes that result in fewer individuals being eligible for CalFresh.
- There is almost \$150 billion allocated for all TK-12 education programs for nearly 6 million students in more than 10,000 schools across the state.
- Fund the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant for its last years through 2027-2028, costing over \$757 million.
- Home to School Transportation Program, \$33 million in one-time funding and \$239 million annually thereafter.
- Pay for cost-of-living adjustments for many programs, including special education child nutrition, costing over \$228 million annually.
- Continue screening students from grades K-2 for risk of reading difficulties, costing \$40 million in one-time funds.
- LA County School Wildfire recovery, costing almost \$23 million in one-time funding.
- Provide a flexible block grant for the community colleges system, costing \$100 million one-time funding.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

- The 2025 budget established the Bureau for Descendants of American Slavery. This budget proposes funding to permanently staff the Bureau, almost \$1 million for 2028-29 and \$2 million in 2029-2030 and annually thereafter.
- Continue the funding and work of the Commission on the State of Hate through the end of 2030, allocating almost \$1 million in 2026-27, almost \$2 million 2027-2030, and almost \$1 million 2030-2031.

## HOUSING

- Continue the plan to reorganize housing efforts under the California Housing and Homeless Agency (CHHA) and the Housing Development and Finance Committee (HDFC).
- Shift \$560 million to HDFC to administer affordable housing programs.

### Budget Resources

- [Governor's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget](https://ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf)  
<https://ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

**FAIR HEARING & MEDIATION UPDATE**

**JANUARY 1, 2026 – JANUARY 31, 2026**

Eligibility (25-40)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-41)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Withdrawn without resolution.
Eligibility (25-44)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation and Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-52)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation and Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-56)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-60)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Withdrawn without resolution.
Eligibility (25-61)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation held. Hearing to be scheduled.
Service (25-62)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing to be scheduled.
Service (25-63)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing scheduled.
Service (25-64)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing rescheduled.
Service (25-65)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved at informal meeting. Service Approved.
Service (25-66)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved before informal meeting. Service Approved.
Service (25-67)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved at mediation.
Eligibility (25-68)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting to be held.

Eligibility (25-69)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved at informal meeting. Eligible.
Service (25-70)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing scheduled.
Eligibility (25-71)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing to be scheduled.