

**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 pm**  
**North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84374801550?pwd=VXFJU1ovbVFoeINWVEcxK3J0T2c0QT09>

**Join by Phone:**

**Call-in: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 843 7480 1550 Password: 470780**

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Rosemarie Pérez, President
- II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Sara Speck, Secretary
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT – 2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson.
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Rosemarie Pérez, President ACTION  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of February 13, 2023 be approved as submitted.(pgs. 1-2)
- V. APPROVAL OF C-4 CONTRACT – Isabel Calder, CFO (attachment) ACTION
- VI. REVIEW OF MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> BOARD MEETING INFO
- VII. APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING PREP INFO
- VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Gabriel Rogin, NBRC Executive Director ACTION
  - a. Formal support letter from NBRC Board of Directors for AB 649 (pgs. 3-5)
- IX. OTHER BUSINESS - Any other Board business may be brought up at this time.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT – 2 minutes per person unless otherwise allowed by Board Chairperson.
- 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(a) & (b).

<b>NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT</b> – The next Board of Directors Executive Committee call is on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:30pm.
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**Board of Directors' Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30 pm**  
**North Bay Regional Center - Via Zoom**

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rosemarie Pérez, Board President  
Jeremy Johnson, Vice President  
Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer

Sara Speck, Secretary  
Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative  
Joanne Giardello, Solano County

**NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**NBRC STAFF PRESENT:**

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** – *Rosemarie Pérez, President*, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS** – *Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer*, conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of January 17, 2023 be approved as submitted.

**M/S/C (Bednarova/Johnson) Moved to approve the minutes as submitted.**

**APPROVED**

**REVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> BOARD MEETING**

*Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director*, recapped the February 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the NBRC website in the March 2023 Board Meeting packet.

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> BOARD MEETING PREP**

*Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director*, reviewed a draft agenda with the Board Executive Committee.

- Windes, Accounting Firm for Tax Audit & Advisory, will present the audit findings of Fiscal Years 2021-2022.
- There's a potential that the C4 Contract will be ready for a vote.
- We plan to vote on Candace White for Vice President of the Board of Directors.
- We are returning for a vote on three VAC Voting Members.
- Gabriel will include the ARCA Strategic Planning documents in the board packet for the Board to review.
- The draft Mission Statement will be included in the Board packet for review.
- The Executive Committee will need to report on the approved board fund request to the Board of Directors.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

*Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director*, noted the following.

- a. Gabriel provided an update on reaching Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) compliance by March 17th.
  - a. Rosemarie Pérez, President, asked if the Board can be provided with more information on what HCBS entails.
- b. We are on target for the move of NBRC's Santa Rosa office. We will keep the Board and community posted as we have a move-in date.
- c. Gabriel gave an update on the implementation of NBRC's Remote Work Agreement.
- d. Gabriel shared about the new performance measures and upcoming changes.

- e. A discussion regarding board member photos on the NBRC website occurred.
  - a. *Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director*, will bring this to discussion to the full Board at the next board meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

The Executive Committee agreed to give the Board an option to meet in person for the board meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

**ADJOURNMENT –** *Rosemarie Pérez, President*, adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.



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March 10, 2023

Assemblymember Lori Wilson  
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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

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## Assemblymember Lori D Wilson, 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

### **AB 649 – Restoration of Access to Disability Services**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

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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**

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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**

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Association of Regional Center Agencies (Sponsor)

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