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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.

MEETING NOTICE

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

DATE: May 7, 2025

TIME: 6:00 pm

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

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- [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
May 7, 2025 6:00 p.m.
520 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

AND

Join by Zoom Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89709687840?pwd=QjllcTc0dzBBNXA2OEplLanVjOFItUT09>

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Martha Valdez, President
- II. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS – Ronald Gers, Secretary (3 min)
- III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Annual Board & Short Business Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2025 be approved as submitted. (2 min) (pgs. 1-5) ACTION
- IV. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA – Additions or modifications to this agenda by Board Members. 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 CHANGES TO NBRC'S CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY – (attachment) ACTION
Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director (10 min) (pgs. 7-8)
- VII. CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL OVER \$250,000 – Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services (10 min) ACTION
 - A. A-2 Contract (pg. 9)
- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Andrea Bednarova, Board Treasurer ACTION
 - A. Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted (5 min) (pgs.10-11)
- IX. PRESENTATION: NBRC'S PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 INFO
Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services (attachment)
- X. PUBLIC INPUT ON PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PLAN FOR FY 2025-2026 – 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)
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS –
 - A. Executive Committee Update – Martha Valdez, President (5 min) INFO
 - B. Vendor Advisory Committee Update – Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair (5 mins) (pgs. 12-16) INFO
 - C. Cultural/Linguistic Competency Committee Update – Joanne Giardello, CLCC Co-Chair (5 mins) INFO
 - D. Public Policy Advisory Committee Update – Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative (5 mins) INFO
 - i. Federal & Legislative Update
 - 1. Christopher Bennett, Board Member (5 mins) (pgs. 17-25)
 - E. Client Advisory Committee Update – Sara Speck, CAC Co-Chair (5 mins) INFO
 - F. Risk Reduction Advisory Committee Update – Joanne Giardello, RRAC Chair (5 mins) INFO
 - G. Nominating Committee Update – Joanne Giardello, Nominating Committee Chair (5 mins) INFO
 - i. Updated Board Terms Roster (pg. 26)
 - ii. Nominations for Board Vice President
- XII. UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES MEETING –

Sara Speck, Board Vice President (5 min)

INFO

XIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director (10 mins)

INFO

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER – Any other Board business may be brought up at this time.

XV. 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)

XVI. CLOSED SESSION (15 mins)

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

XVII. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

INFO

XVIII. 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 June 4, 2025 at NBRC's Vacaville Office – 445 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA 95688.
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North Bay Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc.
Board of Directors Annual Board Meeting
April 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Via In Person & Zoom Webinar
610 Airpark Road, CA 94588

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Valdez, President, Sonoma County
Ronald Gers, Secretary, Sonoma County
Rosemarie Pérez, Sonoma County
Cheryl Snavelly, Sonoma County
Christopher Bennett, Napa County

Sara Speck, Vice President, Solano County
Sahira Arroyos, Solano County
Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative
Joanne Giardello, Solano County

NBRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrea Bednarova, Treasurer

NBRC STAFF PRESENT:

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director
Mariam Guirguis, Executive Assistant – Compliance
Isabel Calder, Chief Financial Officer
Beth DeWitt, Director of Client Services
Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services
Cassie Meyers, Senior Service Coordinator
Debra Kircher, Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Amanda Vencez, Service Coordinator
Amber Gonzales, Service Coordinator
Briana Villanueva, Client Services Assistant
Caitlin Igoe, Quality Assurance Monitor
Donny Dean, Service Coordinator
Guadalupe Lopez, Intake Supervisor
Ivy Gavero, Service Coordinator

Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant
Barrie Gordon, Controller
Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services
Deanna Mobley, Director of Intake and Clinical Services
Geri Audette, Communications Specialist
Jeff Newton, Senior Nurse Consultant
Carrie Brown, Quality Assurance
Mo-Kang Ling, Senior Service Coordinator
Avery Damron, Service Coordinator
Christie Null, Associate Director of Client Services
Ellisa Reiff, SDP Supervisor
Patricia Cullen, Case Management Supervisor
Riley Bornstein, Service Coordinator

GUESTS (names as seen on sign-in sheet and Zoom):

Alisha Gutierrez, Dental Coordinator
Chris Aguirre, DDS
Chat Bartolome, CAP
Marcus Turner, Community Access
Laurice Taylor, CAD
Ivan Madrigal, Community Access
Teali Johnson, Lucia's Home
Val Abillan, Lucia's Home
Maria F, Lucia's Home
EE, Cap
LR, Napa Valley PSI
Alvi Lim, Community Access Plus
Merilee Bennett, Parent
Abby Cruz
Amiano
Chuy Enriquez
Dale's iPhone
Dennis
Faith Cross
Lori Passantino

Yolanda Sanchez
Stacey Martinez, The ARC Solano
Jett & Sharon Speck Nebeker, Parent
Jonathan Williams, ARC Solano, ALift
Alan Kerzin
Carin Hewitt, ALift
Heather Crocker, ALift
Tami Jo McMahan, Parent
Marti Estrin, SRJC Instructor
Carola Camacho Maranon
Holly Pagel
Jane Northrop
Joe Geary
Joe Zimmer
John Contreras
Julia Routson-Thomas
Kate Octia
Paul Hughes
Patricia Curran
Paula Finley

Ned & Jane
Nicolead
Val Henry Abillar
Amber Lopez, ICS Interpreter
ASL Interpreter - Christy

Rhandi Bautista
Shawnie R
SSampson
Stefanie Thueson
ASL Interpreter - DeBlois

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA – No additions or modifications.

M/S/C (Gers/Speck) Moved to approve the agenda as submitted.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sharon Speck, parent, commented on the following.
 - a. As Sara Speck's seven-year commitment to North Bay Regional Center Board of Directors gets close to ending, we would like to donate \$2,000 to the Board's Opportunity Fund. It is our hope that our donation will help a self-advocate, or maybe even more than one, receive assistance during a crisis so that he or she can continue to live his or her best life.

FEATURE PRESENTATIONS – North Bay Regional Center Sharing Proud Moments (2024-2025)

A. Client Success Stories and Vendor Recognition

- a. Cassie Meyers, NBRC Senior Service Coordinator, presented a success story on behalf of a person served.
- b. Carola Maranon presented a Self-Determination Program success story of someone she supports.
- c. Caitlin Igoe, NBRC Quality Assurance Monitor, presented a success story of an individual that participated in job coaching through North Bay Industries.
- d. Jennifer Crick, Director of Administrative Services, shared administrative highlights within North Bay Regional Center.
- e. Carin Hewitt, ALift and other members shared about the Peer Advocate Leadership Cohort and how it impacted their lives.
- f. Mo-Kang Ling, NBRC Senior Service Coordinator, introduced a person who receives services from a community crisis home.
- g. Deanna Mobley, Director of Intake and Clinical Services, and Alisha Gutierrez, Dental Coordinator, shared an overview of dental services.
- h. Christopher Bennett, Board Member, presented a success story about himself being nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and receiving the 2025 Self-Advocate of the Year award.

MARY IDA COOK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – 2025

The Mary Ida Cook Lifetime Achievement Award was created in 2016. It was an award created to honor Mary Ida Cook after she passed away, for her outstanding commitment to people with developmental disabilities. Mary was a North Bay Regional Center Service Coordinator for 20 years. She was fluent in American Sign Language and upon coming to NBRC she found that many community services did not have staff who were skilled in ASL. She took the time to assist staff in learning ASL to better serve those who were deaf or hard of hearing. Mary was an invaluable asset to NBRC, she also provided interpreting services for

our clinical team. Mary Ida Cook's positive energy and passion for the people we serve will always be a part of NBRC's history. Since then, North Bay Regional Center continues to award an individual at our Annual Board of Directors meeting who shares the same passion and dedication to the DD/ID community, with the Mary Ida Cook Lifetime Achievement Award.

- Mary Carole Alsbury was awarded the 2025 Mary Ida Cook Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was accepted by Mary Carole.

Yolan Christy, Service Coordinator, shared a few words in appreciation of Mary Carole's impact and dedication to the DD/ID community.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Martha Valdez, President, thanked all who participated, and board members expressed sincere appreciation to Rosemarie Pérez for her dedicated service as a board member. Rosemarie Pérez ends her seven-year commitment to the board of directors at the end of April 2025.

- b. Rosemarie expressed her sincere gratitude for her experience serving on the board of directors and her hope for the work ahead.

❖ The annual meeting adjourned at 7:18pm and moved into a short business meeting.

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES – Regular Business Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2025, be approved as submitted.

M/S/C (Giardello/Gers) Moved to approve the March 5, 2025 minutes as submitted.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL OVER \$250,000

Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services, presented the following contract for approval.

- a. Specialized Residential Facility – Joyful Journey Home, LLC
 - a. The contract can be found in the April 2025 board meeting packet.

M/S/C (Gers/Speck) Motioned to approve the Joyful Journey Home, LLC contract as submitted.

**APPROVED
Kolster ABSTAINED**

COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Nominating Committee Board Candidate Election –

- a. Joanne Giardello, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following.
 - i. Board Candidate Introductions & Vote
 - 1. Alan Kerzin was recommended to the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee.
 - a. Alan left the room.
 - b. Board members took a vote.

All board members present (Valdez, Speck, Gers, Snively, Bennett, Giardello, Kolster, Arroyos and Pérez) voted in favor to approve Alan Kerzin for a one-year term on the Board of Directors starting April 2025.

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UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES MEETING

Sara Speck, Board Vice President, provided an update on the Master Plan for Developmental Services Meeting.

- The last meeting was held on March 19th in Sacramento.
- CalHHS Secretary, Kim Johnson and DDS Director, Pete Cervinka thanked the community, the work groups and the members of the public for their work in creating the master plan.

- Director Cervinka provided a overview of what's coming next.
- Public input session
- There are 170 recommendations in the Master Plan. Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, shared the six key topics.
 1. Systems serving people with IDD are centered on equity
 2. People with IDD making their own life choices
 3. People with IDD accessing the services they need and prefer
 4. People with IDD being part of a strong work workforce and receiving services
 5. Ensuring accountability and transparency in all systems
 6. Shaping the future of the Developmental Disabilities system.

LEGISLATIVE/PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

- a. California Disability Services Association (CDSA) Legislative Update
 - a. Breeanne Kolster, VAC Representative, shared an overview of initiatives that CDSA is advocating for.
 - i. AB816 – Direct Support Professionals classification for car insurance
 - ii. AB1335 – Vendors that provide employment services
 - iii. Revision to Trailer Bill language
- b. DisCo at the Capitol
 - a. Christopher Bennett, Board Member, and Sahira Arroyos, Board Member, gave an update on the DisCo at the Capitol.
 - b. The California Disability Advocacy annual conference on Day 1 inspires, educates, and empowers attendees to become advocates for Californians with developmental disabilities.
 - c. Presenters at the conference shared their story and impact
 - d. Capitol Rally & DisCo – Christopher and Sahira got to meet with legislators, share their stories and advocate for policies that improve the disability system, and access to vital services and supports. They also had the opportunity to enjoy a silent disco experience.
- c. **Assembly bill 49 (AB49)**
 - a. Recommendation for Support from Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
 - i. Linda Plourde, Public Policy Advisory Committee Co-Chair, shared an overview of AB49 with the Board of Directors. The document outlining the bill can be found in the April 2025 board meeting packet.
 - ii. The ARCA Board was unable to reach a consensus on whether ARCA should support AB49. Therefore, they asked regional center boards across the state to offer their input on whether ARCA should support the bill.
 - iii. Rosemarie Pérez, Board Member, stated that by the board supporting AB49, it would create a stronger sense of comfort for parents so they can send their kids to school.
 - iv. Cheryl Snavelly, Board Member, commented that it's important for the board to support AB49 so children feel included, and parents don't need to worry about their child's education.

M/S/C (Snavelly/Giardello) Motioned to vote in favor of ARCA supporting AB49.

**APPROVED
UNANIMOUS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director, reported the following.

- The Legislative Advocacy Lunch is scheduled for Friday, April 4th at 11:00am – 12:30pm at NBRC's Napa office.
- Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant, shared about an award the Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund was chosen for. The fund will receive a \$10,000 donation shortly.

ARCA Meeting Update – Martha Valdez, Board President, shared an overview of what was discussed at the

ARCA meetings on March 20-21.

- i. The Board Delegate Meeting consisted of the following.
 1. Appreciation for ongoing work on the master plan.
 2. Financial update
 3. Grassroots Day was a success with a rate of 99% of legislative meetings completed
 4. Assessed the federal and state issues, including committee recommendations to support certain bills.
- ii. The Financial Committee discussed rate reform, quality incentive program updates, and the importance of data cleanup.
 1. The board competency and onboarding documents were also reviewed, emphasizing the need for inclusive and effective approach.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Rosemarie Pérez, Board Member, expressed sincere gratitude for Gabriel Rogin, Janelle Santana, and Mariam Guirguis during the time she served on the Board of Directors.

CLOSED SESSION –

The board moved into closed session at 8:18pm to discuss the following.

- 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 8:36pm and there was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT – Sara Speck, Vice President, adjourned the regular business board meeting at 8:36pm.

Date submitted to NBRC Board for review

04/02/2025

Date approved by NBRC Board Executive Committee (if applicable)

N/A

Date approved by NBRC Board

04/02/2025

 Operations ☐

 Purchase of Service ☒

Purpose of Contract	Consumers Served	Contractor Name and Vendor# (if applicable)	Term of Contract	Contract Amounts	APPROVED	Notes
Specialized Residential Facility - Elderly	4	Joyful Journey Home, LLC.	05/01/2025-12/31/2027	\$1,030,992/Annual Contract \$21,479/per client per month	M/S/C Gers/Speck Kolster ABSTAINED	Solano County

Summary:

This **Specialized Residential Facility (SRF)** for the elderly will be licensed by California Social Services, Department of Community Care Licensing and vendored by North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) to serve individuals with medical needs, transitioning out of Skilled Nursing Facilities. This home will serve 4 adults in Solano County with 56 hours a week of a licensed vocational nurse, a minimum of 2 Direct Support Professionals to 4 clients and a full-time administrator. Professional Consultation services may include: A Registered Nurse, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Occupational Therapist, Registered Dietician, Recreational Therapist and/or Physical Therapist. These homes are monitored/visited on a quarterly basis by each client's NBRC Service Coordinator, on an annual basis by NBRC's Quality Assurance Staff and annually unannounced by Community Care Licensing. Individuals served in this home will be over the age of 59 years or have similar needs to someone over the age of 59.

This house is owned by a Housing Development Organization (HDO), with the Department of Developmental Services on the deed and the deed is restricted to only serving individuals with developmental disabilities, even if the provider changes. The HDO then leases the home to the Service Provider selected through NBRC's Community Placement Plan, Request for Proposal process.

January 30, 2025

D-2025-Community Services Division-002

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REQUIRED CHANGES TO CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICIES

This letter requires all regional centers to update their conflict-of-interest policies. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4626.5 was amended by [Chapter 902](#), Statutes of 2024, effective on January 1, 2025, as noted in bold font below:

WIC 4626.5. Each regional center shall submit a conflict-of-interest policy to the department by July 1, 2011, and shall post the policy on its internet website by August 1, 2011. The policy shall do, or comply with, all of the following:

- (a) Contain the elements of this section and be consistent with applicable law.
- (b) Define conflicts of interest.
- (c) Identify positions within the regional center required to complete and file a conflict-of-interest statement.
- (d) Facilitate disclosure of information to identify conflicts of interest.
- (e) Require candidates for nomination, election, or appointment to a regional center board, and applicants for regional center director to disclose any potential or present conflicts of interest prior to being appointed, elected, or confirmed for hire by the regional center or the regional center governing board.
- (f) Require the regional center and its governing board to regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with its conflict-of-interest policy.
- (g) **Prohibit a regional center employee from accepting a gift or gifts from a service provider, consumer, or consumer's family member valued over fifteen dollars (\$15) per year.**
- (h) **Establish a policy prohibiting regional center senior staff from hiring relatives at the center or any ancillary foundation and organization. The policy shall be included in the regional center contract and shall be included in training of the governing board.**

For purposes of subdivisions (g) and (h) above, "family member" and "relatives" both are defined based upon the following definition in subdivision (f) of Section 54505 of Title 17 regulations: "Family Member" includes the individual's spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, step-siblings, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law." This definition should be considered to include such associations by blood, marriage, and adoption.

For purposes of subdivision (h) above, “regional center senior staff” are identified as people in key positions that drive the strategic decision-making at each regional center. These key positions include:

- Executive Director
- Associate Executive Director or comparable position, if applicable
- Members of the regional center’s executive team
- The highest-ranking staff position in each of the following disciplines:
 - Case Management
 - Clinical Services
 - Community Services
 - Finance
 - Human Resources

Regional centers must update and publicly post their conflict-of-interest policies within 90 days of receipt of this letter and inform their primary liaison within the Department’s Office of Community Operations when their policies are compliant with this new law.

If you have questions, please contact your regional center’s primary liaison within the Office of Community Operations.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

ERNIE CRUZ
Deputy Director
Community Services Division

cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Chief Counselors
Regional Center Community Services Directors
Association of Regional Center Agencies
Pete Cervinka, Department of Developmental Services
Michi Gates, Department of Developmental Services
Carla Castañeda, Department of Developmental Services

Date submitted to NBRC Board for review

05/07/2025

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
A Series Contract for Fiscal Year 24/25	Department of Developmental Services	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2031	\$561,998,954	The A-2 amendment for FY 24/25 includes the following: - Ops: \$ 869,990 - POS: \$ 23,391,788

The A-2 amendment includes the remaining Ops allocation, including policy funding, for a total of \$869,990 which includes the remaining Community Placement Program (CPP) allocation (\$672,897).

The A-2 amendment includes additional POS allocation in the amount of \$23,391,788. This allocation includes projected Rate Reform increases and Start Up funds for Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) approved projects.



North Bay Regional Center Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund May 7, 2025, Board Meeting

The Doug Cleveland Board Opportunity Fund ending balance as of March 31, 2025, was **\$38,039.30**.

There was one transaction in the amount of \$1,000.00 in **March 2025**.

Donations and Deposits:

- No Donation
- No Deposit

Awards:

- One award **\$1,000.00**

Other Transactions:

- None

Ops Expenditures 9 months 66%	CFO Board Report March 2025				POS Expenditures 9 months 69%
75% of the fiscal year has elapsed					
OPERATIONS		Total Ops Allocation:		\$	41,326,440
Total General Ops Contract:		\$	39,270,717	Total CPP Contract: \$ 1,345,794	
General Ops Amount Available:		\$	13,161,882	CPP Contract Amount Available: \$ -	
Total YTD					
OPERATIONS EXPENSE (OPS)	YTD Actual	% by category	Forecast*	Actual + Forecast	
Personnel	\$ 19,658,712	75.30%	\$ 8,399,086	\$ 28,057,798	
Benefits	\$ 4,385,082	16.80%	\$ 2,457,391	\$ 6,842,473	
Facilities	\$ 2,052,983	7.86%	\$ 587,508	\$ 2,640,491	
Equipment	\$ 549,472	2.10%	\$ 400,528	\$ 950,000	
Communications	\$ 353,589	1.35%	\$ 438,419	\$ 792,008	
Mileage	\$ 226,375	0.87%	\$ 92,625	\$ 319,000	
Legal	\$ 37,793	0.14%	\$ 12,207	\$ 50,000	
General Office	\$ 48,071	0.18%	\$ 199,656	\$ 247,727	
Consultants	\$ 194,862	0.75%	\$ 475,138	\$ 670,000	
Bank Fee and LOC	\$ 22,153	0.08%	\$ 2,847	\$ 25,000	
Other Expenses	\$ 46,988	0.18%	\$ 14,997	\$ 61,985	
Revenue	\$ (1,467,245)	-5.62%	\$ (300,000)	\$ (1,767,245)	
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 26,108,835	100%	\$ 12,780,402	\$ 38,889,237	
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$ 1,345,794	100%	\$ -	\$ 1,345,794	
Senior Companion Program (SCP) - Grant	\$ 216,029	65%	\$ 118,165	\$ 334,194	
Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) - Grant	\$ 221,097	59%	\$ 154,638	\$ 375,735	
Language, Access, Cultural Competency Funding (LACC)	\$ 134,154	35%	\$ 247,326	\$ 381,480	
Total Paid for Operations: \$ 28,025,909					
PURCHASE OF SERVICES		Total POS Allocation:		\$	520,672,514
Total POS Contract:		\$ 518,905,894	Total CPP Contract:		\$ 1,766,620
POS Contract Amount Available:		\$ 159,793,691	CPP Contract Amount Available:		\$ 1,766,620
Total YTD					
PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS)	YTD Actual	YTD Total	Forecast*	Actual + Forecast*	
Community Care Facilities	\$ 112,794,237	31.4%	\$ 37,882,843	\$ 150,677,080	
Supported Living Services	\$ 85,298,782	23.8%	\$ 28,876,718	\$ 114,175,500	
Day Programs	\$ 69,865,128	19.5%	\$ 23,388,564	\$ 93,253,692	
Behavioral Services	\$ 31,770,121	8.8%	\$ 10,660,907	\$ 42,431,028	
Other	\$ 27,357,625	7.6%	\$ 11,404,189	\$ 38,761,814	
Transportation	\$ 15,248,354	4.2%	\$ 5,258,114	\$ 20,506,468	
Respite	\$ 10,481,181	2.9%	\$ 3,972,653	\$ 14,453,834	
Medical Services	\$ 6,296,775	1.8%	\$ 2,361,451	\$ 8,658,226	
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL POS EXPENSES	\$ 359,112,203	100.0%	\$ 123,805,439	\$ 482,917,642	
Projected Rate Reform adjustments				\$ 24,598,012	
Total with rate reform projections				\$ 507,515,654	
*This budget reflects through the A-2 for FY25					
Total Regional Center Budget:				\$ 561,998,954	

VAC MEETING MINUTES



Vendor Advisory Committee

North Bay Regional Center

March 11, 2025 at 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Via Zoom & In Person
610 Airpark Road, Napa, CA 94558

VAC VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeremy Hogan, VAC Co-Chair, UCP of the North Bay
Eric Martin, Oaks of Hebron
Marissa Elder, Enriching Lives Family Home Agency
Adria Carson, On My Own
Kelley Hanson, Pace Solano

Breeanne Kolster, VAC Co-Chair, 24 Hour Home Care
Carin Hewitt, alift, llc
Jessica Sadowsky, Bayberry Inc.
Kaela Talafili, Becoming Independent

VAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Eble, North Bay Housing Coalition
Sara Trail, Connected Living
Samantha Wilhite, Connections for Life

NBRC STAFF PRESENT at 10:30am:

Kelly Weber, Associate Director of Client Services
Beth Dewitt, Director of Client Services
Deanna Heibel, Associate Director of Client Services
Isabel Caldwell, Chief Financial Officer
Courtney Singleton, Director of Community Services
Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director
Janelle Santana, Executive Assistant
Geri Audette, NBRC Communications Specialist
Elissa Reiff, SDP Manager

GUESTS (Names as listed in Chat):

Ronda Reyes, Solano Diversified Services
Linda Plourde Bayberry Inc
Leah Gulley, alift
Julia Prentice, Solano Diversified Services
Elizabeth Clary, Alchemia
Mary Reynolds, Connections For Life
Morgan Hobbs, Lynn and Darla
Nick Paine, Solano Diversified Services
Gina Chavez, Inspiring Dynamics for Change
Cathy Forsyth Liberty ILS
Eric Vanderville, Allied Integration Services
Kim Kelley, Leveraging Equal Access Programs, LEAP
Holly Grant, CBEM
Sam Swank, Optimum Care SLS II
Jesse Carbone, North Bay Industries.
Faith Cross, CBEM
Adrian Andrade, CBEM
Denise Hunley, Connections For Life
Jose Hernandez- Inclusion Services
Sydney Pekarek, Inclusion Services
Claudia Silva, Lifehouse
Stephanie Munson - Goodwill - Redwood Empire

Robert Hutt NBI
Jamie Thompson, Napa Valley Support Services
Brandi Auble, CA Mentor
Natalie Terrell, New Leaf Solutions
Debby Davis, Special Care Services

A. CALL TO ORDER at 10:00am

- a. Roll Call of Voting Members
- b. Establish Quorum-quorum established

B. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA:

- a. Jeremy asked for any additions or modifications to the agenda. None noted.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Jeremy asked for any corrections to the February 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes. None noted. Jessica moved and Kelley seconded to approve the February minutes as presented.

D. OLD Business

- a. Subcommittee Review
 - **By Laws Review-** Carin reported that the Articles of Operation are finalized.
 - **Title 17 Subcommittee** – Jeremy invited people to join a subcommittee focused on consistency surrounding Title 17 reviews. Email Eric if you want to join this subcommittee ericm@oaksofhebron.org

E. VENDOR COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

- a. **Legislative Luncheon Question Discussion** – The luncheon is scheduled for Friday April 4th at Napa NBRC. A questionnaire was sent out asking for public comments/questions to be asked of the Legislature at the event. The goal is to get the questions to them in advance, so they are prepared. There is a mix of representatives from federal and state levels from all three counties. They are hoping for an open dialogue less than a presentation with a focus on what makes this work challenging. VAC attendees suggested topics including adherence to the employment first policy and plans to protect Medicare if the feds cut. It was mentioned that there are several new people in leadership roles in our community, so education is critical.

Click the below link to add questions for elected officials:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3OTtz1YQkZJp8t4o8etskFy9mHgfk0ePLvruZW_uVhdbQiQ/viewform

Click this link to register to be present at the event in person:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mC8kr9Z4EU-UiVahxESRHCvH_b9Oe_ICnrWsDNr7J2BUNEFZNFFLOVYyMjQ1N0ExRFRKNVBBVEtHQi4u&route=shorturl

Click this link to join the event via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X1bTpi3yQFOQe-Qfzxf7OA#/registration

F. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **NBRC Annual Meeting** - Every year there is one board meeting where the board gives Gabriel and staff the opportunity to share success stories. They also give out the Ida Cook award. It will be Wednesday April 2nd at 6pm in the Napa office and via Zoom. Breeanne asked if anyone had anything they would like to share as a highlight of the year. Could be DSPs who are making a difference or client success stories. She suggested that VAC attendees have

those stories directly with Gabriel asap.

G. SPECIAL PRESENTATION on Social Recreation- Geri Audette, NBRC Communications Specialist

- a. NBRC Person Centered Policy – Geri shared a PowerPoint presentation and indicated it is all about having a person centered mindset. She shared DDS is rolling out an IPP and shared a video related to this. Gabriel mentioned that NBRC is taking steps to become a more person centered organization. The board is developing a person centered policy to guide the activities. Questions were raised about how the vendors might also join. Courtney shared that vendors have had the opportunity to be trained in person centered thinking through use of HCBS funds. This will continue to be an option in the future. Vendors gave some feedback on the new IPP saying it was missing NBRC letterhead and critical information. The NBRC team responded that they agreed and would work on some consistent systems. Beth shared that she plans to present the new IPP document to the VAC at some point in the future.

Geri shared the following link to a series of videos.

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/ipp/>

H. GROUP REPORTS

- a. Napa / Solano Vendor Group- Kelley reported that the group met on 3/6. There was discussion about the challenges with the Provider Directory, staff training requirements for the 532 behavioral programs, R&D transportation and unmet needs (scheduling is slower than normal), and clarification on social recreation. She suggested that those with questions can call Kelly Weber directly. If there is someone in Napa or Solano who wants to join this group, contact kelley@pacesolano.org to get on the mailing list.
- b. Sonoma Vendor Group- Elizabeth Clary shared that a meeting is being scheduled for the week of 3/24. She shared a Doodle Poll <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bq6OYNkd> for those interested in joining. Contact Elizabeth if you want to join the Sonoma Vendor Group elizabeth.clary@alchemia.org
- c. North Bay Housing Coalition- No report
- d. NBRC Board Report- Breeanne reported that the board met at the new Solano location. There was an open house and a short business meeting. The audit was approved. This is Rosemary's last month on the board, and she will be missed. Christopher Bennett (self-advocate and legislative expert) and Cheryl Snavely (parent) were approved on the board. Alan Kerzin is also pending but on hold for the moment. The board also had a training on the Public Records Act which was very informative. Breeanne and Gabriel will keep vendors updated on this topic.

Breeanne shared that Grass Roots Day was last week. 2 Self Advocates, 2 board members and Gabriel attended. They shared stories with local legislative staff.

- e. ARCA Report - Gabriel said that if vendors have success stories, please email him this week. He said they are closely monitoring what is happening with Medicaid and will keep the vendor community updated. He thanked Breeanne for joining Grass Roots Day. He also thanked Elizabeth for Dance Alchemia who came to their all staff meeting and thanked Carin for the Peer Advocate Leadership Cohort program. He expressed appreciation to all the vendors who showed up at the open house and other vendor events. There is lots of good things going on despite the challenges. Lastly, he shared that NBRC is switching from Zoom to Teams for video conferencing effective May 1st. This is for cost savings and increased security reasons.

f. Committees / Subcommittees

- Public Policy Advisory Committee – Linda shared that the group discussed the Legislative Luncheon. They will have a catered lunch and if vendors would be willing to make donations, that would be super helpful. In the past UCPNB and The ARC Solano have paid for the lunch. If interested, please make checks payable to *Pace Solano care of the VAC*. The plan is a boxed lunch from Panera. Please share the flyer around.
- Linda also shared a few more details about Medicaid cuts. The House passed the 2024 budget resolution. The blueprint directs the Energy and Commerce Committee to cut \$880 billion. These cuts would impact disability services and there has already been advocacy from the community. Effective March 14th there needs to be a budget, or the government will shut down. President Trump is asking the legislature not to let that happen. There is a hearing for Dr. Oz's confirmation coming up in March and this will be a point of interest for our services as well.

I. NBRC UPDATES:

- a. Fiscal - Isabel shared that rates have been updated; however, some have not had the retro adjustments issued. The retro payments will be issued after the check run.
- b. Vendor Relations – Courtney shared that rate agreements are out except respite, early start and behavioral services. She shared an updated link to the Provider directory (see below) that lists who qualifies for the QIP. If your rate wasn't updated and you are on the QIP list, they will go ahead and update rates in the near future. If you have not received the rate agreement letter, check SignNow in your junk mail files. Reach out to Courtney if you have questions. Isabel also shared they will issue the 10% additional payment after they finish rolling out the rate updates. The process is complex, and the system limitations have made it a bit challenging. She thanked everyone for all their patience. They hope to have all rates updated soon. As a reminder, PLEASE complete the Provider Agreement when you receive it

Updated Provider Directory List can be found here:

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/QIP-Eligible-Posting_20250304.xlsx

- c. Consumer Advocacy - Ellen handed out the newest version of the Advocator which focuses on person centered thinking. She is working on the spring issue to come out later in April. She has been working on the legislative lunch and is sending flyers to many of the legislative folks in our area. She is also working on a plan to grow wellness programs. She shared that Special Olympics is hosting a Basketball tournament.
- d. Transportation Review – Letty shared this presentation is for 880 service providers (day programs that have a transportation component). 875 providers should reach out to R&D separately. Below is a summary of the key points in the presentation:
 - Transportation Rate Acknowledgement Forms will be sent to the vendors within the next couple of weeks and are due back by 3/31/2025.
 - Authorizations need to align with new service codes by 12/31/2025.
 - If your current rate is more than the rate determined by the rate model, you will be held "harmless" which means you can retain your current rate until 6/30/2026. Effective 7/1/2026,

rates will be adjusted to the rate model. To qualify for the full rate (including 10% QIP) the vendors must participate in the DDS Provider Directory.

- Rates are transitioning to a per person trip rate. Ambulatory riders are \$16.49 per trip and non-ambulatory riders are \$17.26 per trip. Most individuals will have 2 trips per day. An Aide that assists during transportation is \$33.99 per hour and must be authorized by NBRC. This is a 1:1 service and the Service Code is 882.

To recap:

- Returned Transportation Rate Acknowledgement Forms are due to NBRC by 3/31/2025.
- NBRC will align new rates with corresponding sub codes after all forms are received from vendors.
- R&D will work with NBRC to update rate tables in e-billing.
- By 12/31/2025, all authorizations need to transition to applicable sub codes.

J. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (from vendors, NBRC, & public)

- a. Legislative Luncheon Friday April 4th
- b. Next VAC Tuesday, April 8th
- c. Training opportunity from Linda. Bayberry has entered an MOU with Adultify University to conduct a training at NBRC in Napa. She invited vendors to send staff, please email Rachel at Rpandey@bayberryinc.org

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Trainings – QA trainings and emergency preparedness
- b. Holiday schedule

L. ADJOURNMENT at 11:59am



North Bay Regional Center

Califorina State Senate Health and Human Services, DDS Updates

Thursday, April 24, 2025

By Board Member Christopher Bennett

The California State of California State Senate, Subcommittee from Thursday, April 24th talked a lot about the Department of Developmental Services, the Master Plan for Developmental Services, Budget overview process of the Master Plan, the Public Records Act AB 1147, Employment Services, DOR, Regional Centers. The State Senate Chairs heard Testimonies, stories, Regional Centers staff from other Regional Centers from Self Advocates of the DDS, Regional Systems i was one of them at Public Comment, recorded, filmed online on the State Senate's web site the State of California Council on Developmental Disabilities did their Budget Overview Requests on behalf of the regional offices, regional Centers i included the Master Plan to go with my Board Member Report

April 24, 2025 Subcommittee 3 on Health and Human Services Agenda

<https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/system/files/2025-04/04.24.2025-dds-scdd-dor-cda-csd-dcss.pdf>

Report - Master Plan for Developmental Services

[Click Here for link](#)

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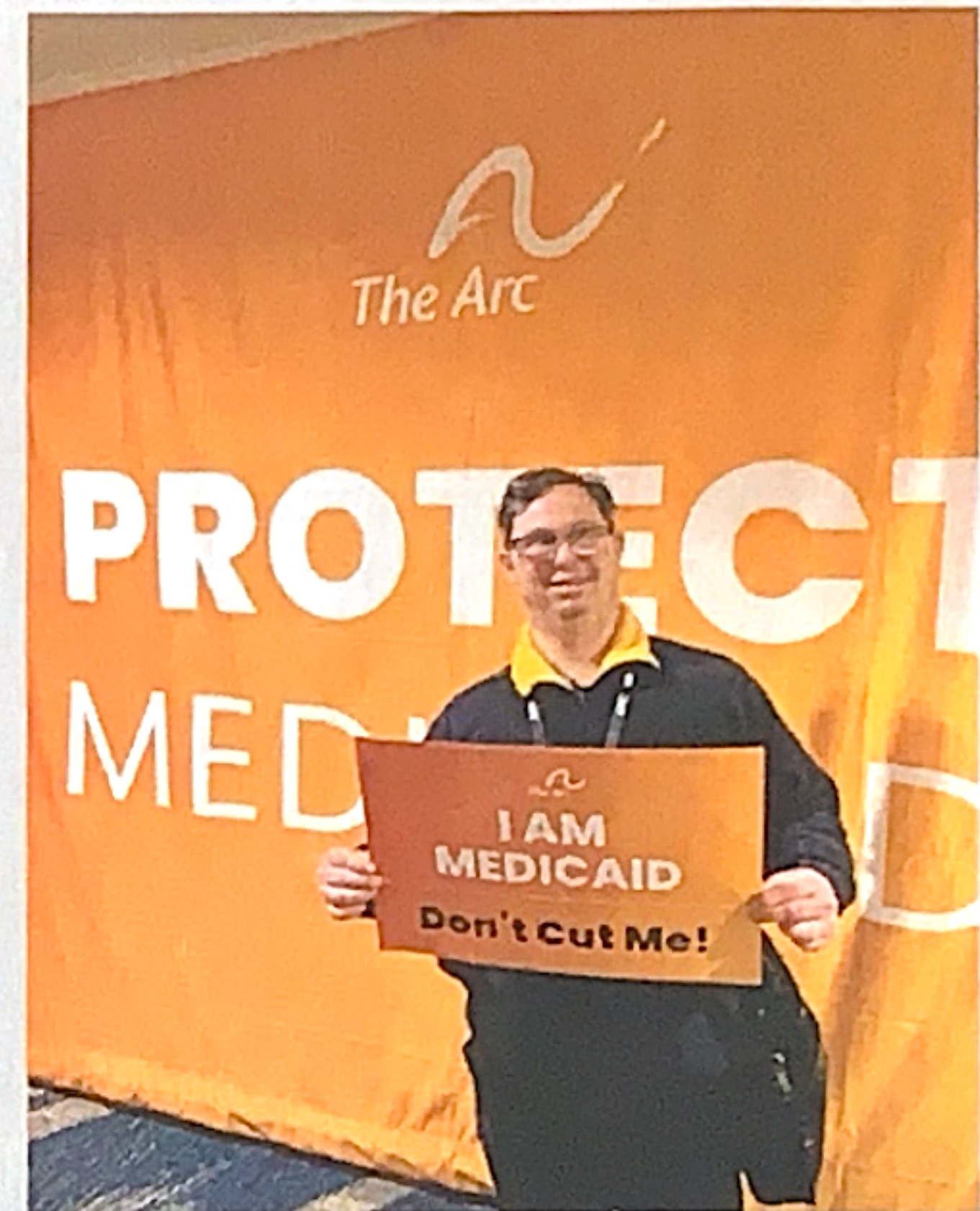
MOVING FORWARD TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE

MOMENTUM

By: Chris

"DisCo at the Capitol"

Recently I attended the "DisCo at the Capitol: California Disability Community Advocacy Conference" which the Arc of California of the California Disability Advocacy organized. The annual conference inspires, educates, and empowers attendees to become advocates for Californians with developmental disabilities. The conference is presented by The Arc of California, Easterseals, and United Cerebral Palsy. Each year, the conference features nationally-known speakers who have been trailblazers who promote policies that improve the disability system, enabling people with disabilities to live inclusively in their communities. Attendees include individuals with disabilities, their families and support staff, service providers and regional center employees, governmental officials, educators, and other leaders and advocates within the disability community, and Regional Centers from up and down our State of California. I was happy to see MFTI Board Member Sue Samuel there, and we talked and took a good picture together!



Reflections on MFTI Podcasting Class

By Ellen

While Mondays can be a drag, having MFTI Podcast class is like making a wish on a dandelion. The class is a chance to relax and start the week with a clear mindset. At the beginning of the Podcast class, we all have a nice back and leg stretching session before we talk about different topics. This Podcast class really focuses on supporting each other by educating and helping us to learn about individuals while socializing. Some of our staff share words of wisdom from the heart and always encourage us in a positive way. For me, the class feels like therapy every time we have it, and it makes me feel better about myself.

"The reason I started the Podcast class is to give those residents that normally don't talk much a chance to speak up for themselves" Keith

"I really like doing Keith's amazing Podcast because it gives us all a chance to express ourselves in a positive environment where it's safe to share what you want to say" Paige

"Keith's Podcast is a time where we as a community come together and have genuine conversations" Henry



Happy Birthday Bash!

What do you love to do on your birthday? For me, I love having my parents come to Napa and celebrating it here!

When Mom and Dad came, they wished me a cheerful "Happy Birthday!" I texted my twin sister, Maggie, after having mailed her a birthday card early that morning. My Aunt Becky also joined in the fun! She and Mom gave me my presents, which were: A stronger poncho; 3 pairs of cozy socks; 2 fidget spinners; 2 USB-A/USB-C chargers for fast-charging my electronics; and a PlayStation Store gift card (from Maggie's boyfriend, Nate).

My parents and I shopped for multiple cheese and pepperoni pizzas at Costco along with groceries for me. Then it was party time! We delivered pizzas and tortilla chips to MFTI campus, and my friends and staff wished me a happy birthday! We all had pizza and chips for dinner followed by vanilla ice cream and homemade oatmeal chocolate chip cookies for dessert. All attendees excitedly danced to the music, including NSYNC's "It's Gonna Be Me".

After the celebration, I said goodbye to my friends, staff, and family and wished them a pleasant evening. I hope Maggie and I can see each other in Portland for Thanksgiving! I am currently making "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" letters from sketch paper, but for now, I must write a thank you card to Nate for sending my present to me.



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More information about Moving Forward Towards Independence can be found on our website:

moving-forward.org

https://napavalleyregister.com/news/napa-medicaid-medical-mike-thompson-budget-cuts/article_9a3008fd-e613-4f7a-95c0-271c655598a1.html

FEATURED EDITOR'S PICK

Medicaid cuts could have Napa, Bay Area impacts

BARRY EBERLING barry.eberling@napanews.com

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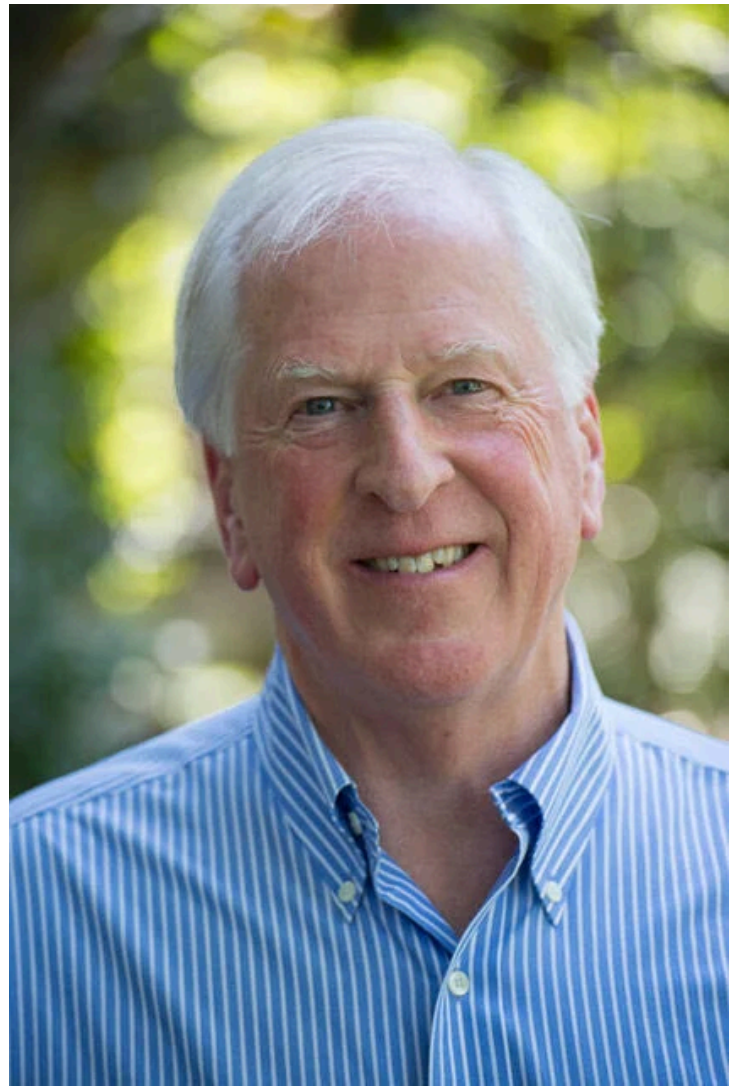
Rep. Mike Thompson recently visited the North Bay Regional Center in Napa to discuss threats to Medicaid funding.

Courtesy of the office of Rep. Mike Thompson

Updated at 11:40 a.m. Monday — Federal budget-cutting proposals that Rep. Mike Thompson says threaten Medicaid have some in the North Bay fearing they will pay a price, from people with disabilities to hospitals.

Congressional Republicans have instructed the House Energy and Commerce Committee to cut spending by \$880 billion. The committee has jurisdiction over Medicare and Medicaid.

Thompson, D-St. Helena, opposes the proposed cuts, saying they can't be made without destroying Medicaid. He delivered that message April 17 at Napa County's North Bay Regional Center, which serves people with disabilities.



U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson

Submitted photo

"I know these Medicaid cuts are going to hurt," he told the gathering of a couple dozen people. "They're going to hurt your community. They're going to hurt the greater community. And they will be devastating. And the person imposing them is not nice."

Medicaid — called Medi-Cal in California — is a government insurance plan for people who have low incomes or disabilities. The Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy estimates 18.8% of Napa County residents had Medicaid coverage in

2023, or about 26,000 people.

Republican leadership has said the goal is to target people who are on Medicaid and are ineligible for the program, not qualified recipients.

"Social Security won't be touched, other than if there's fraud or something," President Trump said in a White House posting. "It's going to be strengthened. Medicare, Medicaid — none of that stuff is going to be touched. ... Now, if there are illegal migrants in the system, we're going to get them out."

Thompson expressed doubt there is widespread Medicaid fraud. "Waste, fraud and abuse has always been kind of a straw person," he said.

Some of the families at the North Bay Regional Center event who depend on Medicaid are worried. They talked about their fears with Thompson.

Loree Trojan has Williams syndrome, a genetic disorder that can cause various organ problems. She has suffered from a stroke and hemorrhaging of her colon, though she looked healthy and happy on this recent day.

"I need my medication to help me live forever and not die," she told Thompson. "I don't want to have a heart attack."

She does cleaning jobs through the Pace Benicia, a program serving adults with disabilities. That gives her some spending money.

"I go out places to have fun with friends and family," she said.

She lives with her sister, Kelly Trojan, in Vallejo. Kelly Trojan said Medicaid is crucial to help cover the cost of medication and the doctors familiar with Loree Trojan's history.

"For my dear sister, it's life and death," she told Thompson.

Toni Marie Giardello was born without arms and faced other physical problems. Her sister Joanne Giardello said she "looked like a broken bird." But her mother ignored doctors who said she should be allowed to die.

Today, Toni Marie Giardello is 68 and goes to the Pace Benicia day program. She cares for cats at a pet store and goes to lunches and participates in other activities.

"I meet a lot of people," she said.

Her sister Joanne Giardello is worried about the possible Medicaid cuts, given they've found just the right doctor and one who takes Medicaid. She also thinks the job and social programs used by her sister are threatened.

"It is absolutely life and death," she said.

Joanne Giardello told the Napa Valley Register she isn't comforted by Republican leadership's claim that eligible Medicaid recipient won't be hurt.

"I'm very worried," she said. "I don't trust their word at this point."

Kelly Trojan told the Register she is also concerned.

"I hope they have some morality and human decency about them," she said. "I'm not either Republican or Democrat and I know people from both sides of the aisle. It's been my impression most Republicans also want people who need it to get the care they need. But it's such a free-for-all right now, I am worried."

Lisa Colarusso of ParentsCAN in Napa heard these and other tales as she sat in a conference room with Thompson.

"It's the stories that are going to make a difference," she said.

Thompson said the stories need to be told in Republican districts. Republicans hold a narrow margin in the House of Representatives and 12 have said they oppose Medicaid cuts, though Thompson said they left themselves some loopholes.

"We only need three," he said. "Just three."

Some at the North Bay Regional Center meeting predicted Medicaid cuts would effect more than the poor and those with disabilities. Thompson pointed to a news conference he held in March in San Francisco.

Amy Herold, chief administrative officer for Providence Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa, spoke at that press conference. She said the hospital would have to reduce services if it lost government funding.

That's what keeps her up at night, she said in a Thompson news release for the event.

Thompson, at the North Bay Regional Center meeting, said Medicaid cuts could impact more than the recipients. If you need a type of surgery and the hospital cut those two surgeons, you would be out of luck.

"It doesn't matter if you get your health care through Medicaid or you have buckets of money," he said.

Gabriel Rogin, executive director of the North Bay Regional Center, thanked Thompson for holding the event there.

"In turbulent times like these, we need your leadership more than ever," Rogin told Thompson.

Napa County officials on Monday said the county receives tens of millions of dollars annually through Medi-Cal, the California Medicaid program. The money supports such services as behavioral health, substance abuse treatment and health care for vulnerable populations.

"While it's too soon to predict specific impacts from potential federal cuts, any reduction in Medicaid funding could pose significant challenges to local services," a county statement said. "The county is closely monitoring the situation and working with state and federal partners to ensure continued support for the individuals and families who rely on these critical programs."

You can reach Barry Eberling at 707-256-2253 or **barry.eberling@napanews.com**.

By Barry Eberling

Napa County Reporter

NORTH BAY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES, INC.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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07/22 – 06/23 07/23 – 06/26 07/26 – 06/29 (06/29) SECRETARY: 3/24 – 2/26	Ronald Gers	Sonoma
7/18 – 6/21 7/21 – 6/24 7/24 – 6/25 (6/25) SECRETARY: 3/20 – 2/22, 3/22 – 2/24 VICE PRESIDENT: 5/24 – 6/25	Sara Speck	Solano
1/22 – 12/23 1/24 – 12/25 (12/25) VAC REP	Breeanne Kolster	Napa, Solano, Sonoma / VAC
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(Dates in brackets are the 7th consecutive year)

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FAIR HEARING & MEDIATION UPDATE

APRIL 1, 2025 – APRIL 30, 2025

Service (24-24)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of funding for a service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Fair Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (24-31)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolution found. Eligible.
Eligibility (25-3)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal meeting complete.
Eligibility (25-5)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation held and resolution found. Not eligible.
Eligibility (25-6)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing held.
Eligibility (25-7)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved at Mediation. Eligible.
Eligibility (25-8)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-9)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing scheduled.
Eligibility (25-10)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Resolved at informal meeting. Eligible.
Service (25-11)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing rescheduled.
Service (25-12)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-13)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Hearing to be rescheduled.
Eligibility (25-14)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal meeting held.

Eligibility (25-15)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Fair Hearing pending schedule.
Eligibility (25-16)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of eligibility. <u>Ruling:</u> Informal Meeting pending schedule.
Service (25-17)	<u>Reason for Appeal:</u> Claimant appeals denial of service. <u>Ruling:</u> Mediation & Hearing scheduled.



NBRC OUTREACH

Stay Connected with Our Upcoming Events & Meetings



BOARD MEETING

The May Board Meeting is on **May 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm** at the NBRC Santa Rosa Office located at 520 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA or via Zoom.

Please contact (707) 256-1224 for information or accommodations. Spanish & American Sign Language translation services are provided.

Attention NBRC Parents & Caregivers!
25 spots available

NBRC TYPING CLUB

North Bay Regional Center
DDS Department of Developmental Services

Join NBRC's first **typing club** to master typing basics before our upcoming technology courses launch!

Class Highlights:

- Free course with continued practice at home
- Laptops provided for class
- Weekly sessions
- Hands on support

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Attention NBRC Parents & Caregivers!

Join NBRC's first typing club in person to master typing basics before our upcoming technology courses launch! Weekly classes until June 30, 2025.

Beginning May 7 (Napa) & May 9 (SR) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM
*Every Wednesday for Napa Office & Every Friday for Santa Rosa Office.

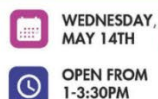
Contact DEIB@nbrc.net or 707-256-1216 to register.

Self-Determination Program ONE STOP SHOP



Join us to learn about the Self-Determination Program

The Self-Determination Program (SDP) is a voluntary alternative to traditional Regional Center services. This program offers participants and their families more freedom, control, and responsibility in choosing services and supports to meet needs and goals.



WEDNESDAY,
MAY 14TH

OPEN FROM
1-3:30PM



NORTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER
445 MERCHANT ST.
VACAVILLE, CA



MEET WITH:

- Independent Facilitators (IF)
- Financial Management Service (FMS)
- Other Self-Determination Providers



REGISTER NOW:

Link: tinyurl.com/mr3pnjtu

For More Information,
Email Us At: SDP@NBRC.NET

SDP ONE STOP SHOP

Join us to learn about the Self-Determination Program (SDP) at North Bay Regional Center (NBRC).

SDP offers participants and families more freedom, control, and responsibility in choosing services and supports to meet their needs and goals.

445 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA
Wednesday, May 14th from 1:00 - 3:30 PM

NBRC EVENT CALL LINE

We are thrilled to introduce our first NBRC Events Call Line designed to provide our community with information on upcoming NBRC outreach events, board meetings, community meetings, and more!

The call line will provide pre-recorded messages available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog and will be updated monthly to ensure our community stays informed.

Please call (888) 327-4100 to stay connected!



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ALCANCE DEL NBRC

Manténgase conectado con nuestros próximos eventos y reuniones



REUNIÓN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA

La reunión de la junta directiva de mayo será el 7 de mayo de 2025 a las 6:00 p. m. en la oficina de NBRC Santa Rosa ubicada en 520 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA o vía Zoom.

Para información o alojamiento, llame al (707) 256-1224. Ofrecemos servicios de traducción al español y al lenguaje de señas americano.



¡Atención padres y cuidadores de NBRC!
25 espacios disponibles

NBRC CLUB DE MECANO-GRAFÍA

North Bay Regional Center DDS Department of Developmental Services

¡Únase al primer club de mecanografía de NBRC para dominar los conceptos básicos de mecanografía antes del lanzamiento de nuestros próximos cursos de tecnología!

Aspectos de la clase:

- Curso gratuito con práctica continua en casa
- Se proporcionan computadoras para la clase.
- Sesiones semanales
- Apoyo práctico

SESIÓN INFORMATIVA DEL SCDD

¡Atención, padres y cuidadores de NBRC!

¡Únanse al primer club de mecanografía presencial de NBRC para dominar los fundamentos de la mecanografía antes del lanzamiento de nuestros próximos cursos de tecnología! Clases semanales hasta el 30 de junio de 2025.

A partir del 7 de mayo (Napa) y el 9 de mayo (SR), de 9:30 a 11:30 AM.

*Todos los miércoles en la oficina de Napa y todos los viernes en la oficina de Santa Rosa.

Para inscribirse, contacte a DEIB@nbrc.net o llame al 707-256-1216.

SDP

Programa de Auto-Determinación

Taller de SDP



Acompáñenos para aprender más del Programa de Auto-Determinación

El programa de Auto-Determinación (SDP) es una alternativa a los servicios tradicionales del Centro Regional. Este programa le ofrece a sus participantes y a sus familiares más libertad, control, y responsabilidad en elegir los servicios y apoyos para lograr las necesidades y metas del Plan de Programa del individuo.

REUNIRSE CON:

- Facilitador Independiente (IF)
- Servicio de Manejo Financiero (FMS)
- Otros Proveedores de Auto-Determinación

MIERCOLES, 14 DE MAYO

ABIERTO DE 1-3:30PM

CENTRO REGIONAL DEL NORTE DE LA BAHÍA
445 MERCHANT ST.
VACAVILLE, CA



REGISTRESE AHORA:

Link: tinyurl.com/mr3pnjtu

Para más información mandenlos



FERIA DE RECURSOS

Acompáñenos para conocer el Programa de Autodeterminación (SDP) en el Centro Regional del Norte de la Bahía (NBRC).

El SDP ofrece a los participantes y a sus familias mayor libertad, control y responsabilidad a la hora de elegir los servicios y apoyos que mejor se adapten a sus necesidades y objetivos.

445 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA
Miércoles 14 de mayo, de 13:00 a 15:30 h

TALLERES DE BIENESTAR

Botanical Bus organizará "Cuidando a los Cuidadores," talleres mensuales de bienestar en español en Napa y Santa Rosa para las familias de NBRC. Cada oficina ofrecerá cinco talleres para cuidadores de habla hispana, con un enfoque cultural y lingüístico en el autocuidado.

Se formará una cohorte de 25 a 30 cuidadores por oficina, y se requiere registro para participar. Se anima a los cuidadores a asistir a todos los talleres.

- Segundo martes del mes - Oficina de Napa
 - 610 Airpark Rd, Napa, CA
- Tercer martes de mes - Oficina de Santa Rosa
 - 520 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA



Cuidando los Cuidadores

un taller de bienestar mensual priorizando el autocuidado

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



- marzo Descarga Mental Colorida
Pintaremos juntos para apoyar a nuestro cerebro con la sobrecarga.
- abril Este es mi Happy Place
Crearemos nuestro interno "happy place" a través de la visualización.
- mayo Mi Diario de Gratitud
Traiga un cuaderno o diario y aprenda cómo comenzar su propio diario de gratitud.
- junio Decir no, es una forma de cuidarme
Identificamos nuestros recursos y fortalezas para marcar límites y decir no.
- julio Decir sí, es una forma de crearme y sanar
IncurSIONamos en el mundo de las afirmaciones positivas.

Reserva su lugar por registro: Abigail Andrade
abigaila@nbrc.net
707-256-1216

www.thebotanicalbus.org

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RECIBE ACTUALIZACIONES

¡Regístrese para recibir correos electrónicos de actualización de el alcance de NBRC!

Regularmente organizamos reuniones comunitarias, talleres de grupos de enfoque, eventos y mucho más.



¡Llame al Línea de eventos de NBRC
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