

REGIONAL CENTER OF THE EAST BAY PURCHASE OF SERVICE POLICY

SOCIAL/RECREATION SERVICES

PHILOSOPHY

The Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) understands that all consumers have a basic need for leisure activities that include social and recreational activities that may be both structured and unstructured. These activities may be simply having a friend over to visit, attending a sports event, and/or going to a recreational program offered through various local Recreation Departments, clubs and agencies in the community. For many RCEB consumers, generic community activities may meet the need for social and recreational opportunities, yet for others who may be unable to access these generic opportunities a RCEB supported recreational program may be the only option.

SERVICE DEFINITION

Social and recreational services are any service that is set up specifically to either provide an opportunity to engage in an activity during the consumer's leisure time or to help a consumer or consumers to access a generic leisure time activity of the consumer's choice. These activities may be organized to take place at a specific site or take place in various community settings.

BOARD POLICY

Social and recreational needs should be addressed as part of the Planning Teams discussion and assessment of the consumer's needs. RCEB may only fund social and recreational activities once it is determined that these activities cannot be accessed in any other way.

The RCEB Board of Directors supports the use of services and supports that further the consumer's ability to access social and recreational activities that are available to all people. The Board of Directors supports the concept of activities that emphasize access to activities that have community integration as their goal.

The RCEB Board of Directors supports the concept that all consumers should have access to social and recreational activities. The Board believes that parents have the primary responsibility to guide and support their minor children in accessing and funding leisure time activities.

PROCEDURES

The Planning Team, which includes the consumer, reviews the person's needs for socialization and for recreation and develops a statement of goals based upon the needs and preferences of the consumer. The Team considers the various factors that support or inhibit the achievement of the person's goals (e.g., the consumer's own abilities, family, friends, residential care facility, and community resources). The Team then decides if the aforementioned resources and supports are available and sufficient to meet the consumers need and goals. If not, then the Team may authorize RCEB to purchase the appropriate supports/services.

The case manager will provide advice and advocacy if needed to access generic activities that should be available to all people.

AUTHORITY

California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4512 (b) and 4648 (2).