

**Provider Vendor Advisory Committee
Regional Center of the East Bay
Meeting Minutes Friday, February 10, 2023**

Members Present: Dan Hogue, Las Trampas (Co-Chair); Geneva Carlos-Valentino (Co-Chair); Marcie Hodge, St. John Boy's Home; Amanda Eicher, NIAD; Carlos Cienfuegos, Sentry Living Solutions; Donna Feingold, HireAble and Finding Golden Solutions; Ramsay Mashy, California Autism Foundation; Mike Pereira, Ala Costa Centers; Craig Rose, VistAbility.

Guests Present/by Phone:

Lisa Kleinbub, RCEB; Chase Ryan Kalbaugh, RCEB; Evelyn Clark, RCEB; Mike Minton, RCEB; Fruc Menchavez, RCEB; Chris Hanson, RCEB; Steve Robinson, RCEB; Amy Schwartz, RCEB; Jamie Markey, Mains'I; Julie Stone, Mains'I; Schantell Williams, Alameda County DD Council; Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD; Vi Ibarra, Contra Costa DD Council; Alicia Curran, Compass SLS & ILS; Aimee Vitug-Hom, VistAbility; Alicia Curran, Compass SLS & ILS; Amelia Berumen, Creative Growth; Amy Simons, A Brighter View Day Program; Ann Pringle; Anna Willis, Emerging Horizons; Anthony Rowe, Adaptive Learning Center; Armando Valadez, Lucchesi Group; Candice Elton, Thrive Support Services ILS; Carol Anne McCrary, VistAbility; Cecilia Connolly, The Arc of the East Bay; Chandra Jackson, Clausen House; Christine Rottger, VistAbility; Danon Jenkins, Futures Explored; Darice Tillery, Harambee Community Services; Dawn Robinson-Criss, VistAbility; Debbie Galliano, Clausen House; Dominique Mellion, Broadmoor Community Services; Eddie Esquiviz, Manos; Emily Correia, Enjoy Life More; Erika Gonzalez, 24 Hour Home Care; Eva Muñoz; Heather Manes, HATCH; James Mercado, Open House Center; Janice Granby, Davis Street; Jason Parks, Las Trampas; Jay Gamez, Mission Hope Day Program; Jaynette Underhill-Levingston, Clausen House; Juan Velasquez Jr., Pathway to Choices; Karen Lingenfelter, Mt. Diablo Adult Education; Kevin Rath; Leslie Visbal, Visbal Strategic Consulting; Louise McClellan, Open House Center; Maureen DeCoste, Ability Now Bay Area; Nancy Brum, Keystone Adult Learning Center; Nicole Doubly, RES Success; Robert Jo, Agape Care Home; Sister Mary Grace Puchac, East Bay Services; Sylvia Yeh, FCSN; Teresa Nold, Deaf Plus Adult Community; Veronica Santana, Clausen House; Zackery Wheeler.

80 participants total

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by **Geneva Carlos-Valentino** at 9:35 with greetings from **Dan Hogue** and **Geneva**.

Inclusion Time:

Geneva Carlos-Valentino welcomed everyone, introduced herself and **Dan Hogue** as PVAC Co-Chairs, and both Geneva and Dan reflected on the three years of changes during the pandemic, and the long time since seeing each other in person – inviting good news from the group.

Donna Feingold celebrated that the ACRE Certification has begun with perfect attendance for 25 participants, offering folks the opportunity to train on employment supports which hopefully will lead to more robust employment for folks with more significant disabilities.

Roll Call – Voting Members:

Geneva Carlos-Valentino called the roll for voting PVAC members; all voting members present with the exception of Jamie Renton, Jennifer Carper, Esther Chow, and Samuel Kim.

January Minutes:

Approval of January 13, 2023 minutes - M/Ramsay Mashy; S/Craig Rose with unanimous approval.

Reports:

Regional Center/State Report – Lisa Kleinbub, Executive Director

- **Outstanding POS Authorizations** – New staff member **Evelyn Clark** is introduced by **Chris Hanson**. **Chris** reminded the group that under the providers tab on RCEB’s website, there is a [googleform](#) to collect missing POS information. There is also a new email address for follow-up: POSinquiries@rceb.org.
- **Lisa Kleinbub** appreciated Evelyn and noted that as case managers are recruited, her role will hopefully change to include responsibilities in addition to POS authos. Lisa encouraged everyone to use the survey to report, since they may not otherwise know of issues.
- **Coordinated Family Supports** – Assistance to families in working with Medi-Cal, IHSS, other services to bridge systemic gaps. Two regional centers are a bit ahead on developing programs; RCEB is planning for February to begin rolling this out in our catchment area, looking for service providers. Intention is to provide same level of supports for adults living in family homes, as is provided in residential homes.
- **HCBS Compliance** – As of yesterday, just one provider had not submitted compliance documents for 3/17/2023 deadline, and these documents are on the way. Hopefully avoiding moratoriums on new referrals. Expecting compliance by March 10 – thanking those who participated and helped create regional compliance.
- Winding up **Medicaid Waiver Audit** – many visitors, lots of visits, interviews, data review – with outcomes to be provided in mid-February.
- **RCEB’s POS Expenditure Meetings** to be held in February/March, with dates and times available at RCEB.org. Hoping to hear about services, policies, and barriers to access – how can RCEB make services more available?
- **Sylvia** asked about recent DDS Directive re: **Coordinated Family Support Services**? RCEB will provide information on DDS meetings in February, will follow up with request for interest from providers. In the meantime, there is a lot of detail in the directives, and the service provides a significant rate for services.
- **Donna Feingold** asked about the \$15M HCBS Grant and what the RCEB process will be; **Lisa** mentioned that the staff report would include this.
- **Dan Hogue** asked about when/how the RCEB request for services would be distributed? **Lisa** responded that it will be in the RCEB.org section where requests are posted, and that they would also send to PVAC’s listserv.

Presentation: Center on Me – Jamie Markey, Julie Stone, Mains’l.

- **Introducing website for Person-Centered Planning** – highlighting the working group collaborative which includes Dan Hogue, Leslie Visbal, Ramsay Mashy, Mike Pereira, Mike Minton, Denise Bradley, who applied for HCBS funding with a vision for a Person-Centered Practices website that would be highly accessible, especially to those who don’t use verbal language, to fill gaps and to address situations where plans were being created through the lens of facilitators, rather than people themselves. Particularly during the pandemic, person-centered planning became more difficult, and the goal became to create resources so that people could create their own plans, with themselves at the center, which they can be proud of, and that truly reflects them.
- **Centered on Me** is a website that helps create person-centered plans from the perspective of the person served, giving them the opportunity to include ID teams and other collaborators.
- **Most exciting and most difficult** to create was the ability for collaborators (providers, team members) to contribute to someone’s plan. Accessible at any time, anywhere.
- **Julie Stone** demonstrated how the site works for plan owners: Sections - Getting to know you; What is happening in your life; Start Planning – all are based on badges, gamification to create an experience that is fun and motivating.
- **Section: Getting to know you** –
 - Like and Admire includes *Head/Heart/Hand* attributes (gifts) with library of words and ability to customize with additional words.
 - People in My Life maps people and relationships with room to add images/names with information on each person in the map, including whether/how people can contribute to PCP.
 - My Routines includes schedules for days/weeks. Contributors can provide information that is highlighted in the plan, and the person who is planning can accept/reject.
- **Section: Happening in My Life** –
 - Work Experience with likes/dislikes and information on work experiences;

Health Supports includes Durable Medical Equipment, health supports, healthy habits;
Fun includes, well, fun!

- **Section: Let's Start Planning –**
During plan development, information is carried over from sections to assist in populating What's Working/What's not Working; People in my Life; etc. Goals available for all six categories; Plan Summary creates a snapshot of everything created throughout the site, and is cross-referenced between different areas of the site. Can be printed or exported as PDF.
- **Settings** allow for customization of color palettes, background images, photo uploads. **Compatibility** includes mobile, tablet, and computer views.
- **Comments:** Contributors can comment on information on the page or overall pages, and people who are planning can approve/reject.
- **Video support:** Each section of the site has an instructional video on how to input information.
- **Language support:** Site currently includes 10 languages – shout out to Fruc who was a translator for the site!
- **Contributor View:** Plans I Contribute To; My Plans – providers can access all plans on one page in addition to plans they have created.
- **Training Opportunity** to introduce people served to employees, providers, engage in planning process with multiple perspectives from all contributors – family, friends, doctors, school personnel, ID team members.
- **Dan Hogue** thanked Mains'I for their partnership in turning an idea into a reality with more accessibility and depth than they thought possible – and, what about ASL videos as well? **Jamie** replied that ASL interpretation is in the works, and that iconography is being incorporated to a greater extent as they continue working. Screen readers seem to work very well with Centered on Me.
- **Jaynette Underhill-Levingston** asked about the price for agencies to purchase access to the site? **Jamie** replied that a year membership is \$250, and that this is per person (user email). Effort is to get this vendorized so that it's not a cost to agencies or people served.
- **Leslie Visbal** mentioned that after a few false starts with programmers who didn't understand the needs of the project, they landed with Mains'I and their IT department who were able to realize something tailored to our sector's needs. Appreciating Mike Minton and Fruc Menchavez at RCEB for support of the project.
- **Mike Pereira** appreciated the group and sent kudos to Mains'I for the work they were able to do together – was such a great feeling to let go of the programmers who didn't understand the project! Next need is to receive courtesy vendorization from RC's across the state to be able to roll it out more fully. More people who use this, the less it can cost for people served. Encouraging vendors to subscribe early to help shape the process as it streamlines.
- **Donna Feingold** mentioned Jamie and Mains'I's great work with Adaptive Learning Center on Person-Centered Planning, and that it typically has been a process to bring people together – **Donna** asked how Jamie sees the balance between remote use of the site and this important in-person process? **Jamie** responded that this is not a replacement for interaction, but rather an additional tool for supporting conversation.
- **Amanda Eicher** asked about further site development – **Jamie** responded that Mains'I has a full team dedicated to site development and management. "Contact us" link in the knowledge center provides direct feedback to this team, so that the site can be something evolving over time. For support, team can jump on Zoom and provide support within each catchment area as courtesy vendorizations occur. Centered on Me team is available for trainings, and as trainings occur, videos are created to support various processes. Re: HIPAA, legal team has reviewed the site and ensured that, to the extent possible, it is HIPAA-compliant.
- **Zackery Wheeler** praised the site, and indicated that once POS are in place for consumers, the site would be an excellent tool for delivering services, and it appears to be designed in a Q/A friendly format.
- **Craig Rose** mentioned the dynamic capability of the site – Life Plans and Liberty Plans are a lot of work to get through in a 3-hour meeting, especially when there are so many folks needing plans. The interactivity of this site, and the capability to revise, means that pacing can be more tailored to individuals, paths can be revisited over time, and contributors are much more likely to be able to participate on their own terms.

- Many, many comments in the chat praising the team of providers developing the vision – in particular Leslie Visbal, the team at Mains'l, and the site itself.
- For questions and interest, please contact Jamie Markey at jnmarkey@mainsl.com

Regional Center Staff Report – Steve Robinson

- **Steve** agreed that the presentation was so helpful and vibrant. Acknowledging that meeting in person, we would normally socialize, take a break, enjoy each others' presence at this point!
- **Steve** noted that in last month's discussion of biannual DS-1891 forms, suggestion of creating an email for these forms was helpful, and the email has been created: vendordocs@rceb.org. Also looking into additional automated support for DS-1891 renewal process.
- **Fruc Menchavez** reported that for HCBS Compliance, the hardest part is often documenting practices – proving that everyone is doing what they say they are doing. Appreciating the many submittals; now reviewing and ensuring all is good to go – EOD today or latest next Wednesday, responses from Fruc are on the way. Meeting weekly with DDS to monitor progress.
- **Mike Minton** mentioned that there are 221 programs in compliance, with 254 in remediation or other steps of the process, and 1 program not having submitted documentation at all. **Craig** asked about vendor numbers that were not in the system, and when they might hear back – **Fruc** replied Wednesday latest and clarified that the database system where vendor numbers were not included is at DDS level; they are working on it!
- **Fruc** addressed **HCBS allocation to Regional Centers**, and an upcoming creative session – hoping to focus not on the numbers, but rather on the activities, demonstrating that there is a product. Example: Requirement one on community access, is there a map or other work product that documents access options? Plan is required to be in place by March 1; two sessions coming up on February 16th – please register!
- **Steve** applauded Fruc in working through compliance for RCEB's catchment area, and appreciated the time and process. **Fruc** requested a party on March 17th, and **Mike Minton** said that he would approve Fruc's vacation request ;)
- **Transportation** - DDS approved monthly transportation Alternative Services Rate for providers to use; more information is coming 2/11, and Priscilla will share update with vendored transportation providers.
- **Maureen DeCoste** shared a question from AbilityNow's billing department re: Emergency Storm Billing; how to figure average rate? **Steve** responded to bill, and place in the comments that billing is for absence day. **Maureen** remarked that since the storm was between ASD and Traditional Services, it became confusing. **Lisa** responded that in December, ASD billing would be effective, but 1/1 forward would be Emergency.
- **Steve** shared news of approval for **community placement plan**; will forward information by 2/17 to PVAC on approvals: Residential Specialized Facilities for individuals who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing – looking for a residential providers; Residential Support Program for females who are dual-diagnosis; behavioral respite for adults who live in family homes who require RBT or Administered Technician level of staffing. Self Employment; Dental Services for special needs dental service in Contra Costa County; Housing Services Organization to purchase and renovate a home for individuals with forensic case needs.
- **Social Rec Grants** – reviewed 12 applicants and sent onward to DDS; will receive news by end of month, need to be in contract by end of March.
- **Craig Rose** mentioned that despite state of emergency going away, transportation remains an issue and a limitation to providing services – for example, a positive case during a program day meant that 11 individuals riding a bus did not have transportation home from program and subsequent lack of transportation for these individuals.
- **Dan Hogue** noted that the burden of providing services seems to be very different for Day Programs and Transportation providers – for Day Programs to consider abandoning an individual would be a strong red flag.
- **Maureen DeCoste** added that Ability Now has begun stepping in for individuals who receive short notice information that they do not have transportation via CountyWide or other providers.
- **Craig** offered that in light of today's [PIN from CCL](#), there is an acknowledgement that COVID concerns will continue – despite rapidly working to put TDS in place (for employment services), short staffing means that people served are the ones most deeply impacted – it's not realistic to be able to be so flexible on short

notice and unpredictability. Can Remote Services be revisited to include other services while COVID continues to hinder transportation for participants in so many programs?

- **Lisa Kleinbub** mentioned that the overreaction on the part of the bus companies needs to be discussed; we are going to be with COVID for a really long time, and transportation providers like other providers need to work with this situation as it is, rather than taking such drastic measures.
- **Steve Robinson** mentioned that this problem is extreme, and there's been an awareness for years. He noted that the 880 vendorization is helpful in providing more flexibility, but also concurred with **Dan Hogue's** comment that it is expensive and staff intensive to provide.

Regional Center Board Report – Dan Hogue

- **Dan** reported that the Board met on 1/23 with new leadership by Frank Pare (Chair), Sadia Mumtaz (Vice-Chair). Frank opened with a proposal to arrange the agenda to be more dynamic and engaging, looking at strategy for the organization and engaging thought partnership among board members.
- **April Key-Lee** (chair of executive committee) presented on budget – Questions re: POS – at ½-way through year, only 40% of POS dollars spent. Both lagging attendance for programs post-COVID and possible back-billing for missing POS.
- **PVAC Membership Roster** approved.
- **PVAC Subcommittee Charter** raised; will be discussed further in PVAC and brought to Board next month.
- **In summary**, great movement toward effectiveness including project logs to track progress on key initiatives.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities - Sheraden Nicholau

- **PPE/Testing** slightly more challenging to provide, but still possible – please continue requesting as needed. If you do have antigen tests or PPE needs, please reach out to sheraden.nicholau@scdd.ca.gov and we will do all we can to get you supplies (and at no cost to you, of course).
- **SCDD Sponsorships** for events promoting self-advocacy, leadership development for people with I/DD, conferences where people with I/DD are leading; advised to apply at least 3 months before event. Year-round opportunity to apply for State Council sponsorships: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sponsorships/>
- Year-round way to share your **policy and legislative bill ideas** with the State Council: https://scdd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8c9wD1u72jkHEF0

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Bay Area Regional Advisory Council:** Feb 22nd, 630p – 9p <https://scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/>
Featuring policy updates and priorities from State Council, Children Now, and Disability Rights of CA
- **State Council State Plan Committee Meeting:** March 2nd, 10a – 1p <https://scdd.ca.gov/event/2023-state-plan-committee-meeting/2023-03-02/>

Trainings/Conferences/Events:

- **SCDD Trainings coming up:** <https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/>
 - 2/10 Project SAFE Hands-Only CPR Training on Zoom
 - 2/13 Training: Regional Center Fair Hearings & Complaints
 - 2/13 Statewide Training: Regional Center
 - 2/27 Entrenamientos Estatales de SCDD: Centro Regional
- **UCSF Annual Conference on Developmental Disabilities for Health Care Professionals** with graduated rates
 - Conservatorship reform
 - Trauma-informed care
 - Medication reform

This year's conference features discussions on conservatorship reform, trauma informed care, mental health supports, deprescribing antipsychotic medications, and emergency planning to adapt to climate change. While the conference is designed and accredited for health care professionals, we welcome families and individuals with developmental disabilities to also attend.

When: March 2 & 3, 2023, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Electronic Registration: <https://virtualce.ucsf.edu/DD>

RSVP Deadline: Registration for this virtual conference available until 12:00 pm on Friday March 3rd.

Conference Fees

- Physicians \$450
- Other Health Professionals \$350
- Physicians in Training \$350
- Community Members (no CME) \$100

<https://files.constantcontact.com/be05f332501/7ed85a2a-2572-46f7-9d15-0a10be5f9cd2.pdf>

- **Statewide Self-Determination Orientations** in English, Spanish, ASL, Vietnamese, and coming soon in Mandarin. Materials in several languages available anytime for download: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- **State Council's 2023-24 Policy Priorities:** <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2023/01/2023-24-PolicyPriorities.Accessible.pdf?emrc=63e6826b739f9>
- Recent release, Jan 2023: **SB 639 Report to the Legislature:** <https://scdd.ca.gov/sb-639-report/>
Includes benchmarks, timelines, best practices, and recommendations for transitioning Californian employees with IDD and other disabilities from subminimum wage employment to competitive integrated employment. Also includes a variety of references and resources from our state and from across the nation.

Alameda County DD Council Report – Schantell Williams

- Alameda County in low transmission level. State and National Emergency announcements still in effect.
- Alameda County COVID Webpage: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index.page>
- Alameda County Vaccines Calendar: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines>
- For COVID treatments for uninsured or underinsured individuals, call 933-686-5051 for a no-cost appointment. Alameda County COVID Community Support Line 510-268-2101. Schedule a flu vaccine at <https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/>
- Events/Resources: Please submit to AICo DD Council Newsletter's employment spotlight! Alameda County DDC Newsletter Spotlight: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAQN1xzFBIPiA1jYwMlx8HikDbXSTA5VpWCkNV8DZ60EKx6Q/vi ewform>
- Federal Disaster Unemployment Benefits now available. Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits: https://edd.ca.gov/siteassets/files/about_edd/pdf/news-23-05.pdf
- Community Resource Webinar on February 28th : https://thearca-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1jPOE2B4QQ-JgtS68k64FQ
- DHTI Fast Track Respite Training: <https://healthpipeline.wufoo.com/forms/w1lyu8pr198fagq/>
- REACH Housing waitlist is open in the tri-valley area for RCEB Clients and family members. REACH Housing Waitlist Applications: <https://trivalleyreach.org/housing/>
- Alzheimer's Association Webinar Series: LGBTQ+ Thrive with Pride, 2nd Wednesdays of each month, 4-5 pm: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScR-CFOQSo6scbzArNFTQrEKBWHKXOtuBXoTJXxyeX5xE3VZQ/viewform>
- Alzheimer's Association Online Education programs: <https://www.communityresourcefinder.org/>
- Very Special Family Camp on February 25th : <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/parks-recreation/camps/overnight-camps#:~:text=The%20City%20of%20Berkeley%20offers,or%20Tuolumne%20Camp%20near%20Yosemite>
- For information on Project Search Stoneridge Creek please contact Curtis John at ijohn@eastbayinnovations.org or (510)618-1580 x15
- Family Resource Navigators Unpacking Oppression Workshop Series: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-community-strengthening-education-conference-tickets-519126821297>
- The following meetings will be in Spanish
La Familia Tax and Retirement Guide for IHSS Providers: https://livelafamilia-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_07z0VZe4TQuXdGbN6mt_4A

La Familia Monthly Orientation: <https://lifelafamilia-org.zoom.us/j/85888510651?pwd=Z0VMUHJTUJYK2N3VlhJV1RvbXJVUT09#success>

La Familia Panel for Parents - Importance of Self-Care: https://lifelafamilia-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xQdq05XcRB6_HZHE6-XHrQ

La Familia RCEB Public Meeting: <https://lifelafamilia-org.zoom.us/j/82090565878?pwd=T3FJaHZRdENuR3ImYXVLais3MTJFdz09#success>

- Alameda County DD Council Board Meeting February 9, 9:30AM-12PM

Contra Costa County DD Council Report – Vi Ibarra

- At the DD Council Board of Directors' meetings in February, March, and May we will have presentations that are of specific interest for families with Early Intervention through school-age children. Simultaneous Spanish translation is provided at these meetings.
 - February 22: Family Empowerment Center: IEP Help and More for Students Aged 3 to 22.
 - March 22: Social Recreation Opportunities from Regional Center of the East Bay.
 - May 24: My Child Is Turning 3, What's Next?
- Flyer with further details is at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vgn3EwH810-Dv_HELi7Vfnem48yvCaUw/view?usp=sharing
- Care Parent Network and the four SELPAs in Contra Costa will be hosting a virtual vendor fair Social Rec Services on Jan 24 from 5-7 pm. This is geared toward families with kids thru K-12 and transition. Event flyer, in English and Spanish, including registration link is here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RYXDzir5PtMHvvXtit1VXVG6ieP7_TT/view?usp=sharing
- DD Council Meeting January 25th with Will Sanford on EBLC/Governor's Budget. February meeting will be online only, and in March, aiming for in-person or hybrid format.
- To receive info about upcoming DD Council presentations that are of interest to families with kids from early intervention through HS transition, please email me at vi.ibarra@cchealth.org.

East Bay Legislative Coalition/Day Program – Mike Pereira

Thanking colleagues on the call who raised the issues presented in PVAC today – POS and Transportation issues – and appreciating RCEB's follow-up.

Mike shared screen with EBLC PPT on Budget timeline:

- **Budget Summary** at ca.gov released by Governor's office on January 10.
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1** still being chaired by Asm. Dr. Arambula (D31) – 2/23 tentative
- **Senate Budget Sub #3** – Sen. Menjivar, Chair (D2) – 3/23
- Both subcommittees will be remote and in-person – for those interested in engaging.
- **May Revise** coming on or around May 15th, with June 15th submission to Governor for funding by July 1.
- **General Context** includes a shortfall of around \$22.5B; however, good reserves and debt paid down; some cuts but less dramatic than predicted.
- **Reserves** at \$35.6B: Rainy Day Fund at \$22.4B; Public School System Stabilization at \$8.5B; Safety Net Reserve at \$900M; Operating Reserves at \$3.8B; this budget does not predict a recession.
- **Assumption** is avoidance of recession. Funding delays, reductions/pullbacks, fund shifts, trigger reductions, and limited revenue generation/borrowing would address shortfall.
- **General Outlook:** Economic growth slowing but not a recession yet. Inflation had reached a 40-yr high, but easing to 6% and falling.
- **Revenue Projections:** Down – economic growth, personal income, other forecasts overoptimistic, now modifying.
- **~\$8-14B** covers our sector.
- **Legislative leadership** includes: Speaker Anthony Rendon (until June; Asm. Robert Rivas incoming); Senate Pro-Temp Toni Atkins; Budget Committee Chairs Sen. Nancy Skinner, Asm. Phil Ting.
- **Sustained commitments** include rate reform; updated safety net plan.

- **Deferral of Preschool Inclusion Grants to be maintained in 2024-25.**
- **March 1 at 10AM is next regular meeting.**
- **EBLC Legislative Breakfast Stats:** 100+ attendees, 8 breakout rooms with 2 federal offices (Swalwell, DeSaulnier), 6 state offices (Skinner, Wahab, Wilson, Grayson, Bauer-Kahan, Ortega).
- **Two upcoming In-Person Events hosted by EBLC and RCEB:** San Leandro (3/17/23 10-11:30AM), Concord (3/24/23 10-11:30AM). Aiming to facilitate in-person contact/connection to frame policy and promote familiarity with RC system and its participants.
- **EBLC Legislative Visit/Site Visit Tips** – Info packet is under review and will be shared with providers after March legislative events.

Service Provider Equity Subcommittee – Dan Hogue

- **Working Group** gathered to draft charter for submission to PVAC for approval; would then go to RCEB Board for review and vote.
- **Dan** thanked the working group, which includes Mike Pereira, Anthony Rowe, Craig Rose, Geneva Carlos-Valentino, Jaynette Underhill-Levingston, Ramsay Mashy, Denise Bradley, Zackery Wheeler, and possibly more voices helping in the process– appreciating the work of drafting, suggesting, revising the draft charter.
- **Dan** made a motion to approve; **Marcie Hodge** seconded the approval.
- **Dan** walked the group through the draft charter. **Geneva Carlos-Valentino** acknowledged the experience, thoughts, and ideas that went into developing this advisory group.
- **Lisa Kleinbub** stated how much she is looking forward to working with this group, and suggested including equitable practices in requests for proposals, as RCEB is looking at their process in this area.
- **Dan** amended his motion to include a review of language to include equitable RFP practices, and **Mike** moved, with Donna seconding.
- **PVAC Voting Members** in attendance approved the motion unanimously.

HireAble – Donna Feingold

- ACRE training started with 12 hours in the first week – goes hand in hand with PCT in offering choices to people served.
- HireAble's next meeting is on 2/27 at 3pm. Here is the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88303168264>
- Next month's presentation is Kim Stone-King from CreateAbility Apps built for individuals and I/DD and TBI. Employment Suite apps will be demonstrated.
- HireAble working on DDS grant for trainings for students and parents in Contra Costa County about employment with more news to come!

Membership Report – Marcie Hodge

- Reminder to put email and name in chat for attendance purposes!

Meeting Adjourned at 11:58 AM

Respectfully submitted for review by Amanda Eicher, Secretary