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## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 2024

To: Alex Kopilevich, Chair, Jaklen Keshishyan, Alt. Chair, Jodie Agnew-Navarro, Octavia Watkins, Masood Babaeian, Paul Borda, Andrea Devers, Cal Enriquez, Ute Escorcica, Ricki Macken Chivers, Vahe Mkrtchian, Daniel Ortiz, Jen Pippard, Sharon Weinberg, Lisa Williamsen

From: Kimberly Visokey  
Executive Administrative Assistant

Re: Information and materials for the next Nominating Committee meeting on **Thursday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m.**

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Attached is information for the next committee meeting. Please review this information prior to the meeting.

**The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. We will send you the Zoom access information via email.**

If you have any questions, or if you are unable to attend the meeting, please send us an email to [boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:boardsupport@nlacrc.org). Thank you!

### Attachments

c: Angela Pao-Johnson, NLACRC Executive Director,  
Evelyn McOmie, Deputy Director



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## VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:30 am *(via Zoom)*

### ~AGENDA~

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions** - Alex Kopilevich, Chair *(1 min)*
- II. **Agenda** *(Page 2)*
- III. **Public Input** - Agenda Items only *(3 min per person, 3-person limit)*
- IV. **Consent Items**
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the October 3, 2024, Meeting *(1 min)* **(Page 4)**
- V. **Deputy Director Officer's Report** – Evelyn McOmie *(5 min)*
- VI. **Chief Financial Officer's Report** – Vini Montague *(5 min)*
- VII. **Community Services Director's Report** – Arshalous Garlanian *(5 min)* **(Page 11)**
- VIII. **Legislative Report** – Belinda Abatesi *(5 min)* **(Page 15)**
- IX. **Executive Director's Report** – Angela Pao-Johnson *(5 min)* **(Page 22)**
- X. **Committee Business**
  - A. Return to in-person meetings – Quarterly. *(5 min)*
    1. VAC Meeting Schedule **(Page 27)**
  - B. New Service Provider Vendor Training Update/Mentorship Program Update – Ricki Macken Chivers *(3 min)*
  - C. Self-Determination Update - Kelley Coleman *(1 min)*
  - D. Call for new VAC members – Alex Kopilevich *(1 min)* **(Page 28)**
  - E. Vendor Advisory Committee members with expiring terms *(1 min)*
- XI. **Open Topics for Discussion** - Alex Kopilevich
  - A. AB1147 – Alex Kopilevich (3 min)
  - B. NLACRC Board Recognition - Jodie Agnew-Navarro (3 min) **(Page 30)**
  - C. Special Contract Language - Improving Relationships with the Community (10 min)

**XII. Committee Work Group Final Reports**

- A. Early Start Services (Jodie Agnew-Navarro) *(3 min)*
- B. School Age Services (Paul Borda & Cal Enriquez) *(3 min)*
- C. Adult Services (Octavia Watkins) *(3 min)*

**XIII. Board Committee Reports**

- A. Administrative Affairs (Jaklen Keshishyan -VAC Rep.) *(1 min)*
- B. Consumer Services (Sharon Weinberg -VAC Rep.) *(3 min)*
- C. Government & Community Relations (Jodie Agnew-Navarro -VAC Rep.) *(3 min)*
- D. Nominating (Alex Kopilevich - Committee Member) *(1 min)*
- E. Strategic Planning (Octavia Watkins - Committee Member) *(3 min)*

**XIV. Review of Meeting Action Items (Item Owner and Due Date)**

**XV. Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

**XVI. Announcements/Public Input**

- A. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Committee Attendance *(Page 31)*

**XVII. Committee Work Group Information:**

- A. **Early Start Services** (Jodie Agnew-Navarro)  
For meeting schedule and information  
Contact: Jodie Agnew-Navarro - [jodie.agnew-navarro@chimeinstitute.net](mailto:jodie.agnew-navarro@chimeinstitute.net) **Next workgroup meeting: November 21, 2024 @ 9:00am (via Zoom).**
- B. **School Age Services** (Paul Borda & Cal Enriquez)  
For meeting schedule and information  
Contact: Paul Borda - [paul@abatherapypartners.com](mailto:paul@abatherapypartners.com)  
**Next workgroup meeting: November 12, 2024 @ 10:00am (via Zoom).**
- C. **Adult Services** (Octavia Watkins)  
For meeting schedule and information  
Contact: Octavia Watkins - [excellencecrp@gmail.com](mailto:excellencecrp@gmail.com)  
**Next workgroup meeting: November 18, 2024 @11:00am (via Zoom)**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
 October 3, 2024

**Present:** Alex Kopilevich, Paul Borda, Andrea Devers, Cal Enriquez, Ute Escorcia, Jaklen Keshishyan, Ricki Macken Chivers, Jen Pippard, Octavia Watkins, Jodie Agnew-Navarro

Angela Pao-Johnson, Evelyn McOmie, Vini Montague, Donna Rentsch, Arshalous Garlanian, Chris Whitlock, Kimberly Visokey – **Staff Members**

Marianita Mendoza - DDS – **Guests**

Other than panelists, there were 86 other attendees.

**Absent:** Vahe Mkrtchian, Daniel Ortiz, Lisa Williamsen, Sharon Weinberg, Masood Babaeian

**I. Call to Order & Introductions**

Alex Kopilevich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**II. Agenda**

**III. Public Input**

Public input was given.

**IV. Consent Items**

A. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2024 was deferred.

**V. Executive Detector's Report – Angela Pao-Johnson**

Angela reviewed the report that was included in the packet, highlighting certain items.

**Department of Developmental Services**

Secretary Mark Ghaly announced that Pete Cervinka has been appointed Acting Director of DDS. Pete has worked since 2020 as the Chief of Data Analytics and Strategy for DDS and prior to that had extensive experience working for the Department of Social Services.

DDS continues working on several workforce initiatives like RC employee tuition reimbursement program, DSP training stipend program, DSP internship program, etc. ARCA is currently working and preparing positions for 36 bills in the legislation as these impact individuals with developmental disabilities and the service system. Some of which are part of the report included in the packet.

**Master Plan updates**

Developmental Services Master Plan Committee meetings continue. On October 9, 2024, the meeting will include a review of the main themes from recent public input, an overview of the Working Group Framework that will be used moving forward, and planning discussions by the working groups.

**Center Operations**

Staffing Data– Current Status -

- Total # positions filled: 757
- Total # of positions authorized: 952

July New Hires:

- 1st cycle – 6
- 2nd cycle - 14

**Center Updates**

*Special Contract Language-* The Columbus Organization is conducting Employee Driven Self-Managed Work Groups for the topics of Workspace utilization, recruitment/retention of staff, and case management support/stabilization. Consultants have met with around 400 employees from all levels and at all locations to discuss concerns and suggestions for improvement to the various systems.

*Self-Determination Program-* Participants that have fully transitioned into SDP with approved spending plans and active SDP IPPs: 414. NLACRC has a vacant position in the SDP Local Volunteer Advisory Committee. The committee members must reflect the multicultural diversity and geographic profile of the NLACRC catchment area. Our committee is currently seeking applicants who meet at least one of the following preferred criteria:

- Hispanic/Latino
- African American
- People with Developmental Disabilities (consumers)

**Consumer Statistics:**

As of September 15, 2024, the Center has 37,706 individuals served and applicants.

**VI. Deputy Director Officer's Report – Evelyn McOmie****NLACRC Vendor Portal Update**

NLACRC is now adding service providers to the portal. NLACRC sent the first 500 emails out to provider to set up the vendor portal. It is important to note that the email is coming from vendorportal@NLACRC.org. The process include vendor portal sign up and once you do so you receive a registration email. I want to take a moment to encourage everyone to be hypervigilant of the being delivered. The first 500 hundred emails were sent 2 weeks ago: 16 Vendors have accepted the invitation to setup their accounts for

each of the venomization and are fully onboarded. 82 Vendor ID numbers have been created and are pending vendors to accept their accounts for each of the affiliated vendor numbers to be fully functional. In light that it has been 2 weeks, we are preparing ourselves to send the next 500 hundred emails this coming Monday). We will be sending reminder emails to those that have not accepted their accounts as well. At this point it is 1st come first serve, the invitation will expire in 30 days, once the IT team works through everyone responding a new q- will be started all over with those who did not respond initially.

#### **NLACRC management training for staff**

NLACRC has launched AMA Leadership training for all our management staff at NLACRC. Training will take place in cohort of 25 through the month of October and early November. This is one of 3 trainings we are rolling out this fiscal year.

#### **Parent University Portal**

NLACRC has been working on developing a educational platform for our community, it is in the translation phase, prior to being converted to LMS for a learning platform on our website.

#### **VII. Chief Financial Officer's Report – Vini Montague**

#### **VIII. Community Services Director's Report – Arshalous Garlanian**

Arsho began her report by thanking all providers that participated the fall Vendor fair. She went on tot review the Community Services Department Directors Report, highlighting certain areas.

#### **Rate Reform**

We are currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the rate reform. The benchmark is changing to include the various cost values, including like state minimum wage and mileage. January increases is 90% of the difference between the rate as of March 2022, and the new benchmark. The department is also hosting additional training starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>, related to Rate Reform.

#### *Employment Services*

NLACRC Partners with IRI to provide FREE **ACRE training** for NLACRC Regional Center Vendors.

#### Quality Incentive Program

NLACRC anticipate receiving the information from the Department regarding Q1 QIP Payments soon, so we anticipate payments to come shortly after in in the coming weeks.

**NLACRC Video's**

North La is partnering with Friends We Love, a video production company to produce video segments, highlighting our residential employment options. We're looking for individuals that are in employment that are employed, perhaps on internship programs. We are accepting applications until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Client's Rights Training**

Will take place on October 24, 2024, 10am – 12pm, via Zoom

**Special Incident Reporting and Risk Management Training**

Will take place on November 13, 2024, 10am – 12pm, via Zoom

**IX. Legislative Report – Chris Whitlock**

Chris Whitlock began with the announcement of NLACRC's new Public Information Legislative Specialist, Belinda Abatesi.

**Legislative Bills**

When the report that is in the packet was created, this was the current information, but there have been some updates.

SB 1281, on September 29th it was vetoed by the Governor.

AB 1147, on September 28, this was approved by the Governor, and then it was chaptered. So, what this means is that after a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a chapter number. So, moving forward, this is going to be referred to as chapter number 902

AB 1876 is still pending

AB 1906, this was approved by the Governor, and then it was chaptered. Moving forward, this is going to be referred to as chapter number 233

AB 2423, on September 28, this was approved by the Governor, and then it was chaptered. Moving forward, this is going to be referred to as chapter number 904

**Other Legislation**

AB 3063, on September 27th it was vetoed by the Governor.

**NLACRC Legislator List**

Chris pointed out that the items that are highlighted in red they are terming out for this election.

**Legislative Calendar and Local Events**

Chris reviewed the events as presented in the packet.

**X. Committee Business– Alex Kopilevich**

**A. Priority Issue Update**

**M/S/C (O. Askew / J. Keshishyan)** To approve the Priority Issues as presented.

**B. Return to in-person meetings – Quarterly.**

Alex led a discussion on returning to in-person meetings. This discussion centered around the frequency and location. It was suggested that in-person meetings be held quarterly, alternating between NLACRC offices.

**Action Item** - It was agreed to add this to the next meeting for a vote. - Alex

**C. VAC Meeting Schedule**

Alex reviewed the current VAC Meeting Schedule with the committee.

**D. New Service Provider Vendor Training Update**

This item was combined with item E - *Mentorship Program*. Arsho Garlanian will be sharing information on what NLACRC currently provides. It was agreed that Alex and Rikki would review this information and update the committee at a later date.

**E. Mentorship Program Update**

Addressed above with Item D - *New Service Provider Vendor Training Update*

**F. Self-Determination Update – Deferred**

**Action Item** - Add this to the next meeting for an update by either Kelley Coleman or Silvia Renteria-Haro. - Alex

**XI. Open Topics for Discussion**

**A. Back Payments**

Alex opened this topic up for discussion with no questions or comments.

**XII. Committee Work Group Final Reports**

**A. Early Start Services (Jodie Agnew-Navarro)**

Jodi reported out, informing the VAC that this workgroup has added to their meeting an advocacy, legislation and policy update. They also had a conversation about improving relationships with the CSC's.

**B. School Age Services (Paul Borda & Cal Enriquez)**

The team worked on completing the School Age Services Goals and Outcomes. Additionally, Paul Borda and Ute Escorcia attended the Vendor Fair to inform vendors of the School Age Services Workgroup, finding several that are interested in participating. Paul will be reaching out to those individuals.



**C. Adult Services (Octavia Watkins)**

There were a variety of different Service Providers present. Octavia reported that RFP for coordinated career pathways and any new updates to the RFP request, referral issues for child housing placements, and problems solved for solutions faced by service providers on the call. They also discussed concerns and barriers, some of which were onboarding clients and dealing with some of the FMS providers. The group also brainstormed on possible solutions.

**XIII. Board Committee Reports**

**A. Administrative Affairs (Jaklen Keshishyan -VAC Representative)**

The Administrative Affairs meeting covered a depth of information. Jaklen gave words of thanks to Vini Montague and the NLACRC staff for the work that went into presenting this information. The next meeting is November 21.st

**B. Consumer Services (Sharon Weinberg -VAC Representative) *Deferred***

**C. Government & Community Relations (Jodie Agnew-Navarro -VAC Rep.)**

The Government and Community Relations Committee met on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and Cathy Blin was elected chair and Curtis Wang was elected as co-chair. The committee discussed focusing on a letter writing and social media campaign to build rapport with the local legislators. The next meeting will be October 16.th at 6 pm.

**D. Nominating (Alex Kopilevich - Committee Member)**

The majority of the meeting discussed the Board composition that is required by DDS. We discussed the application process as well as the VAC recruitment. The committee also agreed to pushed back the date to for accepting applications to December the 15th for that for the vac. This allows a little bit more time to collect new members. The next meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Strategic Planning (Octavia Watkins - Committee Member)**

**XIV. Review of Meeting Action Actions (Item Owner and Due Date)**

**XV. Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting**

- Board Support – Add an action item to the next agenda for finalizing in-person meetings
- Arshalous Garlanian – Send Alex a schedule of Mentor Activities
- Alex / Ricki – Meet to discuss a Mentor program

**XVI. Announcements / Public Input**

- A. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Committee Attendance was reviewed.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Alex adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by:

*Kimberly Visokey*

Executive Administrative Assistant

*(\* The majority of these minutes are taken from the Minutes Service submission and reviewed/edited as presented herein by NLACRC staff.*



## ***Vendor Advisory Committee: November 7, 2024*** ***Community Services Department: Director's Report***

### **General Updates:**

- ❖ **Service Provider Directory:** [Per DDS directive D-2024-QIP-003 from 9/23/2024](#)
  - Step 1: Data Collection (7/15/24 - 10/4/24)
  - Step 2: Validation (approx. 10/29/24 - 11/29/24)
    - See 9/23/2024 directive for detailed incentive payment eligibility
  - Emails sent beginning 10/29 from DDS email "IT Service Desk"  
[caddspod@servicenowservices.com](mailto:caddspod@servicenowservices.com) with subject: Registration Request for the DDS Vendor Portal
  - Reference: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/provider-directory/>
  - Questions:
    - [ProviderDirectory@dds.ca.gov](mailto:ProviderDirectory@dds.ca.gov)
    - [ProviderDirectory@nlacrc.org](mailto:ProviderDirectory@nlacrc.org)
  
- ❖ **Vendor Portal:** NLACRC's vendor portal launched on 9/23/2024
  - Email invitations with registration form were sent to all NLACRC providers from [vendorportal@nlacrc.org](mailto:vendorportal@nlacrc.org) email
  - Action needed:
    - Step 1 – registration
    - Step 2 – accept invitation
    - Step 3 – log-in through authentication process
  - Community Services is contacting providers who are on Step 2 (pending acceptance of invitation) but have not yet clicked on the email which is from [invites@microsoft.com](mailto:invites@microsoft.com)
  - Questions: [vendorportal@nlacrc.org](mailto:vendorportal@nlacrc.org)
  
- ❖ **Vendor Support Forum:** Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3081961644?pwd=azQzdFVpMlIIMlJnKytUUXg5NHhkZz09&omn=88494023415>
  - Meeting ID: 308 196 1644, Passcode: 158314
  - Submit questions for agenda by Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> to [CRomero@nlacrc.org](mailto:CRomero@nlacrc.org)

### **HCBS:**

- ❖ **Service Provider Training/Webinars/Symposiums:**
  - **Person-Centered Thinking – Mains'1** - Register on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/mainsl-services-15104245757>
  - PCT Bootcamp 10 am – 1 pm (6 virtual sessions, until November)
    - Family Trainings
  
- ❖ **DHH:**
  - "HOLIDAY TIPS FOR INCLUSION: CREATING WARM CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DEAF FAMILY & FRIENDS" via ZOOM –
  - November 21, 2024, 9:30 – 12:00 registration opens 10/5/2024  
<http://bit.ly/3AgZmcH>

### **Compliance Corner:**

- ❖ **Rate Reform Highlights: WIC, 4519.10 updated based on 2024/2025 trailer bill (AB 162)**
  - Phase 3: January 2025 – full implementation =
    - 90% of the difference between rate as of 3/31/2022 and benchmark rate (benchmark rate **updated** for 2025 CA state minimum wage only) + 10% Quality Incentive Payment \*see [Per DDS directive D-2024-QIP-003 from 9/23/2024](#)
  - Benchmark rates will be updated for July 2024 (Rate Only).
    - Complete Rate Models will be updated prior to 1/1/2025.
    - DDS will publish updates to “Rate Reform Updates” tab here: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-study-implementation/>
  - Hold harmless provision until 6/30/2026, if rate exceeds benchmark rate or 90% of benchmark rate.
  - See **Service Provider Directory section** above.
  
- ❖ **DS 1891** – A new compliance cycle began January 1<sup>st</sup> for DS 1891s.
  - Visit the online portal at to submit your 2024 update.
  - <https://sanctionscreeningnow.com/OIGComplianceVendor/Customer.aspx/Login>
  - Click “Save Changes” button” – even if there are no changes to verify and submit a form with current date.
  
- ❖ **Vendorization maintenance:**
  - General reminder to submit your insurance and organizational charts, or any questions related to compliance activities (DS 1891, annual program evaluations), rate adjustments to [Contract&Compliance@nlacrc.org](mailto:Contract&Compliance@nlacrc.org).
  - Provide notice of changes (address, entity, name) to [ResourceDevelopment@nlacrc.org](mailto:ResourceDevelopment@nlacrc.org)

**Employment Services:**

- ❖ General reminder to submit PIP workbook claims and CIE request [CIE&PIP@nlacrc.org](mailto:CIE&PIP@nlacrc.org)
  
- ❖ NLACRC Partners with IRI to provide **FREE ACRE training** (Self-paced, In- Person, Virtually) for NLACRC Regional Center Vendors- <https://www.irioc.org/register>
  
- ❖ **Quality Incentive Program:**
  - **Employment Access & Equity Incentive Payments:** To request incentive payments available through the QIP Employment Access measure, every service provider must submit a certification form to DDS at [QIPEmpAccess@dds.ca.gov](mailto:QIPEmpAccess@dds.ca.gov).
  - **Employment Capacity Incentive Payments:** To request incentive payments available through the QIP Employment Capacity measure, service providers must submit a certification form to DDS at [QIPEmpCapacity@dds.ca.gov](mailto:QIPEmpCapacity@dds.ca.gov).
  - For additional info, including FAQ and Certification and Payment forms, visit the “Employment” tab here <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/quality-incentive-program/>
  
- ❖ **NLACRC Employment Initiative Office Hours**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11 am via Zoom

- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82517702766?pwd=1tyUrdPePi7JnhGDFUUXcPm4JAPXPb.1>
  - Meeting ID: 825 1770 2766 Passcode: 857310
  - +14086380968,,82517702766#,,,,\*857310# US (San Jose)
  - +16694449171,,82517702766#,,,,\*857310# US

**Resource Development:**

- ❖ **Please visit our website for more information on the various Request for Proposal (RFP) and NLACRC service needs. Contact us at [resourcedevelopment@nlacrc.org](mailto:resourcedevelopment@nlacrc.org) with questions.**
  - Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP) Service Code 956
  - Coordinated Family Supports (CFS), Service Code 076
  - Soc Rec RFV, Various Service Codes
  - Transportation services, Service Code 875
  - Money Management services, Service Code 034
  - Self-Directed Support Services for the Self Determination Program (Service Code 099)
  
- ❖ **Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) - DDS hosted office hours are on-going. For more information, please visit DDS website <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/evv/> .**

**Quality Assurance:**

- ❖ **Community Care Licensing Updates: New PINs**
  - [PIN 24-04-ASC](#) - (**Supersedes PIN 24-01-ASC**) Updated Guidance On Respiratory Viruses Including COVID-19, Influenza, And Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).
  - [PIN 24-12-CCLD](#) - Guardian Training Webinar For Licensees And Providers on October 30, 2024, from 11AM – 12PM.
  - [PIN 24-11-CCLD](#) - Upcoming Administrator Certification Bureau Vendor Webinar on November 13, 2024, at 1PM. [Registration Link](#)
  - [PIN 24-10-CCLD](#) - Care Provider Management Branch Background Check Form Revisions
  
- ❖ **Fall Edition- Emergency Preparedness Bulletin**
  - [Fall Edition – Fall Season Safety](#)



# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL CENTER

**TED HORTON-BILLARD III**  
**DEAF SERVICES SPECIALIST (DSS)**

## **HOLIDAY TIPS FOR INCLUSION: CREATING WARM CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DEAF FAMILY & FRIENDS**

- Expand Your Awareness of Deaf Culture
- The Power of Communication
- Creating Inclusion in Social Settings
- Avoid the "Dinner Table Syndrome"
- Receive Communication Resources & Tips
- And Meet Ted!



# JOIN US

**For Ted Signs!**

**When:** Thursday, November 21, 2024

**Time:** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Where:** Zoom

**Registration:**

<http://bit.ly/3AgZmcH>



**For More Information, Please Contact:**

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## Community and Legislative Educator Report 11/2024

### LEGISLATIVE BILLS - CHAPTERED

**\*CHAPTERED:** Once a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number, such as Chapter 902, Statutes of 2024, which is subsequently used to refer to the measure rather than the bill number.

**AB 1147 (Addis) Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023** - This bill would enact the Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023, which would make various changes to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act for purposes including providing increased oversight of regional center operations and performance.

Status: **On September 28, 2024** the bill was approved by Governor Newsom, and chaptered as Chapter 904, Statutes of 2024.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1147](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1147)

**AB 1906 (Gipson) Persons with disabilities: terminology** - This bill has been amended from a simple update to respectful terminology to now require the California Law Revision Commission, with input from stakeholders, to conduct a study and submit recommendations to the Legislature. The study will focus on replacing the terms “dependent adult” and “dependent person” with terminology that respectfully describes these individuals while preserving their legal rights and protections, as specified.

Status: **On September 14, 2024** the bill was chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 233, Statutes of 2024.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1906](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1906)

**AB 2423 (Mathis) Developmental Services: rates** - This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to update provider rate models every two years, beginning July 1, 2025. Rate updates will be contingent upon state appropriation and the availability of federal funds, using current cost inputs at the time of each review. The bill also mandates that DDS post the updated rate models on its website by January 1 of the following year. This bill is sponsored by the California Disability Services Association.

Status: **On September 28, 2024** the bill was approved by Governor Newsom. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 904, Statutes of 2024.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB2423](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2423)

### LEGISLATIVE BILLS - VETOED

**\*VETOED:** the formal action of the Governor disapproving a measure by returning it to the House of origin. The Governor's veto may be overridden by two-thirds vote of each House. Despite the Legislature often having the necessary majority to override vetoes, this power is rarely exercised. [Why California legislators don't try to override vetoes - CalMatters](#)

**AB 3063 (McKinnor)** - This bill would clarify that adding flavoring to a medication does not constitute “compounding” which is a special license pharmacists need to mix and customize medications for individuals.

Status: **On September 27, 2024** the bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Governor’s veto message: “While I appreciate the author’s goal to address the availability of flavored medication in the state, this bill creates an exception to national standards for compounding which poses a risk to consumer health and safety. This bill would undermine AB 973, which I signed in 2019, that required both sterile and non-sterile compounding in California to be consistent with the United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary’s guidelines. AB 973 was passed and enacted to ensure the state adheres to the federally required minimum standards of consumer protection.”

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB3063](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB3063)

**SB 1281 (Menjivar) Advancing Equity and Access in the Self-Determination Program**  
This bill requires DDS to establish statewide standardized processes and procedures for the Self-Determination Program, by January 1st, 2026, and to ensure they are applied consistently by regional centers, and that regional centers make measurable improvements towards achieving equitable enrollment in the SDP by race, ethnicity, and regional center.

Status: **On September 29, 2024** the bill was Vetoed by Governor Newsom.

Governor’s veto message: “I share the author’s intent to increase equitable access to the SDP and improve standards and consistency throughout the system. However, the California Health and Human Services Agency is currently leading the development of the Master Plan for Developmental Services, with active stakeholder participation and contribution to the vision. Part of this process includes making recommendations to improve the implementation of the SDP, and as such, this platform should be utilized to advance these conversations.”

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB1281](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1281)

**SB 1463 (Niello)** - This bill requires the Governor to appoint to DDS a Deputy Director of Self-Determination, responsible for overseeing the successful implementation and operation of the program.

Status: **On September 20, 2024** the bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom. From the Governor’s veto message “The statewide Self-Determination Program provides individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with increased freedom, control, and responsibility in the decisions, resources, and services included in their Individual Program Plan. DDS currently has a Career Executive Assignment position leading the Self-Determination Program, which reports directly to the DDS Director. Therefore, a change in statute is not necessary to establish a new position appointed by the Governor to do this work.”

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB1463](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1463)



## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS - HELD UNDER SUBMISSION**

**\*HELD UNDER SUBMISSION:** Following an initial review, the committee chooses not to advance the bill at this time. **All bills listed did not pass through the legislative process by the deadline which means they have failed to advance.**

**AB 1914 (Grayson)** - This bill would establish a community college curriculum and certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Status: **On May 16, 2024**, the bill was held **under submission** in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This indicates that the Appropriations Committee decided not to advance the bill at this time, a common outcome for bills with potential fiscal impacts.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1914](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1914)

**AB 2002 (Sanchez) Vehicles: public safety: Blue Envelope Program** - This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), in consultation with relevant stakeholders, to develop a Blue Envelope Program intended to increase safety for individuals with disabilities during interactions with law enforcement.

Status: **On May 16, 2024** - In Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB2002](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2002)

**AB 2360 (Rendon)** - This bill would require DDS to establish a pilot program where regional centers would provide counseling and peer support group services to families and individuals served.

Status: **On August 15, 2024** - In Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB2360](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2360)

## **LEGISLATIVE BILLS - INACTIVE**

**Bills that do not pass through the legislative process by the deadline.**

**AB 1876 (Jackson) Developmental services: IPPs and IFSPs: remote meetings**  
This bill, beginning January 1, 2025, would indefinitely extend the requirements that, if requested, IPP and IFSP meetings be held by remote electronic communications.

Status: Action on this bill was last taken **on July 3, 2024** and it failed to meet legislative deadlines to continue.  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB1876](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1876)

## **CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

- August 31st, 2024 – Final Recess begins upon adjournment
- September 30th, 2024 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills
- November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – General Election

- December 2nd, 2024 - Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session
- January 6th, 2025 - Legislature reconvenes
- January 10th, 2025 - Governor's budget submission

<https://www.assembly.ca.gov/schedules-publications/legislative-deadlines#month7>

## **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE EVENTS**

Community events are open to all community members and are not hosted by NLACRC. Please check the links for further information and RSVP if you plan to attend.

### **Senator Caroline Menjivar**

- Valley Veterans Day
  - Sat, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12PM – 2PM
  - Location in the San Fernando Valley is provided upon RSVP
  - [Valley Veterans Day | California State Senator Caroline Menjivar](#)

## **DDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

### **DDS Stakeholder Events**

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/stakeholder-events/> (Use link to register for the event)

### **Regional Center Performance Measures Workgroup Meeting**

Since September 2021, DDS has collaborated with the Regional Center Performance Measures (RCPM) Workgroup—comprising representatives from across the developmental disabilities services system—to establish performance measures and incentives aimed at enhancing consumer outcomes and regional center effectiveness.

#### **Tentative 2025 RCPM Workgroup Meetings:**

- January 28, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm
- April 22, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm
- July 22, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm
- October 28, 2025 – 1:00-3:00 pm

### **Rate Reform: Rate Model Implementation**

In the coming weeks, the Department will issue a series of directives detailing updated service descriptions, requirements, and timelines for any transitions within each service category. The Rate Models were developed with consideration of the costs providers face in delivering services according to the state's requirements. This standardization ensures that providers receive consistent rates across Regional Centers for equivalent services in the same area. Service providers with rates above the Rate Model base rate will be held harmless (no rate change) until June 30, 2026, after which their rates will align with the Rate Model base rate. Rates and rate models effective January 1, 2025, incorporate updated cost components as of January 2024, while cost updates from February 2022 were used for previous rate adjustments effective April 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023.

As part of this rate reform, DDS launched **Phase 1 of the Provider Directory** on October 29, 2024. During this phase, select regional center staff and service providers can access the directory to verify and, if necessary, update pre-populated information

from DDS sources, with any changes subject to regional center approval.

To encourage participation, the **Quality Incentive Program (QIP)** offers providers up to a 10% quality incentive on their reimbursement rate for completing updates by November 29, 2024. Participation in the directory update process is the only method for providers under rate reform to qualify for the QIP incentive, effective from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

#### **Additional Resources On Rate Reform:**

- [North Los Angeles Regional Center Accessible January 2024 Report:](#) Comprehensive report on directory access for North Los Angeles Regional Center.
- [Provider Directory News:](#) Latest updates and announcements about the Provider Directory.
- [DDS Provider Directory Initiative:](#) Overview of the directory, access details, and implementation steps.
- [DDS Rate Model Implementation FAQ:](#) Frequently asked questions about the Rate Model Implementation and related incentives.

#### **Master Plan for Developmental Services**

Over the last few years, in partnership with the Legislature, the Newsom Administration has made historic investments to increase rates within the developmental services system. The Master Plan will leverage these investments to strengthen accessibility, quality, and equity for all consumers.

In recognition that California's developmental disabilities system is deeply connected to other health and social systems, the Master Plan will seek to create and strengthen bridges that connect the developmental services system to other critical systems across CalHHS, and other systems and services including education, housing, employment, transportation, and safety.

Individuals who receive services today are more diverse and live longer. They face affordable housing shortages, lower rates of employment, and the challenges of accessing services from other systems and sectors to address their physical, social, and behavioral health needs.

A 21st century developmental services system must increase its ability to provide culturally responsive services and to strengthen the accountability and standardization of the system so that it is easier for individuals and their families to navigate no matter where they live in California. For more information:

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/>

#### **Master Plan Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (Sacramento) - 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday January 8, 2025 (Los Angeles) - 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 (Bay Area) - 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (Sacramento) - 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

<https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-developmental-services/#upcoming-meeting-dates>

**Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)**

The Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) is a Governor-appointed advisory committee of advocates and state departments who provide advice and assistance to DDS on California’s early intervention program. The council meets quarterly, most recently on April 18th and 19th, 2024. More information and minutes from past meetings and workgroups can be found at the link above. Upcoming Meetings:

- January 16th and 17th, 2025

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/state-icc-on-early-intervention-overview/>

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION AND CANDIDATES**

Below is a list of candidates running for Federal and State offices in the NLACRC catchment area in the November 5th, 2024 General Election. All seats in the House of Representatives, odd numbered California Senate districts, and all Assembly districts are up for election. [Prior Election Results Find Your District Representative](#)

**US SENATE**

<b>US Senate - Full Term and Partial/Unexpired Term</b>
<b>Adam Schiff (D)</b> United States Representative
<b>Steve Garvey (R)</b> Professional Baseball Representative

**US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>CA Congressional District 23</b>	<b>CA Congressional District 26</b>
<b>Jay Obernolte (R)</b> Incumbent <b>Derek Marshall (D)</b> Community Organizer	<b>Julia Brownley (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Michael Koslow (R)</b> Businessman/Healthcare Investigator
<b>CA Congressional District 27</b>	<b>CA Congressional District 29</b>
<b>Mike Garcia (R)</b> Incumbent <b>George Whitesides (D)</b> Aerospace Businessman	<b>Luz Rivas (D)</b> Assemblywoman/Science Educator <b>Benito Benny Bernal (R)</b> Family Youth Advocate
<b>CA Congressional District 30</b>	<b>CA Congressional District 32</b>
<b>Laura Friedman (D)</b> California State Assemblymember <b>Alex Balekian (R)</b> Intensive Care Physician	<b>Brad Sherman (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Larry Thompson (R)</b> Lawyer/Manager/Producer

**CALIFORNIA SENATE**

<b>CA Senate District 23 (District 21 prior to</b>	<b>CA Senate District 27</b>
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<b>Redistricting)</b>	
<b>Suzette Martinez Valladares (R)</b> Small Business Owner <b>Kipp Mueller (D)</b> Workers Rights Attorney	<b>Henry Stern (D)</b> State Senator <b>Lucie Volotzky (R)</b> Mother/Business Owner

**CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY**

<b>CA Assembly District 34</b>	<b>CA Assembly District 39</b>
<b>Tom Lackey (R)</b> Incumbent <b>Ricardo Ortega (D)</b> Los Angeles County Commissioner	<b>Juan Carrillo Ventura (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Paul Andre Marsh (R)</b> Community Services Liaison
<b>CA Assembly District 40</b>	<b>CA Assembly District 42</b>
<b>Pilar Schiavo (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Patrick Lee Gipson (R)</b> Retired Deputy Sheriff	<b>Jacqui Irwin (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Ted Nordblum (R)</b> Local Small Businessman
<b>CA Assembly District 43</b>	<b>CA Assembly District 44</b>
<b>Celeste Rodriguez (D)</b> San Fernando Mayor <b>Victoria Garcia (R)</b> Commissioner/Attorney/Mother	<b>Nick Schultz (D)</b> Deputy Attorney General <b>Tony Rodriguez (R)</b> Construction Regional Manager
<b>CA Assembly District 46</b>	
<b>Jesse Gabriel (D)</b> Incumbent <b>Tracey Schroeder (R)</b> Teacher	



**North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
Vendor Advisor Committee Report  
November 2024**

**1. NLACRC Spotlight:**

- a. In the first quarter of this fiscal year, the Center has achieved a net increase of 42 new employees so far.
  - i. During last fiscal year, the Center achieved a net increase of 85 new employee's total.
  - ii. Additionally, NLACRC's turnover rate continues to trend downwards year after year. Last year, our turnover rate was 17.2%. If we annualize our current turnover rate for this fiscal year, our turnover rate is projected to be 9.12%.
- b. NLACRC has been scheduling approximately 400 new Lanterman intakes every month, yet successfully meeting statutory timelines 99.7% of the time, demonstrating our commitment to timely service delivery despite high demand.
- c. Over the past 10 months, the Regional Center has been able to cut our vacant cases by half:
  - i. In December 2023, we had 5,665 cases without assigned Client Service Coordinators (CSCs), representing 81 full caseloads.
  - ii. As of now, Regional Center has reduced that to 2,593 cases (41 caseloads), marking significant progress in case management.
- d. Regarding Special Incident Report (SIR) processing, NLACRC has been able to submit reports to DDS within the required 2-day window 95% of the time, as compared to the Regional Center average of 88.7%.
- e. A small workgroup has been collaborating closely with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to develop a streamlined process that enables infants in the NICU to access Early Start services more quickly. Dr. DeAntonio and Manager Elisa Hill, from NLACRC's clinical and Early Start team, have been participating and were cited for providing instrumental guidance. This initiative aims to ensure timely support for newborns with developmental needs, facilitating earlier interventions and better outcomes.

**2. Department Developmental Center Updates:**

**A. Direct Support Professional (DSP) University**

- i. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has initiated a partnership with Sacramento State University to use its Learning Management System (LMS) to support the DSP University project. This initiative aims to enhance DSP training and professional development statewide.
- ii. DSP I Tier Release: The first tier of training (DSP I) is expected to be released initially, with subsequent tiers (DSP II and DSP III) following in a phased rollout. This structured approach ensures progressive skill-building for DSPs.

**B. Bilingual Stipend:**

- i. DSPs can complete self-attestations to qualify for the bilingual stipend, at least during the initial stages of the program. This allows for a more streamlined process while the system is implemented.
- ii. Each DSP is limited to receiving no more than two stipends per month, regardless of how many languages they speak or how many service providers they work for.

**C. Rate Directives**

- i. Following the release of the overall rate reform directive, DDS is focusing on service-specific rate directives, which will refine reimbursement structures and address the needs of individual services.
- ii. Family Home Agencies, behavioral services, specialized therapeutic services, and Early Start programs are the next in line for these specific rate directives.
- iii. Transportation Services: Discussions regarding transportation services continue, particularly around billing instructions and rate workbooks. A specialized workgroup has been meeting on this issue for an extended period, aiming to finalize a fair and functional system for transportation-related costs.

**D. Individual Program Plan (IPP) Template**

- i. DDS staff are concluding the train-the-trainer sessions for the updated IPP template. This template is part of DDS's broader goal to standardize and improve the planning process for individuals receiving services.

**E. Electronic Integration:**

- i. DDS is collaborating with SANDIS to program the IPP template into an electronic format, enhancing accessibility and usability for both service providers and families.

**F. DDS Public Dashboard**

- i. The public dashboard introduced by DDS has been well-received, promoting greater transparency and accountability across the developmental services sector.
- ii. Key Features: The dashboard includes comprehensive data on outcome measures, demographic statistics, and equity metrics, providing insights into service delivery performance and helping identify areas needing improvement.

**G. 1/1/25 Rates Update**

- i. The rates set for implementation on January 1, 2025, will incorporate updates reflecting the minimum wage adjustments for both 2024 and 2025, as well as the IRS mileage rates for 2024.
- ii. Mileage Rates: Since the IRS only posts its mileage rates for the upcoming year in mid-December, there may be further adjustments to account for any 2025 mileage rate increases. This ensures rates remain accurate and reflective of real-world costs for service providers traveling to support individuals.

**H. National Core Indicator (NCI) In-Person Survey**

- i. The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is conducting the 2024 National Core Indicators (NCI) In-Person Survey to gather feedback directly from adults who receive services through regional centers. This survey is part of a broader effort to assess and improve services for individuals with developmental disabilities in areas like employment, community involvement, service satisfaction, and personal choice

**I. Provider Directory/SANDIS Crosswalk Update**

- i. DDS opened the Service Provider Directory (SPD) for validation, receiving 60 responses in the first 30 minutes.
- ii. A data bridge between SPD and SANDIS is expected by December to maintain consistent information across both systems
- iii. Approximately 20,000 providers (90% of eligible) are in the SPD, but duplicates may reduce this count.

**J. Vendorization Standardization**

- i. DDS will implement a standardized vendorization process by June 30, 2025.

**3. Legislative Updates:**

**A. Portions of AB 1147 Enacted on 1/1/25:**

- a. Effective January 1, 2025, specific provisions of AB 1147 will be enacted, including the following:
  - i. Regional Center (RC) Staff Gift Limits: Staff members at Regional Centers will be limited to accepting gifts valued at no more than \$15 annually, ensuring transparency and reducing conflicts of interest.
  - ii. Prohibition on Executive Staff Hiring Family Members: Executive staff at Regional Centers will be prohibited from hiring family members to prevent nepotism and promote fairness in hiring practices.
  - iii. Access to Personal Records: Individuals outside of the formal appeals
    - a. process will be allowed to request their own records, with the expectation that these records will be provided within three business days of the request. This change improves access to personal information and enhances individual autonomy in managing their services.

**4. Center Updates:**

**A. Recruitment:**

- a. Total # positions filled: 791
  - i. Total # of positions authorized: 942
- b. October New Hires
  - i. 1st cycle (11/4/2024): 9
  - ii. 2nd cycle (11/18/2024): 6 (2 confirmed. 4 candidates yet to confirm)



## **B. Outreach:**

- a. Monthly Valley Presbyterian Hospital Baby Showers
  - i. NLACRC participates in these events to provide valuable Early Start resources and engage in discussions about the importance of early intervention with new parents. This is a crucial opportunity to introduce parents to the regional center system and ensure they understand the services available for their infants who may benefit from developmental support.
- b. Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Hart of the West Pow Wow
  - i. This event marked the beginning of NLACRC's efforts to build a meaningful partnership with local tribal communities. By participating, NLACRC took a key step toward advocating for regional center services and raising awareness about eligibility among tribal members.
- c. Los Angeles Valley College National Coming Out Day
  - i. As part of NLACRC's ongoing collaboration with community partners, this event provided a platform to support and empower LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. In addition to raising awareness of the NLACRC LGBTQ+ support group, Rainbow Connection, this was an important opportunity to connect with transition-age youth and adults.
- d. Birmingham Community Charter High School - Back to School Night
  - a. NLACRC continues to strengthen its collaboration with local school districts by participating in events like this, where families can learn about regional center services and eligibility. In particular, this event provided a chance to discuss transition planning and post-high school opportunities, helping families and individuals we serve to navigate life after graduation and access the resources available to them as they enter adulthood.
- e. YMCA - Mid Valley Early Learning Readiness ASQ Session
  - i. NLACRC partnered with the YMCA to enhance early intervention efforts by supporting ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) screenings. This collaboration allowed both organizations to identify developmental delays early and connect families to necessary support. Several NLACRC team members are currently being trained to conduct ASQ screenings, ensuring we can actively contribute to this vital initiative and help families access early intervention services as soon as possible.

**C. Consumer Statistics:**

- a. Total served: 37,967
  - i. Early Start 5,134
  - ii. Lanterman 30,045
  - iii. Breakdown of three valleys:
    - iv. AV 8,937 (Early Start, & Lanterman)
    - v. SCV 4,148 (Early start & Lanterman)
    - vi. SFV 22,094 (Early start, & Lanterman)
  - vii. Intake all 3 valley: 1,209 & Early start Intake: 375
  - viii. All other categories not captured in Early Start, Lanterman, and Intake, such as Provisional, Enhanced, Specialized, and other which total 1,204.

**5. Upcoming Disability Organization Events/Activities:**

- a. State Council on Developmental Disabilities next council meeting – November 19, 2024
- b. Disability Rights California's next board meeting - November 15, 2024
- c. Self Determination Local Advisory Meeting – November 21, 2024



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## Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

### FY 2024-25

~ No meeting in July 2024 ~

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, October 3, 2024**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

9:30 a.m.

~ No meeting in December 2024 ~

**Thursday, January 9, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

9:30 a.m.

~ No meeting in June 2025 ~

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## Thanks so much for your interest in joining NLACRC's Vendor Advisory Committee

To provide the Nominating Committee with additional information regarding you and your current interest in joining NLACRC's Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC), please complete the enclosed application and return via email or mailing to the address listed below **by February 15, 2024.**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Attention: Board Support**  
9200 Oakdale Avenue, Suite 100  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Email: **[Boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:Boardsupport@nlacrc.org)**

Also attached is a copy of the Committee's Policies & Procedures and VAC's meeting schedule for your reference. Please note that all VAC meetings are currently being held via Zoom and may resume to in-person in the near future, additional information will be provided.

VAC meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 am. The meetings are open to the public and you are more than welcome to attend as a guest. If you wish to be added to our VAC e-mailing list, please let us know by sending an email to [Boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:Boardsupport@nlacrc.org).

Should you have any questions, please send us an email to [Boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:Boardsupport@nlacrc.org). Thank you again for your interest in serving NLACRC's VAC. We look forward to receiving the information requested!

Sincerely,

NLACRC Board Support

Enclosures (3)

North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
APPLICATION: **VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Vendor Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ CA\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a member of the following developmental disability, health or other community organizations:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Role:** Individual \_\_\_\_ Agency Staff Member \_\_\_\_ Agency Board Member \_\_\_\_

**Categories of Service (please check all that apply):**

**Living Arrangements:**

Community Care Facility \_\_\_\_ Health Licensed Facility \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skill Development Program:**

Infant/Early Intervention \_\_\_\_ Adult Day Training \_\_\_\_ Supported Employment \_\_\_\_  
Supported/Independent Living \_\_\_\_ Habilitation \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Support Services:**

Respite/Home Health \_\_\_\_ Behavior Consultation \_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_  
Day Care/After-School/Saturday Program \_\_\_\_ Mobility Training \_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Delivery Location(s):**

San Fernando Valley \_\_\_\_ Santa Clarita Valley \_\_\_\_ Antelope Valley \_\_\_\_

**How were you referred to the Vendor Advisory Committee?** \_\_\_\_\_

I am hereby applying to serve on the VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE of North Los Angeles County Regional Center. I agree to keep the Board of Trustees advised, in writing, if there is any change in provider status, my board status with a provider and/or my employment with a provider. If selected, I agree to meet the conflict of interest requirements as outlined in the Welfare and Institution Code, Section 4622 and 4626 and the Government Code, Section 87103.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Please attach a personal resume or summary of  
your professional background and experiences.**  
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Please mail this application to:  
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North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
**Government & Community Relations Committee**

**Board Recognition**

**Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to guide the board in its efforts to recognize individuals who have made a distinguishable contribution in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The board should consider, but is not limited to, the factors listed below in determining whom to recognize. The individual's contribution should be over a sustained period of time, made within the center's catchment area, and have positively impacted the lives of many consumers. In addition, the individual must be held in high esteem by his/her peers. The board may choose to recognize individuals as follows:

- Award a plaque
- Pass a resolution
- Send a letter

The highest award is a plaque, followed by a resolution, then a letter.

**Procedure**

The Government & Community Relations Committee will determine those individuals that the board may consider to recognize. Board Recognition Applications will be accepted from the beginning of the board year through March 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be reviewed by the Government & Community Relations Committee at the March meeting. Applications are available on the Center's website and may be submitted electronically to Board Support at [boardsupport@nlacrc.org](mailto:boardsupport@nlacrc.org) or submitted by mail to the Center's main office and to the attention of the Executive Administrative Assistant – Board.

The committee may consider an individual's application for recognition that is submitted by a person knowledgeable about the individual's contributions. The application must be complete and be accompanied by a letter(s) of recommendation.

The committee, at its discretion, may vote to recommend to the full board that the individual be recognized for his/her contributions. The committee's recommendation will include the type of recognition as mentioned above.

Recommendations for board recognition will be provided to the board at the May meeting.

The board, by a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, may pass a motion for the center to recognize the individual for his/her contributions.

Individuals selected by the board will be recognized at the board's annual dinner in June.

FY 2024-25	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Total
Vendor Advisory Committee	Dark					Dark						Dark	Absences
Alex Kopilevich, Chair		P	P	P									0
Jaklen Keshishyan, Alt. Chair		P	P	P									0
Jodie Agnew Navarro		P	P	P									0
Masood Babaeian		P	P	Ab									1
Paul Borda		P	P	P									0
Andrea Devers		P	Ab	P									1
Cal Enriquez		P	P	P									0
Ute Escorcía		P	P	P									0
Ricki Macken Chivers		P	P	P									0
Vahe Mkrtchian		Ab	P	Ab									2
Daniel Ortiz		Ab	P	Ab									2
Jen Pippard		P	P	P									0
Octavia Watkins		P	P	P									0
Lisa Williamsen		Ab	Ab	Ab									3
Sharon Weinberg		P	P	Ab									1

Meeting Time                      2.50            1.75            1.50

P = Present            Ab = Absent

Attendance Policy: In the event a Trustee shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from three (3) consecutive meetings of any one or more committees on which he or she may be serving, or shall be absent from five (5) regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from five (5) meetings of any one or more Committees on which he or she may be serving during any twelve (12) month period, then the Trustee shall, without any notice or further action required of the Board, be automatically deemed to have resigned from the Board effective immediately. The secretary of the Board shall mail notice of each Trustee's absences during the preceding twelve (12) month period to each Board member following each regularly-scheduled Board meeting. (policy adopted 2-10-99)