AGENDA INLAND COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MONDAY, September 13, 2021

Meeting: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Only Via Live Stream at Inlandrc.org/live

Call to Order/Mr. Page

Minutes of July 12, 2021 Annual Board Meeting/Mr. Page

Action

Public Input: Comments limited to 3 minutes per person. Action may not be taken on any item that is not on the Agenda. Due to the existing COVID-19 State of Emergency, all requests for public comment must be submitted in writing prior to the meeting by using the submission form found at inlandrc.org/live. In order to protect the rights of our consumers, comments should not include personal consumer information. If you have a specific issue or comment, contact your CSC or email your comments to Btrustees@inlandrc.org.

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Trustee Input

Executive Session

- 1) Legal Matters (In accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4663(a)(5)
- 2) Employee Salaries and Benefits (In accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4663(a)(3)

Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2021

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021 Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc. Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Jay Connor; Carmen Estrada; Alicia Lara; Eric Naranjo; Maureen O'Connell; Cameron Page; Gizelle Siojo; Teri Smith; Joshua Souder; April Stewart; Alva Stewart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kiana Buffington

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Steve Beckett; Felipe Garcia; Lavinia Johnson; Don Meza;

Merissa Steuwer; Vince Toms; Treva Webster

STAFF PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Kurtis Franklin

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Mr. Page at 4:01 p.m.

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING: 1. Motion made to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Annual Board Meeting as presented M/S/C Naranjo/Souder.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

family member submitted the following public comment:

ALEJANDRA RIVERA, community member submitted the following public comment: Good evening. In collaboration with other community partners, SCDD will be hosting a Vaccine clinic in Blythe Middle School on July 16 from 12-4pm, and on July 17 from 10am-2pm. Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson will be available. In support of families, community members and the advancement of Self Determination, the San Bernardino Regional office will be offering the following trainings: IPP training, Spanish 7/14, English 7/28 both from 5-6:30 pm, Medi-Cal Waivers, English 7/19, Spanish 7/20 both from 10-12 noon Person Centered Planning, 7/21 English at 7 pm. We will be having an Independent Facilitator brainstorming session on 8/5. For any questions on our events, please contact us at sanbernardino@scdd.ca.gov. Thank you.

ELIA CARRILLO, family member submitted the following public comment: I'm a parent of 2 daughters that are IRC clients, one of them is 24 years old with behavioral needs. Since the pandemic and the Day Programs closure is been very difficult to manage her day to day activities. Day programs are essential to keep them involve in activities and connect with others. We understand that the pandemic have changed the way we do things now but many public and private schools have open already, and day programs must open now too.

DAWN RODRIGUEZ, family member submitted the following public comment: my daughter trying to get her services and having problems with it been working on this since may 5 2021 even filled out the application can you help me get her services my name is dawn rodriguez need services for my daughter cassandra rodriguez could you please help with services for her thanks

Mr. Page directed the above public comments to the appropriate staff for follow up.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Johnson reported the following: 1. IRC is currently serving 39,740 consumers. 2. IRC has 777 employees which includes 481 service coordinators. 3. Covid-19 stats show 2,186 consumers have tested positive with 82 resulting in death. 4. Ms. Johnson thanked Maria Harkin and her staff for the amazing job they are doing providing staff with important information on COVID-19 and with the Rapid Result Testing. 5. Ms. Johnson thanked April Stewart from 24 Hr Home Care for staffing the rapid result testing for our staff. 80% of IRC staff is now vaccinated. 6. Re-entry plan, staff will be returning to the office one day a week on a staggered basis starting on July 6. IRC plans to open the buildings to the public after Labor Day. 7. If a board member is not vaccinated and wishes to attend a public board meeting or agency event, they will need to have two negative test results prior to attending. Rapid Result Testing at IRC is available to all board members.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- 1) ANOTHER WAY: Ms. Gonzales submitted a written report. No questions from the Board.
- 2) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting were included in the board packet. The Board had no questions.
- 3) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Ms. Cummings submitted a written report. There were no questions from the Board.
- 4) MASTER TRUST COMMITTEE: Ms. Miller submitted a written report. No questions from the Board.
- 5) VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Ms. April Stewart submitted a summary from their May Meeting. The Board had no questions.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) APPROVAL OF VAC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES: Ms. April Stewart is requesting the Board ratify the VAC Committee's decision to appoint Michelle Clarks as the Health Care Facilities Representative and Rachel Steward as the Behavior Mod Representative. 2. Motion made to approve Michelle Clark as the Health Care Facilities Representative and Rachel Steward as the Behavior Mod Representative M/S/C Souder/Naranjo.
- 2) ANOTHER WAY'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2021-2024: Ms. Johnson stated that the Another Way Committee is requesting the Board's approval of their 2021-24 Strategic Plan. 3. Motion made to approve the Another Way 2021-24 Strategic Plan as presented M/S/C Souder/O'Connell.
- a) APPROVAL OF ANOTHER WAY OFFICERS: The Another Way Committee elected and approved new officers. It is the committee's recommendation that the Board approve the slate of officers: Felicia Valencia, Co-Chair; Marie Harris, Treasurer; Aaron McLeish, Co-Treasurer; Jenny Alvarez, Secretary; Ramon Quezada Co-Secretary. 4. Motion made to approve the slate of officers as presented M/S/C Souder/Naranjo.

4) CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT: Mr. Beckett reviewed the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreement with the Board. Conflict of Interest Statements are done yearly and submitted to the Department.

Trustee Input: None

Mr. Page adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m. to go into Executive Session. Executive Session was called to order at 4:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 5:37 p.m. The Board action on an investigation matter. <u>5. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. M/S/C Souder/O'Connell.</u>

Sincerely,

Carmen Estrada Board Secretary Sandra Guzman Assistant Secretary

MOTION FOR THE JULY 12, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

- 1. Motion made to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Annual Board Meeting as presented M/S/C Naranjo/Souder.
- 2. <u>Motion made to approve Michelle Clark as the Health Care Facilities Representative and</u>
 Rachel Steward as the Behavior Mod Representative M/S/C Souder/Naranjo.
- 3. Motion made to approve the Another Way 2021-24 Strategic Plan as presented M/S/C Souder/O'Connell.
- 4. Motion made to approve the slate of officers as presented M/S/C Souder/Naranjo.
- 5. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. M/S/C Souder/O'Connell.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2021
Respectfully Submitted by Lavinia Johnson

CONSUMER TOTALS

As of July 2021, IRC serves 41,131 consumers.

STAFFING:

IRC currently has 763 employees which includes 481 service coordinators (CSC). The average caseload ratio is 83:1. We are understaffed by approximately 82 CSC's. We are currently hiring for growth and vacancies.

SUMMARIZED COVID-19 STATS/INFORMATION FROM IRC'S LOG 4/15/20 THROUGH 6/28/21:

Cumulative COVID Positive Consumers = 2439.

Cumulative total deaths = 90.

We continue to disperse PPE to our community vendors and to our staff.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO IRC BUILDINGS: IRC is currently working on safeguards to ensure our staff and visitors are safe. Our prior announcement to open the buildings to the public after Labor Day has been changed to "When it is Safe". IRC is mandating that all persons who enter the buildings must have 2 Antigen tests with negative results. All testing is provided at the San Bernardino and Riverside Offices.

ON SITE TESTING: Due to the surge in cases of COVID-19 because of the Delta variant, IRC instituted a new testing protocol for both vaccinated and unvaccinated staff who are coming into the office and/or going out into the field for in-person visits with consumers, families and/or facilities. Staff are required to be tested twice a week. We modified the testing to accommodate those individuals who are only coming into the office or going out into the field for in-person visits on a limited basis during the month. All testing is done at the San Bernardino and Riverside offices.

Staff have been working remotely rather than coming into the office, if possible, with the approval of their Manager and Director.

Director Adult Services Report September 2021 Respectfully submitted by Don Meza

Adult Services Team Update: The adult services team has worked remotely since the state of emergency was declared by Governor Newsom on 3/04/2020. The case management teams have been informed that they will need to fulfill in-person visits with consumers in a conscientious and safe manner. The Delta Variant of COVID 19 has created additional concerns at IRC for staff and consumer safety, therefore we are requesting that CSCs have two "negative" rapid tests no more than 4 days apart prior to going out to make in person contacts with consumers. There are other variables that will affect the in-person visits, the primary of which is vaccination status of staff, consumers, and vendor staff. Consumer program services remain a priority, and DDS has provided directives to strengthen service delivery mechanisms for consumers of the regional centers. The directives for Alternative Services by non-residential vendors (day programs, habilitation, and transportation) remain in place but we are not certain for how much longer. The intent of Alternative Services is to provide services to consumers in non-residential programs via a virtual and remote model. We expect some of the directives related to virtual and remote meetings to be continued "ongoing". In Adult services there are currently 13 teams with approximately 200 service coordinators that cover the two-county catchment. With the new 21/22 budget we will be developing several new positions including a deaf specialist, participant directed services specialists, and enhanced caseload service coordinators.

Federal Programs/Medicaid Waiver (MW): The Federal Programs audit at IRC is scheduled for October 2021. The MW team has been making quick progress putting together the requested case documentation for the audit. This audit will be completed virtually by DDS. As of July 2021, IRC serves 15,260 active Medicaid Waiver enrolled consumers. The review process and reaccreditation of Waiver cases has been challenging in the current remote working model. We have added a new QIDP position and are looking to fill a second position soon to keep up with the growing number of monthly recertifications. Regardless of COVID 19, the MW staff continues to add "Deeming" cases. DDS will continue to provide the accounting of 1915i cases directly to CMS.

Self Determination (SD): The SD Advisory Committee last met via "ZOOM" on July 29, 2021. IRC currently has 29 consumers active in the Self Determination program and 6 consumers who are in pending status. IRC staff have been working with consumers interested in Self Determination to begin the process of fulfilling the SDP requirements. There are currently 12 consumers initiating the process of participating in the Self Determination program. An "orientation" to Self Determination remains a requirement. Consumers interested in Self Determination are encouraged to complete a "Person Centered Plan" (PCP). Currently, IRC is offering Remote/Virtual orientations due to COVID 19 and there are various dates scheduled through the end of the year. There has been a very good turnout for the virtual SDP orientations, we have had 50 to 60 individuals sign up for every session. We appreciate all the efforts that Jonathan Eckrich and his team have made to schedule the new Remote/Virtual Self Determination orientations. As a regional center we are advancing forward with self-determination.

Inland Regional Center Children & Transition Services September 13, 2021 IRC Board of Trustees Report

Submitted by Felipe J. Garcia IRC Director of Children and Transition Services

Greetings, Children, and Transition services continue to grow at a rapid pace. Our statistics are as follows: as of August 31, 2021, we currently have 20,823 cases under School Age and Transition services. School Age has 13,134 and Transition has 7,689 cases. There are 233 active caseloads of which 144 are in School Age and 89 are in Transition. We continue to see a growth in new and transfer in cases.

Hiring

School Age and Transition have started to hire the allotted 45 new positions to help with the growing caseloads we are experiencing. Interviews are held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS. We are excited at the possibility of seeing our caseload ratios decrease. Our current ratios have been running from 78:1-97:1 on average. With these much-needed growth positions our ratios as a team will range from 73:1-80:1. This is a moving target, though due to increase of new and transfer in cases.

Remote Work

Over the past quarter we did implement our return to the office plan that took effect July 6, 2021. The plan consisted of Consumer Services Coordinators in School Age and Transition returning one day per week mandatory office day, with the rest of the week continuing to work from home. However, the plan was in effect roughly 3 weeks before we went back to 100% remote work due to the increase in cases due to the Delta Variant. We continue to be in the State of Emergency until California Governor Newsom states otherwise. As a result of the ongoing Pandemic, DDS has continued to extend the suspension of all in person meetings which include Individual Program Plan (IPP), Quarterly Review (QR's) and Interdisciplinary Team Meetings (IDT's) for consumers who live in the family home. Consumers who live in Licensed Board and Care homes and/or receive Independent Living services may be seen face to face if the parent/guardian request such meeting. However, due to the increase in the Delta Variant we are mostly providing virtual visits to ensure our consumers are not exposed unnecessarily. The extensions have been provided to Regional Centers in 30-day increments. However, when we return to face-to-face visits, we anticipate continuing a hybrid program that we are in the process of developing.

Self Determination Program (SDP)

School Age and Transition have been diligently presenting cases to our Self Determination work group to enroll consumers into SDP. We have a Mentor program to assist CSC's with understanding the process better and provide CSC's tools so that they may assist families with the SDP process. CSC's who have been identified as "Mentors" provide fellow CSCs with training and guidance as well as their Program Managers. We anticipate that this will make a difference in assisting families enroll in SDP.

Community Services

Board of Trustees Quarterly Report - Respectfully Submitted by Vince Toms September of 2021

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Regional Centers continue to develop and evolve the service delivery system. Inland Regional Center (IRC) worked with our vendors that had been using the Alternative Services Delivery (ASD) method and created a plan to allow all vendors to return to traditional service provision (face to face) starting July 1, 2021. We asked that each vendor submitted a Reopening Checklist, which detailed the traditional service plan and how it would be implemented in the most safe and appropriate manner, while following the strictest guidance of the time. Once the vendor submitted an appropriate plan, they were then allowed to have the Inter-disciplinary Team Meetings with the client, family, service coordinator and other vendors.

Just because we allowed traditional services to return in July did not mean a vendor had to stop providing ASD programming. We allowed the team meeting and client's choice dictate service provision. Many clients have opted to continue with ASD programming, because of the Covid-19 Delta Variant being so transmissible. Currently, a very large majority of our clients are still getting ASD programming for services such as Early Start, Transportation and Day Service. Residential, Supported Living Services and Respite are examples of the services that are being provided via the traditional model.

Although the data on the number of clients who are currently vaccinated is not precise, we do know that during this new surge that a much lower number of clients are being reported as being positive for the virus. We are seeing a small increase in the number of residential facilities that must be in quarantine, but it is much more stable. For example, as of this writing, we have about 5 facilities in quarantine versus during the late part of 2020 when there were at times anywhere from 40-50 homes in quarantine and the Surge Resources were inundated.

The Inland Regional Center (IRC) Quality Assurance Team continues to grow with now 23 staff, of which 5 have started in the last two months. Our Community Engagement Team continues with their normal duties, but also keeps up on ensuring the community has all the most recent information via the website and the social media engagement. The Training Team continues to do their duties remotely, with a recent increase in the numbers of new staff trainings that have been needed.

With the advent of new legislation and program changes from the Department, we will be looking at an exciting next couple of months. We will be looking to hire for two new positions, which are the Deaf Community Specialist and the Emergency Coordinator. We have put systems in place to work on the changes to the Competitive Integrated Employment and Paid Internship Programs. The providers will be getting rate increase, as detailed in the Burns Rate Study, starting in April of 2022, which we are hoping will assist them in hiring and securing staff. Finally, we are working on the Performance Contracts for 2021 and 2022 and will be having a presentation during the next Board of Trustee Meeting. Thank you.



Intake, Early Start, Clinical Services and The Early Start Family Resource Network REPORT July-August 2021

The new State Trailor Bill Language gives us the authorization to continue providing remote services until June 2022. This removes the need for those "month to month" directives from DDS and allows our providers, our clients/families, and our staff the freedom to hold Inter-Disciplinary Team meetings and make choices about how services are provided during this time of Covid 19 and the Delta variant.

Early Start

The state is very eager to increase he Early Start referrals to at least pre-pandemic levels. We are working together with DDS, community partners and others to ensure that children that are eligible and need our services, can receive them in a timely manner.

Both of our Early Start Intake Coordinators are bi-lingual, and this is very helpful for so many of our families that call to ask about our services.

Clinical Services

The work of the Clinical Services team is varied and interesting. They provide psychological assessments for eligibility, nutrition, pharmacological, dental, PT, OT, equipment, hospital, and insurance support. They also frequently consult with the Service Coordinators on what maybe be needed for our clients. Various members of this collaborative and interdisciplinary team participate in the "fair hearings" process when needed.

Family Resource Network (FRN)

The Family Resource Network continues to provide services to children and families through group training and individual support as needed. Their responsibilities and services are expanding throughout the state, so we will be seeing some expansion in the near future.

Intake

The Intake team continues to be flexible and to work hard to ensure that individuals who come to us to apply for services are treated equitably and can move through the system as quickly as possible. Our timelines have been somewhat adversely affected due to school and medical facilities not being able to respond to medical records requests as quickly as before. Even though we are patient, we are also persistent because it involves helping people who may really need to get started with IRC and services right away!



Inland Regional Center Board Report Submitted by Andrea Gonzales, Another Way Coordinator Date: August 31, 2021

To: The Board of Trustees

<u>Golf Tournament</u>: Another Way has raised approximately \$170,000 in paid and committed sponsorships/donations. If all golfers fill their 4somes we are at 180 golfers. We will be providing hand sanitizer and masks at the event for golfers and volunteers. Most of the event will take place outdoors. There are still some event specifics that are being worked out. We are working on providing contactless registration for our golfers with the IT department.

<u>Toy Drive</u>: The committee is discussing how we can safely host a Toy Drive event for IRC's youngest consumers. The concern is COVID and the fact that younger children cannot be vaccinated. We may not be able to host the Toy Drive as we traditionally have. We are brainstorming new ways to bring holiday cheer to our consumers. Some ideas tossed about have been possibly collaborating with one of the drive-thru lighting events in our county and then giving the gifts out at that location. We are looking into this and other options.

<u>Food Drives</u>: We will be giving out gift cards for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. The committee is working through how we will host the December Food Drive.

<u>Grants</u>: Kaiser approved a \$90,000 grant for rent and utilities/basic needs. We should be receiving the funds in September. We are waiting to hear back from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation with regards to an unrestricted grant for \$45,000. We typically receive a response in November/December.

<u>Surveys</u>: Surveys have been sent to consumers and case managers requesting feedback on Another Way's programs and services. Over 200 CSCs responded to the survey and approximately 45 consumers have sent back their responses. HARC (Health Assessment and Research for Communities) will review the data and prepare a report for us on their findings. This was part of our strategic planning process.

INLAND REGIONAL CENTER Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting

July 21, 2021 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Cameron Page; Alva Stewart; Carmen Estrada; Kiana Buffington; Joshua Souder

STAFF/EX OFFICIO: Lavinia Johnson; Steve Beckett; Merissa Steuwer

GUEST PRESENT: John Fitzgerald, Green Onion

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman, Executive Assistant

- 1. MASTER TRUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY: John Fitzgerald and Merissa Steuwer went over the Master Trust Investment Portfolio for June, 2021.
- 2. BOARD MEMBERS VACCINE UPDATE: There are 3 Board Members that applied for vaccine waiver and were approved. The 3 members will have to receive 2 consecutive negative test results from IRC's Rapid Result Testing in order to participate in any agency in-person meeting or event.

INLAND REGIONAL CENTER Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting

August 11, 2021 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Cameron Page; Alva Stewart; Joshua Souder

STAFF/EX OFFICIO: Lavinia Johnson; Steve Beckett; Merissa Steuwer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Sandra Guzman, Executive Assistant

- 1. Benefits: Merissa reviewed IRC's health and dental package for fiscal year 2021-22 from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. At the July Board Meeting, the full Board granted the Executive Committee the authorization to approve the benefit package when it became available. Merissa is requesting that the Executive Committee approves IRC's health and dental benefits package as presented 1. Motion made to approve IRC's health and dental benefits package as presented M/S/C Souder/Stewart. 2. Motion to approve share of cost reduction of 8% for Blue Shield as selected by the Executive committee M/S/C Souder/Stewart.
- 2. ARCA Representative: Cameron will be terming out on the Board and as the ARCA Representative next year and in the efforts of helping with this transition, would like to recommend Joshua Souder as the new delegate. This will allow Cameron to help transition the new member in their new role. 3. Motion made to recommend Joshua Souder as the new ARCA delegate to the Board M/S/C Stewart/Souder.
- RFP Policy: Adding Projects that are less than \$250,000 in Start-Up Funds will not be required to follow the RFP process. Having this on the policy will help staff meet the deadline requirements.
 Motion made to recommend approving changes to the full board M/S/C Souder/Stewart.
- 4. Building the September Board Agenda: Add ARCA Representative (action), RFP Policy (action), IRC Health Benefit Package (info only).



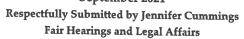
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Bill HR 3321;	Title	Author	ARCA Position	Bill Location
6. 1670	Credit for Caring Act – The bill supports family caregivers by offering a federal tax credit of up to \$5,000 for those who qualify.		-	Introduced 5/18/21.
H.R.3474; S.1858	Keeping All Students Safe Act – This bill would prohibit physical restraint that is life- threatening or restricts breathing, mechanical restraint, chemical restraint, and seclusion in schools that receive federal funding			Introduced 5/25/21.
HR 3763 (Federal)	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Restoration - Would enhance SSI program by updating general income disregard to \$123/month, adjusting the earned income disregard to \$399/month, and increasing resource limits to \$10,000/individual and \$20,000/couple.		-	Introduced 6/6/21.
HR 4131; S. 2210	Better Care Better Jobs Act - proposes a \$400 billion investment in Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) to expand access to these vital services and create more and better direct care jobs.		-	Introduced 6/24/21.
AB 6	Health facilities: pandemics and emergencies: best practices. Would require, by July 1, 2022, the Dept. of Public Health and Dept. of Social Services to collaborate to create health and safety guidelines and a description of best practices for use by skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and congregate living health facilities that are providing post-acute care during a pandemic, public health crisis, or other emergency.		Tracked by ARCA (no formal position)	Assembly - Appropriations
AB 10	Pupil instruction: in-person instruction: distance learning. Requires schools to come up with a plan to reopen once that's an option. There's some language related to getting kids back on track, and also extending the authorization for next spring's (expected) campus closures.		Support	Assembly - Education
NB 13	Personal rights: automated decision systems. Would require businesses in CA that use "automated decision systems" (algorithms) to make sure there isn't implicit bias against any protected class, including disability status.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Appropriations
AB 15	COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021. Extends recent tenant protections apropos of COVID for another 11 months from their various expiry dates. Adds new protections, including a prohibition on holding COVID debt against a (prospective) tenant, charging fees on COVID debt or levying new fees or otherwise harassing someone over COVID debts, considers you still a tenant in certain loan situations even if you have COVID debt, etc.		Support	Assembly - Housing & Community Dev't
AB 32	Telehealth. Expands and enshrines the new telemedicine world.	Aguiar-Curry (D)		Constantly III
B 37	Elections: vote by mail ballots.	Berman (D)		Senate - Health
B 53	Election day holiday. Would add election Tuesday to the list of Uniform Holiday Schedule unpaid days.		Oppose Unless	Senate - Appropriations Assembly - Appropriations
B 57	Law enforcement: hate crimes. Requires CA Dept. of Justice to evaluate local police departments' hate crimes data, increase awareness of law enforcement options, and provide both Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and schools with training materials.	Gabriel (D)	Amended Support if Amended	Senate - Appropriations



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Bill	Title William Parket Control of the	Author	ARCA Position	Part I and I
AB 80	Taxation: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act: Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.	Burke (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Bill Location CHAPTERED
AB 114	Medi-Cal benefits: rapid Whole Genome Sequencing. Adds whole genome sequencing to the list of Medi-Cal benefits.		Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 118	Emergency services: community response: grant program. Making community grants to get emergency services to work better with minority communities.		Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 123	Paid family leave: weekly benefit amount.	Gonzalez (D)	Total ADOL	
AB 126	Special education programs: Family Empowerment Centers on Disability.	Gonzalez (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Appropriations
AB 128	Budget Act of 2021.	E. Garcia (D)	 	Senate - Education
AB 136	(Committee on Budget) Developmental services.	Ting (D)	Tracked by ARCA	CHAPTERED
AB 214	Budget Act of 2021. This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government	PP1 (P)	Tracked by ARCA	
	Tor the 2021–22 fiscal year.	ling (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Budget
AB 230	Employment: flexible work schedules.	Voepel (R)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Labor & Employement
AB 279	Intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities. Would prevent facility owners from changing their services or moving residents during the pandemic. There is a bankruptcy exception, and this would expire on January 1, 2026.		Tracked by ARCA	Passed Senate - Ordered to Assembly
AB 313	Civil service: Limited Examination and Appointment Program. Expands access to the Limited Examination and Appointment Program.		Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 323	Long-term health facilities. Would change the definition of a class AA violation from things that were a "direct proximate cause of" to "substantial factor in the" death of a resident. Increases penalties for three classes of fines.		Support	Senate - Third Reading
AB 339	Local government: open and public meetings.	Lee (D)		
AB 368	Medically supportive food. Would create a pilot in Alameda and two other counties to let Medi-Cal recipients with certain health conditions be prescribed medically supportive food. Applies only to listed eligible medical conditions, none of which are DD-specific. Contingent upon Budget funding.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Second Reading Assembly - Appropriations
AB 371	Shared mobility devices: insurance and tracking. Currently, "shared mobility devices" (e-bikes and scooters) are covered by liability insurance. This would cover pedestrians injured due to negligence by the device's owner or operator. Also requires device owners put well-visible signs (and Braille) on them for tracking/reporting purposes.))	Senate - Insurance
AB 412	California Commission on Human Rights. Creates an advisory committee of 17 members to look at how the state's doing on human rights. Intent language lists many protected and unprotected classes, including disability status.		Support if Amended	Senate - Appropriations



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Bill	Title	Author	ARCA Position	Bill Location
AB 445	Developmental services: information collection. Current law requires DDS, through regional center contracts, to ensure that specified information, including, among other things, the social security number of the parents of the consumer, is collected by each regional center for each new case and is also collected at each review of all regional center clients in out-of-home placement. This bill would repeal the requirement for the department to ensure that information is collected by regional centers.	Calderon (D)	Sponsored by ARCA	Passed Assembly/Senate - Sent to Governor
AB 451	Health care facilities: treatment of psychiatric emergency medical conditions. Would require several types of psychiatric units to provide emergency services and care for someone being held for evaluation.		Support	Senate - Third Reading
AB 457	Telehealth Patient Bill of Rights. Codifies, at root, the right of people to access telehealth.		Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 470	Medi-Cal: eligibility.	Carrillo (D)	Support	Sonoto Appropriations
AB 473	California Public Records Act.	Chau (D)		Senate - Appropriations Senate - Third Reading
AB 474	California Public Records Act: conforming revisions.	Chau (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Third Reading
AB 499	Referral source for residential care facilities for the elderly: duties.	Rubio (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Third Reading
AB 552	Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program. Creates a fairly broad program for behavioral health services at schools.		Hacked by ARCA	Assembly - Health
AB 555	Special education: assistive technology devices. Would make it possible for schools to give/sell assistive technology to students to whom the tech was previously assigned, if it is currently worth less than \$5K and is not otherwise needed.			Assembly - Education
AB 562	Frontline COVID-19 Provider Mental Health Resiliency Act of 2021: health care providers: mental health services.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Appropriations
AB 571	Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing. Would prevent fees from being imposed on affordable/bonus units in developments.	Mayes (I)	Support	Senate - Third Reading
AB 574	Guardians ad litem: mental illnesses.	Chen (R)	Tracked by ABCA	Assembly - Health
AB 580	Emergency services: vulnerable populations.	Rodriguez (D)		
AB 596			Support Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Appropriations Assembly - Judiciary
AB 634	lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Third Reading
AB 665	Care facilities: internet access.	Garcia (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Third Reading
AB 677	ICCE bookground abooks West-Line 1 Opens	Holden (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Appropriations



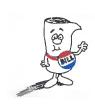
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Bill		Audha	ADOAD W	
AB 686	California Community-Based Behavioral Health Outcomes and Accountability Review.	Author	ARCA Position	Bill Location
	Would create a system to analyze how county behavioral health programs are doing			Assembly - Health
AB 695	Elder and dependent adults. Simplifies the definition of elder/dependent adult for APS purposes. Expands the category of dependent adult to include TBI or cognitive impairments, moves the age range from 18-64 to 18-59 years of age, moves the 60-64 year-old set into the "elder" category, includes financial issues within neglect, and other types of updates, including creating a workgroup and a financial abuse team.	Arambula (D)	Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 703	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences. Would allow for a range of public participation in covered meetings via telecommunications.			Assembly - Local Government
AB 749	Skilled nursing facilities: medical director certification. Would require someone in that role to get certified within five years.		Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 768	School safety: aquatic and pool safety program: model policy.	Holden (D)		
AB 787	Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units.	Holden (D)		Assembly - Education
AB 813	Developmental services: service outcome pilot project.	Gabriel (D)	Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 848	Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs. Would	Mullin (D) Calderon (D)	Support in Concept	Senate - Appropriations
	increase monthly "personal and incidental needs" beneft from \$35 to \$80 for individuals in certain settings, including various nursing facilities.			Assembly - Appropriations
\B 849	Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: liability. Currently, a resident of a SNF or ICF can sue a licensee for various violations. But the total liability is capped at \$500, regardless of how many violations are at issue. This would instead make them liable for up to \$500 per violation.	Reyes (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Third Reading
AB 895	Residential care facilities: conditions,	Halder (D)		
NB 911	Long-Term Services and Supports (I TSS) Boxest Tools F	Holden (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Human Services
\B 935	Telehealth: montal hoolth	Nazarian (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Aging & Long Term Care
AB 971	Driver's licenses: developmental dischillterates W.	Maienschein (D)		Assembly - Appropriations
	1 Driver's licenses: developmental disability status. Would let the DMV, if a person so chooses, indicate on their license that they have a developmental disability that may impede communication with law enforcement.			Assembly - Appropriations
AB 988	Montal hoolthy mobile only to	14.40.1		
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	housing status.	Ward (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Housing &
AB 1007	Forced or Involuntary Statilization Community			Community Dev't
B 1042	Skilled nursing facilities: uppoid negotices related to	Carrillo (D)	Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 1051	[Medi-Cal: specialty mental health convious footon would	Jones-Sawyer (D		Senate - Third Reading
	,	Bennett (D)		Senate - Appropriations



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Bill AB 1054	Title	Author	ARCA Position	Bill Location
	Skilled nursing facilities: intermediate care facilities: feeding assistants. Would authorize SNFs/ICFs to adopt a feeding assistant training program approved by the department.	Arambula (D)		Assembly - Health
AB 1060	Governor's Office of Emergency Services: California Alert. Would require the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to establish a statewide emergency alert system called California Alert to send California Alerts to registered wireless phone numbers.			Assembly - Appropriations
AB 1071	Office of Emergency Services: tabletop exercises.	Rodriguez (D)	Cupport	S
AB 1073	Community colleges: students enrolled in early childhood education or child development courses: fee waivers.		Support	Senate - Appropriations Assembly - Appropriations
AB 1075	Planning and zoning: residential developments.		Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Housing & Community Dev't
AB 1126	Commission on the State of Hate.	Bloom (D)		
AB 1131	Health information network. Would establish a statewide health information network.	Wood (D)	-	Senate - Appropriations
AB 1160	Medically supportive food. Would authorize Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide medically tailored meals to enrollees.	B. Rubio (D)		Assembly - Appropriations Assembly - Health
AB 1194	Conservatorship.	Low (D)		
AB 1199	Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax: qualified property: reporting requirements.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Appropriations Assembly - Revenue & Taxation
AB 1274	Community care facilities: exceptions.	Device (D)	7 1 11 1500	
AB 1300	Residential care facilities for the elderly: electronic monitoring. Would allow monitoring devices in common areas and, with consent, residents' rooms.	Davies (R) Voepel (R)	Tracked by ARCA Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Pending Referral Assembly - Human Services
AB 1331	Mental health: Statewide Director of Crisis Services.	Irwin (D)	Support	Constant
AB 1334	State Department of Developmental Services: supplemental budget information	Frazier (D)		Senate - Appropriations Assembly - Human Services
AB 1335	Regional centers: annual community placement plans.	Frazier (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Human Services
AB 1363	Childcare: dual language learners.	Rivas, Luz (D)	Support	Senate - Appropriations
AB 1400	Guaranteed Health Care for All.	Kalra (D)		Assembly - Pending Referral
AB 1417	Community colleges: providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities: model curriculum for certification program.	Frazier (D)		Senate - Education
AB 1502	Skilled nursing facilities. Would prevent a person or entity from having a SNF unless it's licensed to them. (No borrowing licenses)		Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Health
AB 1513	Health facilities.	Wood (D)	Tenekod bu ADOA	
ACR 28	National Caregivers Day. This measure would recognize February 19, 2021, as National Caregivers Day and express gratitude to caregivers for their unwavering commitment to the care of their clients and families especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Calderon (D)		Assembly - Pending Referral CHAPTERED
ACR 35	World Autism Awareness Day April 2nd	Chau (D)	Cummont	
		Criau (D)	Support	CHAPTERED



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Bill	Title Title	Author	ADCA Deside	20.111
ACR 39	Drowning prevention month. Proclaims May as "Roxie Forbes Drowning Prevention	Holden (D)	ARCA Position	Bill Location
	Month," and notes DDS stats about drowning.	noiden (D)	Support	CHAPTERED
ACR 45	State employee morit exceeds		- I II	
ACR 73	Autism Awareness Month.(April 2021)	Cooper (D)	Tracked by ARCA	
SB 3	Tenancy: COVID-19. Tenant protection extension. Adds two extra months on to existing	Frazier (D)	Support	CHAPTERED
	COVID tenant debt protection laws. This same section is a part of AB 15 (Chiu)	Skinner (D)		Senate - Education
SB 14	Pupil health: school employee and pupil training: excused absences: youth mental	Portentine (D)		
	and benavioral health.	Portantino (D)	Support	Assembly - Third Reading
SB 17	Office of Racial Equity.	Pan (D)	Treatured by ADOA	
SB 21	Specialized license plates: mental health awareness.	Glazer (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Appropriations
SB 65	Maternal Care and Services. Would add programs that train certified purse midwives and	Skinner (D)	Support	Senate - Appropriations
	Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, and adds midwifery to the list of specified primary care specialties under the program.		Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Appropriations
SB 107	CalFresh. Goal is to improve and simplify access to CalFresh, in part through joining a USDA demonstration project.			Senate - Inactive
SB 112	Budget Act of 2021. This bill would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2021–22 fiscal year.		Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Budget & Fiscal Review
SB 128	Budget Act of 2021.	Claimman (D)	-	
		Skinner (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Budget
SB 129	Budget Act of 2021.	Skinner (D)	Treelead by ADOS	
SB 221	Health care coverage: timely access to care. Current regs require timely access within	Wiener (D)	Tracked by ARCA	
	care. This would mandate that insurers tell their clients of this requirement, and, more significantly, convert those regs into statute.	i violici (b)	Support	Assembly - Appropriations
SB 224	Pupil instruction: mental health education. Creates a mandate that schools provide age- appropriate mental health education. Mental health, as defined by a "may include" clause, does not involve any developmental disabilities.		Support	Assembly - Appropriations
SB 229	Punil health: mental health consists and the	D.11 (D)		
SB 237	Special adventions demonstrate and the last state of the last stat	Dahle (R)		Senate - Appropriations
	develop a list of dyslexia screening tools, and then make schools do such screenings starting in 2022.	Portantino (D)	Support	Assembly - Education
SB 279	Specialty mental health services and substance use disorder treatment.	Dec (D)		
SB 290	Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for	Pan (D)	Support	Senate - Inactive
	lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.	okinner (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Passed Assembly - Ordered to Senate



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Bill	Title Title	Author	ARCA Position	Bill Location	
SB 291	member to the current commission, who shall be a member of a newly-created Pupil Advisory Council composed of special-needs students.		Tracked by ARCA		
SB 293	Medi-Cal specialty mental health services. Would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the Dept. of Health Care Services, in consultation with specified groups, including the CA County Welfare Directors Association, to develop standard forms for the intake of, assessment of, and the treatment planning for, Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are eligible for health care services, including specialty mental health services, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment services for an individual under 21 years of age.	Stern (D)	Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Appropriations	
SB 311	Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law. Would require various health facilities including SNFs to permit residents to use medical cannabis. ICFs are not currently included in this bill.		Support and Comment	Assembly - Third Reading	
Competence to stand trial. This bill would repeal existing law relating to individuals charged with misdemeanors who are found incompetent to stand trial (IST) due to a mental health disorder (not DD). The bill would replace these provisions and permit a court, upon finding the defendant IST, to suspend the proceedings and take certain actions, including granting diversion not to exceed one year, referring the matter to alternative justice, diversion, or community treatment programs with the goal of improving mental health, evaluate whether to refer the matter for conservatorship proceedings, or to dismiss the charges. The bill would permit application of conduct credits for persons confined in a state hospital or other mental health treatment facility pending their return of mental competency.		Stern (D)	Support	Assembly - Third Reading	
Foster youth: relative placement. Would provide criminal record exemptions for crimes committed by foster family applicants that aren't listed as non-exempt, if the applicant doesn't pose a "substantial risk of abuse or neglect to children in the person's care."		Skinner (D)	-	Assembly - Appropriations	
SB 515	Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Benefit Task Force.	Pan (D)	Tracked by ABCA	Senate - Human Services	
SB 518	Developmental services: Self-Determination Program.		Tracked by ARCA		
SB 562	Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorders or autism. Would revise the definition of behavioral health treatment to require the services and treatment programs provided to be based on behavioral, developmental, relationship-based, or other evidence-based models. The bill also would expand the definition of a "qualified autism service professional."	Portantino (D)		Senate - Inactive Assembly - Appropriations	
SB 605	Medical Device Right to Repair Act.				



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Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Cummings Fair Hearings and Legal Affairs



Bill	Title in the second part of the	Author	ARCA Position	Post I
SB 639	Minimum wages: persons with disabilities. Phases out sub-min. wages by preventing any new sub-min. permissions, starting January 1, 2022. Then stops it starting January 1, 2024. During the interim, current sub-min. permissions can only be renewed under certain circumstances. Directs several entities, including DDS and State Council, to come up with a specific phaseout plan	Durazo (D)	Comments	Bill Location Assembly - Appropriations
SB 648	Care facilities.	Hurtado (D)	 	
SB 650	Skilled nursing facilities. Would require the entities that run SNFs and all types of ICFs to provide annual financial reports that detail their finances, cashflow.		Tracked by ARCA Tracked by ARCA	Senate - Inactive Assembly - Appropriations
SB 672	Remote accessible yets by mail systems and a site of the state of the	Bradford (D)	Support	Senate - Elections and
SB 692	Local control and accountability plans: state priorities: least restrictive environment.		Tracked by ARCA	Constitutional Amendments Assembly - Appropriations
SB 717	Custom rehabilitation technology service providers: payment. Would end the 10% Medi- Cal rate cut for "custom rehabilitation equipment and custom rehabilitation technology services." These 10% cuts were part of the 2011 cuts.	Dodd (D)	Support	Senate - Inactive
SB 779	California Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act: earn and learn programs.	Dealer (D)		
SCA 4	IL GOISIZILIFO' Z-VOOT BUIDEO NACHID BUID BAGARA AL	Becker (D) Wilk (R)	Tracked by ARCA Tracked by ARCA	Assembly - Third Reading Senate - Budget & Fiscal Review
SCR 5	State of emorgonous COVID 40: 40-41-11	Melendez (R)	-	Senate - Gov. Organization
SJR 4	Special education funding. Would reintroduce and enact legislation similar to the IDEA Full Funding Act, which would fully fund the federal IDEA.	Wilk (R)	Support	Assembly - Pending Referral
SR 14	Social work month. Recognizes March as Social Work Month	Eggman (D)	Cumpart	
SR 30	Relative to Autism Awareness Month. (April 2021)	Hueso (D)	Support	Senate - Passed
		[Tidese (D)	Support	Senate - Passed

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES & EVENTS:

Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills Aug. 27

Aug. 30-Sept. 10 Floor session only. No committees, other than conference or Rules Committees, may meet for any purpose

Sept. 3 Last day to amend bills on the Floor

Sept. 10 Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim recess begins upon adjournment.

Oct. 10 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature

Jan. 1, 2022 Statutes take effect



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT September 13, 2021 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY LAURA MILLER

Cash Assets July 31, 2021

\$24,196,274.08

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Cosand, Drew Cutler, Bob McGuire, Debra Mannon, Cameron Page, Evan Page, Jack Padilla, and Steve Spears

OPERATIONS

Due to the COVID19 Delta Variant we have resumed remote meetings with beneficiaries.

The Executive Committee, now acting as the Investment Committee for Master Trust, will be reviewing the monthly financial reports for the trust. The Master Trust Committee is still provided the monthly report at our teleconference meetings and can provide feedback to the Executive Committee.

Steve Beckett, Merissa Steuwer, Ben Cheng, and Laura Miller continue to meet regularly with the investment consultant, John Fitzgerald of Glass Onion, PMC, LLC. The group discusses the performance of the portfolio and trade recommendations. Trade recommendations are documented to ensure transparency. John is reviewing the current investment policy and will share his recommendations with the group.

ACCESS

In June and July 2021, 179 requests were processed totaling \$444,895.52. Requests included air conditioning system, association dues, bus pass, cable bills, carpet, cell phone bills, cleaning services, clothing, entertainment, estate recovery claims, gym membership, healthcare premiums, home repairs, landscape services, legal fees, mattress, medical expenses not covered by insurance, pest control, pool maintenance, respite services (not covered by another source), plumbing repairs, rent, salon services, vehicle repairs, vacations, vehicle registration and insurance.

Summary of VAC meeting on July 19th, 2021

April Stewart Chair, Vendor Advisory Committee

The following is a summary of the July 19, 2021 VAC meeting. Announcements: Coby was thanked for her contributions and support to the VAC, including putting together the March minutes from the notes sent to her. VAC meetings will continue to be held monthly via zoom. Vendors were instructed to check the chat for information and links and to ensure that they are on the email list for their VAC Representative. Zoom instructions were given. Over 100 individuals participated in the zoom VAC meeting. Due to work from home internet challenges, I was unable to capture the exact number of attendees.

Summary by Vendor Category:

Vendor Group:	Concerns / Priorities
Day Programs:	Lynn De Anda (Ideanda@desertarc.org) reported that the group met to discuss questions on certification, staffing, half day billing & ASD billing. The next meeting will be on 8/11. Meetings will continue to be monthly.
Health Care Facilities	Michelle Clarke (mrarn@aol.com) no report
Infant/Children's Programs:	Johanna Caicedo (<u>Johana.caicedo@thementornetwork.com</u>) reported that she was unable to participate in the June meeting but that the group met and had PMs present. They continue to have discussions on the DDS extensions of tele-services. They continue to meet monthly with the next meeting on July 26 th .
Residential (4)	Position Vacant – Previous rep officially stepped down through contact with April Stewart
Residential (2-3)	Position Vacant
Respite	Jenn Delgado <u>idelgado@inlandrespite.com</u> Vendors met on 7/13 with a presentation from Vince Toms on EVV. Vendors must comply with EVV by January 1 st , 2022. Vendors were welcomed to provide feedback on the EVV planning to Jenn to compile to send to DDS.
SLS / ILS	Jasmin Botello (jasmin.botello@arildsp.com). reported that vendors received an EVV presentation from Vince Toms the previous week.
Specialist/ Support Programs	
Transportation	Felecia Arnold (nemt1stclasstransportation@yahoo.com) reported that vendors met on 7/15. They continue to discuss issues on mileage reimbursement, monthly maximum billing, ASD billing, and communication challenges.
Vocational	Marie Chatman (<u>mariechatman@weexceed.org</u>) reported that the group met on 7/14 with 23 participants. The vendors discussed challenges with getting the correct ASD vs. traditional authorization. The current system used by DDS and Regional Centers does not making switching POS easy. They discussed OSHA requirements and struggling to recruit staff.
Behavior Mod:	Rachel Steward (<u>rachel.steward@thementornetwork.com</u>) reported that Lynn led a joint meeting. They discussed good progress on reopenings and hybrid programming. They also discussed challenges with mask compliance and behaviors that make this difficult. They will continue to hold joint meetings with Day Programs.
Member-at-Large:	April Stewart (april@24hrcares.com), Audrey Andrade (audreymandrade@gmail.com) and Ruth Goodsell (rgoodsell@desertarc.org).

Membership Committee: Ruth Goodsell (<u>rgoodsell@desertarc.org</u>) – Membership committee continues to seek applicants for Residential Services 2-3 and has a new opening for Residential 4.

Regional Center Updates: Vince provided a report on updates from IRC and answered questions.

The next VAC meeting is scheduled via zoom on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Summary of VAC meeting on August 16th, 2021

April Stewart Chair, Vendor Advisory Committee

The following is a summary of the August 16, 2021 VAC meeting. Announcements: Coby was thanked for her contributions and support to the VAC, including putting together the March minutes from the notes sent to her. VAC meetings will continue to be held monthly via zoom. Vendors were instructed to check the chat for information and links and to ensure that they are on the email list for their VAC Representative. Zoom instructions were given. 113 individuals participated in the zoom VAC meeting.

Summary by Vendor Category:

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August 31, 2021

To:

The Board of Trustees

From: The Executive Committee

Subject: Approved IRC Health Benefits for Plan Year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

The Executive Committee met on August 11, 2021, to discuss IRC's health benefits for the new plan year effective October 1, 2021.

There was no change to IRC's health benefits carriers for this new plan year. The employee's selection for medical, dental, and vision plan are as follows:

- Medical Plan
 - o Kaiser HMO
 - o Blue Shield Trio HMO
 - Blue Shield Access HMO
- Dental Plan
 - o Cigna Dental HMO
 - o Cigna Dental PPO Low Plan
 - o Cigna Dental PPO High Plan
- Vision Plan
 - o Eye Med

The average cost increase for medical is 8.81%, dental is 2%, and vision is 2.82%. The cost increase of these three plans is approximately \$1.2M.

The Executive Committee approved that there will be no increase to the employee's share of cost for medical, dental, and vision plan.

APPLICATION

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

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2.	Age	ncy Name:		
	Add	ress: 2047 N. F	Pal	im Ave, Upland, CA, 91784
	Pos	tion with Agency:		
	Bus	ness Phone: 909-767-530	61	Fax Number: 909-204-2398
	Ema	il Address: Mountain. Vie	W	.family home Egmail.com
3.	Rep	resentation (Please place a check ma	ırk w	rhere appropriate)
		Adult Day Programs Health Facilities / ICF		Independent/Supported Living Services Specialist/Support Programs
		Infant/Children Programs		Transportation
		Residential Services Level 2-3		Vocational Programs
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		Respite Programs		Member At Large
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APPLICATION

VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONFIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

1.	. Name: <u>Kedra Creer</u>						
2.	. Agency Name: Clarice Sattiewhite's Home, Inc. & Creer Services and Supports, Inc.						
	Address: 14733 Iris Street Adelanto CA 92301						
	Position with Agency: <u>Licensee/CEO</u>						
	Business Phone: (323)395-8594 Fax Number:						
Email Address: <u>kedra@cshi.love</u> or <u>kedra@creerservicesandsupports.com</u>							
3.	Representation (Please place a check mark where appropriate)						
	Adult Day Programs Independent/Supported Living Services Specialist/Support Programs Infant/Children Programs Transportation Residential Services Level 2-3 Vocational Programs Residential Services Level 4 Respite Programs Member At Large						
4.	I. The Vendor Advisory Board Meets every other month for approximately two hours. Additional time is needed, as each representative is required to hold a sub-committee meeting with vendors in the specific category they represent. This is also every other month for approximately two hours. Your participation in other committees related to the vendor community may also be required. Can you make this commitment? Yes No						
5.	Describe your experience serving people with developmental disabilities.						
	My experience serving people with developmental disabilities started when I was a child. My mother						
	worked in special education, and I was always assisting her in her classroom. I volunteered working						
with students with developmental disabilities during elementary, middle, and high school. I worked							
	an instructional assistant in special education at a high school working with students diagnosed with						
	autism. I also own six adult residential facilities vendored with IRC. I have my BA in Communication						
	Studies and Political Science and my MS in Psychology with a specialization in Applied Behavior						
	Analysis.						

6	Please explain how you can best represent this group.					
	I can best represent this group by being dedicated, present and a team player. I am interested in					
	learning new information and sharing knowledge. I love problem solving and coming up with good					
	solutions to everyday problems. I strive to be the best at everything I do. I am an advocate for the					
	populations I provide services to. I want to be able to use the information I learn to enhance their liv					
	and their everyday experiences.					
7.	Number of Years in the DD Community: I have over 20 years of experience working with individuals					
	diagnosed developmental disabilities.					
8.	Why would you like to be involved with the VAC?					
	I want to be involved with the VAC because I want to be an active participant in policy making as well					
	as a liaison for other residential providers. I have valuable input and would be an asset to the team. I'm					
	open minded and I think outside the box. I also welcome change and look forward to coming up with					
	solutions to problems. I am constantly striving to make things in any situation better.					
	Signature of Applicant: <u>Kedra Creer</u>					
	Date: August 10, 2021					

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Residential Services Level 4

QUESTION 5:

Describe your experience serving people with developmental disabilities.

ANSWER:

My experience serving persons with developmental disabilities began in 2007 in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. I had opened an institute that taught English and computers to individuals with developmental disabilities, as well as individuals with no income. Due to the weakening security situation in the country, the institute was active for only one year; however, I was still determined to accomplish my dreams and goals of supporting people with developmental disabilities.

In 2018 and 2019, I gained experience in day program and community base settings. During this experience, my dreams and goals became an absolute passion that continued to grow. Today, I am a licensee and administrator at a level 4I home in North Upland named Mountain View Family Home Inc., and I support and provide excellent health and safety for my residents.

QUESTION 6:

Please explain how you can best represent this group.

ANSWER:

I can best represent the Vendor Advisory Committee by empowering individuals to have meaningful and fulfilling lives. I enjoy finding growth opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities and creating safe and healthy environments for them to grow as individuals. As a VAC representative, I can support the committee in seeking creative methods to better serve consumers and the communities they live in.

QUESTION 8:

Why would you like to be involved with the VAC?

ANSWER:

I would like to be involved with VAC so I can support the committee in enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. I believe a healthy and safe environment is vital to creating opportunities for consumers to grow and develop, and my passion is to create these environments. Supporting VAC as a representative, along with providing an excellent health and safety environment for consumers at Mountain View Family Home Inc., will enable me to become fully engaged with my passion and goals.

- 2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)
- 2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU)
- 2.2.9(a) Philosophy

The mission of the Resource Development and Transportation Unit is to develop services and supports to assist consumers and their families in achieving their hopes, dreams, and goals while assisting them to naturally integrate into their home communities and to monitor these services and supports to ensure improvement and increase the quality of life for the individuals and families we serve.

It is the goal of the Resource Development and Transportation Unit to develop innovative services and maintain quality services for the following support services: Supported Living Services (SLS), Transportation, Respite, Home Health Agencies (HHA), Social Recreation Services, Behavior Management, Infant Stimulation Services and other services required to meet the needs of the consumers we serve (within the catchment area served by the Inland Regional Center). The intent of RDTU is to develop all resources in the most efficient and effective way while placing a high priority on coupling community/generic resources and consumer need. This intent is operational by completing the following activities:

- 1. Assessing unmet needs in the community by surveying consumers and their families, staff, vendor community, and community at large;
- 2. Developing Request for Proposal (RFP) under general Purchase of Service (POS), Start Up Funds (SUF)Community Placement Plan (CPP) monies and/or Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP);
- 3. Collaborating with generic resources;
- 4. Recruiting new service providers to meet the needs;
- 5. Completing program design review for all services;
- 6. Educating and/or providing support to case management staff;
- 7. Providing technical support to providers;
- 8. Maintaining working relationship with generic agencies and providers through quarterly meetings;
- 9. Investigating deficiencies as outlined in Title 17 and contractual agreements with Inland Regional Center.
- 10. Affordable Housing projects will not be required to follow the RFP Process.
- Projects that are less than \$250,000 in Start-Up Funds will not be required to follow the RFP process.
- 2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)
- 2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) (Continued)

2.2.9(b) Resource Development

The objective of the Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) is to assure the availability of residential, day program, and support services to increase the continuum of services from which consumers of Inland Regional Center can benefit by becoming more independent, empowered, and included in their communities. Unmet needs are assessed throughout the current and upcoming years to

determine consumer needs, resources available, and service gaps to assist in the prioritization for recruitment and development of services.

Recruitment Practices Applied to Prospective Vendors of Services and Supports

In order to ensure that each consumer has a complete range of services and supports to meet his/her needs and preferences, Inland Regional Center (IRC) hereby establishes a protocol on the recruitment practices of prospective vendors of services and supports to meet consumer service needs.

The development of new resources will be based on a "Letter of Intent" (LOI) basis and/or a competitive bidding process in those instances where open recruitment has been unsuccessful. Currently, parties interested in developing services and supports contact IRC on a regular basis. Each party is informed of current needed services and supports and whether start-up money is available. The enactment of such a practice will bring about consistency to our enlistment efforts and in addition achieve the following goals:

- 1. Develop a wider pool of qualified participants;
- 2. Create opportunities for growth within IRC geographic boundaries;
- 3. Insure cost effectiveness;
- 4. Ensure utilization of the best program practices which conform to current values and technologies; and,
- 5. Equitable disbursement of possible start-up monies.

When the need for specific services are identified the Regional Center will be responsible for notifying all existing vendors in the IRC service area and any other interested potential applicants by means of a Notice of Need. A list serv is established and maintained for interested parties.

2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)

2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) (Continued)

2.2.9(b) Resource Development (Continued)

The RFP will specify:

- 1. The target population and extend of need;
- 2. Desired geographic location of the program;
- 3. SUF (Start Up Fund Amount);
- 4. Required staffing and qualifications; and,
- 5. The proposal submission timelines.
- 6. Short program description related to proposal.

The RFP will include a requirement that all proposals include:

- 1. A statement of the applicant's experience with the targeted population;
- 2. An agency financial statement indicating ability to carry out the project development process;
- 3. A statement of project location;
- 4. A description of the type of service and/or support; and,
- 5. A proposed timeline for project development.

A "Selection Committee" will be convened for the purpose of reviewing and ranking the submitted proposals. The Committee will be comprised of a minimum of four (4) members of which one individual from each of the following areas will be represented:

- 1. Community Representative (Priority given to IRC Board of Director's vendor representative, will waive seat when applying);
- 2. Consumer Services Division
- 3. Community Services Division; and,
- 4. Administrative/Financial Services

All applications will be scored based on the coverage of the following items:

- 1. Service Curriculum;
- 2. Goals:
- 3. Objectives;
- 4. Methods:
- 5. Evaluation and Reporting Format; and,
- 6. Budget (when applicable)

All applicants will be numerically ranked using the Request for Proposal Review/Selection Criteria score sheet. This information will be given to The Board of Directors. Based on the review schedule indicated in the RFP time lines, applicants will be notified in a timely manner of the Board's decision. In the event that the first awardee declines or the withdraws from the project, the second highest scored proposal will automatically become the candidate of choice, and so on until the list is fully exhausted.

Once the selected applicant has accepted the Regional Center offer to proceed with the RFP, the Community Services Department will immediately begin to work with the prospective applicant on the vendorization process.

2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)

2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) (Continued)

2.2.9(c) Request for Proposal

Recruitment is accomplished through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process and public information and RFPs are released as determined by the unmet needs and current fiscal budget. Individuals interested in receiving RFPs should contact an IRC Resource Specialist in the Resource Development and Transportation Unit to be added to the mailing list. The RFP outlines the unmet needs by briefly describing the service provision. Guidelines for submission are included in the RFP. Each proposal is screened for compliance with requirements then scored by a committee composed of community, inhouse and external participants with no conflict of interest. All committee participants will comply or have complied with IRC's Conflict of Interest Policy. Each applicant will receive an acceptance or denial letter. Appointments are made with those applicants who received acceptance letters to review the vendorization process and contract requirements and expectations.

CRDP for Affordable Housing projects shall not require an RFP to identify the new provider. Prior to securing funding for a Multi-Family Housing Proposal with DDS, IRC must be in coordination with a Housing Developer Organization (HDO), and other relevant stakeholder agencies, to conduct their due diligence, so that IRC can apply for CRDP funding. The HDO must already been selected and secured by IRC, prior to the awarding of CRDP funds, in which case, and RFP is unnecessary.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Procedures

- 1. Review Unmet Needs Surveys
 - a. Unmet Needs Survey is available on line 24 hours a day on IRC Intranet website.
 - b. Compile Unmet Needs Survey Data
- 2. Update RFP Material
 - a. Update year of RFP/SUF on RFP/SUF forms 000
- 3. Release RFP
 - a. IRC website is used for release/notice/and e-mail blast is sent to all vendors on List Serv of interested parties directing to the website.
 - b. IRC maintains an ongoing interest list of e-mail addresses
- 4. Review Proposals
 - a. Develop log of all RFP Applicants; to include type of service/geographical area to be served and requested start-up funds.
 - b. Determine members to be on Review Committee
 - c. Assign each RFP application to Review Committee for review
 - d. Obtain scores for each RFP applicant and log overall score for each applicant.
 - e. Log all approved RFP applicants; to include type of service, grant amount, and appropriate funding year (SUF year).
- 5. Release Award and Rejection Letters
 - a. Send approved applicant a Vendor application for service code 999.
 - b. Send rejection letters to rejected applicants.
 - c. File one copy of rejected proposal in appropriate RFP year.
 - e. Develop Contracts for approved RFP applicants (Contractor)
 - f. Release and Obtain and Execute Contracts
 - g. Vendorization assigns Service Code 999 and screens by alpha to determine whether Contractor/Vendor was previously assigned Service Code 999.
- 6. Program Design Submission and Approval
 - a. Contractor submits complete Program Design for type of service being provided; based on service code as outlined in Title 17 and IRC best practices and DDS guidelines.
 - b. Resource Developer reviews and approves design including other clinical/expert staff as needed. Approval letter to be sent to the Contractor.
 - 2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)
 - 2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) (Continued)

2.2.9(c) Request for Proposal (Continued)

- c. Provide Vendorization notification to request a Vendor Application be sent to Contractor.

 Note: Vendor application date must coincide with contract or dated earlier than contract date.
- 7. Purchase of Service (POS)
 - a. Multiple contracts with same vendor:
 - 1. Identify separately alphabetically or numerically to differentiate between contracts.
 - b. Submit Exhibit C with Memorandum:
 - 1. Check receipts for compliance with contract.
 - 2. Indicate Contractor (Note: Contractor name must be identical to name on the contract.)
 - 3. Check that identified fiscal year is correct
 - 4. Check balance of contract with inquiry A. ICLOOK Authorizations Contracts by Fiscal Year
 - 5. Update "Working File" on monies dispersed.

- 6. Must submit memorandum three days in advance to check run.
- 7. Vendors must submit original copy of Exhibit C with original signature.
- 8. Vendors must sign for reimbursement checks on Promissory Note in person.
- 8. All Contract Monies Dispersed
 - a. Original contract given to Vendorization.
 - b. RDTU maintains Release of Fund Form.
- 9. Update ongoing Development List/Log and Start-Up Fund Contract Monies Dispersal List/Log.
 - 2.2 PHILOSOPHY AND PROCEDURES OF INLAND REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER INTERVENTION (Continued)
 - 2.2.9 Resource Development and Transportation Unit (RDTU) (Continued)

Inland Regional Center RFP Application Checklist (Incomplete applications will be considered for disqualification)

Applicant Name:			Service Type:				
[]	Completed RFP Applicat	tion				
[]	Description of service p	roposal				
[]	2 Professional Letters of	f Reference				
[]	Resume(s)					
[]	Verified Financial Statement or recent Bank Statement					
[]	Projected Start Up Budget					
Proposal review completed by:							
Signature Date							
Disqualified: yes no							
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Co	Comments:						