

**ALAMEDA COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING  
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT  
February 7, 2022**

**Meeting Schedule**

**February Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council meeting:** The next board meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:00pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91770427600?pwd=VWF4bVRjZno2UXhtcXZYeTBKeWFpQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 7042 7600

Passcode: 751351

**Racial Equity Steering Committee:** Our next Racial Equity Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 4:30pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95175786904?pwd=R1VIMGY2dkk1bjBZWnFCK2pwK0tMUT09>

Meeting ID: 951 7578 6904

Passcode: 988136

- **RESC Black Provider & Consumers Workgroup:** The Racial Equity Steering Committee was established to determine action items for better serving black providers and consumers within the IDD system. The next meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm – 2pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85771272898?pwd=a0FaSy80eGtvMWJITSt3cVg3SEqxZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 7127 2898

Passcode: 314529

- **RESC AAPI Workgroup:** The Racial Equity Steering Committee has created a new workgroup to focus on issues specific to the Asian American Pacific Islander community. The next meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 11am. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82012795498?pwd=TENpSUF4cmN5TWtJNUtxb3cyYkxuUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1279 5498

Passcode: 338750

**Transition Planning Team:** Our next Transition Planning Team meetings are on February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 3:30pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94015054749?pwd=dWVEMnUvQjFyL3BxbU1YOENOVllzZz09>

Meeting ID: 940 1505 4749

Passcode: 395317

**Health and Wellness Committee:** Our next Health and Wellness Committee meeting is Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4 pm. Benjamin Chen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85825497288?pwd=OUNaTGNvbUQwaWhYL1A5VTZkWHk2dz09>

Meeting ID: 858 2549 7288

Passcode: 220463

**Committee on Aging:** The Committee on Aging is a joint committee with Contra Costa County's DD Council. The next meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2pm. All are welcome! Please email Marianne Iversen [Marianne@dscba.org](mailto:Marianne@dscba.org) for more information.

**East Bay Legislative Coalition on Developmental Disabilities:** Our next EBLC Meeting is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am – 12pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/91070076056?pwd=NGp6Q0c4TnByNzd2SndlYTRNU0lxZz09>

Meeting ID: 910 7007 6056

Passcode: 718088

**DDC Executive Committee:** Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – 1:30pm. **Please note this is a different time from our usual meeting time.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99520068595?pwd=SmtOdDI6SIZzVWViVnM2SitFSFZPUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 2006 8595

Passcode: 963075

**Membership Committee:** Our next Membership Committee meeting is TBD.

**HireAble:** The next HireAble meeting will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 4:30pm.

**RCEB Board Meeting:** The next RCEB Board meeting is on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm. Zoom details can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**RCEB Bi-Monthly Community Event:** The next RCEB Community Event can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee:** The next RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee meeting is on February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Zoom detail can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**RCEB Provider/Vendor Advisory Council:** The next RCEB PVAC meeting is on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 11:30am. More details can be found on the [RCEB Website](#)

**SCDD/RCEB Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee:** The next Self-Determination meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 8:30pm. The Zoom link can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Committee Meeting:** The next Bay Area SCDD RAC meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. More details can be found on the [SCDD website](#).

**DDC Membership:** Board membership requirements include living or working in Alameda County, having a serious interest in the developmental disabilities system and a commitment to attend meetings. Board members are also encouraged to share in the committee work of the Council. The Membership Committee encourages interested applicants to attend two or three meetings prior to application. Board applications can be found on the website.

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### Resources

- ◆ **FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program** | [Fact sheet](#) | [Webpage](#) | [Video from Stephen Dale](#)  
Beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>, monthly discounts towards broadband service are available for eligible households. The discount is \$50 – 75 per month (plus \$100 for equipment) on internet service. Households can apply in three ways:
  - Contact your preferred [participating broadband provider](#) directly to learn about their application process.
  - Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](#) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
  - Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to: Emergency Broadband Support Center / P.O. Box 7081 / London, KY 40742
  
- ◆ **In-Home Vaccinations**  
Alameda County is offering in-home COVID-19 vaccines for individuals with disabilities. To schedule an appointment, please call 510-208-4VAX or visit: <https://bit.ly/AICoSignUp>
  
- ◆ **Highland/Eastmont Teledentistry program:** The Office of Dental Health has a teledentistry program for children and adults with IDD. Video visits and initial assessments can be conducted virtually in the home. Eligibility is for those 1) on Medi-Cal; 2) Smartphone with a camera. To schedule an appointment or find out more contact Shawanna Emerson at (510) 567-5771, or [semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org)
  
- ◆ **Stephen Beard of Keller Williams Realty Oakland/Berkeley hosts recurring FREE seminars on Accessible Home Ownership all over the Bay Area.** These seminars are designed specifically to address the real estate needs and concerns of people with disabilities and their families. Information is available directly from Stephen's website: [www.accessiblehomesforyou.com](http://www.accessiblehomesforyou.com) or by calling (510) 364-6795.
  
- ◆ **Marty Omoto's CDCAN Reports:** [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)
  
- ◆ **Assistive Technology Network** – If you need help finding assistive technology, the AT Network is the place to contact. Website: [www.ATNET.org](http://www.ATNET.org) or (800) 390-2699.
  
- ◆ **FCSN Schedule of Family Support Gatherings:**  
Contact: FCSN East Bay program coordinator, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont [www.fcsn1996.org](http://www.fcsn1996.org)
  
- ◆ **Medical Baseline Program** | [Apply Here](#)  
The Medical Baseline Program (also known as Medical Baseline Allowance) is for residential PG&E customers that rely on power for medical and independent living needs. Eligible PG&E customers may benefit from lower monthly energy bills and receiving extra notifications in a Public Safety Power Shutoff event. For more information, please [click this link](#).
  
- ◆ **PG&E Address Alerts** | [Sign-up now](#)  
PG&E now offers address alerts to non-account holders who want to know about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that may impact homes, work, schools or other important locations. Sign-up and stay informed about clients, consumers, or friends and loved ones by receiving alerts during the event of a PSPS shutoff.

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- ◆ **PG&E Wildfire Webinars | [Register Here](#)**  
PG&E hosts wildfire safety webinars for community members interested in learning about the Community Wildfire Safety Program. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, virtually meet with PG&E representatives, and ask questions and share feedback. For upcoming dates and past webinars, please [click here](#).
  - ◆ **PG&E Portable Battery Program | [Learn More](#)**  
PG&E's Portable Battery Program provides no-cost backup batteries to lessen the impact of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events on customers who rely on medical devices. Eligible customers are those that meet the following criteria: enrolled in the Medical Baseline program; Enrolled in [California Alternate Rates for Energy \(CARE\) or Family Electric Rate Assistance \(FERA\)](#); and live in high fire-threat districts (HFTD) as defined by this [CPUC Fire Map](#). Email [pgebatteryprogram@rhainc.com](mailto:pgebatteryprogram@rhainc.com) or call 559-214-1190 for inquires.
  - ◆ **Governor Signs Senate Bill 639**  
On September 27<sup>th</sup>, California becomes 13th state to ensure workers with disabilities earn at least minimum wage. Once the implementation process is complete all California employees with disabilities will earn at least minimum wage for their work. [For more information on SB 639, please click here.](#)
  - ◆ **Community Resource Development Plan Survey | [English and Spanish](#)**  
The Regional Center of the East Bay would like to hear from you regarding types of services and supports to meet individuals and their families' current and future needs in the community. For more detailed information about the survey, please [click here](#).
  - ◆ **Georgia Tech - COVID-19 Accessible Resources for People with Disabilities Microsite**  
Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation created a microsite of COVID-19 accessible resources for people with disabilities. For short and simple COVID-19 videos, [click here](#). For ASL resources, [click here](#). For accessible PDF and Word document, [click here](#). For webinar and training archives, [click here](#). For additional resources including project articles and publications, [click here](#).
  - ◆ **Civicorps Paid Internship Opportunities | [Learn More](#)**  
Civicorps is accepting internship applications for youth ages 18 – 26. They are looking for interns to work with their Conversation Crew and Recycling Program. Starting pay is at \$14.36/hour and no experience is necessary. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Down Syndrome and Dementia Family Caregivers Virtual Support Group | Every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6pm – 7pm |**  
The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area and the Alzheimer's Association invites you to participate in their monthly virtual support group. The group will discuss topics such as: creating "dementia-friendly" environments, how to remain safe at home, medical advocacy, changing yourself to change the outcome, rethinking expectations, maintaining self-care skills, and more! Please contact Marianne Iversen at [Marianne@dscba.org](mailto:Marianne@dscba.org) or 925-362-8660 x103 to join or see the attached flyer for more details.
- ◆ **Congreso Familiar: Immigration Opportunities for Parents with Special Needs Children | February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm | [Register Here](#)**

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Congreso Familiar is holding a legal discussion for Spanish-speaking families. Topics will include Cancellation of Removal Law, “U” Visa, DACA for students, I-601A, Provisional Waiver for Spouses of Citizens, and more. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

◆ **Congreso Familiar: Yes, We Can! Presentation | February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm | [Register Here](#)**

Congreso Familiar is hosting a presentation for Spanish-speaking families on how to optimize available resources. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

◆ **RCEB: English Self-Determination Orientation | February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm | [Register Here](#)**

For those interested in choosing Self Determination as their service delivery model, attending an SDP Orientation is the first step. Orientations will require advanced registration with email, name, and UCI#. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

◆ **RCEB: Spanish Self-Determination Orientation | February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm | [Register Here](#)**

For Spanish speakers interested in choosing Self Determination as the service delivery model, attending the Spanish SDP Orientation is the first step. Orientations will require advanced registration with email, name, and UCI#. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

◆ **RCEB: Community Update Meeting on Social Recreation and Non-Medical Therapies | February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 2pm | [Join Zoom Here](#)**

You are invited to join Lisa Kleinbub/RCEB Executive Director, Ronke Sodipo/RCEB Director of Client Services and Steve Robinson/Director of Community Services, for an informative update on social recreation and non-medical therapies. For more information, view the attached flyer or visit [RCEB's website](#).

◆ **My Queer Valentine | February 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7:30pm | Email [RyanB@ifcs.org](mailto:RyanB@ifcs.org) to RSVP**

Spend this Valentine's Day meeting new neurodivergent people in a fun, virtual setting. You will have opportunities to converse and connect in a supportive environment through a variety of exciting activities and games. See the attached flyer for more details.

◆ **Congreso Familiar: Children with Special Needs Presentation | February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 7pm | [Register Here](#)**

Congreso Familiar is offering a workshop for Spanish-speaking families on the most common development problems among youth with disabilities. See the attached flyer for more details.

◆ **Alameda County Transition Fair | March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm & March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

The 2022 Alameda County Virtual Transition Fair is coming soon! The event will be held across two days. March 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Educational workshops and youth activities. Attendees will have the chance to pick and choose presentations across one or more tracks, (A) Education, Employment and Accommodations; (B) Moving Towards Independence; and (C) Transition Planning. New this year, we will be offering a youth track designed for young adults to participate in during the fair, which will provide opportunities for socializing, recreation and more. March 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Vendor Fair, where participants will have a chance to learn about adult services in Alameda County and connect virtually with local providers. See the attached flyer for more details.