Board of Directors Updates as of 1/13/2023 Resource Development Quality Assurance: Cultural Specialist

Vendor Updates	NVCSS recently completed vendorization to provide Person Centered Plans in Spanish. They are in process of training staff and the service will be offered soon.
Educational/ Outreach Activities	The diversity team developed an outreach calendar last year with different monthly events for Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Shasta counties. We are currently developing an outreach plan to reach the other, most rural counties in our catchment area.
	This month we scheduled two events: Dia de Los Reyes hosted by NVCSS in Chico (holiday celebrated by Latin American countries, Reyes are the three wise men) on 1/5/23 but was cancelled due to weather; and MLK Jr. Day at the MLK center in Redding on 1/16/23.
Statewide Updates	Last year DDS announced a new required project for al RC's, the Language Access and Culturally Competency plan, designed to improve client and family experience and facilitate consistent access to information and services for multi-lingual, monolingual, and diverse cultural groups. FNRC submitted a plan, it was accepted and we are in the first phase of implementation, which includes surveying our clients, families and staff. Surveys are almost complete with the goal to distribute next month. Service Access and Equity awarded grants will be announced this month. Five agencies applied for these grants in our catchment area: ARC, DAC, Impact
General Updates	Solution, Level Up NorCal and NorCal for Deaf and HOH. The Peer Connections Café SAE Grant awarded to FNRC in 2021 will be ending March 2023. The referrals to the Bilingual IT tech for the Get Connected program and attendance to the Café's increased by the end of the year. The grant started slow due to COVID but it will be ending on a good note. The Tribal Engagement SAE Grant FNRC submitted was awarded and will begin implementation in February. This grant is designed to continue our work with CFTC in reaching the Native American families in our catchment area.
	The POS Disparity report for FNRC is in progress and I am examining the data to determine what areas we need to focus on and what goals were achieved. This will be presented at the March Dialogue with the Director meeting.