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for

Redwood Coast Regional Center

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<u>Public Meeting Announcement by Redwood Coast Regional Center</u>

In data submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on March 13, 2024, RCRC did not meet required caseload ratios in four areas: 1) the ratio for persons served enrolled on the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (a ratio of 1:67 was reported and the required ratio is 1:62); 2) for persons served who are under six years of age (a ratio of 1:42 was reported and the required ratio is 1:40); 3) for persons that have not moved from the developmental centers to the community since April 14, 1993, and who are over the age of five years nor on the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (a ratio of 1:70 was reported and the required ratio is 1:66); 4) for persons with complex needs (a ratio of 1:26 was reported and the required ratio is 1:25).

Section 4640.6 (f) of the W&I Code requires that a plan of correction be developed by a regional center that does not comply with the caseload ratio requirements for two consecutive reporting periods. Our Plan of Corrective Action will be developed following input from the state council, local organizations representing persons served, family members, regional center employees, service providers, and other interested parties.

In accordance with Section 4640.6(f) of the W&I Code, your input is requested. Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) will host a public discussion and request input from the community regarding a Caseload Ratio Plan of Corrective Action to address these areas that RCRC did not meet the required caseload ratios as well as share RCRC efforts in filling all the positions, with the funding appropriated in the Budget Act of 2022.

The public discussion will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom. Spanish translation as well as ASL will be available during this meeting.

Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81265293750?pwd=vVxiA7ohxDMn4ufXBpXl4YAMSXni0j.1

Meeting ID: 812 6529 3750

Passcode: 044897

Dial by telephone: 1 669 900 6833

If you are not able to attend this meeting in person, you may forward written input via email at ratio.input@redwoodcoastrc.org. The deadline for written input is Friday, June 21, 2024.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend