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#### From: Michael E. Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director – SSD

#### Subject: Department of Rehabilitation's Response to the CVPC Motions from the January 5, 2022 Meeting.

This memo responds to the motion memo, dated February 1, 2022 from the January 5, 2022 California Vendors Policy Committee (CVPC) meeting. The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) has taken into careful and serious account the motions provided by the CVPC. Below, I have responded to the motions that relate to the CVPC's responsibility to participate in DOR's major administrative decisions or policy or program development as described in Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 7226.3 in light of DOR’s ultimate responsibility and accountability for the program as described in CCR Section 7226.4.

**Motion: 2022.01**

District 5 moved a motion that was seconded by district 3:  
Move to approve the minutes of the CVPC meeting that was held on November 4, 2021.

**DOR Response:** No response required as the motion applies to the CVPC operating procedures.

**Motion: 2022.02**

Moved by district 6 and seconded by district 5:

Since the liability insurance covered more than losses of 2020 and includes losses in 2021, move to evenly distribute the funds to all vendors who filed claims.

**DOR Response:** DOR supports this motion and will distribute the liability insurance funds evenly among the vendors who filed a claim.

**Motion: 2022.03**

Moved by district 6 and seconded by district 5:

The California Vendors Policy Committee (CVPC) moves that the Department of Rehabilitation takes a proactive approach in scheduling a meeting with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. This meeting, in active participation, would include two vendors currently operating a prison location to identify, and get in front of any issues CDCR has with its blind vendors, and convey to them any concerns we may have.

The measured and proactive actions should include:

Establishment of a DOR representative group with the participation of 2 CDCR vendors appointed by CVPC, as required by active participation.

Conducting an internal discussion within the DOR representative group each time before meeting with CDCR, to obtain a unified strategy for the meeting.

As much as possible the DOR representative group should not make any commitments during the meetings with CDCR, but afterwards when they have ample time to evaluate their commitment.

**DOR Response:** DOR does not support this motion. CDCR’s agreement is with DOR not the BEP vendors. DOR enters all meetings with CDCR with the best interest of the vendors as our main goal. Furthermore, the DOR and CVPC has established the Preferred Food Service Task Force (PFSTF) to discuss issues and develop strategies to address and eliminate barriers that may occur from CDCR or vendors.

**Motion: 2022.04**

Moved by district 3 and seconded by district 5:  
Move that on the recommendation of the CVPC, DOR instruct the administrators of the retirement plan to select scenario 2 (B) as presented at the Benefits Meeting of December 22, 2021.

**DOR Response:** DOR supports this motion and will instruct the administrators of the retirement plan to select scenario 2 (B) as presented at the Benefits Meeting of December 22, 2021.

**Motion: 2022.05**

District 5 made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**DOR Response:** No response required as the motion applies to the CVPC operating procedures.