**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

## Preferred Food Service Taskforce (PFST) Meeting

## Thursday, June 29, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual participation available via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

**In attendance**:

PFST members (by Zoom): Harry Begian, Sandy Balani, Max Duarte

DOR staff (by Zoom): Michael Thomas, Kelly Snow, Susanna Bishop, Luis Rodriguez, Emma Godinez, Matt Buller, Jennifer Wilbon

Public members (by Zoom): Steve Alford

**Welcome and Introductions**

Michael Thomas welcomed the members and opened the meeting.

Harry Begian discussed the Proposal for BEP Improvement.

Committee members comments and questions

* Discussions occurred regarding how to identify and prioritize issues of concerns by vendors.
* Provided examples of issues that vendors face.
* Would like members to be given the opportunity to present issues and concerns within the BEP program. Suggested having 3-4 vendors present issues/concerns at future meetings.
* PFST meetings to be put on hold for now to allow the department time to work on concerns brought forward by vendors and to allow time to look for resolutions.
* Suggested to continue with the PFST meetings and continue to have an open collaboration with the department.
* Suggested PFST meetings to occur only before CVPC meetings.

DOR comments and questions

* The task force was originally set up under different leadership.
* Suggested to put PFST meetings on hold but members can write down their issues/concerns and share them with the department.
* Would like to have time to prepare and respond to the issues being brought forward.
* Suggested the monthly PFST meetings be put on hold for now but to continue with PFST meetings that occur prior to the CVPC meetings.
* The department and vendors will work together to look at where changes can be made.

Adjourn 11:39 a.m.