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Areas of Interest:

- **Network with other organizations to improve access to care.** Outcomes could be measured in monthly reports identifying the organization and its activity.
- **Work with hospitals to model bias-free treatment.** I see us developing a checklist of activities, this would be especially important in teaching hospitals where young doctors may not understand the importance of patient communication. Monthly reports would outline programs and resources. These reports could help us design future strategies.

Nancy René spent her career in education. She has served as a teacher of mathematics, school administrator, and math consultant for 36 years. In retirement she works with various advocacy organizations, including Family Voices of California and Chronic Care Coalition of California. She served as a Member of the Board of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America. She regularly attends conferences on Sickle Cell Disease and is a Patient Advocate for CIRM, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. She has a grandson with sickle cell disease.