

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: Los Angeles

Region: Los Angeles

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Eligible for vacant council seat: - At Large

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I contracted polio when I was 11 months old. This happened in Mexico in 1947. I immigrated with my parents when I was five years old. I attend it orthopedic clinics and had six major post polio surgeries. I attended a Sspecial Eeducation Hhigh School Sschool were I met my first wife who had a twin that had Down's syndrome. I was appointed to the State Council on developmental disabilities by Governor Jerry Brown during his first term in office. I served as chairman of the Council for have 4 1/2 years.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Before my first appointment to the State Council I had a son with down syndrome who is now 41 years old. I was chairman during the time that California passed many of the state laws that now serve the rights of people with developmental disabilities. I was chairman at the time when we expand it community services and reduced dramatically the number of people and state hospitals.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

With my personal background in dealing with disabilities both personally and with my son I think that I have a special inside to look at the current system.

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What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have also had a career that included 40 years of healthcare management in private and public hospitals. During his years I have been very involved as a volunteer included in statewide projects and programs at the federal level. I have had much success with my own physical development and have contributed to my son's development and in his future. I can bring to the State Council personal experience in my development and in the development of policies and programs for The developmentally disabled.

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: San Joaquin

Region: North Valley Hills

Eligible for vacant council seat:

- At Large

Race: Hispanic or Latino

I am a: representative of the general public

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Yes

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Years ago, after graduating from University, I began working at a day program for adults with severe disabilities. Many of our consumers had grown up in the state hospital setting. The day program was their first experience outside of the highly institutionalized setting. This experience inspired me to pursue a career in special education. I gained a teaching credential and Master's degree in Special Education and began teaching learners with exceptional needs. I have taught learners from birth to 22 who experience a variety of challenges. It is my passion and purpose to serve individuals with special needs.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I am an advocate for individuals who experience severe and profound disabilities. I am passionate about the use of technology and assistive technology. I am very concerned about the promotion of self advocacy from a young age and the continuum of services post public education.

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As a teacher, I am able to impact the students in my class and support my fellow teachers. However, having taught for over twenty years, I feel as though I have more to offer than I am able to give in my immediate educational environment. I would also like to expand my scope of experience beyond the public education setting. A child's educational experience is important but it is just one aspect of a very multidimensional life that each person lives. I would like to facilitate a maximized life experience beyond the school setting.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I feel as though serving individuals with disabilities is my life calling. I have been drawn to this service and have grown as an individual and educator over the last 20 years. The most amazing people I have met in my life have been those individuals I have had the opportunity to serve. As a professional, I bring strong, task oriented skills with a varied background of experience. I am eager to learn and contribute on a larger scale than I currently serve.

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Race: Armenian

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am the parent of two children, including a 13 year old with a significant developmental disability.

When my son was young and newly diagnosed, my efforts pertained to getting the education and supports needed to help with his development.

Much of my time was spent learning, and advocating for my son, while educating others regarding his disability.

Soon I found myself expanding my scope, hoping make a difference not only for my child, but for the many others with developmental disabilities who may not have, or assert, a voice.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

All areas. Children with developmental disabilities become adults with developmental disabilities. I believe affected children and adults should be given the supports and services needed to establish the same rights, freedoms, and independence, as others. These needs should be recognized and addressed by our society and government considering all stages of life, from childhood issues (such as medical care, therapy, education, etc.) , through adult issues (such as medical care, housing, employment, transportation, etc.), for ALL impacted individuals regardless of race, religion, or other demographic differences.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I'd like to help give a voice to those who may not have, or assert, one. It is morally and socially incumbent upon us to consider the developmentally disabled, and what they may need to live satisfying and productive lives, and work to support those needs. Unfortunately all too often, this does not take place. I'd like to serve on the SCDD, or continue serving on the RAC, to further my efforts and work in raising awareness of, and reaching solutions for, the developmental disabilities community, with their unique and complex challenges and needs. We need to "raise the bar" ---- the developmental disabilities community should not be an after-thought, but instead be proactively considered, and appropriately supported and accommodated, in all areas, as our society and government move forward into the future.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My strength is the ability to work with others, in considering multi-faceted, complex situations and issues, and achieving a desired outcome. My education, business experience, and proven commitment to advocacy, all support my dedication and work in this area.

In summary:

I grew up in southern California, and graduated from UCLA. I know the greater Los Angeles and Southern California area and communities well. I have extensive experience working for a large insurance company, and have been a manager there for many years. As a manager, I have worked with company officers, department heads, and entry level employees, alike. I supervise many employees and handle and resolve everything from individual personnel issues, to team challenges, to working with and across multiple-departments to reach and exceed desired results.

As it pertains to advocacy, my actions support my passion in this area. I have attended and participated in numerous lectures, conferences and events. I am a graduate of the 2009 Partners in Policy making program for Los Angeles County (an eight month leadership training program, sponsored by the California Collaborative, and based upon a grant from the SCDD). I've been involved in limited press, including being featured, or quoted, in various articles. I've also done limited public speaking, such as being the featured speaker at a Regional Center orientation meeting for sibling support groups. Most notably, I was honored to be the closing speaker, sharing my family's personal experiences with my son's disability and successes, for a large auditorium, media-covered, event. My speech closed out the

event following speeches by six politicians, including the Los Angeles mayor and a county supervisor.

In February 2012 I was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on Area Board 10 (this three-year appointment term ended 1/1/2015). At this time I continue to serve in this capacity, currently as Chairperson, for what is now known as the Regional Advisory Committee for the SCDD Los Angeles regional office. Over the last three years, I have been a dedicated and active member of AB10/LA-RAC. I also served in multiple other capacities including working on executive, grants, and nominations committees. Throughout 2014, I worked on a committee, where we successfully recruited, interviewed, and appointed self and family advocates to serve on Self-Determination Advisory Committees for all seven Regional Centers in our catchment area. In addition, I am an active member of the SCDD Legislative and Public Policy committee.

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: san Mateo

Region: Bay Area

Race: White

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Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

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Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My interest in developmental disability when my son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

While I have many interests within the field and the service system, I am interested in advocacy and research.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to be able to lessen the stigma surrounding persons with developmental disabilities, and help to make a difference in their lives.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

As a doctoral candidate with Walden University, I bring knowledge and experience.

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County of Residence: Yolo
Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: White

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Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My awareness of the developmental disability field began with my son's diagnosis of autism at age 3 1/2. He is now 33 years old, so we have had many years of experience with the system. We also have received services through 2 regional centers (Orange County and Alta) and in 4 counties (Orange, Sacramento, El Dorado & Yolo).

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Greater emphasis on treating persons with developmental disabilities with respect for their individual needs and strengths. Elimination of the use of the term retardation at all levels. Development of an occupational life skill program that provides a process for adults with developmental disabilities similar to the successful OLS program at Bellevue College in Washington.

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Ideally, to bring about change. Our experience with various service providers demonstrates the profound need to expand the general view and characterization of people with developmental disabilities. It is not and should not be a one size fits all approach. It is not only possible, but should be mandatory to provide an approach to services and supports that recognizes the needs and strengths of the person receiving services. Like many families and professionals in California we have seen first hand the benefit of the Social Thinking program developed by Michelle Garcia Winner. I would like to see more flexibility and emphasis on funding programs that work rather than funding bloated bureaucratic organizations that have no practical benefit to the person receiving services.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

A strong desire to advocate and bring about a forward thinking approach that honors and respects those served as individuals with developmental disabilities.
Thank you

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Region: Sacramento
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Race: White

Eligible for vacant

I am a: representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

At 18 years-old, I began working with Children that have autism as an in-home therapist. I fell in love with the children and watching them learn and grow, teaching and supporting their parents, and helping to bridge the gap between home and school services and goals.

Over the last 12 years, I have worked with individuals with various developmental disabilities, and I am passionate about helping them to lives with as much independence and happiness as possible.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My areas of interest in the field of developmental disabilities ranges from advocating individual rights in the community, educational rights in the school setting, increasing their independence with social, communication, and functional skills, parent training on decreasing problem behaviors and increasing deficits, and helping others be aware of the community resources available in the area.

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Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would like to be involved with the State Council and Regional Advisory committees to help advocate for those with Developmental Disabilities, and promote a high quality of life by ensuring they receive access to fair and equal opportunities that the general population has access to. I look forward to working with others as a team to inspire new ideas and problem-solve areas of concern. At the very least, I look to help support this community that I am so passionate about.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

On a personal level, I am a positive, caring and honest individual that wants to help others. I can work independently, as well as cohesively when on a team.

On a professional level, I am able to communicate effectively in written and oral formats, and am comfortable speaking to large groups. I have a solid educational background in the field, with a BS in Psychology, an MA in Teaching, and I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

I have worked with over 7 local school districts and with both Alta and North Bay Regional centers, attending IEP, IPP/IFSP meetings to collaborate on appropriate goals for individuals with disabilities, and am aware of local resources in the greater Sacramento area.

Lastly, I have a flexible personality that can easily adapt to different tasks. I enjoy working with others and meeting new people who share a common goal of helping others.

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County of Residence: Northridge
Region: Los Angeles

Eligible for vacant

Race: White

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Yes

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I became aware of the State Council while serving as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) for the Department of Rehabilitation. I am very impressed with the goals and mission of the the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and now that my term is finished with the SRC, I would like to offer my knowledge, expertise and commitment to an organization that I believe in.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Individuals with developmental disabilities have the right for self determination, independence, productivity and inclusion. My personal and employment life has been committed to helping people with disabilities succeed. I have a strong background in creating opportunities for independence and inclusion for persons with developmental disabilities in the field of employment. I have also dedicated my life to working closely with parents and giving them the knowledge and hope that their children can succeed, live independently and overcome barriers to become fully productive in society.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would be honored to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. As I previously mentioned, I believe in the purpose and value of your mission. I also have seen what can be accomplished serving on the State Rehabilitation Council in partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation. The opportunity to serve on the DD Council would give me the opportunity to learn and contribute to the success of the council.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have over 35 years working in the field of disability employment. My related history started while I was in graduate school as a floor supervisor at a sheltered workshop, where I then continued as a psychiatric social worker. In addition, I was the executive director of a statewide non profit employment disability organization for 8 years. In 1983, I started Milt Wright & Associates, Inc which is a business committed to bridging the gap between people with disabilities and work. We became known as the leading experts in the country on helping organizations and employers overcome attitudinal barriers that keep people with disabilities from succeeding. We wrote all of the ADA materials for the Society of Human Resource Management and their 250,000 members.

My work on the Department of Rehabilitation's as the planning and policy chair, vice chair and chair of the State Rehabilitation Council has helped me understand the inner workings of a state council. In addition, I have had many years working with family members of persons with developmental disabilities. It would be a true honor to bring my strengths and knowledge to support the council.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Sacramento
Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: American Indian/Native Alaskan, White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My son started having seizures at 5 months of age. He is now 8 years old and in the special education program at Sacramento Unified School District. He is in a good place now, but I worry about what his quality of life will be in the future and how he can have a fulfilling life despite his disability. I want him and all people with disabilities to have an opportunity to make a difference in the world and make a real contribution.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Education and awareness. It is time for this country to accept all types of people. We have made great progress in accepting Gay marriage and transgender. I think America is ready to stop discriminating against developmentally disabled persons. They need to be recognized as citizens and integrated into our overall society.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I am a strong advocate for people's rights. I believe people will rise up to the expectations that are given to them. If we empower the developmentally disabled community, we will see great things from them. I want to educate the 99% of people that don't have a disability and inspire the 1% that do. We need to integrate these people into our overall society, not create separate programs that shut them out.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am very organized and natural born leader. I am passionate about the cause. I have a long history of success in my professional life and I'm fortunate that my husband is able to support our family so that I can help our community in other ways. I would love the opportunity to use my skills and talents to have an impact on a larger scale in our community and beyond.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Los Angeles
Region: Los Angeles

Eligible for vacant

Race: African- American, American Indian/Native Alaskan, White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a parent of a child with special needs. My son has Autism.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Early Intervention, Education, Social Activities, and Transitions.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

To help collaborate with the State and the community to understand some of the situations that families experience. I enjoy learning more and helping others.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have been serving on the East San Gabriel Valley SELPA CAC Committee for the past 5 years by doing outreaches to families, providing trainings to families, professionals and the community about Autism, Special needs, Socialization, IEPs, Down Syndrome, and other topics. I also currently serve as the Chair to the CAC.

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County of Residence: Sacramento

Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: White

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No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am the conservator and brother of an individual with special needs and I have been active in the community on various issues throughout my life. My community involvement paired with my experiences growing up and providing for an individual with developmental disabilities has driven my passion in the field.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I have a broad interest in the issues at large, however the majority of my passion and advocacy is directed toward the expansion of limited resources and protecting those resources currently available. I am also a proponent of increased transparency, efficiency and responsiveness within agencies.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I am very passionate about assisting those with developmental disabilities because of my personal experiences and my interest in the community. I often write letters, contact my representatives on issues and provide feedback to agencies. While being

active is a great way to help on issues, I believe I would be more useful in a formal capacity to an organization or committee.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My career background has given me excellent analytical skills and an ability to navigate various systems and resources quickly. This allows me to analyze policy quite well and could prove useful to the group. More importantly, throughout my life I have been alongside my special needs brother, growing into his conservator later in life. This first hand experience is invaluable to representing the public in any capacity, large or small. In addition I have previous, though limited, experience on advisory bodies by appointment.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Nevada County
Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: White

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No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

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Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a now 12 yr old autistic son. Learning to navigate the variety of agencies and systems was a steep learning curve. I had worked in special education in a wide variety of settings for many years before my son was born so my experience with the disabled population is wide and varied.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

As I am a special education advocate, educational advocacy is my passion. However I have volunteered in many different environments and levels of disability advocacy so I have interest in participating more fully in all fields.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I served on the Area Board VII for 2 1/2 years until a move to a different area in the state necessitated my resignation. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and learned so much. There is so much to learn from so many interesting people that I

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would love the opportunity to work collaboratively again with like minded individuals.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My advocacy passion and experience is varied and well rounded. I founded a very successful parents advocacy group. I have served on the local CAC board, a SELPA autism program development committee, served as chair of ABVII, and have founded a successful special ed advocacy business that also helps families with Regional Center issues. I have attended hundreds of IEPs and IPPs. I believe myself to be open minded and willing and wanting to learn. I work well collaboratively in both small and large groups. I have a very good understanding of what it entails to handle confidential and personal information. I am dependable and timely. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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County of Residence: Sacramento

Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: African- American

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I became involved caring for several family members with autism to dementia related neurological disorders several years ago. Since then I have been educated in the field of healthcare attaining a CNA, HHA, RCFE Administrator's License and currently work as an in-home respite provider/personal assistant for several families that have encouraged me to pursue this position in hopes that their interests could be represented.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My interests in the field of developmental disability field and service system is diverse. Certainly I am encompassed on quality of care, safety, training, availability of services, implementation of services, needs of this community being addressed and being instrumental in identifying, developing and submitting viable solutions to address issues that are in need of alternative approaches to the benefit of the developmentally disabled community and their families.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

After years of personal experience, research, education and hearing first hand from the developmentally disabled community and their families, I have learned from so many what their challenges, frustrations, desires and ideas are regarding how the system could work more efficiently to address their needs.

All of my clients based on my empathetic understanding of their situations have encouraged me to pursue serving on State Council including one of my long term clients Jane Taylor whom presently serves on a RAC Committe

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My life is extensively encompassed around caregiving to include following current legislation, knowing the law, excellent verbal/written communication skills, excellent public speaking and organizational skills. Working well and effectively with others comprehending information are also skills I possess.

I have a desire to make a difference in improving on an ever evolving system in need of an advocate who will represent the needs of the community and possess the experience, education and determination to be an innovative asset to your organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you and I look forward to your reply.

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: San Bernardino

Region: San Bernardino

Eligible for vacant

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

This is an issue which is close to my heart, as my youngest son, of 10 years old has down syndrome. I am also an educator of special needs students for over 15 years.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

To ensure there are adequate services and resources available for people with disabilities to have a full, complete and independent life as well as gainful employment, to the best of their abilities.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I believe people with disabilities should have a major role and be the decision makers to determine how the funds they receive are designated to support their needs in their day to day living activities.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

My education in teaching youth with disabilities, combined with my own personal experience of raising a child with a developmental disability.

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My daughter was identified as being developmentally delayed at age 15 months and received early intervention services through Alta Regional and then transitioned to the public school system. She has been diagnosed with ADD, dyscalculia and dysgraphia - she has always been mainstreamed with support through the IEP process. At age 13-1/2 a second round of genetic testing revealed she has 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome which has more long-term implications in terms of her education, independence and mental health. We are a new phase as she enters high school. Area Board 3 has provided support to our family in the past.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I feel it's important that parents and caregivers are informed about their rights and the rights of their children to receive public education and other services. Our family learned learned by happenstance and asking questions and I feel this information should be more readily available and available in a format that is understandable to those who are already grappling with the challenges of a special needs child/family member.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I am the parent of a special needs child and family with the work of Area Board 3 and, just recently, an employed at a Family Resource Center. I believe it's important to empower parents/caregivers and those with disabilities who are able to advocate for themselves. I have the personal background and desire to improve the system for all.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am college educated with a background in professional journalism and am dedicated to learning anything I can that will help my own child be as independent and successful as possible.

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How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

My first job was as a psychiatric technician at Pacific State Hospital (which became Lanterman State Developmental Center) That was over 45 years ago. After I graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in the seventies, I stayed in this field. Twenty-five years ago I became a consultant and provider of residential care facilities for the developmental disabled. I am now semi-retired.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Residential care, education and outreach to parents and caregivers, Self-Determination, Job training for the disabled

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

There were so many positive and exciting changes in this field in the during my generation, I would like to be contribute to the next generation. I feel my years of experience in the real world can provide valuable insight to the council.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Extensive experience with various residential living options. Experience with autistic individuals and their families, Knowledge and understanding of ARD (age related diseases) especially dementia and Alzheimer and the caregiving options these individual will require. Knowledge and contacts in the minority community.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Kern
Region: Sequoia

Eligible for vacant

Race: Hispanic or Latino, White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am the parent of a child with cerebral palsy. I have seen his accomplishments and supported him through failures. I have seen people with love, fierce hope and the purest of intention join in the fight to help him achieve his dreams and meet his goals, only to have them meet the obstacles of limited funding and inaccessibility. I have filtered through layers of discrimination applied to non-ambulatory individuals, individuals with limited cognitive function or individuals identified as "uncontrollable". In an effort to educate myself regarding the needs and level of services available to my son and others like him, I became an educational assistant in the local school district for the Special Education Program. I worked in this field for four years before accepting other responsibilities within the school district which allowed me to support students with disabilities in other areas. I continued my education and soon accepted a position as a social worker for child welfare services where I learned that the incidence of abuse reporting increased greatly if the child was identified as having a disability. Further effort to discover services and programs which may assist individuals with disabilities led me to accept social worker positions in the CalWORKs Program and with Adult Protective Services/In Home Supportive Services. I see definite progress in the direction California is heading and would be honored to share my insight and experience with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Self-Determination Program, Employment First and post-secondary education opportunities for adults graduating high school.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would like to be part of the movement, part of the vision for California's future, a future that returns dignity and independence to individuals with disabilities. A vision that respects the rights of all people and renews faith in the ability to attain the ideal known as the "American Dream", a dream which espouses the idea that anyone can reach their goals with a little hard work and sacrifice. This dream remains out of reach for people who require additional assistance to simply meet their basic human needs, needs able-bodied individuals never have to consider, but with support and clear guidelines from our state government, these dreams can be realized.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I bring real life experience and a heartfelt wish to see all members of our state living a life of their own choice. I am deeply interested in creating opportunities for individuals and in creating a community of inclusion, where all members are seen as people, where disabilities become different abilities and all persons are accepted for who they are without reservation.

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: Sacramento

Region: Sacramento

Eligible for vacant

Race: African- American

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I am a parent of a child with a disability, and I am an advocate for families with children with disabilities. I have current student in the k-12 system and I know that it takes a village to raise a healthy community. I believe in giving to my community. I have served at the school site, and district level as members of my school site council. Also I have served as the chair for the district advisory committee for title one and the con app for Sacramento City Unified School district. My son is Autistic, and has come a long way he will graduate next year. And I am a member of the mayor D.A.C. for people with disabilities. I have advocated for several families over the years with children with disabilities. I feel that I have a great deal to offer, and would love to serve on the State Council for Developmental Disabilities.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I would love to serve in all areas that would support the whole child to develop in to a productive persons and have the ability to benefit. I feel that there is much work to be done I would love to be a position that I can give back to my community.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I have two children with disabilities, and they were special to me I could see how if they had the right support that they could benefit. I know that we have much work to do in America to ensure that all child have the right to benefit from the public benefit. And people with disabilities have a lot to give, we are all special and have unique ability to play a role in ensuring that all people are seen as valuable in our society. I am willing to fight for the rights of all persons to be valued in our society.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am a fighter and I have given to my community I believe that it takes a village to raise a healthy child. I believe that I have a fighting spirit and am willing to put for the effort to ensure that all children have a basic right to benefit from the public services. I love to serve my community and would value the experience of service on the State Council of Developmental Disabilities.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Siskiyou
Region: North State

Eligible for vacant

Race: White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

For more than 30 years I was an instructor for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Shasta College in Redding, CA. My work involved developing and implementing on-campus classes leading to a certificate in Transition Services. I earned a doctorate in education with the subject of my dissertation dealing with instructing students in assertive training in on-campus settings. More importantly however, I am the grandfather of a fine young man with autism.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Greatest interests for me involve integrated employment, education and community participation. I am especially interested in the evolving Self-Determination project. My interest as a professional focused upon respect for people with disabilities. To me the word "disability" is an instrument of disempowerment. I want to work in order to bring human respect to all people regardless of labels.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

My service on the State Council or Regional Advisory Committee would enable me to continue in sharing my energy and expertise in fields of my professional as well as educational preparation. Of course, this includes my grandson.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have been a strong advocate with people who have disabilities. My energy flows naturally, as it were, in the direction of empowerment, respect, and total inclusion.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: los angeles
Region: Los Angeles

Eligible for vacant council seat:
At Large One

Race: Asian

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a developmental disability from birth , I have been in the Special education system my self, through hard work I got my BA fro Cal State LA . I have just switch over to disabled adult child benefits after being on SSI for nearly 20 years . I did it my self .

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

My interest is in the area of education , employment and benefits education .

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I do want to help people get the services they need. I tried to educate two of my doctors on social security benefits because they had family member receive the benefits . I also tried to entourage special ed student to go to college .

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I can educate state council on programs that effect disabled people since I use them myself.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Alameda
Region: Bay Area
Race: African- American

Eligible for vacant council seat:
At Large One

I am a: person with a developmental disability
Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

Back when I was first excepted at San Jose State University my major was Commercial Recreation. However, the program requires that you work with (volunteer) all the different types of populations who use Recreation. I took a volunteer position working with at-risk teenagers and I loved it! Then I volunteered at the Grace Baptist Community Recreation Center, which is located across the street from SJSU and serves as a drop-in Recreation Center for people with disabilities. I really loved this population and I changed my major to Therapeutic Recreation! I have worked with this population ever since.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Therapeutic Recreation.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to be a part of the solution that the State has been making serving the estimated 650,000 person with developemental disabilites.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am a well organized, critical thinking, compassionate, problem solver!

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Placer County
Region: Sacramento
Race: White

Eligible for vacant council seat: At Large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a young son with a disability, I want to make a difference in his world and the lives of others.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Ensuring that there is awareness and supports being provided to the community.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to help not only help the community that my son is becoming a part of, but also help other families becoming a part of it. Also to help raise awareness and organize supports for those with disabilities. I want to help make a difference.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I am quick to adapt and learn, and also highly organized. I have familiarization with the system due my son having a disability.

Name: Redacted

County of Residence: Sacramento

Region: Sacramento

Email: twhitman73@comcast.net

Phone: 9167575621

Race: White

Eligible for vacant Council Seat:
At Large 1

I am a: person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have epilepsy and have been part of the service system.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

Epilepsy education and treatment are my first advocacy skills. Supported living is a particular passion as everyone should have the right to live on their own with support. Person centered practices is another area of interest and sharing that I do.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I love advocating for the rights we all have. I love helping others advocate for themselves. I enjoy sharing about epilepsy and about how to have a good life. I like helping others.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

Research and advocacy. Finding information that will help others, and sharing it.

Name: Redacted
County of Residence: Placer
Region: Sacramento
Race: White

Eligible for vacant Council Seat: At large 1

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?"

Yes

Do you want to serve on the State Council and/or a regional advisory committee?

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?

I have a son with high functioning autism who I have parented for 20 years and have advocated for his services. I currently work as a respite worker and ILS Instructor for United Cerebral Palsy and I am an IHSS worker for a client who requires total care.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?

I would like to help implement programs that address living and work programs. I am interested in getting more community base models running that are beneficial to everyone.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would like to be an advocate of change for people who lack a voice due to the nature of their disability. Everybody deserves a voice and a vote within their community.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?

I have an awareness of current programs and have work in several fields within the Developmental Disability Field. I have a strong work ethic.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ITEM # 9: REVIEW REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

BACKGROUND:

Per statute and its By-Laws, the Council exercises its authority to establish regional offices and regional advisory committees to perform Council work. The regional advisory committees are constituted and operated according to policies and procedures of the Council, which determines their membership composition, terms of members, and membership eligibility.

The Council adopted, "Policy Questions About the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) on March 25, 2015", which answers questions on membership eligibility and percentage representation among others, and describes the appointment process :

- Each RAC and RO can forward names to the SCDD Membership Committee for consideration.
- Each RAC may have its own Membership Committee for purposes of identifying and recruiting potential members and referring them to SCDD Membership Committee for consideration of referral to the SCDD.
- The SCCDD Membership will create a standardized application form/process.
- The SCDD Membership Committee makes appointments to the RAC's.

Applications for RAC appointment have been sorted by regional office and recommendations from the RO's and/or RAC's have been compiled and are updated as new applications are submitted.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

The task for the SCDD Membership is to decide on the process for making appointments to regional advisory committees (RACs). As noted per the aforementioned RAC policy, some elements of the appointment process have been determined:

- RAC's may have their own membership committees to identify and recruit applicants;
- RACs and ROs may forward names for the SCDD MC's consideration;

The SCDD Membership Committee may, therefore, have recommendations from the RO and/or RAC to inform its review of applicants for RAC's.

The question for the SCDD Membership Committee is what to include in its review and decision process for RAC appointments other than its review of the applications and the recommendations from the RAC and RO?

COUNCIL STATE PLAN GOAL: Goal 14: Public Policy

PRIOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITY: N/A

ATTACHMENTS(S):

- Policy Questions About the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

PREPARED: Bob Phillips, Manager
North Bay Regional Office

Policy Questions About the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

Key:

Bold= Policy Question

Plain text=Policy Adopted by the Council

Who is eligible to be a RAC member?

RACs should reflect the geographic, ethnic, and language diversity of the state, as described in statutes.

What about prior Area Board members?

Any Area Board member on December 31, 2014 may continue to serve on the RAC for that RO area until his/her term expires.

Who cannot be a member of a RAC?

Sitting SCDD Council members cannot be also be members of the RAC.
Councilmembers from a region are required to participate in his or her local RAC.

How many members will the RAC have?

The goal is for each RAC to have 9-15 members, based on need, geographic area covered, or population. The Council's Membership Committee may determine the total number between 9 and 15 based on need and recommendations from the Regional Office and RAC. The RACs that inherited more than 15 members may reach the maximum number through attrition as the initial members terms expire.

Should every county be represented?

The RAC should have at least one member from each county in the RAC's region.

Are there other limitations on membership?

Providers are allowed to be members of a RAC. Providers are not to be more than 25% of total RAC membership.

What's the self-advocate percentage representation on each RAC?

At least 35% of RAC members shall be self-advocates. At least 35% of RAC members shall be family-advocates. The remaining 30% shall be self-advocates, family advocates, or other.

Will there be term limits?

Each RAC member serves at the pleasure of the Council. Each individual is eligible for two 3-year terms. The term limits begin anew as of January 1, 2015

What about conflicts of interest?

While it is not anticipated that RAC members will be making governmental decisions, if that happens and an individual has a conflict, that individual is expected to not be a part of the conversation or decision for that item.

RAC Membership Appointments

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- Each RAC may have its own Membership Committee for purposes of identifying and recruiting potential members and referring them to SCDD Membership Committee for consideration of referral to the SCDD.
- The SCDD Membership Committee will create a standardized application form/process.
- The SCDD Membership Committee makes appointments to the RACs.

What are the officers of the RAC?

RAC members shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its membership. The role of the Chair and Vice Chair is to run the RAC meetings.

What subcommittees may a RAC have?

A RAC may convene a Membership Committee for the purpose of screening and making recommendations to the Council's Membership Committee on candidates for the RAC.

What is the role of the RAC?

Per statute, the role of the RAC is to:

- Advise SCDD and its RO on local issues and identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities;
- Provide input and be a source for data for the SCDD to consider in the formulation of the state plan;
- Provide public information programs for consumers, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase professional and public awareness of areas identified within the state plan;
- Engage in other activities as requested by SCDD.

The RAC may make recommendations to the Council. The RAC may not take positions independent of the Council.