



**Council Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2014**

Members Present

April Lopez
Bill Moore
Catherine Blakemore
Dan Boomer
David Forderer
Eric Gelber
Gina Guarneri
Janelle Lewis
Jonathan Clarkson
Jorge Aguilar
Kecia Weller
Kerstin Williams
Kris Kent
Molly Kennedy
Nancy Clyde
Nicole Smith
Ning Yang
Rebecca Donabed
Sandra Smith

Members Absent

Carmela Garnica
Feda Almaliti
Max Duley
Olivia Raynor
Robert Jacobs
Steven Kapp

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Angela Lewis
Bob Phillips
Dawn Morley
Dena Hernandez (phone)
Gabriel Rogin
Mark Polit
Mary Ellen Stives
Mike Clark
Natalie Bocanegra
Robin Maitino
Sarah May
Sherry Beamer
Sonya Bingaman
Wayne Glusker
Vicki Smith
Susan Eastman
Julie Eby-McKenzie
Carlyn Meshack
Kristie Allensworth
Robert Phillips

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Molly Kennedy, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and a quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others attending both in person and on the phone introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 2014 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Yang) and carried to approve the May 29, 2014, Council meeting minutes as presented. (1 abstention)

5. MTARS UPDATE

Molly Kennedy and Michal Clark provided members with a progress update on implementing the corrective action plan as well as an overview of their visit to Washington D.C. with Mark Polit the week of July 6-10, 2014. While in D.C., the three attended the 2014 NACDD Conference and had meetings with both NACDD and Commissioner Aaron Bishop. Meeting outcomes were positive. Commissioner Bishop felt the Council was on track in addressing the Corrective Action Plan. It was suggested that perhaps SCDD speak with other state councils when developing their next State Plan.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – April Lopez provided a written summary of the June 10, 2014 meeting.
- b. Administrative Committee – Molly Kennedy provided a written summary of the June 18, 2014 meeting. Catherine Blakemore commented on the fiscal and budget issue portion of the written summary, stating she would be willing to volunteer sitting on a cost savings working group.
- c. Legislative and Public Policy Committee – Janelle Lewis provided a written update on current legislation.
- d. Membership Committee – April Lopez provided a written summary of the June 19, 2014 meeting.
- e. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Ning Yang provided a brief summary of the July 15, 2014 meeting.
- f. State Plan Committee – Nancy Clyde provided a written summary of the June 23, 2014 meeting and provided a handout to the Council

that summarized the Committee's Cycle 37 Mini-Grant Recommendations from July 8, 2014. The following actions were taken to fund the mini-grants:

Area Board 1

Get Safe - Amount Requested: \$19,964

Project Summary – Get Safe will organize and provide four (4) workshops called “First Responder Training: Enhancing Your Ability to Effectively Respond to Persons with Developmental Disabilities.”

It was moved/seconded (Blakemore/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Get Safe at the amount requested and to obtain additional information on measureable outcomes.

Area Board 2

AMJaMB, Beyond Inclusion - Amount requested \$20,000

Project Summary - AMJaMB proposes to expand the work of The Call Connection in the following ways: 1) Build upon its customer base through advertising in the community at-large which will increase consumer employees from 6 employees to 10 within the first year.

It was moved/seconded (Yang/Lewis) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund AMJaMB, Beyond Inclusion at the amount requested contingent upon receiving clarification of the 15% indirect costs portion of the budget detail sheet.

Area Board 4

TransCen, Inc. - Amount requested \$20,000

Project Summary - Although the idea of Employment First is gaining ground across the country, some people, especially those with more significant disabilities, still do not see integrated, direct hire employment as a viable option. To eliminate service gaps, address programmatic barriers and encourage people with more significant

disabilities to pursue employment, TransCen, Inc. established Worklink, a San Francisco-based employment program that braids community-based day services with VR-funded Supported Employment.

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Yang) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund TransCen, Inc. at the amount requested contingent upon receiving clarification of the budget detail sheet.

Area Board 5

Community Gatepath - Amount requested \$20,000

Project Summary - The goal of this project is to build the capacity of service providers to implement job development programs more effectively.

It was moved/seconded (Yang/Donabed) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Community Gatepath at the amount requested.

Area Board 6

Vocational Coaching and Development Institute, Inc. -Amount requested \$20,000

Project Summary - Vocational Coaching and Development Institute, Inc. (VCDI) envisions creating a subsidiary, to be named Transitional Coaching and Development Institute (TCDI), with the sole purpose of providing transition aged individuals living with developmental disabilities pertinent and necessary information.

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Williams) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Vocational Coaching and Development Institute at the amount requested contingent upon receiving clarification of the budget detail sheet.

Area Board 7

Get Safe - Amount requested \$19,964

Project Summary - For the past 15 years, Get Safe has successfully worked with Regional Centers and Area Boards throughout California to create collaborative partnerships between communities and the agencies that provide services for persons with developmental disabilities through its safety education, Self-advocacy forums and diversity-awareness trainings.

It was moved/seconded (Blakemore/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Get Safe at the amount requested and to obtain additional information on measureable outcomes.

Area Board 8 (Proposal Submission 1)

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center, Inc. - Amount requested \$8,750

Project Summary - The Youth Employment Services (YES!) program focuses on preparing Deaf and Hard of Hearing middle and high school students for the world of employment and encourages them to establish attainable post-high school educational and career goals.

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Lopez) and carried to direct staff to seek clarification from Area Board 8 on the funding level and on whether or not the grant would serve students with developmental disabilities.

Area Board 8 (Proposal Submission 2)

Clovis Junior Soccer League, Inc. - Amount requested \$11,250

Project Summary - TOPSoccer provides an environment where individuals with developmental disabilities can feel safe, have fun, make friends, and learn to play soccer. For the past decade, TOPSoccer has demonstrated its ability to achieve and exceed these goals.

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Forderer) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to not fund the Clovis Junior Soccer League, Inc.

Area Board 10

Get Safe - Amount requested \$19,964

Project Summary - For the past 15 years, Get Safe has successfully worked with Regional Centers and Area Boards throughout California to create collaborative partnerships between communities and the agencies that provide services for persons with developmental disabilities through its safety education, self-advocacy forums, and diversity-awareness trainings.

It was moved/seconded (Blakemore/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Get Safe at the amount requested and to obtain additional information on measureable outcomes.

Area Board 11(Proposal Submission 1)

Get Safe - Amount requested \$10,000

Project Summary - For the past 15 years, Get Safe has successfully worked with Regional Centers and Area Boards throughout California to create collaborative partnerships between communities and the agencies that provide services for persons with developmental disabilities through its safety education, self-advocacy forums, and diversity-awareness trainings.

It was moved/seconded (Blakemore/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Get Safe upon receipt of funding level clarification, up to the original proposal amount, and to obtain additional information on measureable outcomes.

Area Board 11(Proposal Submission 2)

Goodwill Industries of Orange County - Amount requested \$10,000

Project Summary - In response to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities' goal #9 in its five year plan, Goodwill of Orange County (Goodwill) proposes to establish a community-based service model to help working age adults with developmental disabilities transition from work activity programs to community-based integrated work programs.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Donabed) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to *not* fund Goodwill Industries of Orange County.

Area Board 13

Get Safe - Amount requested \$19,522

Project Summary - For the past 15 years, Get Safe has successfully worked with Regional Centers and Area Boards throughout California to create collaborative partnerships between communities and the agencies that provide services for persons with developmental disabilities through its safety education, self-advocacy forums, and diversity- awareness trainings.

It was moved/seconded (Blakemore/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund Get Safe at the amount requested and to obtain additional information on measureable outcomes.

- g. Employment First Committee (EFC) – Kecia Weller provided a written summary of the June 17, 2014, EFC meeting. The EFC requested that the Council take action on the following four (4) items:

SCDD Legislation on Employment Data

It was moved/seconded (Weller/Ning) and carried to sponsor legislation that will require the Employment Development Department and/or the Franchise Tax Board to release income data on individuals who are regional center clients to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The legislation would also require that DDS collect data from regional center service providers on all working age regional center clients on hours worked, income earned, type of job, and other relevant employment data to better assess the

implementation of the employment first policy. The legislation will contain provisions to protect individual privacy. (5 abstentions)

Sheltered Workshops and Subminimum Wage Resolution

It was moved/seconded (Weller/Lewis) and carried to adopt EFC's policy on the phasing out of sheltered work and subminimum wage and the transition to integrated competitive employment. (5 abstentions)

Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 36

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Weller) and carried to support AJR 36 which if passed, would request that the United States Congress phase out the use of subminimum wage. (5 abstentions)

Day Services Holidays

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Weller) and carried that the Council write a letter to DDS requesting the review of the uniform holiday schedule as it impacts people with developmental disabilities. (5 abstentions)

7. STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN)

David Forderer provided a written summary which highlighted the accomplishments of the June 23 and 24, 2014 SSAN meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS

The Interim Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, Deputy Director of Policy and Planning, and Area Board Executive Directors provided written reports that were included in the packet.

9. CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL

The Council went into closed session.

10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The following action was reported in open session: The Council voted to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to conduct the Executive Director search.

11. **W&I CODE SECTION 4551; CIVIL SERVICE RULES**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra provided a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the exempt rules for exempt positions within State Government. Ms. Bocanegra described the Council's current structure and state law that governs the Council's existing exempt positions. She further explained that, due to governance changes required in order to continue to receive federal funding and under AB 1595, the Council's exempt positions will no longer align with the exempt rules and therefore there will be a need to convert existing exempt positions, other than that of the Executive Director, to corresponding civil service classifications. The following action was reported in open session:

Following the presentation and in-depth conversation, the following action was taken:

The Council moved/seconded (Kent/Forderer) and carried to authorize Council staff to work with the appropriate entities to develop the necessary statutory language and corresponding processes to effectuate the transition of the exempt positions of the Council with the exemption of the Council Executive Director to similar civil service positions. (1 abstention)

12. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.