



**Council Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2013**

**Members Present**

April Lopez  
Brian Gutierrez  
Bill Moore  
Carmela Garnica  
Dan Boomer  
David Forderer  
Eric Gelber  
Janelle Lewis  
Jennifer Allen  
Jonathan Clarkson  
Jorge Aguilar  
Kecia Weller  
Kerstin Williams  
Kris Kent  
Molly Kennedy  
Olivia Raynor  
Patty O'Brien-Peterson  
Ray Ceragioli  
Rebecca Donabed  
Robert Jacobs  
Robin Hansen

**Members Absent**

Catherine Blakemore  
Feda Almaliti  
Max Duley  
Nicole Smith

**Others Attending**

Angela Lewis  
Anastasia Bacigalupo  
Carlyn Meshack  
Chris Arroyo  
Clarissa Kripke  
David Grady  
Dawn Morley  
Denis Craig  
Felsha Fuschlay  
Holly Bins  
Joe Bowling

**Others Attending**(continued)

Gabriel Rogin  
John Rodriguez  
Kyle Minnis  
Lawana Welch  
Mark Polit  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Mary Ellen Stives  
Roberta Newton  
Robin Maitino  
Ron Usac  
Ruby Villanueva  
Sandy Soliday  
Sarah May  
Susan Eastman  
Susan Schultz  
Vicki Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Jorge Aguilar, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and a quorum was established.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others attending introduced themselves.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Felsha Fuschlay from Congreso Familiar was present and spoke about the upcoming conference on August 10, 2013. Ms. Fuschaly provided brochures for those interested in attending.

**4. APROVAL OF MAY 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Lewis) and carried to approve the May 15, 2013, Council meeting minutes as amended. (2 abstentions)

Amendments to include:

- Adding Carmela Garnica as absent.
- Correcting Mary Ellen Stives comments regarding a parents fair hearing from “being denied” to “the judge requiring that the Regional Center submit the health and safety waiver to the Department because they had not done so”.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF AREA BOARD 5 AND 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

***Motion 1***

The Council moved/seconded (Forderer/Williams) to approve the appointment of Gabriel Rogin as Executive Director of Area Board 5. (1 abstention)

***Motion 2***

The Council moved/seconded (Forderer/Gutierrez) to approve the appointment of David Grady as Executive Director of Area Board 7. (1 abstention)

**6. THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS DOF PRESENTATION**

Lawana Welch gave a presentation on the state budget process. Members and staff followed along with a hard copy of a PowerPoint presentation. Lawana then took questions from members and staff.

**7. HEALTH CARE FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PRESENTATION**

Dr. Kripke provided a presentation on the CART (Clinical Services, Advocacy, Research, and Training/Technical Assistance) Model Program. Should this program be launched, it would address many of the health care needs that aging individuals with developmental disabilities face. In her presentation Dr. Kripke expressed the great need for funding in order to roll this program out.

**8. CIVILITY RESOLUTION**

In response to concerns brought to the Chairperson and staff's attention, a civility resolution was drafted and submitted to the full Council for consideration. The objective of this resolution was to provide guidelines for conduct at public meetings.

Council members found the resolution disturbing and an attempt at controlling behavior. There was no action taken on this item.

**9. CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL**

The Council went into closed session.

**10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

There was no action taken in closed session.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Executive Committee**

Jennifer Allen provided a report of actions taken at the June 11 and July 16, 2013 Executive Committee meetings. These actions are also included in the packet. Allen concluded by stating that the next joint Executive Committee/Ad-Hoc Search Subcommittee is due to take place in August where the Committee would conduct interviews for the next SCDD Executive Director.

b. Administrative Committee

Molly Kennedy reported the actions taken and progress made at the June 20, 2013 meeting. She also brought forth the proposed 2013-14 budget for approval.

It was moved/seconded (Hansen/Forderer) and carried to approve both the 2013-14 Proposed Full Federal Funding Budget and the 2013-14 Assuming Sequestration Cut of 9% Proposed Federal Funding Budget.

c. Legislative and Public Policy Committee

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Weller) and carried to support AB 620 (Buchanan).

The Council will continue to “watch” SB 579 (Berryhill), Quality Assurance Pilot Project.

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Weller) and carried to support AB 420 (Dickinson).

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Weller) and carried to support the Resolution on Autism-Only Legislation. *“As a matter of policy, legislation should not create services within the Lanterman Act for any one developmental disability at the exclusion of other developmental disabilities.”* (4 abstentions)

d. Program Development Committee

It was moved/seconded (Aguilar/Boomer) and carried to award the Cycle 36 Self-Advocacy Support Grant to CAPC for \$155,844. (1 abstention)

Roberta Newton reported that even with a second release of the Self-Advocacy Facilitation Grant, SCDD received no viable applicants. The Executive Committee will discuss potentially bringing parts of this Grant in-house at their next meeting.

e. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee/Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Jennifer Allen provided the report of the July 16<sup>th</sup> SAAC meeting. The meeting included a presentation from Bryon MacDonald from the World Institute on Disability, WID. MacDonald provided a presentation on Work and Benefits. The Committee also went over Council agenda items and the current status of the 2 Self-Advocacy RFPs.

Allen also reported the outcomes from the last SSAN meeting on June 5 - 6, 2013. Members reported on work completed throughout the state, developed a mission statement, and received training.

f. Employment First Committee

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Donabed) and carried to approve the 2013 Employment First Report.

Kecia Weller also provided an update on AB 1041, the Employment First Policy stating that the Senate passed the bill and she gave testimony on behalf of EFC and the Council. Dr. Raynor also testified on behalf of CECY. The bill will now go to the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 12.

12. **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

It was moved/seconded (Gutierrez/Weller) and carried to approve the Association of California State Employees with Disabilities sponsorship request in the amount of \$800 at the Gold Supporter level.

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

Roberta Newton and Mark Polit provided reports of their activities since the last Council meeting. Area Board Executive Directors that were present also provided reports on their activities.

## 14. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Jorge Aguilar reported that he has had conference calls with staff and AIDD regarding some complaints that were brought to them regarding Area Board 3 and the grant process. After review by him, HQ staff, and AIDD, it was found that there is no merit to the complaint. Jorge also discussed topics to be covered at the next Council meeting in September at the Wyndham Bayside in San Diego.

Janelle Lewis attended the Families for Early Autism Treatment family resource meeting which is a northern California education and advocacy organization. This month's meeting focused on educating parents about the changes in the diagnostic criteria for autism that have been implemented.

Brian Gutierrez was nominated for the community MVP with a soccer league. His goal is to create disability awareness on the various programs the state has to offer. Brian has also been invited to participate on a panel by the Tom Motor Group. The panel's topic will be equality among persons with developmental disabilities.

April Lopez was reappointed in June by the Governor to serve on the Council for another four (4) years. April, along with Connie Lapin, has been working on setting up meetings with the legislature on SB 468, the self-determination bill.

Jennifer Allen will be giving two presentations in mid-August.

Patty O'Brien attended a Regional Center public meeting and was surprised at the lack of public attendance. Area Board 1 has five (5) new members of which, three are self-advocates.

David Forderer attended the 2013 People First of California Statewide Gathering in San Jose on June 28-30, 2013 on behalf of the Council. David found the conference informative and entertaining.

Dan Boomer passed out a report from the Legislative Analyst Office on special education.

Eric Gelber stated that DDS' Trailer Bill AB 89 was passed. A contract has been executed for an independent consultative review expert to work with Sonoma Developmental Center on a program improvement plan. On July 9<sup>th</sup> the Bureau of State Audits issued an audit on resident safety at Developmental Centers. The report makes a number of recommendations for further enhancement in the DC system.

Rebecca Donabed volunteered at a booth for an event on June 19<sup>th</sup> for the County Mental Health Department.

Kecia Weller reported that on June 5, 2013, the California Health And Human Services Agency appointed her to the Future of the Developmental Centers in the State taskforce. Kecia will be representing the Council on this taskforce.

Carmela Garnica reported that Area Board 12 is organizing an outreach event in the Mammoth area for dental services needed in the area.

Kris Kent reported that Secretary Dooley has convened a Future of the Developmental Centers Taskforce. The taskforce consists of 20-30 members and stakeholders. The taskforce hopes to have a master plan by November. For further information go to [www.chhs.ca.gov](http://www.chhs.ca.gov) and type in Future D.C. Task Force.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.