



**Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014**

Members Present

Bill Moore
Carmela Garnica
Catherine Blakemore
Chisorom Okwuosa
Dan Boomer
David Forderer
Eric Gelber
Janelle Lewis
Jonathan Clarkson
Kecia Weller
Kerstin Williams
Kris Kent
Max Duley
Molly Kennedy
Nancy Clyde
Ning Yang
Olivia Raynor
Rebecca Donabed
Robert Jacobs
Robert Taylor
Robin Hansen
Sandra Smith
Steven Kapp

Members Absent

April Lopez
Feda Almaliti

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Anastasia Bacigalupo
Angela Lewis
Bob Phillips
Christine Lannon
David Grady
Dawn Morley
Dena Hernandez
Gabriel Rogin
Holly Bins
Janet Fernandez
Mareva Brown
Mary Ellen Stives
Mike Clark
Myesha Jackson
Natalie Bocanegra
Robert Phillips
Robin Maitino
Sarah Greensied
Sarah May
Sonya Bingaman
Susan Eastman
Vicki Smith

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

Steven Kapp shared a draft letter with Council members addressed to the California Department of Health Care Services. The letter, which was from the Autistic Self Advocacy Network and the ARC of California, provided input on the State of California's upcoming Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to provide coverage for autism services for individuals under age 21 and focused on Applied Behavioral Analysis.

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 2014 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Donabed) and carried to approve the July 16, 2014 Council meeting minutes as presented. (3 abstentions)

5. CHAIR REPORT

Molly Kennedy reported on her recent activities, the progress that Council staff is making in implementing the MTARS corrective action plan, and acknowledged the new management team for all the great work that is being done. She also announced that the Executive Committee would need to meet to recommend members who will serve on the Nominating Committee. The Council will then meet briefly to vote on the recommendation. Once seated, the Nominating Committee will develop the slate of chair/vice- chair candidates from which the Council will vote on at the November Council meeting.

6. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Michal Clark updated the Council on SCDD activities that have taken place since the July Council meeting and announced a staffing change relating to the Deputy Director of Policy and Planning position.

7. MTARS/AIDD UPDATE

Molly Kennedy and Michal Clark provided members with a progress update on implementing the corrective action plan (CAP). Michal also went over the highlights provided in the MTARS CAP progress notes and the newly developed Council Activity chart that Janet Fernandez, Planning Analyst, developed to capture State Plan work being conducted throughout California. This chart format will replace the 13 separate area board reports.

8. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Request to sponsor the Respecting Choice, Creating Innovation, and Fulfilling Dreams: A Statewide Informational and Networking Conference on California's New Self-Determination Program.

It was moved/seconded (Kapp/Taylor) and carried to approve this sponsorship in the amount of \$4,000 and recommend that the funds provided by SCDD would primarily assist with providing scholarships to self-advocates, both within and outside the Northern CA area, and, if funds are available, to further assist self-advocates who demonstrate need for items such as travel costs for facilitators/assistants or family members. The Council requests that self-advocates have significant involvement in planning and playing leadership roles in the conference.
(1 abstention)

Request to sponsor the Annual Supported Life Conference

It was moved/seconded (Weller/Clyde) and carried to approve this sponsorship in the amount of \$999. (1 abstention)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – In April Lopez's absence, Molly Kennedy provided a summary of the August 12, 2014 meeting, including information regarding the action taken by the Committee to extend the CAPC contract until December 2014.
- b. Administrative Committee – Molly Kennedy provided a summary of the July 23, 2014 meeting.
- c. Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) – Janelle Lewis provided a summary of the September 4, 2014 meeting and distributed a handout updating the Council on all current legislation. Janelle also presented a detail sheet on S. 2333-113th Congress (2013-2014), the Caring for Military Children with Developmental Disabilities Act of 2014. The following action was taken:

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Clyde) and carried to adopt LPPC's recommendation to support S. 2333, the Caring for Military

Children with Developmental Disabilities Act of 2014. (7 abstentions, 1 oppose)

- d. Membership Committee – In April Lopez’s absence, Sandra Smith provided a summary of the July 31, 2014 meeting.
- e. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Ning Yang provided a brief summary of the September 15, 2014 meeting.
- f. State Plan Committee – Nancy Clyde provided a summary of the August 25, 2014 meeting, reported the Committee’s action to approve Area Board 11’s Get Safe proposal for the full amount requested, and provided a summary on the Cycle 37 Mini-Grant Recommendation for Area Board 9. The following action was taken to fund the Area Board 9’s mini-grant:

Area Board 9

The Early Start Transition Project - Amount Requested: \$20,000

Project Summary – The Early Start Transition Project will provide education and support opportunities to parents of children graduating from California's Early Start Program into special education services, Regional Center children's services and health and other community providers serving children with special needs within Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties. In partnership with the Early Start funded Family Resource Centers (FRC) serving the tri-counties, Area Board funding will support the following:

- Two Early Start Transition Workshops (one in Santa Barbara County, one in San Luis Obispo County)
- Two Early Start Transition Training of Trainers Workshops for FRC Staff (one in Santa Barbara County, one in San Luis Obispo County)
- An Early Start Transition Coordinator staff time in Ventura County

It was moved/seconded (Forderer/Weller) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee's recommendation to fund the Early Start Transition Project at the amount requested.

- g. Employment First Committee (EFC) – Kecia Weller provided a summary of the September 3rd meeting. Kecia also provided a handout and briefed the Council on the Sheltered Work and Subminimum Wage Policy presentation given by Molly Kennedy.

10. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN)**

David Forderer provided a written summary to Council members which outlined the September 9-10, 2014 SSAN meeting.

11. **STAFF REPORTS**

The Chief Deputy Director, Aaron Carruthers provided a handout on his activities since the July Council meeting. Area Board Executive Directors provided written reports that were included in the packet.

12. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19th. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.