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Bill Number	Author	Position
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AB 1369	Frazier	Support

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i. *Pursuant to Government Code 11126 (a)(1) the Council will have a closed session to consider the appointment and/or employment of a public employee.*

ii. *Pursuant to Government Code 11126 (e)(1), the Council will have a closed session to consider pending litigation.*

**24. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

N. Bocanegra

*Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f) there will be an announcement of any action(s) taken during closed session.*

**25. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

A. Lopez

**APPROVE  
MARCH  
MINUTES**



**DRAFT**

**Council Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2015**

**Members Present**

April Lopez (FA)  
Bill Moore  
Carmela Garnica (FA)  
Catherine Blakemore  
Charles Horne-Nutt (SA)  
Chisorom Okwuosa  
Dan Boomer  
David Forderer (SA)  
Eric Gelber  
Feda Almaliti (FA)  
Fran Goldfarb  
Janelle Lewis (FA)  
Jennifer Kent  
Jonathan Clarkson  
Kerstin Williams (SA)  
Kris Kent  
Max Duley (FA)  
Ning Yang (SA)  
Rebecca Donabed (SA)  
Robert Taylor (SA)  
Sandra Aldana (SA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)  
Steven Kapp (SA)  
Wilbert Francis

**Members Absent**

Jay Lytton (SA)  
Kecia Weller (SA)  
Nancy Clyde (SA)  
Robin Hansen

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Anastasia Bacigalupo  
Angela Lewis  
Bob Phillips  
Christine Lannon  
David Grady  
Dawn Morley  
Dena Hernandez  
Holly Bins  
Janet Fernandez  
Joe Bowling  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Mike Clark  
Nancy Dow  
Natalie Bocanegra  
October King  
Robert Phillips  
Robin Maitino  
Ruby Villanueva  
Sam Seaton  
Sarah May  
Sonya Bingaman  
Vicki Smith

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

Chairperson April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and established a quorum.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

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Legend:  
SA = Self-Advocate  
FA = Family Advocate

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

***MOTION 1***

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to approve the January 22, 2015 Council meeting minutes, as amended. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

*Amendment One*

Page 1, under "others attending," add Benita Baines and Nelly Neiblas as "present."

*Amendment Two*

Page 2, item 3, first line, insert "(SA)" after Robert Taylor.

5. **VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Per Article VII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, which states, "The Chairperson shall also appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3), but not more than five (5), Council members that will provide a slate of nominations for the election of Vice-Chairperson during the next appropriate Council meeting." The following candidates were considered for Vice-Chair, due to the vacancy created in December 2014:

Following member statements by the candidates that were present, Councilmember Ning Yang won the majority vote with fourteen (14) ayes.

Vice Chair

Ning Yang [SA]

(14 votes: Yang, Lewis, Blakemore, Francis, Garnica, Hansen, Clarkson, Gelber, Almaliti, Duley, Smith, Forderer, Donabed, Moore, Kent, Aldana, Williams)

Kecia Weller [SA]

(1 vote: Kapp)

Robert Taylor [SA]

(3 votes: Taylor, Horne-Nutt, Boomer)

6. **CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Lopez (FA) thanked staff and councilmembers for all their hard work and updated councilmembers on her activities since the January Council meeting.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director Michal Clark provided an update on SCDD activities and accomplishments that have taken place since the January Council meeting.

Additional staff reports were included in the packet, starting on page 22.

**8. MTARS/AIDD UPDATE**

Executive Director Clark provided members with a summary of the March 24<sup>th</sup> MTARS Committee meeting, as well as updating councilmembers on the progress of implementing the corrective action plan (CAP). Executive Director Clark stated that with the February 1<sup>st</sup> submission to AIDD, SCDD has submitted 49% of its deliverables.

Executive Director Clark and Chief Deputy Aaron Carruthers also announced that AIDD has agreed to allow SCDD to request funds 5 days prior to the end of each month to cover monthly expenditures. This achievement has resulted in a positive cash flow of approximately \$2 million.

**9. STATE PLAN ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Chief Deputy Carruthers updated councilmembers on State Plan activities by providing them with a 2013 vs. 2014 comparison. This comparison identified a significant increase in both the number of State Plan Objectives met and the number of people served.

**10. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS**

Councilmembers considered two sponsorship requests. The first request from Autism Movement Therapy in the amount of \$999 was put forth in order to allow the organization the opportunity to offer scholarships to their event, "Temple Grandin & Friends- A Musical Celebration - Developing Creativity & Growing Careers - Autism Works Now!." Following Council consideration, the below action was taken to deny this request.

**MOTION 2**

It was moved/seconded (Kapp [SA]/Forderer [SA]) and carried to deny the request for sponsorship in the amount of \$999 submitted by Autism Movement Therapy. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

The second request, from the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, was asking that the Council approve a sponsorship of Capitol Action Day (DCAD), one of the nation's largest and most diverse cross-disability annual days of unity. The 2015 DCAD theme will be focused on justice and equality, in part to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is an annual event with participation of 1,500 – 3,000 attending. Following Council consideration, the below action was taken to approve this request.

**MOTION 3**

It was moved/seconded (Kapp [SA]/Duley [FA]) and carried to approve the request for sponsorship for California Foundation for Independent Living Centers in the amount of \$2,500. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

11. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER REQUEST & INTERIM PROCESS**  
Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra presented materials for Inland Regional Center (IRC) Board member Marybeth Feild. IRC is requesting a conflict of interest waiver for Ms. Feild. Ms. Feild's family member is employed by Pathway, a provider of services to the Regional Center, and Ms. Feild has indicated a need for a Conflict of Interest Resolution Plan.

Specifically, she proposes to recuse herself from voting whenever any business related to Pathway is a concern to the Regional Center board.

Following considerable discussion, the Council took the below action to deny the waiver request.

#### **MOTION 4**

It was moved/seconded (Kapp [SA]/Yang [SA]) and carried to deny the conflict of interest waiver request for Board member Marybeth Feild. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

#### 12. **COUNCILMEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS TRAINING**

Guest speaker Ed Holen, Executive Director, Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council, provided training to councilmembers on councilmembers' authority and responsibilities. Specifically, the training covered that "governance" was the responsibility of the Council and "management" was the responsibility of the Executive Director. Councilmembers were pleased to have the opportunity to learn more about their roles and responsibilities and look forward to future trainings.

Legal Counsel Bocanegra also provided training on Governmental Ethics. This training went over councilmember roles, governmental ethics (including the difference between personal and professional ethics), and conflicts of interest. The presentation also went over the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act.

#### 13. **GOVERNANCE POLICY**

On January 22, 2015, Chief Deputy Carruthers presented a draft Governance policy to the Council for consideration. Following the discussion, councilmembers acted to postpone the adoption of this policy until such time that the MTARS Committee can meet and address the Council's ability to provide individual self-advocacy. As directed, the MTARS Committee met on March 24, 2015. Consequently, the Council took up the policy at the meeting for consideration and action.

#### **MOTION 5**

It was moved/seconded (Yang [SA]/Horne-Nutt [SA]) and carried to adopt the March 11, 2015 version of the Governance policy as presented. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

#### 14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Executive Committee – Ning Yang (SA) provided a brief summary of the February 24, 2015 Committee meeting.

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers presented the draft "Policy Questions Regarding Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) to Councilmembers." This policy document was created to aide regional managers through the post-AB 1595 transition. The document addresses many questions that RAC members and regional managers have brought forth since the passing of AB 1595 in January. Following much discussion, the Council took the below action to approve the draft policy as amended.

***MOTION 6***

It was moved/seconded (Yang [SA]/Almaliti [FA]) and carried to adopt the draft "Policy Questions Regarding Regional Advisory Committees" as amended. ((See page 8 for the voting record of members present)

*Amendment One*

Page 1, under "Who cannot be a member of RAC," change the word "encouraged" to "required."

*Amendment Two*

Page 1, under "What's the self-advocate percentage representation on each RAC," from stating:

*"At least 51% members of a RAC shall be self-advocates. The remainder of the members shall be self-advocates, family members, or other members. Every RAC shall have family member representation."*  
To stating:

*"At least 51%" to 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".*

Chief Deputy Carruthers also provided an update on the 2014-15 projected year-end expenditures as of January 2015.

- b. Administrative Committee – A copy of the draft February 24, 2015 Administrative Committee meeting minutes was provided in the Council packet as a summary of the meeting.

- c. Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) – A copy of the draft February 23, 2015 LPPC minutes was provided in the Council packet as a summary of the meeting.
- d. Membership Committee – A copy of the draft March 3, 2015 Membership Committee meeting minutes was provided in the Council packet as a summary of the meeting.

The Committee also provided a copy of its first report to the Council. This report captures existing Council vacancies; upcoming expiration dates for appointments; recommendations solicited; a listing of current councilmember terms; and the number of candidates forwarded to the Governor's Office during the reporting period.

- e. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Councilmember Ning Yang (SA) provided a brief summary of the March 24, 2015 meeting.
- f. State Plan Committee – A copy of the draft February 2, 2015 State Plan Committee meeting minutes was provided in the Council packet as a summary of the meeting.

#### 15. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT**

Councilmember David Forderer (SA) provided a written report to the Council on the March 4-5, 2015 SSAN meeting.

#### 16. **CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT CONSORTIUM FOR YOUTH (CECY) REPORT**

Councilmember Steven Kapp provided written remarks on CECY and distributed both visual and text summaries of CECY's Strategic Map. These maps described CECY's priorities and activities over the past year and were discussed at January's quarterly meeting.

#### 17. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Sacramento. This meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Name	Motion 1	Motion 2	Motion 3	Motion 4	Motion 5	Motion 6
Aldana, Sandra (SA)	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Almaliti, Feda (FA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Blakemore, Catherine	For	For	For	For	Not Present	Not Present
Boomer, Daniel	For	For	For	For	Not Present	Not Present
Clarkson, Jonathan	For	For	For	J. Kent voted	For	For
Donabed, Rebecca (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Duley, Max (FA)	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Forderer, David (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	Against
Francis, Wilbert	Not Present	For	For	Abstain	For	Not Present
Garnica, Carmela (FA)	For	For	For	For	Not Present	Not Present
Gelber, Eric	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For
Goldfarb, Fran	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Horne-Nutt, Charles (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Kapp, Steven (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Kent, Jennifer	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	For	Not Present	Not Present
Kent, Kris	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Lewis, Janelle (FA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lopez, April (FA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Moore, Bill	For	For	For	Abstain	Not Present	Not Present
Okwuosa, Chisorom	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	For	For
Smith, Sandra (FA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Taylor, Robert (SA)	For	For	Against	For	For	Abstain
Williams, Kerstin (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Yang, Ning (SA)	For	For	For	For	For	For

# **STAFF REPORTS**



## DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PLANNING REPORT

**MAY 2015**

### Policy

- Staffed and participated in various SCDD committee meetings and planning meetings, including LPPC and State Plan.
- Presented legislative overview to SSAN Committee.
- Presented overview of ABLE Act to SAAC.
- Compiled detail sheets recommending the Council adopt a formal "support" position on approximately 25 bills.
- Compiled and updated list of relevant legislation, which currently stands at approximately 80 total bills.
- Attended DHCS Medi-Cal Dental Services Division stakeholder meeting.
- Staffed legislative and coalition meetings, including DS Task Force on Regional Center Operations.
- Testified at the Joint Oversight Hearing of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and Assembly Committee on Health and Senate Committee on Health.
- Attended Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services Hearings.
- Testified at Assembly Transportation Committee hearing (AB 643).
- Testified in Senate Judiciary hearing (SB 128).
- Attended Assembly Health Committee hearing.
- Testified at Assembly Education hearing (AB 881).
- Met with Assemblywoman Irwin's staff regarding AB 449.
- Met with Senator Pavley's staff regarding SB 324.
- Testified in Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee (AB 449).
- Testified in Assembly Human Services Committee (AB 563).
- Contacted various legislative staffers regarding bills we are watching to ask questions, obtain fact sheets, etc.

- Testified on Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal Rates in Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1.
- Testified in Assembly Aging & Long Term Care (AB 643).
- Met with Senator Stone's staff regarding SB 638 and SB 639.
- Attended Senate Health Committee hearing on SB 277.
- Attended Assembly Human Services Committee hearing on AB 564.
- Worked with SCDD colleagues regarding legislative strategy.
- Networked with lobbyists on items of mutual concern.

### Staff

- Continuing to strive to improve morale within the office through positive reinforcement and leadership by example.
- Continued to work closely with the new Deputy Director for Regional Center Operations in order to collaborate efficiently our regional offices.
- Ongoing efforts to increase productivity.

### State Plan

- Working with regional offices to outline required tasks for upcoming State Plan requirements, including online surveys, regional meetings to gather local input, and activity timelines.
- Ongoing work with SCDD HQ staff on state plan issues.



## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS REPORT March/April 2015**

As the Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, I strive to provide supportive leadership and assistance to the Regional Offices for the resolution of common problems, to improve coordination and foster the exchange of information between the State Council on Developmental Disabilities headquarters (HQ) and regional offices.

### **Regional Operations**

- Continued to facilitate weekly manager's meetings (teleconference) on Tuesdays from 9-11am to identify needs, coordinate efforts, and disseminate information to best support daily operations.
- Coordinated with the Lead QA Project Coordinator to identify any needs and/or support for the QA Project, and attained their monthly data report for the State Council's review.
- Collaborated with all managers to establish State Plan Work Groups to ensure all goals and objectives are met by deadline as illustrated in the SCDD 5-Yr State Plan Report to AIDD 3/2/2015.
- Established a process for communication with written procedures for RAC input and/or recommendations to the Council.

### **Professional Development**

- Facilitated Manager's Training for all managers on 3/26/15 from 9am-3pm (Sacramento); discussed SCDD administrative updates and appropriate data collection through monthly reporting.

### **Administrative/Personnel**

- Coordinated with HQ Finance to review all regional office budgets and expenditures, and received all 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenditure reports by the 4/30/15 deadline.
- Coordinated and authorized all March/April timesheets and Absence Requests by deadline for 13 Managers and 2 Project Managers for QA and CRA/VAS.

## **Reporting**

- Collected, reviewed and coordinated data provided in the March/April 2015 Activity Reports to ensure appropriate activities, timelines, and deliverables; as per the guidelines and expectations of AIDD.

## **Collaborative Effort and Support**

- Collaborated with HQ Legal Counsel and staff through meeting discussions (March 2015) for the coordination and completion of annual Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests), and the Ethics/ Training Course requirement by deadline March 20, 2015.
- Attended the MTARS meeting on 3/24/2015, and the State Council meeting on 3/25/2015.

California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

February 2015 Activities Report

<b>Goal 1</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services and to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.</b>
<p><b>Outreach and Community Supports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Staff facilitated a State Plan meeting on 2/6/15, collaborated with local self-advocates and SCDD Councilwoman to identify community needs; distributed survey questions for collecting data for the development of a new 2017-2021 State Plan. More than 350 self-advocates and vendors from five county service areas attended and provided information; approximately 50 surveys were completed and limited responses due to on-line access delays to the electronic survey which was strongly desired by most self-advocates. Staff anticipates a significant increase in survey responses once this tool is accessible on-line and in plain language for consumer input and completion.</li><li>▪ Staff collaborated with self-advocates the Disability Rights California (DRC), and California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to coordinate training on the Quality Assurance (QA) Project including formal and informal community supports for self-advocates and their families, as part of the upcoming Self-Advocate Area meeting. Staff provided technical support for self-advocates who wrote scripts for discussion, and questions regarding QA and the interview process.</li><li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with Tri-Counties Regional Center, Pathpoint, UCP Work Inc., and Arc of Ventura County to provide on-going training activities on self-advocacy and self-determination. Staff provided in-kind support at People First Santa Barbara (PFSB) meeting on 02/20/15, staff assisted PFSB members to organize an action plan for the upcoming election of officers and activities for February. On 02/27/15, staff met with the PFSB interim president to discuss strategies, outreach and goals for the year.</li><li>▪ Staff collaborated with Tri-Counties Regional Center, Pathpoint, UCP Work Inc., and Arc of Ventura County to provide in-kind support at the People First Santa Maria (PFSM) Chapter meeting on 2/25/15; staff assisted PFSM members to organize a plan of action for the upcoming election of officers and monthly activities.</li></ul> <p><b>Self-Advocacy Rights Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Community Catalysts of California to present information on Self-Determination to self-advocates at their Independent Living Program in El Centro; self-advocates were trained in leadership, self-advocate rights, and self-determination. Individuals with I/DD learned about self-determination for the first time and asked questions regarding the new option of service delivery that will be available in the future.</li><li>▪ Staff collaborated with Unified Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and Gone for Good Self Advocacy Group to provide information and support to self-advocates on how to contact their North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) coordinator; staff coordinated with self-advocates to create a “Tip Sheet for Calling Your Service Provider” for distribution to self-advocacy groups for their review, feedback and implantation to ensure active individuals with I/DD in systems advocacy about quality assurance. Staff reported the tip sheet to be published in the next SCDD NB Regional Self-Advocacy newsletter.</li><li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Redwood Coast Regional Center to promote and host a training series by Nora Baladerian, Ph.D.; training on self-advocate rights “Learn How to Lower Your Risk of Abuse by Creating a Plan for Yourself,” on 2/3/15 at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center. Additionally, Service providers were trained on how to execute and implement abuse risk reduction strategies into existing agency policies and procedure manuals. Service providers were educated about abuse, perpetrators, signs of abuse, social inhibitors, laws about reporting, and how to respond to discovery or disclosure of abuse.</li></ul>	

<b>Goal 1 (Cont.)</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services and to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.</b>
<p><b>Self-Advocacy Leadership Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the San Diego People First, Arc of San Diego, Unified Cerebral Palsy (UCP), San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) to support a group of self-advocates and agency representatives that are interested in helping to strengthen the “self-advocacy movement” in San Diego, CA. Staff participates in on-going planning meetings to support the creation of an outreach plan that will provide trainings to self-advocates, and their families on leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination including the benefits of incorporating these concepts in their life. Staff provided training on how to apply for a \$2,000 grant to establish self-advocacy resources for Self-Determination trainings, materials, and facilitation support for quarterly regional center meetings.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) TRACE Services and Get Safe to provide facilitation support for the February TRACE Student Governance meetings (2/4/15 and 2/27/15) which are on-going. Student groups previewed the Healthy Relationships training facilitated by Get Safe. Following the training the students were asked if the training should be offered to all TRACE students; students repeatedly stated it was a great training and should be offered to the other students. One student in particular, stated the information on sexuality was not provided to her in high school, and now as an adult, this information is important and should be provided to all students. Staff collaborated with TRACE officers and support staff to plan the event “Healthy Relationships Training” for 2/27/15.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) TRACE Services and Get Safe who facilitated the “Healthy Relationships Training.” On 2/27/5, 38 students and 10 TRACE support staff were trained on how to have a healthy relationship, safe boundaries, and sexuality education. Additionally, students trained on Healthy Relationships will be offered an opportunity to participate in a Zumba class and the "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign. Students created a flier to promote the event and assisted with distribution.</li> <li>▪ Staff supported a team of self-advocates (committee members) involved in the planning process for the upcoming 2015 San Diego People First (SDPF) Self-Advocacy Conference. Staff facilitated a SDPF Self-Advocacy Conference planning meeting; committee members selected a theme for the conference "Living Longer and Growing Stronger," speakers, workshops, meals, and entertainment (DJ) for this event, as well as, planning for a street fair as a pre-conference activity to promote awareness and community supports engagement. The topics to be presented are: Personal Safety, Relaxation and Stress Management, Living a Healthy Lifestyle, Healthy Relationships and Internet Safety. Staff coordinated with the Imperial Valley People First, Arc Imperial Valley, San Diego Regional Center, Community Catalysts of California, and San Diego State University Nursing Program.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with UCP and Gone for Good to facilitate training in leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination to five self-advocates. Training helped self-advocates facilitate their IPP Empowerment meeting. Staff met with self-advocates for information gathering and photos to assist them in the development of a PowerPoint presentation for on-going meeting facilitation.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with San Diego Unified School District, UCP, San Diego People First, Arc of San Diego, and Mountain Shadows to support a team of self-advocates in planning for the 2015 self-advocacy conference. As a committee we worked on a theme for the conference speakers and workshops. Each participant on the committee agreed to assist with trying to obtain donations of door prizes to be given away at the conference.</li> </ul>	

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**Advocacy and Quality Assurance:**

- Staff continues to collaborate with the San Diego People First (SDPF) and provided facilitation support for a monthly SDPF membership meeting to plan future activities, trainings and projects to address current issues relating to people with disabilities, as well as, the annual Valentine's Day community giveback project. The group made Valentines and delivered them to the Veterans Hospital at the end of the meeting. During the officer's meeting the annual retreat was discussed and suggestions for the agenda were contributed. In addition the PADSA mini grant proposal was also reviewed and approved for submission.
- Staff continues to meet monthly with the Redwood Coast Regional Center Client Advocate and People First in Lakeport to identify and address current issues related to people with developmental disabilities; plan for quality assurance activities to strengthen self-advocates through ongoing trainings on leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination. Staff consulted with regional center representatives and group facilitators regarding strategies for to address concerns regarding limited support to self-advocates, as well as, procedures for following People First California guidelines. Staff created and provided the "People First California, Inc. Welcomes You a Guide to Becoming a Certified People First Chapter" publication to service providers.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the Self-Advocacy Group in Corona; staff provided updates and presented on Self-Determination. Self-Advocates received training on leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff attended the Sibling Workshop Event for family advocates ages 15-24 on 2/21/15; dinner and a variety of activities were provided for family members to share personal experiences and stories of having a sibling with special needs. Staff provided collaborative support with Warmline and UCD Mind Institute to highlight this group of young adults for having an understanding of the needs of individuals with special needs, and recognized their personal experiences as developed skills for careers in the field of developmental disabilities. Approximately 30 siblings were trained in leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination. This event provided the opportunity for SCDD staff to network with several agencies, particularly those serving the Spanish speaking communities.

**SSAN Support/Technical Assistance:**

- Staff continues to support the leadership of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), which is an on-going activity. Staff provided technical assistance and planning support on the Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA) grant to local self-advocacy groups, and provided training on how to apply for a \$2,000 grant to establish self-advocacy resources for a two-day workshop to train individuals with I/DD on systems advocacy, leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination.
- Staff continues to support the leadership of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) to provide on-going training on self-advocacy and self-determination. Staff provided planning support in collaboration with Parents Helping Parents (PHP) and Citizens Advisory Committee of Los Altos SELPA 2 who sponsors of the "Long and Winding Road" workshop.

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**Advocacy and Community Supports:**

- Staff responded to calls for individual advocacy and community supports. Staff provided technical assistance and information to family advocates in need of supportive services, and referred family advocates to the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates requesting support with accessing Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) services and provided information on how to contact the VMRC service coordinator. A parent reported challenges regarding a persistent language barrier and no access to translation support; staff utilized interpreting services to assist a Spanish-speaking parent, and provided information on community supports including how to select appropriate and preferred providers. Staff continues to coordinate with VMRC case managers and administrators to effectively resolve issues as they arise.
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates requesting support with accessing regional center services; family advocates were provided information and referred to Disability Rights California (DRC), and the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates seeking information on the determination process for In-Home Support Services (IHSS) in San Joaquin County; staff trained family advocates on formal and informal community supports. Staff referred family advocates to the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and provided information on how to contact their child's VMRC service coordinator.
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates requesting support and information on the process of appealing regional center decisions. Staff provided information and resources on the IPP process and how to advocate for services to be included in the IPP.
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates requesting support and information on special education rights and guidance on how to advocate for behavioral services to be included in their child's IEP/IPP. Family advocates were encouraged to contact their VMRC services coordinator and given information on how to contact the Disability Rights California (DRC).
- Staff responded to calls from family advocates seeking support and information on the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) decision process; staff provided information on educational rights including parent participation rights, and resources on how to advocate for services to be included in the IEP.
- Staff responded to 17 calls from family advocates requesting support and information on special education rights; all inquiries were addressed by phone and emailed information on referral services for community supports and a list of community resources including upcoming special education trainings to increase knowledge and engagement. Family advocates were also encouraged to join our email list and visit the SCDD website for additional information. Staff continues to collaborate with Warmline Family Resource Center, Family SOUP, Rowell Family Empowerment, Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT), Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH), and Alta Regional Center.

**Family Advocacy Training:**

- Staff collaborated with Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC), Social Services Agency (SSA), Medi-Cal, In-Home Support Services (IHSS), and (CCS) to host a Community Supports Clinic and facilitated a series of four (Tuesday) trainings for 22 family advocates on their child's educational rights and early intervention. Trainings (2/3, 2/10, 2/17 and 2/24/15) were facilitated in English and Spanish on formal and informal community supports. Staff identified emerging issues on SSI eligibility, SSI overpayments, conservatorships, and Medi-Cal eligibility.

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**Family Advocacy Training:**

- Staff collaborated with Disability Rights California (DRC) and the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) Director (K. Hornberger) who conducted training on how to empower individuals with I/DD and their families with the information they need to understand their rights and effectively navigate the fair hearing process. Self-advocates and their families were trained on formal and informal community supports.
- Staff provided information on formal and informal community supports; trained self-advocates and their families on strategies for accessing regional center services and the eligibility process; the Lanterman Act and strategies for obtaining those services under the exception clauses of RC POS, as well as, the importance of thorough evaluations for determining eligibility and provided information on the fair hearing process, and referral to Client's Rights Advocacy (CRA) for further assistance.
- Staff facilitated two In-Home Support Services (IHSS) workshops in Spanish for family advocates on, and collaborated with Fiesta Familiar Orange County to train families on systems advocacy, informal and formal community supports.
- Staff facilitated a workshop entitled "How to Make Sense of the IEP" for 15 family advocates on special education rights; staff provided handouts of a sample letter requesting an assessment to determine eligibility for special education services, sample completed IEP (redacted), Notice of Procedure Safeguard, Notice of IEP Meeting; Assessment Plan, and Prior Written Notice forms.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff continues to collaborate with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) and the Arc San Francisco; staff provided collaborative support and attended the monthly Golden Gate Self-Advocacy Conference Planning Committee meeting. Staff coordinated with self-advocates and professionals from collaborating agencies to discuss the conference theme and programming, and established subcommittees.
- In response to frequent request for information from self-advocates and their families who reported a lack of knowledge about trainings and events before they occur; staff created a communication network to provide current information and announcements on trainings, services, and events that could best benefit families. In February 2015, staff emailed information on Autism, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, SSI trainings, ABLE Legislation, Epilepsy Society Training Series, Youth Leadership Forum information and application, Get Safe trainings, Imperial Valley Transition Fair, affordable and accessible housing information, and more. Staff also collaborates with local schools and community agencies to share information for community newsletters and consumer distribution lists. Staff coordinated with Community of Involved Exceptional Parents Day, San Diego Regional Center, and the Exceptional Family Resource Center and invited them to attend a SCDD State Plan meeting for self-advocates, family advocates, schools and community partners to gain community input for State Plan development and distributed the "State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire" to identify and collect information on community needs for inclusion in the next 5-Year State Plan. Staff met with approximately 50 participants who requested assistance to bridge communication gaps and build community among families and school districts including the suggestion for a "road map" on how to navigate the system when newly diagnosed. Questionnaire results were assessed to identify the areas of emphasis most needed, and reported to Headquarters.
- Staff collaborated with San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), College 2 Career, Department of Rehabilitation, and San Diego Community college District to respond to requests from San Diego State University and High Tech High teachers asks members of various organizations/agencies to provide a

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

panel presentation to students in her Master's Degree program who aspire to become Special Education Transition Teachers, and highlighted the importance of developing a thorough Individual Transition Plan (ITP) and how the various community resources can be considered and included in the plan. Staff shared data on the disconnection between the transition programs, and adult services; explained what happens to a student post-transition, and how important it is to weave these services into the transition plan prior to exiting school. Information and resources were provided students and their families.

- Staff facilitated an Inclusion Institute Seminar entitled "In-Home Supportive Services: Understanding How it Works" on 2/28/15 at the Glendale Public Library Auditorium. Speaker Kim Selfon, Advocate for Bet Tzedek Legal Services presented on In-Home Support Services (IHSS) eligibility, assessments, and appeal strategies. Forty-nine self-advocates, family advocates, and community partners were trained on formal and informal community supports; training was provided in Spanish with handouts of speaker's PowerPoint presentation and various IHSS forms.
- Staff coordinated with the North County Consortium on Special Education and North County SELPA; staff invited them to attend a SCDD State Plan meeting for self-advocates, family advocates, schools and community partners to gain community input for State Plan development and distributed the "State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire" to identify and collect information on community needs for inclusion in the next 5-Year State Plan.
- Staff provided collaborative planning support and served as a vendor for the IEP Day Resource Fair and Conference on 2/28/15; staff provided a SCDD resource table with information on Employment First and Self-Determination including information on the annual Legislative Forum, IEP and IPP fact sheets. Approximately 225 registered participants were reported and 68 family advocates were provided information on formal and informal community supports. The conference provided 3 sessions with 5 workshops and were facilitated in English/Spanish (the local school district provided translators and translation equipment). Family advocates were also asked to complete a "State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire" to provide input on community needs for inclusion in the State Plan.
- Staff provided technical assistance in English and Spanish for 8 family advocates regarding access to generic services, such as SSI, Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal and Crisis Intervention. Staff provided outreach and referral services to the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for assistance with regional center service issues including denial of rights, fair hearing and eligibility issues including information on how to determine the dollar amount for services provided through the regional center so parents are better informed on how to budget self-determination resources.
- Staff facilitated two State Plan meetings (2/7/15 and 2/21/15) in English/Spanish to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and collected information (distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire) on needs assessment for the area.
- Staff coordinated the planning meeting for the upcoming Imperial Valley Parent Training Conference on October 3, 2015. In addition to the parent conference, the group wants to offer a mid-year training opportunity for siblings of individuals with DD to be held on May 30, 2015. As a result of parent's expressed interest, there will be 8 ability awareness stations and the target age range for participants is 7-12 years old. Committee members signed up for conference subcommittees, and at the next meeting, discussion on potential funding sources for the two trainings. Staff continues to collaborate with San Diego Regional Center, Exceptional Family Resource Center, Imperial Valley SELPA, TASK, and community members.

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- Staff met with Director of Goldstrike, a 15 bed Adult Residential Facility for adults ages 18 to 59, residential facility in Calaveras County to provide awareness and information about SCDD. Staff trained their Goldstrike staff on the services and advocacy offered by SCDD through the regional offices; brochures and other information on Self-Determination, Employment First, National Core Indicators (NCI), and the Lanterman Act.

**Education Rights and Early Intervention Training:**

- Staff collaborated with San Luis Obispo County SELPA, Santa Barbara County SELPA, Ventura County SELPA, and Tri-Counties Regional Center to host a Special Education Rights Clinic and facilitated a series of four (Thursday) trainings for 22 family advocates on their child's educational rights and early intervention. Trainings (2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26/15) were facilitated in English and Spanish on IEP rights and development. Staff identified emerging issues with the local school districts' failure to follow IEP timelines in accordance to state and federal law.
- Staff attended the Parents of Adult Children Roundtable meeting and provided Special Education Rights & Advocacy training in collaboration with Parents Helping Parents (PHP), Department of Social Services (DSS), and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) SELPA 2; staff trained approximately 50 family advocates on the San Andres Regional Center (SARC) eligibility process, IEP development, transition planning including a road map to residential and day services during the PHP "Long and Winding Road" workshop.
- Staff attended the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) SELPA 2 meeting to provide Special Education Rights training for 6 families who were trained on their child's educational rights, least restrictive environment, and how to obtain appropriate community supports including effective advocacy techniques to utilize during IEP meetings.
- Staff collaborated with SPIN (Special Parents Information Network), Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), and Parent Advocacy Group in Santa Cruz County to provide training to family advocates in English and Spanish on special education and due process training by OAH Watsonville.
- Staff trained three family advocates on special education and early intervention; staff created and distributed a training publication in English/Spanish entitled "IEP Strategy: Understanding the Process So You Can Get What You Need." The training publication outlines information on IEP strategy, due process, compensatory education, state compliance complaints, and stay put.
- Staff collaborated with the Family Resource Network (FRN) of Stockton to trained family advocates on special education and early intervention. Staff provided technical support for parents on issues regarding special education and IEP rights.
- Staff hosted the Vallejo Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Special Education meeting with Vallejo City Unified School District, and provided technical support to the Matrix Parent Network who presented on special education rights in response to parent requests for information on how to advocate for their child's educational rights, and students are given information and support needed to reach their educational goals.
- Staff participated in the Tuolumne County SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on 2/11/15; staff provided technical support and presented on the role and responsibilities of the State Council on Developmental disabilities (SCDD), and provided collaborative support to identify best practices for developing a Tuolumne County Special Education Plan.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the UC Mind Institute, California Department of Developmental Services, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), family advocates and educational staff regarding

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**Education Rights and Early Intervention Training (Cont.):**

transition planning. Staff participated in the "Think Transition" Committee meeting where participants discussed strengths and weaknesses in the current transition process; including a presentation on the U.S. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) by Bill Moore, DOR Representative; he described how changes in law will impact transition age students in the future.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff provided facilitation support for the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting on 2/25/15, the committee reviewed and discussed a number of topics on public transportation in San Mateo County, employment within San Francisco County including local and national employment trends, the formation of local Self-Determination Advisory Committees, upcoming rallies, and legislative hearings on developmental services. Additionally, Council staff presented proposed State Plan activities including increased advocacy for affordable and accessible housing; the Council received feedback from RAC members and the public.
- Staff facilitated three Town Hall meetings to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and collected information (distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire) on needs assessment for the area on 2/3/15. Additionally, staff collaborated with the Exceptional Parents Unlimited, Kern Regional Center (KRC), Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC), Gateway (Tehachapi), and Tehachapi United Methodist Church to present an overview and update on the Self-Determination program for 85 self-advocates, family advocates and community providers.
- SCDD staff was invited by Gateway (Tehachapi), and Tehachapi United Methodist Church to present an overview and update on the Self-Determination program for 18 family advocates on 2/4/15. Staff also facilitated an open forum to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and distributed the "State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire" to collect information on community needs.
- Staff conducted two presentations on Self-Determination principles (English/Spanish) and trained 60 self-advocates and their families in leadership, self-advocacy, and self-determination.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- SCDD Sequoia and San Bernardino offices were invited by the program manager for the Family Resource Center on 2/18/15 to present on Self-Determination; staff provided an overview and update on the Self-Determination program. Staff trained approximately 75 self-advocates, family advocates and community providers were trained in self-advocacy, and self-determination.
- SCDD Councilmember and Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) member met with a representative from SamTrans (San Mateo County Transportation Agency) to discuss reported service inefficiencies such as delayed and unreliable transportation with Redi-Wheels Paratransit, especially when traveling across counties. Also, lengthy travel times along with additional delays have significantly impacted the quality of life and access to important life areas (e.g. education and employment) for persons with developmental disabilities. Council representatives are exploring the possibility of joining the SamTrans Advisory Committee and/or provide a presentation to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.
- Staff met with the executive team from San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) and their head psychologists to address problems regarding the regional center eligibility process including reported inconsistencies from the SARC offices and lack of transparency with families applying for services. Staff supported a parent group and facilitated communication between the parents and SARC executive director. Additionally, SCDD staff met with SARC to discuss ways to resolve concerns; SARC instituted changes in their clinical staff training as well as began providing intake orientations for

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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):**

families to support a better understanding for families.

- Staff was invited by the California State University, Los Angeles School of Social Work to provide a presentation on the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations and the implications on services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Staff trained 10 university students on quality assurance and provided information on the new CMS regulations.
- Staff continues to collaborate with University Center of Excellence (UCED), Disability Rights California (DRC), and Department of Social Services (DSS) through on-going meetings to plan for an upcoming Executive Functioning Training on “Supporting the Independent Living Skills of Consumers with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Developmental Disabilities (DD)” on 2/03/15 in Chico, and 2/4/15 in Redding, CA. Staff will provide technical assistance and outreach to support the planning and coordination of speakers, as well as, the coordination of speaker fee information for Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) training materials, facilities, registration, and evaluations.
- Staff provided support and attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Involved Exceptional Parents Day Conference in collaboration with the San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), Exceptional Parents Unlimited, and Team of Advocates for Special Kids on 2/28/15.
- Staff met with the Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) director to begin planning for a collaborative recognition celebration in November 2015; on-going planning meetings will be conducted to coordinate training materials, facilities, registration, and evaluations.
- Staff participated in a Special Education Task Force meeting on 2/3/15 to discuss current special education issues within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD); staff collaborated with special education advocates and attorneys, as well as, Disability Rights California (DRC), Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA), Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), and private practitioners; a presentation was provided by David German from Newman, Aaronson and Vanaman.
- Staff continues to collaborate with Stanislaus SELPA, Patterson Unified School Districts Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC), VMRC vendors, and Modesto Paratransit; staff facilitated information for improved transitional planning and services for students in Stanislaus County expected to exit the educational system (spring 2015). Staff also reviewed the January 2015 SELIT meeting minutes reflecting discussions on many student cases and improved transitional planning to best support student’s successful transition to adult services.
- Staff attended the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on 2/4/15 to review current special education trends in LAUSD including presentations by district staff on behavioral intervention strategies within the classroom and early childhood special education support services.
- Staff continues to collaborate with San Diego State Interwork Institute, San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), College 2 Career, Exceptional Family Resource Center, and community members to form the Transition Committee to better meet the numerous requests from family advocates for information on transitional planning and appropriate services to support their child’s transition from school to the community successfully. Staff presented on the importance of developing a thorough Individual Transition Plan (ITP) and how the various community resources can be considered and included in the plan. Additionally, the committee decided to increase and shorten future trainings for self-advocates and their families. The next training is scheduled for April 18, 2015 with a demonstration and discussion on how to develop a person driven plan.
- Staff participated in the Tuolumne County SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting and provided outreach support to ensure that students have the education and support they need to

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<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):</b>  reach their educational goals through SCDD Council efforts. Educational staff and parents worked together to determine how to best develop a Tuolumne County special education plan. Staff shared information to describe the scope and range of services provided by SCDD to support their efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff provided collaborative support to Caltrans' State Review Committee by serving as reviewers and scorers for the Caltrans grant proposals. Staff supported the second level review for federal funding for vehicle and equipment acquisition for elderly and disabled transportation.</li> <li>▪ SCDD Councilmembers and staff toured the Deaf Plus Day Program of Alameda County who serves individuals who are deaf and have developmental disabilities. After the tour, staff met with the Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC) Executive Director to develop a strategy that will increase service capacity for the deaf population in the East Bay. As a next step, it was decided to convene a task force that will examine existing systemic barriers to resource development and develop action steps to address them. The task force will consist of local community partners (e.g. California School for the Deaf, Toolworks, and Regional Center of the East Bay) that have an interest in and/or expertise in the deaf population. The initial task force meeting is tentatively scheduled for April of 2015.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 3</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families express the degree to which they are satisfied with their services and the extent to which they feel their needs are being met.</b>
<p><b>Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff collaborated to provide training to self and family-advocates on self-determination principles. Staff provided handouts of the presentation (PowerPoint) on self-determination entitled "What is Self-Determination?" and distributed the SCDD Brochure for information about choices regarding self-determination. Participants shared that the training was informative and they have a better understanding of self-determination and related resources in their community.</li> <li>▪ Staff coordinated with the Lanterman Regional Center (LRC) Family Resource Center to facilitate three trainings which provided an overview of Self-Determination to Lanterman Regional Center parent groups as follows: De Mi Familia a Su Familia Parent Group on 2/4/15 for 17 family advocates; La Esperanza Parent Group on 2/9/15 for 20 family advocates; and Padres Unidos Parent Group at Children's Hospital on 2/10/15 for 15 family advocates. Spanish interpreters were provided by LRC staff and parent facilitators. Staff provided handouts of the PowerPoint presentation, as well as, a 2-page introduction to Self-Determination in Spanish.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Lanterman Regional Center (LRC) to provide support and assistance for self-advocate seeking information on self-determination, and inquired about the allowance of SD resources for moving expenses from a one-bedroom to a two-bedroom apartment; a Spanish interpreter was provided by the LRC.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff collaborated with East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) and was invited to facilitate Self-Determination trainings on 2/20/15 and 2/21/15. Staff provided an overview and updates on the Self-Determination Program including Person-Centered Planning for approximately 60 self-advocates, family advocates, and services providers.</li> <li>▪ Staff coordinated with New Horizons to provide Self-Determination training for self-advocates and their families. Staff co-presented with self-advocates and a RAC (Regional Advisory Committee) member on 2/11/15, and provided a handout of the presentation (PowerPoint) and presented an overview on self-determination.</li> </ul>	

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**Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination Training (Cont.):**

- Staff continues to collaborate with Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC), and RCRC Client Advocates who are members of the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Statewide Stakeholder Group. On 2/21/15, staff trained and educated 7 self-advocates and 9 family advocates on Self-Determination (SD) including updates on the implementation of SD Programs in California. Staff provided a handout of the presentation (PowerPoint) and presented an overview on self-determination and how it differs from the current purchase of services system, key program features and the responsibility of program participants.
- Staff coordinated with the Lincoln Training Center to provide Self-Determination training for self-advocates and their families. On 2/20/15, staff provided a handout in plain language of the presentation (PowerPoint) and presented an overview on self-determination.
- Staff collaborated with the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and met throughout the month to establish Self-Determination Advisory Committees. Staff provided extensive outreach to underserved communities, self-advocacy, and parent support groups to ensure ethnic and geographic diversity. Staff interviewed and selected Self-Determination Advisory Committee members for the fifth of seven regional centers in the catchment area to support consumer engagement in systems advocacy and self-determination.

**Promoting Self-Determination:**

- SCDD staff attended and provided technical assistance for the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on 2/10/15; this was the third SDAC meeting and approximately 53 self-advocates, family advocates and services providers were trained on leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination.
- Staff participated and presented in Assembly Member Mike Gipson (District 64) Special Needs Forum on 2/21/15; staff was invited to present on Self-Determination (SD), and approximately 43 self-advocates, family advocates and services providers were trained on leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff facilitated a State Plan Town Hall meeting on 2/17/15 to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment in Mira Loma (San Bernardino County). Staff explained how the State Plan established and the impact in the local area.
- Staff facilitated a State Plan Town Hall meeting on 2/18/15 to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment in Blythe (Riverside County). Staff explained how the State Plan established and the impact in the local area.
- Staff facilitated a "State Plan Input Local Town Hall" meeting on 2/21/15 to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment, and explained how the State Plan established and the impact in the local area. Staff facilitated an interactive group activity to identify and prioritize community needs; attendees placed colored dots (3) to determine the areas of greatest need.
- Staff met with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Board Members and attended a monthly VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee meeting to provide SCDD information and resources on self-advocacy and self-determination for self-advocates and their families.

<b>Goal 3 (Cont.)</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families express the degree to which they are satisfied with their services and the extent to which they feel their needs are being met.</b>
<p><b>Systems Design and Redesign:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff facilitated a Person-Centered Thinking Leaders meeting on 2/17/15, in collaboration with the Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC), Community Employment Services, Novelles, Community Homes and Services. The Person-Centered Thinking Leaders initiative was established to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to take control of their service planning process and their lives. SCDD staff serves as the lead for this effort; the purpose is to influence the process to ensure that GGRC's policy, procedures and practices are aligned with SCDD Council priorities. Additionally, an outreach plan was established to engage other service providers including plans for a series of Person-Centered Thinking Summits to expose and train participants on the philosophy and tools.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff met with Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC), Central Coast Caucus, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and services providers on 2/5/15 to discuss the new Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations, the implications on services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and the next steps for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This meeting will be ongoing so to make sure there is good communication throughout our community on the new CMS regulations.</li> <li>▪ Staff serves as a member of the North Los Angeles Regional Center Strategic Planning Committee, and attended the 2/2/15 meeting which focused on the impact of provider rates on the viability of programs. We reviewed reasons for program closures and whether gaps in services now exist; findings suggest, at least in this catchment area, there continues to be a reasonably good array of services and no serious gaps.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate and met with the Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC) management team and local community providers for an Employment Task Force meeting to discuss employment issues related to people with developmental disabilities; updates on state and federal legislations, as well as, the implementation of recent law and service delivery issues.</li> <li>▪ Staff met with Support for Families of Children with Special Needs, Family Resource Network of San Francisco, and Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco to discuss opportunities for collaboration; staff educated meeting participants on the SCDD, the State Plan and Council priorities. SCDD staff was invited to provide training on 5/6/15 for families on Self-Determination, and will conduct a focus group to gain feedback on SCDD State Plan activities.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate and met with the Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC) management team and local community providers for a Vendor Advisory Committee meeting to discuss systemic change, service delivery issues, and SCDD staff presented a report on self-determination activities.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) and interviewed 6 applicants for SCDD appointments to the Harbor Regional Center SDAC.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 4</b>	<b>Public safety agencies, other first responders and the justice system get information and assistance to be knowledgeable and aware of the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities so they can respond appropriately when individuals with developmental disabilities may have experienced abuse, neglect, sexual or financial exploitation or violation of legal or human rights.</b>
<p><b>Public Safety and Outreach Efforts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff responded to a family advocate who reported allegations of abuse and neglect of her sibling in a long term care facility. Staff contacted the local regional center, Long Term Care Ombudsman and the Department of Social Services (DSS) Licensing Unit Hotline.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 5</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.</b>
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to foster a collaborative partnership with Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) to provide In Case of Emergency "ICE Cards" to individuals with developmental disabilities. When UVAH's laminating equipment stopped working, staff reached out to the Mendocino County Sheriff Department (MCSO) to ask Sheriff Tom Allman if his department would purchase a laminating machine to continue and sustain this service (funds leveraged for new laminating equipment was more than \$1,600); he was happy to provide the laminating equipment. The photo ID card has relevant information in case of emergency, illness, lost, arrested, etc. Staff coordinates with the local police and sheriff departments on safety issues and protection of individuals with developmental disabilities. Also, the Cycle 36 Grant Emergency Preparedness trainers identified the cards as a useful tool for shelter staff in the event individuals with disabilities needed to go to an emergency/disaster shelter and were not able to communicate medical conditions or if shelter staff needed to contact someone in order to assist the individual. Currently, staff has generated 46 cards for self-advocates to use in case of emergencies and we will be providing the ICE cards at local event, health fairs, People First and other community events.</li> <li>▪ In response to an incident that occurred at a public library in San Diego, the City of San Diego was charged to provide information and training to educate staff at community sites, such as libraries and recreation centers on how to work with and support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As result of the grant we provided to the "Get Safe" project, First Responder training was facilitated on 2/24/15 in collaboration with the City of San Diego, and Get Safe to train more than 100 library and recreation staff members.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 6</b>	<b>Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.</b>
<p><b>Adult Transition and Advocacy Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), Imperial Valley College, and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to facilitate training "Imperial Valley College Transition Fair" on 2/20/15 for students in search of options post high school. This informational resource fair was provided to inform students of the various opportunities for post-secondary school, employment and other types of day services including various workshops for students to learn how to "Dress for Success."</li> <li>▪ Staff provided technical assistance and support by promoting the upcoming "Adult Transition Training" in San Luis Obispo; flyers and promotion information was emailed to more than 1,000 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with Autistic Self Advocacy Network and the University of San Diego to plan and promote the Autistic Self Advocacy Network's ACI Summer Leadership Training which prepares Autistic students to create systems change on their college campuses. Students will attend the program in Washington, DC for one week this summer. Staff also shared information on the University of San Diego College Experience Week, June 21-26, 2015. It is designed for students, ages 17-22 with a developmental disability or autism spectrum disorder considering attending college in the near future, or already attending. They attend classes and activities designed to inspire and prepare youth with disabilities for a successful college experience.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 6 (Cont.)</b>	<b>Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.</b>
<p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with Disability Collaborative, Achieve School, Hope Services, and Family Resource Center to develop tools and trainings to assist families during this period of life. The first tool the Roadmap to Residential Services has been added to the SCDD SV-MB web page; second tool, the Roadmap to Day and Career services was presented and discussed as new ways to improve the transition phase and process for clients leaving school and entering the work force and or college. Meetings also include any relevant Legislative updates.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to participate in and serves as an active member on the Sonoma County Transition Consortium (SCTC). Staff attended and provided collaborative support for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sonoma County Transition Resource Fair on 2/25/15; the Transition Fair is a service of the Sonoma County Transition Consortium, including representatives from Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE), North Bay Regional Center (NBRC), Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), local school districts, and adult service providers.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with San Luis Obispo County SELPA, Santa Barbara County SELPA, Ventura County SELPA, and Tri-Counties Regional Center to provide training on “Transition to Adulthood.” Staff trained parents and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities on SCDD services and eligibility. Staff provided an overview and discussed eligibility for services, the role of agencies, financial responsibility, benefits to student/youth, and the referral process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff attended the Long and Winding Road seminar sponsored by Parents Helping Parents; staff was invited to provide training for families on the Road-maps for Residential and Road-maps for Day and Vocational Services.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB), local school districts, Alameda County Public Health, and service providers to discuss the upcoming Adult Transition Fair. Staff attended the monthly planning committee meeting to finalize presentations, logistics and event survey for measuring effectiveness and outcomes.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff provided training in English and Spanish to self-advocates and family advocates on the topic of transition to adults services.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 7</b>	<b>Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.</b>
<p><b>Early Intervention Collaboration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with San Luis Obispo County SELPA, Santa Barbara County SELPA, Ventura County SELPA, and Tri-Counties Regional Center; staff attended the monthly Early Start Partners meeting to discuss the need for improved system navigation which now providing outreach to our community of families with children under the age of three. A coalition of staff from TCRC began discussions on offering training to families who are entering the service system; arrangements were initiated to facilitate trainings.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB), La Familia, and the Care Parent Network to plan and develop the Annual Autism conference (STAR). Staff provided collaborative support for developing a theme, coordinating facilities, speakers, workshop sessions, conference materials, and new collaborators.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 8</b>	<b>The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.</b>
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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- SCDD staff coordinated with the Alameda County DD Council and Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) attended the East Bay Employment Task Force meeting on 2/3/15; staff organized and implemented an Employment Task Force meeting in the East Bay, including representatives from approximately 25 partner agencies (service providers, DOR, RCEB, East Bay Innovations, Futures Explored, etc.); in order to develop implementation strategies for the Council's Employment First Policy. The work group developed a series of action steps, which will be prioritized and implemented over the next year, in order to achieve systemic reform and improve employment outcomes.
- Staff collaborated with local, Disability Help Center, San Diego Community College, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), Deaf Community Services, Mental Health Systems, Employment Development Dept. (EDD), Episcopal Community Services, local adult agencies and businesses to plan for the annual "Jobtoberfest Employment Fair." Staff attended an on-going planning meeting to review the evaluation results from last year's event and discussed scholarship awards for this year.

<b>Goal 9</b>	<b>Working age adults with developmental disabilities have the necessary information, tools and supports to succeed in inclusive and gainful work opportunities.</b>
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**Employment and Post-Secondary Education:**

- Staff attended a Monterey Bay Provider Network meeting with Marty Omoto to strategize on public policy changes and its future effects on employment services; organized a local task force to meet and stay informed of policy, informing policy makers and working in cooperation of regional center to assure smooth transition of future employment services. Staff continues to collaborate with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Monterey Bay Provider Network, and Hope Services. Additionally, staff met with the district managers of Department of Rehabilitation to review changes in employment services. Met with members of local provider of employment services to discuss coming changes of employment services and discuss their inclusion for the task force.
- Staff continues to support the 5th year of Project College in our community; this is a direct result of our Transition Committee, which identified the lack of opportunities to support students able to attend post-secondary school to be successful. A small group of participants formed the Project College committee, and have collaborated with the University of San Diego since the second year of the program to refine this weeklong college living experience program to 12 students planning on attending college. Our hope is to have the University of San Diego adopt this program as a regular offering on the campus during their summer programs, but in the meantime, we enjoy the working relationship we have. Additionally, staff met with a group of students from the University of San Diego Nonprofit Management and Leadership Master's Degree program on 2/17/15, who plan to research and make recommendations regarding strategic planning over the next several years to expand this program to other schools in our area, as well as throughout the state. Monthly meetings are held to discuss upcoming presentations that were scheduled for the Grand Rounds at California Children's Services to occupational and physical therapists, and one to the Autism Tree Project; materials were distributed throughout the state, and at the Transition Fair.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff collaborated with the California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY), Transcend, The

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ARC of San Francisco, Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC), and Toolworks (among others) to plan and implement a Community Conversation on the employment of youth with disabilities in San Francisco. The Community Conversation was successfully facilitated on 2/6/15 for community members, self-advocates, family members, service providers, elected officials, other community leaders and employers participated.

**Employment First Outreach and Training:**

- Staff participated in a meeting of SCDD's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) to discuss SCDD training on Employment First to the Statewide Disability Advisory Council in March. The goal of the presentation is to raise awareness of the State Council within other State departments and remove barriers to employment for persons with disabilities within State government.
- Staff met with Community Partnerships for families' staff and other local vendors to provide information about employment opportunities through the NCI/QA project. Distributed brochures about SCDD and information about Employment First.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff sent a press release from Disability Rights California (DRC) to the North Bay Employment 1st Coalition, which the SCDD North Bay Office facilitates; an inter-agency agreement between DOR, DDS, & CDE with partnership support from DRC was established to develop a blueprint to guide California to make competitive integrated employment the preferred outcome in California.
- Staff collaborated with Matrix Parent Network to cosponsor two trainings on the impact of earnings on SSI and SSDI benefits. The training was provided by Michael Thomas, Senior Advocate at Disability Rights California. A local employment program requested training on this topic because many of the parents of the individuals they support express concerns about increasing work hours and wages and the impact on SSI/SSDI benefits.
- Staff participated in a meeting provided by the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council. The meeting included a discussion on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and staff agreed to work with the Contra Costa DD Council, other community partners, and the Department of Rehabilitation to use the provisions of WIOA to improve.
- Staff participated in an Employment Task Force organized by Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) and including many local service providers, DOR, and school district staff. The Task Force reviewed recent national and local events (WIOA, the ABLE Act, MOU between DDS, DOR and CDE, etc.) and discussed how to position ourselves to maximize employment outcomes for people we support. The group also discussed our recent Community Conversation on employment in San Francisco and discussed next steps (e.g. formalizing a Business Advisory Council). Staff continues to take a lead role in the planning and implementation of this Task Force. The next step for the Task Force will be the organization of training for day program providers on job development.
- Staff participated in a quarterly meeting of Alameda County's Step-Up Committee; the Step-Up Program is an alternative hiring process for individuals with significant disabilities, and the committee reviews the Program's progress, identifies and addresses barriers. Staff was asked to advise the County's HR Department regarding issues that impact people with developmental disabilities within the recruitment, hiring and employment processes. During this meeting, it was agreed that the committee will take steps to increase awareness amongst County hiring managers. Committee members will conduct presentations at Alameda County departmental meetings to educate them on the Step-Up Program and the importance of hiring people with disabilities. Staff continues to collaborate with Alameda County Human Resources Department and the Alameda County DD Council.

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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):**

- As recipients of the Community Collaborative for Youth Employment (CECY) grant locally, collaborators conducted a two hour "Community Conversation" to discuss new approaches and to identify what needs to be done to expand employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There were three questions posed, and people were asked to change tables from question to question so that new ideas and thoughts could be generated. There were representatives from local transition programs, community colleges, agencies, workforce development, employers, self-advocates and family members. There were many ideas and suggestions generated, as well as, obstacles and barriers to employment that exist in our community.

<b>Goal 10</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.</b>
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**Self-Advocate Health Care Training:**

- Staff provided collaborative support and participated in a planning meeting on 2/3/15 for the Regional PAC meeting in Sacramento for the People's First Chapters (self-advocacy) from our 10-county area. The committee is comprised of self-advocates (the president of each People's First Chapter), and 10 chapter facilitators, the coordinator, and SCDD staff. They have decided on the topics for the training and will develop the agenda for the training.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff attended the Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC) meeting to continue discussion on the limited access to anesthesia dentistry. Members from the committee discussed the importance of encouraging and supporting family members to appeal denials and to contact the department or health care providers if they cannot identify a provider for appropriate dental services.
- Staff met by phone with representatives from local service providers, the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, the Alameda County Department of Public Health, and the University of the Pacific Dental School to discuss strategies to increase capacity for dental services in Alameda County. It was agreed that two things would happen: (1) University of the Pacific (UOP) will make a presentation at the March Alameda County DD Council meeting on AB 1174 regarding virtual dentistry; and (2) Alameda County Public Health will begin exploring the possibility of using Alameda County as a pilot for virtual dentistry in the future. The pilot would include, but not limited to, people with developmental disabilities. Staff agreed to remain included in on-going conversations and provide assistance, as needed.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff coordinated with a group of 7 agencies to plan a Managed Care Healthcare Forum for Placer County on 2/26/15. There were 2 prior Managed Care Forums in surrounding counties held earlier in the fall 2014 to help seniors and people with disabilities who are on Medi-Cal only, to understand managed care and their new rights effective December 1st, when they would be defaulted into one of 2 managed care plans instead of being on Medi-Cal fee-for-service. This rollout affects 28 rural counties. The forum was planned during weekly phone calls in January and February. The 2 health

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plans paid for the Maidu Community Center room, Spanish language and ASL interpreters, and light refreshments. They also paid for ads in local Placer county newspapers. All planning agencies marketed the event through their newsletters, websites, etc. We also distributed flyers to the local libraries, community centers, and the Regional Center sent an email to service providers encouraging consumers to attend, as well as a mailing to all eligible consumers in Placer County. We shared the flyer with our list of 860 and forwarded to 4 other agency's newsletter totally 13,000 distribution; approximately 70 self-advocates, family-advocates, various ILS/SLS and day program staff, county workers, residential providers, and seniors attended. SCDD staff coordinated the reservations and emceed the event. Healthcare Options, California Health & Wellness, & Anthem/Blue Cross were speakers, and information tables were available with resources.

- Staff was invited to participate in the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of California Health and Wellness, one of the new managed care plans serving 28 rural counties, including 8 of our 10 counties. The CAC provides information, advice and recommendations to CA Health & Wellness on the administration of our Cultural & Linguistic Services Program. Specifically, CAC functions include culturally appropriate services and programs designed to include priorities for health education and outreach programs. Also, includes member satisfaction survey results, health education, cultural, and linguistic group needs assessment and findings, as well as, marketing materials, campaigns, community resources and information. The committee is made up of stakeholders who represent the interests of Medi-Cal beneficiaries such as: children, young adults, seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals or families; meetings are held quarterly with a 1-year term.

<b>Goal 11</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.</b>
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**Information and Advocacy on Housing:**

- Staff responded to family advocates and provided resource information on housing assistance; additionally, staff disseminated information by email to more than 1,000 self-advocates, family advocates, and community service providers to announce the opening of the Ventura County Section 8 housing list for new applicants.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff initiated systems advocacy by collaborating with People First of Ukiah and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to advocate and request for more affordable, safe and accessible housing agencies. As expressed by self-advocates at a prior meeting, they voiced that housing was an area of advocacy that they wanted to work on. The People First Secretary, Regional Center Client Advocate and Council staff created a draft letter to the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) in support the agency's current housing efforts, and to offer insight, and input on future housing development planning; staff was invited to consult with them regarding the importance of Universal Design.

<b>Goal 12</b>	<b>Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.</b>
<p><b>Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff attended a community meeting held in Oakland City Hall on 2/17/15 and met with Assembly Member Rob Bonta to advocate and request for more affordable, safe and accessible housing agencies. As expressed by self-advocates at a prior meeting, they voiced that housing was an area of advocacy that they wanted to work on, as well as, information and resources on housing options for families interested in arranging and financing housing options for their children. Informed a family on the resources available through Bay Area Housing Coalition.</li> <li>▪ Staff met with the Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA), Behavioral Health and Recovery Board, Ad Hoc Housing Committee, staff and community members on 2/18/15 to discuss NIMBY housing issues in the county that appear to be threatening the approved development of 5 units in Fort Bragg. Businesses and local community members have succeeded in the recent past to cause the project to fail; as a result, board members were assigned to housing committees to ensure transparency and progress forward. Staff continues to participate on the Ad Hoc Housing Committee to make certain that funds are maximized, and meets the needs of individuals identified for housing.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC) and met with the BAHC executive director to discuss the passage of the San Jose Impact Fee and its implications for low cost housing in our area.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 13</b>	<b>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.</b>
<p><b>Integrated Collaboration for Affordable Recreation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff provided collaborative support and participated in the Regional Center of the East Bay's (RCEB) Diversity and Equity Committee Meeting. Based in part on SCDD staff recommendations, the committee agreed to provide 5 public meetings to gather feedback from the East Bay community on RCEB's use of Purchase of Service funding and the impact on underserved communities. The public meetings will take place in a variety of locations and times that are convenient for persons served and their families. They will also have translation capacity for six different languages; and within the public meetings, the committee will also gather feedback on the SCDD State Plan activities. In addition to the public meetings, the committee is also proactively designing and implementing outreach strategies for underserved communities. For example, RCEB has agreed to revise their website so it is more user-friendly for non-English speakers, as well as, create more support groups and training opportunities for non-English speakers. During the RCEB board meeting, staff distributed flyers announcing the formation of RCEB's Self-Determination Advisory Committee, which is being created in partnership with the Council's Bay Area Office.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended an Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) Board meeting to collaborate and remain informed about services and supports at the Regional Center. Handouts from the executive director of the Regional Center were distributed and revealed the statistics on individuals served by the ACRC. There were approximately 3 self-advocates, 7 family advocates, and 5 members of the public who serve as regular attendees.</li> <li>▪ Staff met with the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC) Executive Committee, ARC Executive Director, Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA), Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC), Special Olympics and People First met on 2/9/15 to discuss building usage and heard requests from</li> </ul>	

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**Integrated Collaboration for Affordable Recreation (Cont.):**

several disability groups needing a facility to provide activities for their clients. After the meeting, staff found examples of scholarship request and usage forms to serve as procedures that would help the ARRC group move forward with the ability to fairly give out scholarships to groups who need it. Staff helped the board to develop procedures, an application form for those that cannot pay to use the building and need a scholarship or free use. Staff also helped the group to develop a strategic plan to ensure that activities at the ARRC meet the needs of all individuals in the community and is facilitating the process to allow more usage of the building by groups serving the disability community. Planning is now in progress for "Free Open ARC Basketball Night," which will occur once a month and staff is getting the word out (fliers) to a variety of programs. Staff is also on the ARRC usage and executive committee to ensure that the process moves forward to provide more inclusive programs, per the strategic plan. The group is looking into opening one night a week for more free community use and provides usage scholarships with funds raised at an event in January 2015.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff collected a variety of resource materials that were added to the Council web site under local resources and created a Directory of Support Groups and Self-Advocacy Groups and some materials in Spanish, including a Guide to IEP Strategies.
- Staff emailed more than 1300 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners information on the Ventura County Section 8 housing list for new applicants.
- Staff emailed more than 1400 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners information on the upcoming Youth Leadership Forum in Sacramento on 5/1/15 and 5/2/15.
- Staff facilitated a discussion among the Mayor's Task Force (MTF) members, City of Stockton and local vendors about the transportation needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. Staff continues to collaborate with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC), United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), and the City of Stockton.
- Staff attended a Harbor Regional Center Board Meeting and learned of 15-20 adults with a Harbor Regional Center case were living in jail without specialized treatment options and discussed the gross violation of the civil rights of these individuals; staff continues to investigate this matter and the circumstances surrounding this issue. No programs could be found that provide competency in the community, though this problem demonstrates the need for DDS and local regional centers to develop them. Informed community partners of this issue in an attempt to stimulate interest and obtain support. Next steps include contacting the L.A. County Public Defender's Office, L.A. County judges, and ultimately local regional centers and DDS. Also, the DRC's publication, "Legal Bases for Obtaining Competency Training outside an Institutional Setting for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities" provides an adequate summary and analysis of the issue. Staff continues to collaborate with Public Counsel and the ACLU to ensure appropriate services and protection of the civil right of individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Staff attended the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Board meeting to discuss the proposed changes to Access Services (Los Angeles Paratransit Program) including the change from curb to curb to a door to door service; possible reduction in fare pricing, and firmer provisions regarding the "No Show" policy.
- Staff emailed more than 1400 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners information for an upcoming webinar by Disability Rights California.
- SCDD staff emailed more than 1,000 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners community to inform and encourage members to attend an upcoming financial literacy and training.

<b>Goal 13 (Cont.)</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
<p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff emailed more than 1300 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners community to encourage members to join the Olmstead Advisory Committee.</li> <li>▪ Through attendance at the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Board meeting on 2/10/15, staff monitored board priorities and provided information about SCDD activities that coordinates with those of the ELARC; specifically, Self-Determination Committee membership and responsibilities. The ELARC executive director and board are primary focused on restoration of cuts to regional centers and vendors; they are making a significant push for their board and others to go to Capitol Action Day and meet with legislators to ask for a 10% increase for regional centers and vendors, as well as, a 5% increase annually thereafter. The ELARC's position is that the service system is on the verge of crumbling and money is sorely needed to provide the services that people with developmental disabilities need.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended an Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Disparity Data meeting on 2/25/15; staff observed how the data was presented, noted parent's concerns and the ELARC's responses and reasons for the disparities.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff emailed more than 1,000 self-advocates, family advocates and community partners community to encourage members to attend an upcoming Rare Disease Day in Sacramento.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 14</b>	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
<p><b>Legislative Advocacy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff met with the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council, and a staff member from Assembly member Susan Bonilla's office who provided an overview of the Governor's proposed budget; staff advocated for and emphasized the importance of adequately funding the Developmental Services System.</li> <li>▪ Staff actively participates in the East Bay Legislative Coalition and facilitated the Annual Legislative Town Hall meeting "We Are You" on 2/27/15; to help legislators understand that people with developmental disabilities are friends, neighbors, and should not be treated as separate or "other." The Town Hall meeting highlighted the critical need for increased service provider rates and funding for Regional Center operations (consistent with the Council's recent decision to support the position of the Lanterman Coalition), and system sustainability. There were approximately 275 community members including Senators: Hancock and Wieckowski; Assembly Members Thurmond, Quirk, and Bonta; staff from the offices of Assembly Members Frazier, Chu, and Baker. The Town Hall was very successful with high levels of engagement with the legislators in attendance.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) Board meeting on 2/4/15, and presented a report to address NBRC's policy to implement the changes mandated by SB 1093 and inquired about consumers will be informed and training for NBRC service coordinators on the new policy.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Alameda County DD Council, East Bay Innovations, and community partners, to meet with Assembly Member Kansen Chu on 2/6/15 to discuss the high unemployment rates for persons with developmental disabilities and strategies for opportunities to improve outcomes. SCDD staff provided the Assembly Member with an overview of the service system and explained</li> </ul>	

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**Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.**

**Legislative Advocacy (Cont.):**

the process of Supported Employment, including existing challenges (e.g. inadequate service provider rates), and SCDD priorities (e.g. Employment First). Assembly Member Chu stated that he may be open to a "spot bill" related to employment for persons with developmental disabilities in the future; staff agreed to remain in touch with his office.

- Staff collaborated with local service providers and met with Senator Jim Beall's Chief of Staff. Senator Beall drafted a letter to the Chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Budget Subcommittees in the State Senate and Assembly; asking the Subcommittee Chairs to prioritize funding for Developmental Services during the upcoming budget hearings and negotiations. Staff played a lead role in the development and implementation of the letter, dated 2/19/15. First, staff recommended language which was incorporated into the letter. Second, staff shared the letter with community partners throughout the state and encouraged them to connect with their local legislative offices. Third, staff reached out to legislative offices directly. As a result of outreach from SCDD staff, Senator Hancock and Assembly Member Frazier have agreed to sign Senator Beall's letter (other legislators are also considering signing).

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- SCDD staff members are active participant and member of the Lanterman Coalition consisting of twenty statewide organizations of the California Developmental Services system to influence legislators and have urged the Brown administration to increase funding by 10% for service providers, and improve the current system before the harm to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families becomes irreparable.
- SCDD staff publishes and distributes a quarterly Regional Self-Advocacy Newsletter targeted for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The February 2015 edition of E-News contains information on the following topics: Second Annual Children and Families Policy Forum, "A seat at the Table: Parents and Youth influencing public Policy," and the 7th Annual Sonoma County Transition Resource Fair.
- Staff created and distributed the SCDD E-Newsletter #39 to 1,317 subscribers. Topics included: training opportunities for SCDD stakeholders; federal court ruling striking down cuts to service providers; call for input on the SCDD State Plan; new UCEDD parent training program; Autism Speaks new position on vaccines; and NCI/QA interviewer recruitment.

**Community Outreach and Technology:**

- Staff wrote and distributed an article using social media and community provider distribution list; to announce the passing and enactment of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) to allow Tax-Free Disabilities Savings to help individuals and families cover lifetime disability expenses.
- Staff wrote and posted two articles using social media: Wrights law on special education issues and a petition to support the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) through social media (LinkedIn and Facebook).
- Staff used the email system "Mailchimp" to forward information regarding 6 activities to approximately 5,160 email addresses and the emails were opened by 1403 individuals. Topics included: CEDD UCD Mind Institute; a five week series for children with special needs in Spanish; Rare Disease Day USA at the State Capitol March; Lanterman Coalition Rally at the Capitol on 3/4/15 to advocate increasing funding for the entire DD system by 10% now; Supported Life Institute and

<b>Goal 14 (Cont.)</b>	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
<p><b>Community Outreach and Technology:</b></p> <p>SCDD's 20th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference "Celebrate Self-Advocacy" in Sacramento on 5/1/15 and 5/2/15; CEDD UCD Mind Institute "Beyond job applications: Strategies and Supports for Employment" lecture on 2/17/15; CEDD-UCD Mind Institute panel discussion "Developing and Maintaining Positive Relationships in the Community and the Family" for families with children with special needs on 2/7/15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As a member of the East Bay Legislative Coalition, SCDD staff promoted and distributed flyers for our Annual Legislative Town Hall meeting; staff facilitated the planning meeting on 2/4/15 to finalize all details, such as: facilities, invitations to legislators, speakers, marketing materials, etc.</li> <li>▪ Staff maintains a Facebook and LinkedIn webpage to connect with the local community to provide information on resources, trainings, legislative issues, policy changes, and various issues pertaining to people with I/DD and their families within the 10-county catchment area. Staff posted three articles on special education, information on self-determination, and the ABLE Act, including the announcement of two events: SABLAC and Inclusion Institute, and SCDD training opportunities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the Developmental Disability Provider Network, Exceptional Family Resource Network, and San Diego Regional Center to plan for and facilitate the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Forum, which is an event designed to inform and educate self-advocates, family advocates, agencies, and legislators about issues that affect their services and supports. This is free event that provides both a resource fair, and an opportunity to sit with your particular legislators or their delegated representatives. This year's theme will be "10 for 10 - Your Advocacy Matters," we will have speakers from the vendor community to talk about how the freeze on rates has affected their ability to provide consistent, quality services, as well as, a self-advocate to talk about becoming empowered, and a member of the Lanterman Coalition to share information about the "10 for 10" campaign, and how self-advocates and their families can reach out to their legislators.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 15</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.
<p><b>Multicultural Collaboration and Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff facilitated trainings and workshops for self-advocates, family advocates, and community partners on Self-Determination and Employment First with the use of interpreters provided resource information including a PowerPoint presentation handout translated in English and Spanish.</li> </ul>	

Questions/Issues of Concern

North Coast Office

- Staff reported significant press coverage on behavioral health issues, homelessness, and violent interaction between law enforcement offices and individuals with developmental disabilities. Continued collaboration is needed to ensure that persons are easily identified by an officer regarding their need to avoid negative interactions, as well as, continuous training for self-advocates on how to keep themselves safe when an incident occurs with law enforcement, an accident and/or contact with first responders.
- Staff continues to participate on the Ad Hoc Housing Committee to ensure client rights are protected, and consciousness of board members' awareness on client needs. Staff expressed concerns regarding accessibility and location as well as the ongoing NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) issue. The board assigned the committee to monitor the process closely to successful completion of housing developments, and the RFP process for the 1.3 million in housing funds, as well as, the mitigation of issues.
- Staff reported that due to significant press coverage on Behavioral Health issues, our homeless population and violent interaction between law enforcement officers and people with disabilities our collaboration wanted to be sure that our disability community was easily identified by an officer as to their needs to avoid potentially bad interactions because of lack of communication or behaviors. Due to a large drug population some of the behaviors in the disability community may appear to be drug related and are not. The collaboration has been focusing on safety issues and especially for individuals on what to do in an emergency. How to keep themselves safe when an incident with law enforcement occurs, an accident and or contact with First responders when called or a disaster happens that they carry proper ID that identifies them and who to call if they need help. There have been incidents of needless arrests and incarceration due to lack of proper identification of individuals in our community. We hope to reduce the stress of individuals who come into contact with First Responders.
- Staff expressed concerns regarding limited recreational activities available for disability groups in our counties. North Coast staff and Redwood Coast Regional Center along with People First and others are helping to raise awareness of need and to assist groups to find space and funding to hold a variety of activities, such as: dances, basketball practice for tournaments, ping pong and other social activities. Consistently, the emerging issue is funding, insurance and safety. The other is the inability of the disability community to find funding for activities, which hopes to eliminate some of the barriers these groups face.
- Staff expressed concerns regarding a shut-down of 31 low income housing units for disabled and mentally ill individuals; as part of the housing committee of the Behavioral Health Board and SCDD staff, the Behavioral Health Board is pursuing all types of funding to provide housing on the coast to replace the 31 units lost. To date, only 15 units have been replaced, and the current proposal for 5 additional units are causing much controversy, but development has been approved by the City Council. This smaller 5 unit housing project was put on hold due to NIMBY issues this past year. There is a lot of controversy regarding Mental Health Housing. Despite the controversy, the City Council of Fort Bragg voted 3-2 in January 2015 to allow the housing units in the old Coast Hotel to be developed. Staff reported other funds were held up at the state level by an agency that made the paperwork too difficult to get the funds for over a year. The counties had to get special legislation passed to enable the 1.3 million to be released to the counties waiting for the funds. Funds were finally approved in January 2015.
- Staff reported a need for creating inclusive recreation programs, and adequate funding for providing activities and scholarships.

<p><b>North State Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p><b>Sacramento Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported there continues to be a need for self-advocates and their families to learn about their rights to services through the regional center. In collaboration with the Disability Rights California (DRC), we have scheduled a workshop on self-advocate rights in spring 2015.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that there are many challenges facing the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) population who are treated by a variety of medical specialists. Many of these individuals are not registered with the managed care plans so there is a continuity of care and access to care issue. Especially in rural counties, there are very few specialists so patients need to drive long distances, if a specialist in their plan is even located. Also, many I/DD do not yet understand managed care and their rights. It is important to continue to provide educational and learning forums for them and their staff/care givers as well as social workers etc. This is new to all. New benefits include non-emergency transportation, behavioral health services, and medical case management. Some individuals with complex medical needs can receive a 12 month exemption, but this is a complicated process and must be renewed every 12 months. Additionally, many adults with I/DD on Medi-Cal receive help to access medical services from their Independent/Supported Living Skills facilitators. Therefore, it is important to train staff at these agencies so they understand the self-advocates' rights under managed care and how to access services. Many staff members were trained and stated they would share the information with other staff at their agencies, as well as, self-advocates they support.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that legislative hearings have been scheduled for March in Sacramento; self-advocates and their families will be encouraged to testify regarding the need for appropriate reimbursements through Denti-Cal and Medi-Cal that will encourage hospitals to offer access to operating rooms for anesthesia dentistry procedures. Meanwhile, the biggest concern is that once these services "go away" and the dentists turn to serving other populations, it will be difficult to re-establish these specialized services.</li> <li>▪ Staff stated that many people have inadequate dental care in the East Bay. As well, there is a lack of dentists with the capacity or incentive to serve people with significant disabilities. AB 1174 would increase capacity by reducing the number of people who need to visit dental offices. Instead, dental care could be provided at their existing location (home, program, etc.) in a much more efficient manner.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported with the introduction of managed care in our area, there is a great need for education to the community on how managed care works and patients' rights. Also, there is a need to assist the managed care organizations to present and provide materials that are culturally sensitive, people first and plain language. This committee will be able to give input into these activities to assist patients to understand their rights and access needed healthcare thus eliminating barriers.</li> <li>▪ Over the years, staff has regularly attended most ACRC Board Meetings, and reported that having a visible presence at these meetings has helped to increase the collaboration with the regional center and other agencies that attend these meetings. In light of our changing role in the community, it is important to develop and support these collaborative relationships to help identify emerging issues in our community and work together to develop solutions.</li> </ul>

<p><b>North Bay Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported on concerns expressed during trainings from several families related personal experiences with SSA. Families received letters from SSA claiming overpayments or ineligibility for continued SSA benefits. Although several families prevailed in their appeals with SSA, they were concerned about future disagreements SSA and wanted to avoid potential problems by not taking advantage of opportunities for their children to increase their earnings. Even though they learned that the law was on their side, some parents nevertheless wanted to avoid the possibility of triggering problems with SSA.</li> <li>▪ Staff shared that most people do not have the time to review the breadth of information pertinent to the field of I/DD that are published by a multitude of sources. SCDD staff provides pertinent information in a quarterly publication of the Regional Self-Advocacy newsletter targeted for persons with I/DD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bay Area Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported inefficiencies and unreliable transportation is a significant and pervasive challenge in the Bay Area. Improving ParaTransit services will be especially challenging given their existing funding structure; council representatives will have the opportunity to examine and advocate for quality service and rider satisfaction throughout the county for persons with DD.</li> <li>▪ Staff stated that there are very few residential and day services for individuals who are deaf and/or have developmental disabilities in the East Bay. This is a chronic problem that will not be easily resolved. Major barriers include inadequate service provider rates and a lack of funding to start-up new programs. Previous efforts to offer sign language training to residential staff have had very limited success.</li> <li>▪ Staff expressed the need the service system to become more person-centered and has been a difficult process due to the system's persistent practice of prioritizing cost-effectiveness over individual outcomes.</li> <li>▪ Staff expressed concerns regarding a chronic and very high unemployment rates are well-documented throughout the State. This task force is working collaboratively to identify and address barriers.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported chronically high unemployment rates and Department of Rehabilitation lacking expertise to effectively connect our population with meaningful employment opportunities. WIOA mandates DOR to target transition age youth with significant disabilities. Staff will take position to partner with DOR in this effort.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported major systemic barriers that were highlighted during the meeting include inadequate service provider rates and staffing, along with a lack of job development expertise within day programs. This will be addressed through training as a next step.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported the Step-Up Program was formed to decrease barriers to employment for people with disabilities within Alameda County; the current goal is raising awareness of County hiring managers; this will require a continued and ongoing collaborative effort.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on the Regional Center of the East Bay's (RCEB) Purchase of Service data shows wide disparities in services received based on ethnicity and language.</li> <li>▪ Local legislators are sympathetic to the need for the State to increase its financial investment in Developmental Services. However, there is a great deal of competition with the limited resources available statewide and many legislators are also eager to fund other priorities. Additionally, Developmental Services does not seem to be high on the Governor's priority list, and increased advocacy is needed from the Council during this budget cycle.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a need for advocacy to increase income for service providers and regional centers. To address this need, staff will facilitate a Town Hall meeting to focus on a 10% increase for service providers and regional centers, consistent with the Lanterman Coalition position and the SCDD recently voted to support.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff expressed concerns regarding a high unemployment rates for persons with developmental disabilities are not specific to Alameda County. The high rates are chronic and pervasive throughout California and the U.S. Increased rates for service providers are needed, along with increased incentives for employers. One potential "spot bill" being discussed is a California-specific tax incentive for employers, based on an existing model in New York State.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that the advocacy community, including SCDD, is united in our initiative for increased rates for Developmental Services. Senator Beall's letter, including the many signatures from his legislative colleagues, will be very helpful in our advocacy efforts. However, it will still be very difficult to persuade the legislature and Governor to increase funding for our system.</li> </ul>
<p><b>North Valley Hills Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported limited 5-Year State Plan survey responses due to on-line access delays to the electronic version of the survey which was strongly desired by most self-advocates. Staff anticipates a significant increase in survey responses once this tool is accessible on-line and in plain language for consumer input and completion.</li> <li>▪ Staff stated according to a caller, a lack of translation services at VMRC to provide information and support during business hours. Failure of service coordinator to respond in a timely manner. Individual continues to express disappointment at the lack of translation services at VMRC. The individual is aware she can call SCDD North Valley Hills Office again if need arises.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a lack of understanding among self-advocates and their families on In-Home Support Services (IHSS) and the responsibilities of the regional center service coordinator.</li> <li>▪ Lack of understanding by the public of how special education laws are administered and how the IEP process works.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a lack of understanding on educational laws and how it relates to IEP practices.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that the County will be losing facilities (classrooms) in the next 10 years due to expiring leases with the local school districts. The team is charged with providing recommendations supporting provisions of the Local Area Plan addressing these issues.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported challenges regarding the failure to provide appropriate transitional planning for all regional center students; the lack of understanding by parents and students on the importance of transitional planning with emphasis on the student's employment interests and abilities.</li> <li>▪ The team identified several barriers to successful transition including the disparity in how the many regional centers support transition age students, similar disparities in transitional educational planning between school districts, SELPAS and even individual schools in a school district. The team also noted a lack of benefits planning which can sometime discourage students from considering employment upon leaving the school system.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on an emerging challenge among residential facility that are unaware of SCDD services and the NCI/QA Project; as a result, consumers are not engaged and/or participating. Staff attempted to contact consumers living at the residential facility to conduct NCI/QA interviews by mail and phone; staff at the facility did not know anything about SCDD or the NCI/QA project; therefore, the residential staff was reluctant to have consumers participate in the project.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported concerns regarding transportation challenges for individuals with developmental disabilities due to a lack of public transportation and impede their ability to access needed services.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Silicon Valley- Monterey Bay Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported on an on-going issue regarding self-advocates and their families who expressed that they don't feel supported or fully informed on supportive services they may qualify for and reported limited access to services.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on the importance of informing service providers and the community on self-determination as new and upcoming method of service delivery; staff continues to collaborate with the SSAN to ensure training facilitation from a self-advocate's point of view.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported families and individuals report through a variety of tools that they are not aware of services available to them during the IEP process, including fair hearing rights.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported Information from various surveys (NCIs and Disparity Reports) and anecdotal evidence (Disparity Task Force) indicates families of transition age children are not aware of available services or how to navigate the system. The Disability Collaborative is to address this issue by designing "Roadmaps" placing them on the web and holding trainings with families on how to use these tools to better access services.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on the anticipated changes in the Rehabilitation Act (WOIA) and expressed concerns on how these changes will impact Employment First Policy in our region.</li> <li>▪ Staff stated through reports, surveys and anecdotal reports, families and individuals often feel they are not fully informed. There are concerns regarding the quality of interactions with regional center staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sequoia Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p><b>Central Coast Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported that 34 family advocates previously contacted the Disability Rights California (DRC) office and the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) office; they were denied direct advocacy representation from both offices, and were unable to get the level of assistance they requested and/or needed.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that families receive information in a fragmented way, and often times families are not prepared or aware that their son or daughter will be transitioning to a new segment of a program or out a program at all due to their age.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Los Angeles Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff shared that several family advocates have reported challenges regarding regional center eligibility; staff reported the regional center appears to take advantage of parent lack of knowledge about the eligibility process and aren't provided an adequate assessment to determine eligibility.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on a consortium of parents who filed a lawsuit to halt the closure of segregated school sites in LAUSD. According to Attorney David German, there are limited lawyers in special education while the biggest challenges facing special education students is the lack of physical accessibility at schools and poor transition planning.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that there was some confusion by school staff on the differences between Lanterman Act services and early start administered by DDS.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on the need to expand the language capabilities of providers.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on the Governor's budget includes a modest increase to the DDS budget, but only reflects an anticipated increase in the number of people served next year.</li> <li>▪ Staff conducted a thorough analysis of the reasons behind POS disparities and needs to be undertaken; however, DDS will not provide funding for this analysis though they agree with it in principle; the ARCA is trying to find a partner to collaborate on this and reported no partner as of yet.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a continued challenge to grow our subscriber list because other organizations are reluctant to share their mailing lists with us out of privacy and confidentiality concerns.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Orange County Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p><b>San Bernardino Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported a lack of outreach to the community of Kern Regional Center about what Self-Determination is or what the regional center's role will be in implementing the program option. Comments from the surveys indicate that folks would like more information about services available through the regional center, how to deal with the school system, better dissemination of information, and more information on how fair hearings work with the regional center.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on inquiries from family advocates regarding resources in the local area, and the regional center presented its purchase of services disparity data.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a need for more outreach to better inform self-advocates and family advocates on how to appeal regional center decisions denying services and navigate the school system.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that there are people who want self-determination services, but want to keep some of their vendor services and expressed concerned on whether they will be able to keep those services if they participate in self-determination.</li> </ul>
<p><b>San Diego Imperial Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff stated that due to the nature of many community based services, more and more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are utilizing their free, community resources to check out books and videos, use a computer, attend informational trainings, etc. offered at these community locations. As the new CMS regulations become a reality, more and more of these sites will become heavily utilized by our constituents, and the staff needs to understand appropriate interactions, as well as, communication techniques to ensure successful interactions.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported People with developmental disabilities are under employed and not always paid minimum wage.</li> </ul>

## SCDD Collaborative Partners

Abilities United  
Achieve School, Inc.  
Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council  
Alameda County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program  
Alameda County Human Resources Department  
Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC)  
Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)  
Anthem Blue Cross  
Arc Imperial Valley  
ARC of San Francisco  
Arc of Ventura County  
Area 4 on Aging  
Asian Community Mental Health  
Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)  
Banning Unified School District (BUSD)  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Board  
CA Promise  
California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)  
California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY)  
California Health & Wellness  
Casa Colina  
Central Valley Training Center  
Ceres Unified School District (CUSD)  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Children's Nurturing Project (CNP)  
City Council of Fort Bragg  
City of Lodi ADA Committee  
Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)  
College 2 Career  
Community Catalysts of California  
Community Employment Services  
Community Homes and Services  
Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)  
Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council  
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)  
Deaf Community Services  
Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC)  
Deaf Plus Day Program of Alameda County  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Disability Collaborative  
Disability Rights California (DRC)  
East Side Union High School District  
Easter Seals  
Lodi SELPA  
Lodi Unified School District (LUSD)  
Los Angeles Regional Center Transportation Group  
L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Mains'l Services Inc. 7th Street Centre for the Arts Program  
Matrix Parent Network  
Medi-Cal Services  
Mendocino County Sheriff Department  
Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA)  
Mental Health Systems  
Modesto Para transit  
Modesto Unified School District (MUSD)  
Monterey County SELPA  
Mt. San Jacinto College – Disabled Student Services & Programs (DSPS)  
New Horizons  
North Coastal Consortium For Special Education  
Novelles  
Oak Grove School District  
Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH)  
Pajaro Unified School District  
Palo Alto Unified School District Vocational Education  
PathPoint  
Patterson Unified School District (PUSD)  
People First of California  
People First of Ukiah  
People First Santa Barbara (PFSB)  
People First Santa Maria (PFSM)  
Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)  
Poses Family Foundation  
Redi-Wheels Paratransit  
Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)  
Riverside County CARE (Curtailing Abuse Related to the Elderly)  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)  
Rowell Family Empowerment  
Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (SDAC)  
SamTrans (san Mateo County Transportation Agency)  
San Andreas Regional Center (SARC)  
San Barbara County SELPA  
San Diego People First  
San Diego Regional Center (SDRC)  
San Diego State Interwork Institute,  
San Diego State University (SDSU) – Nursing Program  
San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)  
Educate Advocate  
Employment Development Department  
Episcopal Community Services  
Exceptional Family Center Bakersfield  
Exceptional Family Resource Center  
Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)  
Family Resource Center  
Family Resource Network (FRN)  
Family Resource Network of San Francisco  
Family SOUP Family Resource Center  
Fiesta Educativa Conference  
Fresno County Women Lawyers (FCWL)  
Friends of Children with Special Needs  
Gateway (Tehachapi)  
Glenn County Office of Education (GCOE)  
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)  
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)  
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center  
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Bakersfield  
Harbor Regional Center  
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)  
Hope Services  
Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)  
Imperial Valley People First  
Imperial Valley SELPA  
In-Home Support Services (IHSS)  
Inland Empire Autism Society  
Inland Regional Center (IRC)  
Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco  
Lake Elsinore Police Department  
Lanterman Regional Center (LRC)  
Lincoln Training Center

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services  
San Joaquin County In-Home Support Services (IHSS)  
San Joaquin County SELPA  
San Jose Unified School District  
San Luis Obispo SELPA  
Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County  
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)  
Social Security Administration  
Social Service Agency (SSA)  
Solano County Adult Protective Services (APS)  
Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)  
Sonoma County Transition Consortium (SCTC)  
Special Parents Information Network (SPIN)  
Stanislaus SELPA  
Stockton SELPA  
Stockton Unified School District (SUSD)  
Support for Families of Children with Special Needs  
Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)  
Tehachapi United Methodist Church  
The Call Connection  
Toolworks  
TRACE Services  
Tri-Counties Regional Center  
Turlock school Unified School District (TUSD)  
UCP Work Inc.  
Ukiah Association for Habilitation (UVAH)  
University of California, Davis (UCD)  
University of Southern California (USC)  
Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD)  
Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC)  
Ventura County SELPA  
VMRC vendors  
WarmLine Family Resource Center

**California State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
March 2015 Activities Report**

<p><b>Goal 1</b></p>	<p>Individuals with developmental disabilities have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services and to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.</p>
<p><b>Self-Advocacy Rights Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff continues to collaborate with the Matrix Parent Network; after conducting community training in January 2015, staff was invited to present to Matrix Parent Advisors on Self-Advocacy and Self-Determination on 3/10/15. Staff provided information and trained five self-advocates in leadership, self-advocacy and self-determination, and five parent advisors systems advocacy about quality assurance.</li> <li>▪ Staff organized training facilitated the Program Director for Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC) to provide a presentation on Augmentative and Assistive Technology to our Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) on 3/24/15. Two self-advocates, six family advocates, and three community members were present. The presenter discussed the funding streams for services through the school district, and for adults through their regional center including Medi-Cal and insurance services. The presenter also explained the process for completing an evaluation to identify the appropriate communication technology for each person. Attendees were given an opportunity to try eye gaze technology and to see several other devices. A parent expressed excitement for staff trained appropriately, and shared information and demonstrated her child’s communication device issued by CTEC; facilitated in school and was funded by Medi-Cal.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Desert ARC to discuss the facilitation of SCDD Self-Advocacy training for many self-advocates who attend the program. It was determined that the meeting would focus on the topic of what is the best approach to address concerns with elected officials and community leaders. Staff will utilize the materials from the SCDD website including DVD training and handbook "Advocating with your Elected Officials." At the previous Self-Determination meeting, there was a discussion regarding a bus stop, located in front of the Desert ARC facility for several years, was recently relocated nearly a mile away. It was determined that providing this training to self-advocates would assist them in addressing this issue with the local government. The scheduled date for "Help Build Up Self Advocate Group at Desert ARC" training is 4/16/15.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff produced a self-advocacy newsletter which included information on IPP empowerment, statewide self-advocacy events, the Statewide Self Advocacy Network, an article on a self-advocacy leader and his encouragement to pursue goals, and a tip sheet for contacting service coordinators. All articles and information was suggested and/or provided by self-advocates. The newsletter was distributed to approximately 320 self-advocates, family advocates and community members by email, and hard copies are forwarded to self-advocates, family advocates, program staff, and others. Staff continues to collaborate with Unified Cerebral Palsy (UCP), the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), People First of California and the Gone for Good Self Advocacy Group.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Community Interface Services, San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), and family advocates to provide technical assistance and support for a self-advocate who was advocating for her rights to live independently in the community and work on desired goals. Staff provided information and outreach to supportive services for a self-advocate whose parent had surgery and hospitalized for a period of 2 weeks was told she would have to go to a group home until the parent returned home. This consumer wanted to stay in her home with support from day program staff, other family members and friends. She was able to come up with a plan to show she would have enough support to be safe and able to take care of her independent living needs.</li> </ul>	

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- Staff continues to coordinate with UCP/Gone for Good, North Bay Regional Center, and California Mentor; staff attended a self-advocacy meeting at UCP/Gone for Good to support self-advocates develop a PowerPoint presentation and lead their own IPP meetings. Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation created by other self-advocates on how to lead an IPP meetings. One self-advocate at Gone for Good immediately said he wanted to lead his own meeting. Staff met with the self-advocate to identify goals, develop a PowerPoint, and practice leading a meeting. The self-advocate successfully led their own meeting and has clear steps to meet their goals.
- Staff sent an eBlast to agency and community distribution lists to issue the SB SCDD Newsletter highlighting John Weeks, a self-advocate who is a retired homeowner, husband and peer-advocate.
- Staff sent an eBlast to agency and community distribution lists to announce the 20th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference (Supported Life Institute) on May 1-2, 2015.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff coordinated with the Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA) and Supported Life Institute - Self Advocacy Project to share information about the PADSA mini-grant; provided applications and encouraged local self-advocacy chapters to apply. Three chapters (each consisting of about 10 self-advocates) applied for and each received grants in the amount \$2,500. They are excited about working with their grants and increasing self-advocacy skills in their chapters and communities.
- Staff met with Central Valley Regional Center staff to discuss the formation of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC); the parameters of the committee were discussed and the recruitment of committee members. Staff provided an overview and updates on the Self-Determination Program including Person-Centered Planning for self-advocates and services providers.
- Staff provided collaborative support to the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) who recognizes that although there are many people interested in Self Advocacy, there is a lack of leadership development. Beginning in February, the SSAN began drafting grant application for \$2000 to Pacific Alliance on Disability Self Advocacy. Staff continues to provide technical support for members of the SSAN with the grant process to provide two day leadership development training. SCDD staff is committed to collaborate with SSAN to provide support and facilitation for training success.
- Staff provided technical assistance for the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) representative for the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC). Staff assisted the SSAN representative to prepare for the March SSAN meeting, SSAN Newsletter Committee meeting, SSAN Officer's meeting; provided technical support to organize paperwork, follow agenda items, and record notes.
- Staff met with Central Valley Regional Center staff (Ridick and Higgens) to discuss the formation of a Self-Determination Advisory Committee. The parameters of the committee were discussed as well as membership (Self-Advocates, Family Members, Community Members); including ways to promote applicants to the committee. Staff will work closely with the regional center to oversee development and support the coordination of membership recruitment.
- Staff collaborated with the Arc of Ventura County to provide Legislative Advocacy Training on 3/20/15. Staff provided training to self-advocates on legislative advocacy; they reviewed pending legislation and discussed which bills they would like to follow and monitor.
- Staff supported the new Central Coast SSAN Representative to participate in March 2015 SSAN meeting. Staff met with the SSAN Rep to review packet, complete member report, and coordinate travel. Staff provided support to SSAN Rep during meeting. After the meeting, staff and SSAN Rep reviewed meeting activities and committee assignments.

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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):**

- Staff continues to collaborate with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) and the Arc San Francisco; staff provided collaborative support and attended the monthly Golden Gate Self-Advocacy Conference Planning Committee meeting. Staff coordinated with self-advocates and collaborating agencies to discuss conference programming and developed subcommittees responsibilities.
- Staff provided collaborative support to Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) committee members to further develop their outreach plan, and was awarded a \$2,000 PADSA mini-grant to support their outreach efforts.

**Self-Advocacy and In-Kind Supports:**

- Staff provided in-kind support to People First Santa Maria (PFSM). Staff met with PFSM president, UCP staff and Work Inc. staff to plan first PFSM meeting in April. Group was able to set up regular meeting schedule, support PFSM to attend a meeting of People First San Luis Obispo (PFSLO) and put together a meeting announcement and flyer to widely advertise the first meeting.
- Staff provided in-kind support to People First Santa Barbara (PFSB) at their March meeting. Staff supported the PFSB president and members to conduct an election to elect new officers, discussion of possible future activities in the areas of advocacy and socialization. In regard to funds leveraged, staff was able to obtain the meeting location for PFSB at no cost to them. The typical rental fee for the room of its size in Santa Barbara is about \$200 an hour.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff supported a self-advocate and provided technical assistance to develop a PowerPoint presentation to lead their own IPP meeting on 3/24/15. The PowerPoint identified the self-advocate's accomplishments, strengths and goals, which prompted the IPP team to discuss ways to support the self-advocate to meet their goals. Staff assisted this individual to present their PowerPoint and experience with leading a meeting to the self-advocacy group. Twenty-seven self-advocates and 12 staff participated in the presentation. After the presentation, several individuals requested assistance to develop PowerPoints to lead their own meetings.
- Staff collaborated with Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL) and met with a systems change advocate to discuss local committees lacking consumer representation. We talked about various committees SCDD has that are consumer driven. Provided advocate with a list of local committees in need of self-advocate participants. Provided phones numbers of contact persons and dates of upcoming meeting such as the Mayor's Task Force on Persons with Disabilities and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC).
- Staff provided technical assistance and supports a self-advocate to develop a PowerPoint presentation to lead his own IPP meeting on 3/27/15. Staff assisted individual to present their PowerPoint and develop experience with leading a meeting for their self-advocacy group. There were 15 self-advocates who participated in the presentation.
- Council staff supported two self-advocates to draft a letter to First Lady Michelle Obama, describing their concerns with the Developmental Services System in California and asking for her support. One self-advocates is a member of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and another is a member of the Council's Employment-First Committee. The letter will be presented for approval by the Council.

**Technical Assistance and Support:**

- Staff summarized and reviewed the SCDD Los Angeles Office Regional Advisory Committee's packet with a self-advocate committee member. A self-advocate requested ongoing assistance to ensure

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his understanding of the contents of the packet. SCDD staff met with the self-advocate in order to support him in the manner he needed to participate equally on the committee.

- Staff continues to support the leadership of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) to provide on-going training on self-advocacy and self-determination. Staff provided technical support to 20 self-advocate members of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6) at their Saturday meeting. Staff provided information and handouts on SCDD changes (distributed the Regional Announcement flyer illustrating the new regional office names), as well as, a map of the SCDD regional offices, Capitol Action Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and People First of California conference information. Additionally, to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, staff distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment in our catchment areas. Also, information was shared on the establishment of Self Determination Advisory Committees. Self-advocates were provided information to share with other self-advocates within our 5 county catchment area.
- Staff provided technical support to the SSAN newsletter work group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. The chairperson and members collected stories on bullying from SSAN members and developed a newsletter format for articles and resources including photos of members during SSAN meetings.
- Staff supported regional SSAN representative to participate in March 2015 SSAN meeting. Staff met with member to review packet, complete member report, and coordinate travel. Staff provided facilitation to member during meeting. After the meeting, staff reviewed meeting activities and committee assignment. Staff and SSAN members began planning for trainings and facilitation.
- Staff continues to collaborate with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) TRACE Services and provide facilitation support for the March TRACE Student Governance meeting to review site activities conducted. Additionally, the San Diego People First President provided an informational presentation on self-advocacy and the upcoming San Diego People First conference.
- Staff met the new Central Coast SSAN Representative to plan presentations throughout the Central Coast community to local self-advocacy groups. The Central Coast SSAN Rep and staff put together a calendar of presentations. SSAN Rep will visit and present to the following groups: the "Co-Advocates" (a self-advocate group in Ventura County), People First Santa Barbara, and People First San Luis Obispo. He will provide presentations on the SSAN and Self Determination. Including written articles for the SSAN newsletter and staff support on the drafting of the article, as needed.

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**Education and Early Intervention Training:**

- Staff collaborated with the Lanterman Regional Center Family Resource Center to provide a presentation on Bullying to 16 parents of Lanterman Regional Center's Padres Unidos parent group. Spanish interpretation was provided by FRC staff; stressed importance of using the IEP process to address bullying, bystander training programs, and other strategies. Passed out SCDD L.A. office publication, "Enough is Enough: Anti-Bullying Strategies for Students with Developmental Disabilities, Their Families, and Their Schools," and provided handouts in Spanish from the Pacer Center (Minnesota).

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**Education and Early Intervention Training (Cont.):**

- Staff continues to collaborate with SELPA 1 CAC, Monterey COE, Pajaro Valley SELPA CAC, Autism Spectrum Support Group - Santa Cruz attended the SELPA 1 CAC meeting to provide educational rights training as well as technical assistance. Additionally, staff connected with other agencies in attendance (YMCA, HOPE services), and reached out to Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) and Pajaro Valley CAC to arrange for SCDD participation at the upcoming Community Resources Fair in May 2015.
- Staff collaborated with the Family Resource Network (FRN) of Stockton to trained family advocates on special education and early intervention. Staff provided technical support for parents on issues regarding special education and IEP rights. Funds leveraged were provided by the Family Resource Network for community room facilities and refreshments for attendees.
- Staff continues to collaborate with Exceptional Parents Unlimited, H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection, Bakersfield, Central Valley Regional Center, Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) - Special Education Department and 504 Coordinator for CUSD. Staff was invited to provide Special Education Rights training to individuals from Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties. Approximately 72 family advocates were trained on their child's educational rights, least restrictive environment, and how to obtain appropriate community supports including effective advocacy techniques to utilize during IEP meetings.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff coordinated with the Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging and Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office, and sent an E-Newsletter to mailing list to inform family members and service providers about upcoming events, changes in law, and other matters of interest to persons involved in the life of individuals with I/DD. The March 12th issue contained the following: SCDD State Plan Survey on (Survey Monkey), recruitment flyer, and membership application for the Council and Regional Advisory Committee (RAC); including "Practice Democracy: A Guide for Communicating with Your Elected Representatives," produced by the SCDD staff.
- In response to request for assistance for elderly and disabled individual living in Solano County, staff provided Disabilities Rights California (DRC) resource information and training on the Social Security Administration appeal process including a list of attorneys and staff from the County Public Defender's Office who handle SSI claims.
- Staff responded to a request for support from a parent seeking advocacy assistance for her son's appeal of a denial of regional center eligibility, staff provided information and training on the appeal process, and referral services to their parent organization, Disabilities Rights California (DRC) and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
- Staff responded to a parent request for information on special education services in the Roseville area of Sacramento County, staff provided resource information and referral services to the Sacramento Office for additional support.
- In response to a request for advocacy assistance from a Marriage and Family Therapist for her client who was denied eligibility for the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) services; staff provided information on the appeal process, and referral services to Disabilities Rights California (DRC) and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
- Staff received an inquiry from a parent assisting her son with application for admittance to the College to Career (C2C) program at Santa Rosa Junior College. Staff provided information on the application process and deadline. Staff clarified that the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) has no

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- authority in the selection process which concerned the parent advocate, and referred her to the C2C program coordinator for further assistance.
- In response to a call from a request from a parent for advocacy assistance seeking day care and emergency respite support from the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) services for his son. Staff provided information and trained the parent advocate on self-advocacy rights and the appeals process including referral services to Disabilities Rights California (DRC) and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
  - Staff provided technical assistance to 8 family advocates seeking generic services, such as IHSS, Cal-Fresh, regional center services and advocacy assistance for educational issues. Per the expressed regional center related matters: 5 calls were referred to OCRA, 2 to the local Independent Living Center, 2 to DOR, one to DRC and one to the CARE Team (MDT Law Enforcement/Mental Health Collaborative). On Educational matters: all 5 cases were referred to Team of Advocates of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) and three of the calls were also cross-referred to the local SELPA, and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) for further assistance.
  - Staff provided support and training to a parent advocate whose child is hospitalized, and concerned their child's discharged with no facility available to provide support for significant medical and behavioral needs. Staff suggested a planning team meeting with the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and School District to initiate appropriate educational programming. Staff referral services to Disability Rights California (DRC) for individual advocacy.
  - Staff was invited to speak at the Fresno County Bar Association March Luncheon on the topic of "Laws and Regulation that Protect People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." The lunch was held on 3/27/15 at Pardini's Restaurant, and approximately 63 people were in attendance.
  - Staff received twenty complaints from individuals, family members and service providers over the last six months, Council staff met with RCEB's Director of Community Services to discuss RCEB's Supported Living Services (SLS) Committee. According to the complaints, the committee is used by RCEB to limit SLS services, control regional center costs, and slow down the SLS Purchase of Service approval process. The complaints allege that RCEB's approach is interfering with access to timely services and is contrary to the individualized planning process. Council staff shared the complaints with the Director of Community Services during the meeting. As a next step, Council staff will organize a meeting with RCEB and several of the community stakeholders that have made the complaints. Staff hopes that the RCEB's process can be modified to minimize any negative impact to individuals and families and/or the community members can better understand the rationale for RCEB's approach so that everyone can work more effectively together in the future. It is expected that the meeting will take place within the next two months.
  - Staff provided technical assistance to a conservator of an individual who was removed from current day program because of SIB during transit leading to a hospital visit. Staff reported no other day program opportunities available. Conservator requested support from the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and no contact for more than 5 days. Staff provided information and referral services and suggested she contact the VMRC Director of Case Management and Executive Director in absence of contact from Service Coordinator or program manager.
  - Staff provided support and training to a parent advocate who believes that her orthopedically challenged daughter is not receiving an appropriate educational program. Staff provided information and discussed possible goals and types of placement options appropriate for their child including special education law, individual rights, and parent's options.

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- Staff coordinated with the Exceptional Family Resource Center, Arc of Imperial Valley, Community Catalysts of California, Imperial Valley People First, California Health and Wellness, Molina Healthcare, and San Diego State University Imperial Campus Nursing Program to present at the Annual Imperial Valley People First Self Advocacy conference in Holtville on 3/28/15. There were 129 individuals who participated in the event, and the conference focused on a health and wellness, and featured a resource fair that provided health checks, and other community resources, five workshop presentations that were very engaging and experiential; followed by a dinner dance with "An Evening in Paris" theme which provided everyone an opportunity to get dressed up for a formal dinner. The participants repeatedly spoke about how much they enjoyed the training sessions that were at the conference this year and are already thinking about next year's event. Additionally, during the preconference activities a meeting to gather input for the SCDD State Plan was held and the participants spoke about what they thought would enhance the service system for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Staff provided technical support and assistance to 4 family advocates on the Fair Hearing process, and the Consumer Rights Complaint (4731 Complaints) process.
- Staff coordinated the planning meeting for the Imperial Valley Parent Training conference and for the sibling event that will be held on 5/30/15. The materials to be used at the stations were shared and 8 people committed to take the lead for the various disability stations and plans for their stations will be reported at the next meeting. The committee reviewed the schedule for the event and decided the preregistration will be required and limited to 75 attendees with clarification regarding the distribution of conference materials to the local schools was discussed. Also, the committee continued the planning discussions regarding the parent conference in October 2015.

**Self-Advocacy Rights Training:**

- Staff collaborated with San Luis Obispo County SELPA, Santa Barbara County SELPA, Ventura County SELPA, and Tri-Counties Regional Center to host a Community Supports Rights Clinics and facilitated a series of four (Tuesday) trainings for 9 family advocates. Trainings were provided in English and Spanish. From these clinics the Central Coast office identified a systemic issue with SSI overpayments-the materials and methods used by SSA are not adequate to educate family advocates about how to avoid an overpayment. For each impacted family advocate, we provided them with materials related to their overpayment issue from Disability Rights California.
- Staff collaborated with San Luis Obispo County SELPA, Santa Barbara County SELPA, Ventura County SELPA, and Tri-Counties Regional Center to host a Special Education Rights Clinic and facilitated a series of four (Thursday) trainings for 20 family advocates on their child's educational rights and early intervention. Trainings were facilitated in English and Spanish on IEP rights and development. Staff identified emerging issues with the local school districts' failure to follow IEP timelines in accordance to state and federal law.
- Staff collaborated with the Partnership for Healthy Babies and community partners to present a series of trainings to foster families or families considering foster care or adoption. Since many children in foster care have developmental and learning disabilities, and may have been exposed to and impacted by drug and alcohol exposure in utero, the training series covered an overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), including definition, effect of prenatal alcohol exposure on the child's development with the range of physical, mental, behavioral and/or learning disabilities that could be lifelong. Causation and effects of FASD, involvement with the legal system, the importance

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**Self-Advocacy Rights Training (Cont.):**

of early interventions through school, individual education plan training and other resources such as health, behavioral and supportive services, and how to advocate for the child's needs. The training series included an IEP component for parent advocates. In attendance at the event was a foster youth who has been diagnosed with FASD. He shared his personal experience of the challenges he faced prior to receiving the correct diagnosis. He also shared that he had a lot of difficulty in school, but thanks to his foster family he was able to complete his education and get his diploma. Staff continues to collaborate with the community college, local education agency, public Health, mental Health, Redwood Coast Regional Center, and local health practitioners.

- Staff provided training to two families regarding their families' rights under IDEA. Staff provided technical assistance to access a web link to Special Education Rights and Responsibilities as well as a Special Education Strategy Guide.
- Staff collaborated with the Fiesta Familiar Anaheim and Fiesta Familiar San Juan Capistrano to train 32 family advocates on Social Security Benefits (SSI) in English and Spanish on 3/26/15.
- Staff responded to 18 calls from family advocates requesting support and information on special education rights; all inquiries were addressed by phone and emailed information on referral services for community supports and a list of community resources including upcoming special education trainings to increase knowledge and engagement, and encouraged to join our email list and visit the SCDD website for additional information. Staff continues to collaborate with Warmline Family Resource Center, Family SOUP, Rowell Family Empowerment, Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT), Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH), and Alta California Regional Center (ACRC).
- Staff provided a 2-hour parent and professional training as an introduction to Special Education Rights and Responsibilities, the IEP Process led by DRC/OCRA staff who also served as speak English and Spanish interpreters, on 3/20/15 (Sacramento). Approximately 23 people attended, staff provided copies of "Special Education, You Can Do It! IEPs", Chapter 4 of the SERR Manual, and flyers for future SCDD trainings were distributed. Staff provided a general overview of special education rights and responsibilities as well as answered specific questions from parents and professionals. DRC staff translated the presentation into Spanish for a parent advocate.
- Staff provided training and information to five families regarding regional center services and eligibility including information on their rights under the Lanterman Act and an IPP Strategy Guide.
- Staff collaborated with the Matrix Parent Network and North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) to provide 2 trainings on services available through the Department of Rehabilitation and North Bay Regional Center. Spanish translation was provided for the trainings.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff responded to approximately twenty complaints from individuals, family members and service providers over the last six months. Council staff met with the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) Director of Community Services to discuss RCEB's Supported Living Services (SLS) Committee. According to the complaints, the committee is used by RCEB to limit SLS services, control regional center costs, and slow down the SLS Purchase of Service approval process. The complaints allege that RCEBs approach is interfering with access to timely services and is contrary to the individualized planning process. Council staff shared the complaints with the Director of Community Services during the meeting. As a next step, Council staff will organize a meeting with RCEB and several of the community stakeholders that have made the complaints.
- Staff collaborated with San Diego Unified School District, UCP, San Diego People First, Arc of San

<b>Goal 2 (Cont.)</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diego, and Mountain Shadows to support a team of self-advocates in planning for the 2015 self-advocacy conference. As a committee, we made decisions regarding the street fair and entertainment. Each participant on the committee agreed to assist with trying to obtain donations of door prizes to be given away at the conference.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Ridgecrest Autism Awareness Program and was invited to present on Self-Determination and how SCDD helps individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The meeting was held at the Hampton Inn on 3/11/15. There were 45 people in attendance with a Spanish translator provided and attendees included 5 self-advocates, 34 family members, and 6 Regional Center staff. Staff took the opportunity to gain community input for State Plan development and distributed the "State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire" to identify and collect information on community needs for inclusion in the next 5-Year State Plan.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the San Diego Regional Center, Arc of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, and Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK). Staff met with a group of parents and representatives from various community agencies to begin the planning process for the San Diego Conference for Spanish speaking parents of children with special needs. The group discussed last year's conference and started to identify ways to reorganize the planning process for the upcoming year and set dates for the upcoming monthly planning meetings.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 3</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families express the degree to which they are satisfied with their services and the extent to which they feel their needs are being met.
<p><b>Quality Assurance and Outreach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff attended and participated in the 2015 Purchase of Service Expenditure Data Forums on 3/24/15 and 3/26/15. The objective was to review data and discuss disparities with community stakeholders. While the information was provided in English, a notice of the forum was distributed in advance and posted on the Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) website, there was only one consumer present and that was a Mentor Program staff member. SCDD staff discussed the issues of outreach due to observing poor attendance and present were two local community agency staff members and Disability Rights California (DRC). SCDD staff gave suggestions on how to outreach to the Latino and Indian communities in order to get their representation for future forums. Also, staff attended a Mental Health Forum at Hopland Reservation to assess the community's needs, look at disparities in services and was a prime opportunity to find out what services are needed and to meet key people to continue to evolve services in our rural communities, and there was no RCRC staff in attendance to discuss the purchase of service expenditure data or invite attendees to the next RCRC forum.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended and participated in the 2015 Purchase of Service (POS) Expenditure Data Forums on 3/23/15; to review data and attendees were asked to discuss the disparity among races for POS reporting to the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) and Disability Rights California (DRC).</li> </ul> <p><b>Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff facilitated a State Plan Town Hall meeting on 3/12/15 to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment in Mira Loma (San Bernardino County). Staff explained how the State Plan established and the impact in the local area.</li> </ul>	

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Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families express the degree to which they are satisfied with their services and the extent to which they feel their needs are being met.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation (Cont.):**

- Staff facilitated a Town Hall meeting in Mammoth Lakes (Mono County) to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and collected information (distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire) on needs assessment for the area on 3/12/15.
- Staff coordinated with Ridgecrest Autism Awareness and Kern Regional Center (KRC) - Ridgecrest Office to facilitate a Town Hall meeting to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and collected information (distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire) on needs assessment for the Ridgecrest area on 3/11/15.

**Promoting Self-Determination:**

- Staff met with Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC) management staff to develop a plan for materials and trainings on the Self-Determination Services (SDS) program; staff also advocated for the formation of the Central Coast Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC).
- Staff facilitated training on Self-Determination for the Foster City Chapter of the Autism Society of the Bay Area. The presentation included an overview of the new law and a discussion of its impact on people with developmental disabilities, family members, service providers, regional centers, etc. The presentation compared and contrasted Self-Determination with traditional service delivery through regional centers.
- Staff continues to coordinate with IMAH - Bishop, CA, and Kern Regional Center Bishop Office to present on Self-Determination; staff provided an overview and update on the Self-Determination program. Staff trained approximately 20 self-advocates and community providers on self-advocacy and self-determination.
- Staff attended the Vallejo Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education meeting and presented the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) PowerPoint presentation on Self-Determination to 2 self-advocates, 4 family advocates, and 2 service providers. A Spanish translator was present and translated the presentation for Spanish-speaking family members. Staff distributed SCDD's Fact Sheet on Self-Determination (English and Spanish) to the CAC mailing list, which is maintained by staff; the mailing list contains 112 contacts.
- SCDD staff collaborated to provide training to self and family-advocates on self-determination principles. Staff provided handouts of the presentation (PowerPoint) on self-determination entitled "What is Self-Determination?" and distributed the SCDD Brochure for information about choices regarding self-determination. Participants shared that the training was informative and they have a better understanding of self-determination and related resources in their community.
- Staff continues to coordinate with Alameda County DD Council and provided a presentation on Self-Determination at the Alameda County Transition Faire. The presentation included an overview of the new law and a discussion of its impact on people with developmental disabilities, family members, service providers, regional centers, etc. The presentation demonstrated the differences between Self-Determination and traditional service delivery through regional centers.
- Staff attended the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Stakeholder Meeting at the Department of Rehabilitation on 3/18/15. The use of NCI data to monitor progress in meeting HCBS Settings and Person Centered Planning Rules was discussed. The NCI project summarized the NCI questions, data and the requirements of the CMS requirements. Approximately 40 professionals, service providers, and agency representatives attended this meeting.

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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff attended the Regional Center of the East Bay Board of Directors Meeting and announced the Council's upcoming Community Forums that were organized to gather input on our State Plan from local community members.
- Staff coordinated with Golden Gate Regional Center, UCSF and several local service providers, Council staff participated in a meeting to start the development of a "roadmap" that will guide our local service system, as it evolves between now and 2020. The roadmap process was initiated in reaction to the recent HCBS Rules and with the goal of increasing meaningful community integration and participation for people with developmental disabilities in the Bay Area. Council staff will take a lead role in creating the roadmap for Self-Determination, which will eventually be presented to GGRC's Board of Directors and other interested community stakeholders.
- Staff met with a social work intern who currently has an internship at the San Diego Regional Center and provided an overview on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and what the role is of the regional office. In addition, information on the service delivery system, the self-advocacy movement and various ways to get involved with self-advocacy were all discussed.
- SCDD Sequoia and San Bernardino offices were invited by Ridgecrest Autism Awareness on 3/11/15 to present on Self-Determination; staff provided an overview and update on the Self-Determination program. Staff trained approximately 40 self-advocates and community providers on self-advocacy and self-determination.
- Staff continues to collaborate with San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), San Diego People First, and Imperial Valley People First. Staff attended the monthly Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting (4 self-advocates and 2 community partners were in attendance) to review the board meeting minutes and clarified any questions the members had regarding the regional center board meeting. The group also discussed the Employment First Policy and its key components which will be followed up with a more detailed discussion at the next meeting. The members representing other self-advocacy organizations provided updates and information on the work their groups are doing. The members were provided with surveys and encouraged to not only complete the survey for themselves, but to also go back to their groups and gather input regarding what they feel should be included in the SCDD 5-Year State plan.
- Staff attended the Quality Assessment Project Advisory Group at the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). It was a presentation and discussion by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) about the National Core Indicators Child Family Survey, California Statewide Report 2012-2013 that was just published.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the San Andreas Quality Assurance Committee and hosted the first of four community meetings with local stake holders to discuss the SCDD State Plan and reviewed a variety of areas to meet community needs.
- Staff attended the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Disparity Data meeting on 3/4/15, and met with the new WRC executive director before the board meeting to provide information on the role and activities of the SCDD Los Angeles Office. Staff observed how the data was presented, and noted the primary concerns expressed by families (attendees) regarding a lack of information and knowledge of what services are available to them.
- Staff facilitated a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting on 3/31/15 in Amador County at the Arc of Amador & Calaveras, and approximately \$200 in leveraged funds was provided for the conference room and refreshments.

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**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):**

- Staff continues to collaborate with the Executive Directors of the Los Angeles Regional Centers to launch the Self-Determination Advisory Committees (SDAC). Letters of introduction, agendas, and handouts are being coordinated. Also, one Advisory Committee has met since December and the second will launch on 4/2/15.
- Staff attended the Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Board of Director's meeting on 3/17/15 to provide information and updates on the name change of SCDD local offices, and trainings offered by the SCDD Los Angeles Office were distributed to all the board members and meeting attendees.
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services received a grant to assess the needs of and find solutions for aging caregivers of aging family members with I/DD. This was one of three annual meetings convened to bring stakeholders together to discuss the issues. A staff person from the Alzheimer's Association was present to report on their recently awarded grant from ACL to study issues pertaining to adults with DD who develop Alzheimer's. Bet Tzedek distributed its new guide to Limited Conservatorships and a discussion ensued about promoting less restrictive alternatives to conservatorships.
- Staff attended and participated in the planning meeting for the 2015 Fiesta Educativa Conference in October; a conference for parents of children with disabilities.
- Staff attended and participated in the planning meeting for the 2015 CHOICES Conference. Staff provided on-going technical support (record and email minutes) for monthly planning meetings; approximately \$300 in leveraged funds from the San Joaquin County Office of Education to provide conference packets with the theme, materials, and award-winning artwork by a self-advocate.
- Staff met with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Board Members and attended a monthly VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on 3/9/15 to discuss the formation of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC); parameters of the committee and the recruitment of committee members. Staff provided SCDD information and resources on self-advocacy and self-determination to 23 attendees. Also, staff provided information on Capitol Action Day and distributed the 5-Yr State Plan Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment.
- Staff attended and participated in the bi-monthly Developmental Disability Provider Network (DDP) meeting on 3/19/15. At this meeting, a financial report was provided, and the DDPN approved a \$1,500 donation to San Diego People First for their upcoming conference to purchase t-shirts for the participants. The San Diego People First group also received donations at the Leading the Charge conference for the opportunity drawing of almost \$500. Additionally, a woman from the Special Olympics organization attended to discuss the 7000 international athletes that will be coming in July for the games, and 1400 will visit San Diego. Also, the San Diego Padres baseball team will be hosting the athletes at the 7/23/15 game, which will be open to the public. Attending agencies provided updates on their programs, and staff from our office provided information on the extension of the Project College deadline to apply, as well as, the upcoming recruitment efforts to identify Advisory Committee members for both the Self-Determination Committee and the Regional Advisory Committee. Staff also provided an update on the planning for the Legislative Forum, and shared the questions that had been developed to pose to the legislators. Staff continues to collaborate with Home of Guiding Hands; Arc of San Diego, Employment & Community Options; So. California Housing Collaborative, Community Interface Services, Independence for Life Choices, and Exceptional Family Resource Center.

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**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- SCDD staff met with the Executive Director of the Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL) and two members of his staff. Agreements were made to collaborate around Self-Determination trainings (e.g. staff will train a group of self-advocates in Marin next month) and legislative advocacy. Additionally, preliminary plans were made to host a Marin Transition Summit in the future. MCIL will convene a planning group for the summit and contact Council staff to move forward.
- SCDD staff attended the East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Board meeting on 3/10/15, and provided information on the current status SCDD, LA Office's Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), and provided them with flyer regarding our name change.
- Staff forwarded information on a new program of CPI for children with ASD to address their social and emotional problems to the North Bay Office's ASD distribution list. The information was in turn relayed by a recipient of our e-mail by a SELPA Director to his mailing list in Solano County. The SELPA Director also contacted the NB Office asking how a similar program might be developed in Solano County. Staff is gathering more information on the curriculum and source of funding for the program.
- Staff provided a report to the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) monthly meeting on 3/17/15. Including information on the new SCDD North Bay Regional Advisory Committee (RAC); informed VAC members of SCDD's support of increased funding for the developmental service system by sending local State Legislators Senator Beall's letter to the Chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Subcommittees on Health and Human Services calling on increased funding for the developmental service system. Staff provided a copy of a report by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) entitled "On the Brink of Collapse: The Consequences of Under-funding California's Developmental Services System." Staff also reported the total number of statewide legislators who signed Senator Beall's letter, and shared the positive response from Senator Mike McGuire, Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, who expressed concerns for the funding crisis.
- Staff provided training in Spanish to a parent support group in the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center's (SCLARC) catchment area; approximately 4 self-advocates and 29 parents were trained on the Self-Determination program.
- Staff attended the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on 3/10/15. Technical assistance was provided to SCDD Los Angeles Office appointee; monitored and observed the meeting. Also, marketing materials regarding the name change of SCDD local offices and trainings offered by the SCDD Los Angeles were distributed to all SDAC members and meeting attendees; approximately 75 SCDD handouts and 40 copies of the brief summary to the self-determination program.
- Staff provided 2 two-hour training sessions to 33 appointees to the Self-Determination Advisory Committees (SDAC) of Westside Regional Center, Harbor Regional Center, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, North Los Angeles Regional Center, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, and San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. One of the sessions was hosted by the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center and approximately \$1000 in funds was leveraged.
- Staff provided technical assistance to 5 family advocates on the Self-Determination Program.
- SCDD staff collaborated with LA Unified Community Advisory Committee and provided training on eligibility criteria for regional center services and self-determination for approximately 25 family advocates, and services providers on 3/18/15.
- Staff created and distributed the SCDD E-Newsletter #40 to 1,357 subscribers which featured an article on the availability of SCDD presentations about the new Self-Determination Program.

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**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- SCDD staff coordinated with North County SELPA, UCP San Diego, Boy Scouts of America, and Canine Companions for Independence. Staff attended the North County Consortium on Special Education (NCCSE) Summer Resource Fair; students and their families learned about various resources and summer programs available. As a participant, I shared resources on our upcoming Project College opportunity, as well as, recruitment and shared information about the formation of the Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), upcoming Legislative Forum, spoke with people interested in becoming a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) members, and distributed an informational flyer about Self-Determination, People First Language, Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; including the opportunity to obtain Independent Living Services in their parental home, and a list of Transition resources.
- Staff provided community outreach and recruitment for new members to serve on the SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), and local Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). Staff met several community members and met with a self-advocate directly to explain more about the commitment and role of members, time involved, supports available, etc.
- Staff facilitated a presentation on Self-Determination to approximately 50 attendees of the South-Central Los Angeles Regional Center Town Hall Meeting on 3/13/15.
- Staff conducted a presentation on Self-Determination and Person-Centered Planning for a group of Thai parents and consumers on 3/15/15 to approximately 40 self-advocates, family advocates and community members.

**Systems Design and Redesign:**

- Staff coordinated with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC), University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and several local service providers to discuss the development of a "roadmap" to guide our local service system, as it evolves over time from the current year 2015 to 2020. The roadmap process was initiated in response to recent HCBS Rules, and the goal of increasing meaningful community integration and participation for people with developmental disabilities in the Bay Area. Council staff will take a lead role in creating the roadmap for Self-Determination, which will eventually be presented to GGRC's Board of Directors and other interested community stakeholders.

<b>Goal 4</b>	Public safety agencies, other first responders and the justice system get information and assistance to be knowledgeable and aware of the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities so they can respond appropriately when individuals with developmental disabilities may have experienced abuse, neglect, sexual or financial exploitation or violation of legal or human rights.
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**Public Safety and Outreach Efforts:**

- Staff continues to collaborate with Get Safe and San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) regarding outreach for First Responder Training and developed an online survey to solicit feedback from the community identify agencies that would best benefit from this training. Surveys distribution will continue through mid-April to gather community input. Surveys are expected to provide data to determine location for 7 First Responder trainings within the next several months. In addition to sharing this survey with community members, SCDD staff distributed email announcements, SARC shared with their service coordinators and posted information on their Facebook page; approximately 600 people were reached through social media.

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Public safety agencies, other first responders and the justice system get information and assistance to be knowledgeable and aware of the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities so they can respond appropriately when individuals with developmental disabilities may have experienced abuse, neglect, sexual or financial exploitation or violation of legal or human rights.

**Public Safety and Outreach Efforts (Cont.):**

- Staff collaborated with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office to promote and facilitate a community event "Coffee with a Cop" to discuss public safety issues in the local community. This is an on-going meeting that provides the opportunity for people in the community to ask questions and express concerns. Staff emailed information about the event to the community and announced in all public meetings.
- Staff collaborated with San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Officer, Ian Parkinson to discuss public safety issues in the local community. Staff promoted and facilitated 3 meetings on March 2, 9 and 16, 2015. This was an opportunity for community members to ask questions and express concerns. Staff emailed information about the event to the community and announced in all public meetings.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff collaborated with Inland Empire Autism Society, Riverside County Mental Health, Murrieta PD, and Murrieta Valley USD School Officers to facilitate the 2015 Law Enforcement Keeping Kids Safe Conference on 3/14/15. Staff helped plan, coordinate and provided training to both law enforcement and families members on how to keep your kids safe. Presented on What to Do Next -- What happens if your loved one is arrested? Curriculum, marketing materials and surveys were used. Additionally, staff distributed the 5-Yr State Plan Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment, and discussed how the State Plan is done and the impact in the local area.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff collaborated with San Bernardino County District Attorney's office, San Bernardino Law Enforcement, San Bernardino County Behavioral Health, San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services, California Community Care Licensing, San Bernardino County Superior Court Investigator, Attorney General Representative, Department of Justice Representative, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center gerontologist physician, and Inland Regional Center. Staff attended the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meeting which is coordinated by the District Attorney assigned to the Family Violence unit and consists of cases, such as elder and dependent adult abuse, child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence matters. The MDT vision is to create a seamless collaboration in cases of elder abuse, dependent adult abuse, exploitation and neglect in order to hold offenders accountable and protect victim safety. The MDT meeting is held every month and provides a training component as well as individual case presentations.
- Staff collaborated with the San Diego Sheriff Department, San Diego Regional Center, Alzheimer's Association, Arc of San Diego, and Autism Society of San Diego. As a stakeholder, SCDD staff participated in a press conference at the San Diego Sheriff's Department to introduce the availability of online registration for the Take Me Home (TMH) program, a local registry created by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and used by law enforcement in San Diego County. TMH uses facial recognition technology to help identify and safely return home those who may wander or become missing, and are unable to identify themselves or where they live. Staff promotes the registry at community outreach events where appropriate.

<b>Goal 5</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the American Red Cross-San Luis Obispo, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and El Dorado Broadcasters. Staff promoted an event, "2015 Preparedness Expo," an annual event in San Luis Obispo devoted to teaching local residents about emergency preparedness and safety. The free event featured guest speakers including San Luis Obispo County Sheriff, Ian Parkinson, and survival expert Thomas Coyne. The event is designed to provide local residents with resources and information on how to better prepare for an emergency – from fire to natural disasters.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with, California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA), and In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Board to provide information and resources on Feeling Safe, Being Safe in the Emergency Preparedness Newsletter. Many individuals in the local community have health issues that should be included as part of the personal emergency planning process. One item that people have found helpful is a compact medication card which was developed by North Coast Staff as a possible item to include in their "To Go" kit.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, Office of Emergency Management, University of California, and Santa Barbara (UCSB). Staff promoted a workshop series during, "Tsunami Preparedness Week in Santa Barbara County," on March 2,9,16, 23 and 30, 2015. Tsunami Preparedness Week is a concerted international effort to bring together everyone from emergency responders to the general public to prepare for tsunamis, the seismic sea waves which can threaten the coastal communities in the Central Coast. The week focuses on educating the community about low lying areas, what types of warnings would be provided in the case of a tsunami and how community members should respond/prepare.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 6</b>	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
<p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In coordination community partners: Alameda County DD Council, Alameda County Public Health, Regional Center of the East Bay, and Alameda County School Districts; SCDD staff planned and implemented the annual Alameda County Transition Faire on 3/14/15, which included a showcase of over 50 adult service programs (employment, living supports, colleges, day programs, etc.) and a variety of educational workshops. The Faire targets transition-aged students and their families. Parents, students and educators found the available information invaluable as they plan transitions to life after high school for students with developmental disabilities. Workshop topics included employment, SSI benefits, transition to adult health care, educational opportunities, housing, as well as, many others of interest. Registration fees included an Adult Services Resource Guide, morning refreshments and lunch.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Ventura County SELPA, Tri-Counties Regional Center TCRC), and Rainbow Family Resource Center. Staff provided technical support to promote (1,012 reached) "Diploma vs. Certificate of Completion" training by Rainbow Family Resource Center and the Ventura County SELPA. Information was provided to the community about local school district Mild/Moderate programs for the diploma track, and Moderate and Severe programs for certificate bound students.</li> </ul>	

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Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.

**Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):**

- Staff collaborated with the Client Assistance Program (CAP), Inland Regional Center, Inland Empire Autism Society, Colton Unified School District, East Valley SELPA and Special Education Local Plan Area Board, Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, Social Security Administration (SSA), Disabilities Rights California (DRC), and Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Staff provided technical support and developed a distribution list of all local businesses to promote and send introduction letters and employer surveys related to the upcoming Employment Summit on 4/25/15 for transition age youth ages 14-23 in San Bernardino. Staff continues to coordinate with Inland Regional Center's Director of Community Services to extend invitation to business leaders for attendance and participation as an Employer Panelist for the Employment Summit.
- SCDD staff created and distributed an E-Newsletter to inform family advocates and service providers about upcoming events, such as: a free presentation on "Navigating the Disability System" paired with a Public Input Session for the Council's State Plan;" the annual Solano County Transition Information Fair for students and families; the "A home of My Own: Support for Living Independently" workshop offered by the MIND Institute; and an event on the Google Campus "Be a Googler for a Day" for adults with Down syndrome ages 18-30.
- Staff continues to collaborate with Santa Barbara County SELPA and Tri-Counties Regional Center and was invited to provide a vendor table of SCDD materials and information at the Santa Barbara County SELPA Transition Fair on 3/18/15. Approximately 35 family advocates and 7 self advocates visited our table to ask questions and receive information.
- Staff coordinated with East Side Union High School District, Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, and Morgan Hill Unified School District. Staff participated in the East Side Union High School District Transition Fair and provided information about SCDD services, special education rights, and transition. Also, SCDD staff was invited to participate in their transition resource fair in May.
- Staff provided technical assistance and information on adult transition to 3 family members with adult children on Community Care Licensed facilities, Supported Living Services, and Independent Living Services.
- Staff collaborated with Institute for Effective Education; Exceptional Family Resource Center, San Diego Regional Center, Department of Rehabilitation, RAC Member, and SDSU Interwork Institute. The Transition Coalition met to discuss and finalize plans for the training on Person Driven Planning which is scheduled to be held at the San Diego Regional Center main conference room on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The coalition also set the upcoming calendar of trainings, which will be held at the SCDD San Diego Imperial Conference Room on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to provide training on Living Options on July 16th, 2015; Transition Goals and Services in conjunction with Student Led IEP's on September 17, 2015; and Benefits Training in November; as well as, Strategies and Support for Employment in January 2016. The coalition also discussed ideas for the Leading the Charge conference in December 2015. In addition to the upcoming trainings, we reviewed the Transition Information sent by Disability Rights California, and talked about the progress of the Promise Grant in the local area, and learned that Project Independence received Work Incentive funding through Social Security to do benefits trainings.

<b>Goal 6 (Cont.)</b>	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In response to reports from families and individuals to have a better understanding of how to navigate the system, staff collaborated with Disability Collaborative, Department of Rehabilitation, Parents Helping Parents, and Achieve Schools to continue working on the Roadmap to Day and Vocational Services.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Modesto SELPA, Stanislaus SELPA, Turlock Unified SD, Ceres Unified SD, Patterson USD, Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) vendors, and Paratransit. Staff provided facilitation and participated in the Transition Task Force meeting on 3/16/15 to design methods to improve transition services for students in Stanislaus County.</li> </ul> <p>Staff met with the Director of High Tech High School on 3/18/15, and was invited to share information, resources and ideas to assist with the creation of a Transition program. High Tech High began in 2000 as a single charter high school launched by a coalition of San Diego business leaders and educators. It has evolved into an integrated network of schools spanning grades K-12, housing a comprehensive teacher certification program, and a new innovative Graduate School of Education.</p>	

<b>Goal 7</b>	Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.
<p><b>Education and Early Intervention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Tri-Counties Regional Center, Alpha Family Resource Center, and Santa Barbara County Office of Education. Staff provided technical support to promote "Inclusive Child Care Community Forum" organized by Alpha Family Resource Center. The forum provided information about what to expect from the service delivery system for children ages birth to 5 years old; the forum was targeted towards parents and teachers.</li> <li>▪ Council staff continues to collaborate with the Regional Center of the East Bay, La Familia, Care Parent Network, and Easter Seals. Staff is in the early planning stage for developing a theme, speakers, workshop sessions, conference materials, and new collaborators for our Annual Autism Conference (STAR). As a committee, we identified a location for the conference on 10/3/15 at the Pleasant Hill Center. Easter Seals was instrumental in locating the facility and will work on sponsors for the rental fee. Also, we lost several committee members who will not be able to assist in the planning process for this year.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 8</b>	The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p><b>Employment First Outreach and Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with local agencies to promote our upcoming Employment First Training on 4/22/15; staff is working with self-advocates and community partners to develop a theme, speakers, workshop sessions, conference materials, and new collaborators for successful facilitation.</li> <li>▪ Staff coordinated and posted 21 articles using social media to provide updates and information on employment (LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook).</li> </ul>	

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The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Employment First Outreach and Training (Cont.):**

- SCDD staff continues to coordinate with the Alameda County DD Council and Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN). Council staff provided a presentation on Employment-First at the Alameda County Transition Faire on 3/14/15. The presentation included an overview of Council policy, recently enacted legislation, related policies and practices, existing resources and relevant data. The discussion included concrete examples of services and supports available to make employment a reality for individuals with developmental disabilities in our local communities.
- Staff collaborated with local adult agencies and businesses to plan the annual "Jobtoberfest Employment Fair." Staff attended an on-going planning meeting to identify a date for this year's event and discussed the establishment of subcommittees and duties.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff continues to network with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) vendor community; staff attended the monthly meeting for the Coalition of Local Area Service Provider (CLASP) which meets at Valley Mountain Regional Center. SCDD remains a standing agenda item to share current information on a variety of issues and resources for community supports. It is also an opportunity to hear issues effecting people who receive services, as well as, issues facing providers of those services. Employment First Policy was discussed and a new employment date form created by VMRC for vendors to complete. VMRC addressed many questions about the new form and its purpose.
- Staff provided technical support to promote "California Competitive Integrated Employment" on 3/23/15. The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the California Department of Education (CDE) will seek stakeholder input in the development of a blueprint that aims to support the achievement of competitive integrated employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An interagency agreement between DOR, DDS, & CDE with partnership support from DRC was established to develop a blueprint to guide California to make competitive integrated employment the preferred outcome in California. The blueprint will be developed with assistance from DRC and the public to identify changes in policies, practices and regulations.
- Staff attended a North Los Angeles County Regional Center Board of Directors meeting (NLACRC) on 3/11/15 to receive updates on the implementation of Employment First, Self-Determination, and positions on legislation. At this meeting, NLACRC adopted a comprehensive Employment First policy, despite the testimony of providers in opposition. Staff also met NLACRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) members to further discuss implementation of Employment First.
- SCDD staff collaborated with Community of Practice (CoP) and was asked to provide our experience with the Workability Program; shared general information about the process and benefits of the program. As identified in the 2013 Employment First Committee Report, key state entities with responsibilities in the areas of transition and employment include Community of Practice (CoP) in Secondary Transition. The CoP seeks to ensure the seamless and compliant transition services to youth ages 16-22 that will lead to positive post-school outcomes. Their fundamental goal with respect to employment is competitive integrated employment in an area of interest for each individual, and includes the Workability Program.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and California Department of Education (CDE). Staff participated on a teleconference where input was solicited to support and facilitate Employment First initiatives.

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**Working age adults with developmental disabilities have the necessary information, tools and supports to succeed in inclusive and gainful work opportunities.**

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff distributed an E-Newsletter to inform the family members and service providers about upcoming events with featured topics, pertinent laws and other matters of interest to persons involved in the life of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The March 19th issue contained the following: Information on the SCDD North Bay Office's Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) with web links to the Recruitment Flyer and Application; the City of Vallejo Section 8 Voucher Program; updates on the ABLE Act, and links to a webinar and additional information, as well as, an upcoming Stakeholder Forum on Competitive Integrated Employment with on-line registration; and information on, and a link to, a free on-line curriculum with modules with practical tips and strategies for school paraprofessionals.
- Staff provided technical support to individual and his independent living aid on developing a business plan for a micro enterprise, with an action plan to get started. Provided technical support to parents considering opening a day program. Advised on the model they are developing including employment. Referred to existing providers and information regarding similar service models.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff collaborated with College to Career, University of San Diego, and United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego to support the 5th year of Project College in our community; this is a direct result of our Transition Committee, which identified the lack of opportunities to support students able to attend post-secondary school to be successful. A small group of participants formed the Project College committee, and have collaborated with the University of San Diego to provide a weeklong college living experience program to 12 students planning on attending college.
- During recent Community Conversations on employment in Alameda and San Francisco Counties, Council staff engaged with at least ten employers who indicated that they are open to hiring people with developmental disabilities, but employers are unclear they don't understand how to do it. Council staff arranged a meeting with Worklink, a local Supported Employment provider, to discuss this further. The discussion included a brainstorming session about how to create a single point of access for employers who are exploring the possibility of hiring individuals with developmental disabilities. Council staff and Worklink mapped out strategies to streamline the hiring process from the point of view of the employer (i.e. What would the system look like if there was one contact point for all employers vs. the fragmented service provider system that exists today? What sort of collaboration/coordination would be necessary amongst service providers? How could the Council facilitate this process? What would be the barriers?). As a next step, Council staff and Worklink agreed to research whether any similar models exist and whether any local universities would be interested in researching this topic further.
- Staff continues to collaborate with College to Career, University of San Diego, and United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego; staff attended the March planning meeting, it was decided to extend the application deadline until 4/30/15, since many students are just now receiving letters from the schools they applied to. We will do interviews in May, and decided that if there were enough applicants from the Orange County area, we would travel to them for the interviews, since it was a hardship for some of those students to travel to San Diego last year for the interview. It was also decided that if students from further north apply, we will interview them on Skype for the weeklong college living experience program.

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Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**Informing Policymakers:**

- SCDD staff collaborated with the Department of Health Care Services and local dental and health care providers, and attended the Joint Legislative and Assembly Hearing on 3/17/15 regarding Medi-Cal Dental Program Oversight in CA, and review of the Audit Report 2013 at the Capitol. About 200 people attended the hearing and the Committee consisted of 20 legislators. A significant amount of the report focused on low-income children who are on Denti-Cal; 56% of eligible children do not access dental care. Dental providers are not available in 27 counties in CA and in other counties; many providers will not accept new patients. There is also a shortage of medical facilities available for hospital dentistry. There were 3 main issues: the beneficiary utilization rate is low (12th worst in the nation), there is low provider participation, and reimbursement rates are low. California hasn't had an increase in rates since 2001, and in 2013, there was an additional 10% reduction for reimbursement rates. Many dentists reported it isn't worth the time to bill Medi-Cal for reimbursement, and ultimately donated their services.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- SCDD staff continues to collaborate with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and Supported Living Services (SLS), and local SLS vendors held a health awareness event entitled "Bed Bugs Training," on 3/20/15. Approximately 99 people were trained and \$750 was leveraged to support this event. The training was organized in response to a large number of consumers in the NVH area who have been affected by bed bugs in their homes and/or moved into homes already infested by bedbugs. This issue was reported the SLS network last year.
- Staff collaborated with Cottage Health System and provided technical support to promote "Heart Health Fair" on 3/2/15 and 3/9/15 in Santa Barbara. The fair offered blood pressure screenings, free nursing consultations, free snacks, and kids activities.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- SCDD staff collaborated with the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB), Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, and the University of the Pacific (UOP) Dental School. Staff participated in a meeting of the Alameda DD Council, which included a presentation by University of the Pacific and Regional Center of the East Bay on accessing adequate dental care. Specifically, the presentation illustrated the value of Virtual Dental Home services. At the conclusion of the meeting, staff met directly with the presenters, along with Alameda County staff to plan and submit a Letter of Interest to the Hellman Foundation; to pursue a grant that would allow us to expand Virtual Dental Home services to reach many more people with developmental disabilities in Alameda County.
- Staff collaborated with Supported Life Institute, People's First Chapters, and local Managed Care agencies. Staff attended the Peer Advocacy Connection Meeting which includes the People's First Chapter Presidents and their facilitators to plan the agenda and training topics for the next Regional PAC meeting 4/25/15. Staff is coordinating a presentation on "Advocating for Myself in Managed Care and Leading a Healthier Life." Staff is coordinating with California Health and Wellness, Healthcare Options, Anthem Blue Cross, Script Your Future (and a pharmacist), and 2 personal trainers to put on this presentation in a consumer-friendly and interactive manner.
- Staff coordinated with group of representatives from 7 agencies and met 3/20/15 to evaluate the Managed Care Workshop held on 2/25/15. It was decided that we should take several months to evaluate where further trainings may be needed, if at all, and reconvene for another meeting in 2 months. Staff collaborated with the ACRC, PIRS, CA Health & Wellness, Anthem Blue Cross, Healthcare Options.

<b>Goal 10 (Cont.)</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff collaborated with San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), Arc of San Diego, and Home of Guiding Hands. Staff attended the monthly Health and Wellness Committee meeting (9 people in attendance) and reviewed the healthy cooking class that was held on 3/5/15 with 56 people in attendance. The group also discussed hosting a table at the annual San Diego People First conference during the street fair. A date was set for the next Disaster Preparedness training on 6/11/15 and approximately \$100 was leveraged to support this upcoming training even. Also, staff created a power point presentation for reviewed and feedback from committee members.</li> <li>▪ Staff coordinated with North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) and Solano Children's Network to address an inquiry from staff regarding access to client services and accessible health services for a client's child. Staff contacted the NBRC's Director of Client Services to learn of the policy and procedure for accessing specialized clinical services, and provided referral services to NBRC's weekly clinical consults with a contracted physician and how to access, as well as, how to access tele-medicine consultation with a psychiatrist.</li> <li>▪ Staff met by phone on 3/30/15 with the Program Director of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area to discuss the aging population and the high prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease in individuals with Down Syndrome. Council staff provided some resources and agreed to work collaboratively on a Summit to increase awareness amongst policy makers and service providers. The Summit will address best practices in serving individuals with Alzheimer's disease and Down Syndrome, as well as, identify the steps necessary to create new resources for this population.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended and participated in the Electro Convulsive Therapy (ECT) Review Committee for a Westside Regional Center consumer on 3/17/15. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 2, Chapter 1, Subchapter 8, Section 5080(j) and Article 4, Section 50830-50835, a four-member panel made up of 2 board certified, California licensed psychiatrists and/or neurologist, a Clients' Rights Advocate, and a representative from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles Office must assemble for the purpose of approving or denying the consumer's proposed ECT treatment plan. On this date the consumer's ECT treatment plan was approved.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 11</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.
<p><b>Information and Advocacy on Housing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff provided technical support to promote "Home Ownership Education Workshop" in San Luis Obispo County. Peoples Self-Help Housing provided a free workshop for community members to learn about the steps of home ownership, including everything from what a credit score means to select a lender. Attendees had their questions answered by an in-person loan officer, realtor and housing counselor. Other topics covered include the importance of good credit, getting pre-qualified before applying for a loan, how much you should borrow, what a down payment is, and the advantages and disadvantages of home ownership.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff received a call from a self-advocate residing in a housing community who expressed concerns regarding property managers' slow turn around on work orders, safety of housing complex, and appropriate interaction with disabled residents. Staff facilitated a meeting with resident groups to review housing concerns and develop a preliminary strategy to address needs.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 11 (Cont.)</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.
<p><b>Information and Advocacy on Housing (Cont.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff provided technical support and information to 2 self-advocates who are regional center clients, and their caregiver regarding legal resources for housing discrimination concerns. Self-advocates and service provider were provided formal and informal community supports.</li> <li>▪ Staff provided a consultation to 3 Spanish-speaking self-advocates who alleged housing discrimination by their landlord. SCDD staff provided referral services to self-advocates and 3 local advocacy agencies who handle such cases. Also, staff trained the individuals on how to advocate for themselves to achieve their desired outcome.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) and met with the Training Officer for ACRC on 3/10/15, to begin planning for a Recognition Celebration and Housing/Residential Options Workshop scheduled for this summer. Also, staff provided information and updates on SCDD changes in policy, and distributed flyers for upcoming trainings, community events and resources.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended "A Home of My Own: Support for Living Independently" training organized by University Center of Excellence UCEDD and the UCD Mind Institute on 3/17/15. Approximately 70 self-advocates, family members, and professionals attended. SCDD assisted to market the event to our email list of 800 and 5-10 family members attended as the result of our efforts. There were presentations by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Independent Living Centers, and an overview of Regional Center supports for Independent Living and Supportive Living. Disabilities Rights California (DRC) presented a detailed presentation on IHSS and the appeal process for In-Home Support Services (IHSS).</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 12</b>	Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p><b>Informing Policymakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the Mental Health Board, Disability Rights California (DRC), Northern California Legal Aid, Board of Supervisors, and Fort Bragg City Council to discuss redevelopment plans for a 123-year-old hotel in downtown Fort Bragg into office space for a homeless service provider and short-term housing for clients who have mental disabilities has created conflict among local nonprofit organization, Hospitality House, and supportive city officials against area residents; staunchly opposed to the proposal. The Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center provides homeless, mental health and drug rehabilitation services, and wants to convert the historic Old Coast Hotel in fort Bragg into program offices and at least five of the hotel's rooms into transitional housing units for clients with mental illness. The Hospitality Center currently operates a homeless shelter, mental health services and transitional housing facility in town for 26 years. Its homeless and mental health services offices currently are located in a strip mall south of downtown. The purchase and modifications to the building including kitchens for the transitional housing units would be funded with a \$1.2 million grant obtained by the city for the Hospitality Center. The Old Coast Hotel was most recently listed for sale just under \$3 million, but the owners offered it to the Hospitality Center for \$900,000. SCDD staff has been actively involved in supporting the project as part of the Mental Health/Behavioral Health Board as well as keeping Disability Rights and others informed in the ongoing dispute.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 12 (Cont.)</b>	Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p><b>Systems Design and Redesign:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In collaboration with the director of Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC), SCDD staff met with San Jose council member and staff to discuss the status of the city's Impact Fee, and emphasized to staff and council member the need to include individuals with disabilities when developing plans and making policy.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 13</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
<p><b>Systems Design and Redesign:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff attended an Access Services' Quarterly Volunteer Driver Coalition meeting and a speaker from Move L.A., a coalition of political, environmental, labor, and transit agencies working to establish a measure on the 2016 Los Angeles ballot which would authorize 1/2 cent sales tax for 45 years, generating a possible \$90 billion for transportation improvements. They are attending numerous meetings with disability stakeholders to get ideas for the disability community's transportation wish-list for new and improved transportation options, some of which may be worked into the initiative. Staff advocated for: improved mobility management, greater coordination, establishment of Volunteer Driver Programs in the disability community, funding for improved Paratransit, and subsidies for Uber-type services.</li> <li>▪ Staff met with Mobility Management Partners staff on 3/5/15 regarding their receipt of 5,310 applications to develop a Volunteer Driver Program in the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys which will include service to people with developmental disabilities. Staff provided advisement on program features that will be needed to accommodate people with physical, cognitive and/or communication disorders.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Disability Rights California, Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services Board, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department Court Judicial System. Staff met with the Laura's Law committee 3/10/15 to review the newly developed process to implement Laura's Law in Mendocino County. Policies and procedures need to be written and approved by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors by July 1, 2015. A Resolution to implement Laura's Law by July 1st was passed by the Board of Supervisors in February 2015. Staff continues to serve as a committee member for the Mental Health Court and to the Laura's Law committees to make sure that they are inclusive of dual diagnosed clients and that services are provided according to law. Mendocino County is the 7th county in the state of California to implement Laura's Law. Another action taken by the board was to create a crisis intervention program and hire for the position for a roving county employee who is assigned to a county deputy that seeks out individuals that need crisis assistance and refer them to services before they are sent to jail or out of county.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with the San Joaquin Rapid Transit District (SJRTD), City of Stockton, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), DOR, and PCS. Staff facilitated the Mayor's Task Force meeting on 3/12/15, to continue working towards completing the needs that have been addressed through the Stockton ADA transitional plan. Attendees discussed planning and outreach activities. We also received a report regarding new accessible pedestrian cross walk lights that have been installed around town.</li> </ul>	

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Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Staff collaborated with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and contract vendor AMMA Transit Planning. Staff hosted one of nine community meetings for stakeholders to provide input for 2016-2019 Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County. The plan will provide direction on transportation services for seniors, people with disabilities, persons of low income, and veterans. Staff will host on-going meetings to assess current services; addresses service gaps, and propose strategies to address any gaps to achieve efficiency and coordination of services. County transportation agencies (L.A., Metro) are required to have a coordination plan in order to access federal special transportation funds. For this project, Metro is contracting with AMMA Transit Planning to conduct stakeholder meetings, widely circulate a survey, and develop the plan. Although, there was a small turnout (5 people) at the meeting, the discussion and input was excellent.
- SCDD staff collaborated with the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center and Boys & Girls Club Board Members to assisted and participated in the 2015-2020 Strategic Planning meeting for the Boys and Girls Club. The objective of this meeting was to develop goals and objectives for the next five years. The club is now serving 200 children a day with as many as 50 children on a wait list. Children are bused from the Ukiah Unified School District after-school and provide a summer program. Staff assisted with the process in helping the board to develop a five year plan and identify key areas of need and concern. Many of the children served have IEP's and are assisted daily with their homework and behavior management. Additionally, concerns were expressed on how to provide more assistance and pay for more staff to enable more children to come to the center after school and how to grow programs for evenings and weekends. The key areas selected for development were: board recruitment, training, policies and procedures, fundraising, marketing, and hiring new staff.

**Supporting and Educating Communities:**

- Staff met with a former Protection and Advocacy Lawyer who is now in the private sector as an Attorney to discuss the need in our catchment area for representation for individuals and families with Special Education and Denial of Services issues. She agreed to receive referrals from our office for assistance. These services are for a fee; however, her background would be invaluable to many families who contact our office for legal support and assistance.
- Staff collaborated with the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation and provided technical support to promote "Inclusive Yoga for All" workshop which was co-presented by a local self-advocate. The workshop offered a yoga class where people of all ages and abilities can use yoga to become stronger, more flexible, develop core strength and improve overall health.
- Staff created and distributed eBlast to inform the community and services providers (more than 1,800 reached) of: Autism Votes, the ABLE Act; including web links for Disability.Gov, and Choosework.net; and advertised for the Red Cross an Emergency Preparedness Event. As a result, information was posted on APSE website and their Facebook page; Home of Guiding Hands forwarded this to 450 of their respite families also. Additionally, there was a free Family Day event at the Convention Center that was sent, as well as information on a Parent Summit, a Virtual Employment Fair, and the Scholarship Application and information sponsored by the San Diego Committee on Employment for Persons with Disabilities, and the Disability Rights CA information on Transition was also sent to the Transition Group. Also, staff distributed a recruitment flyer for SCDD and RAC members, as well as, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire to collect information on needs assessment in the local area

<b>Goal 13 (Cont.)</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
<b>Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff reviewed and scored an additional 5310 Caltrans grant proposal, as a member of Caltrans' State Review Committee, (Seven proposals were reviewed last month; this was a last-minute request.) this is the second level review after scoring by local transit authorities for federal funds for vehicle and equipment acquisition for elderly and disabled transportation. The State Review Committee scores only the sections pertaining to 'applicant ability' and 'plans for coordination with other agencies.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 14</b>	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
<b>Informing Policymakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council staff communicated with Assembly Member Rich Gordon's Office multiple times by phone and emails this month (3/10/15), to encourage his attendance to our Legislative Forum in San Francisco on 3/27/15, which has a theme of system sustainability. After repeated contacts, Assembly Member Gordon did agree to attend and say a few words about his on-going commitment to people with developmental disabilities and their families.</li> <li>▪ In coordination with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) and GGRC Service Provider Advisory Committee, Council staff organized and implemented a Legislative Breakfast in San Francisco on 3/27/15. The theme of the breakfast was system sustainability and included presentations from self-advocates, family members, service providers and regional center staff on the following topics: housing, employment, transportation, and regional center services. The keynote speaker was Senator Mark Leno and Assembly Member Rich Gordon who provided brief remarks.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended the Lanterman Coalition Rally at the State Capitol on 3/4/15 where approximately 400 individuals rallied outside the Capitol, and several legislators who support the developmental disabilities system spoke.</li> <li>▪ Staff was asked to attend the 10th Annual Sonoma County Legislative Breakfast to present an award to the staff of Senator Lois Wolk. Staff supported a self-advocate with the award presentation, and provided information on SCDD and local concerns for legislative staff to consider and discussed the Lanterman Coalition.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended a Monterey Bay Provider Network meeting and conducted a follow up discussion with the Executive Director of the California Disability Community Action Network to discuss elimination of the audit and various parental fees. Staff informed meeting attendees of various concerns expressed by families and individuals are discussing regarding housing and day services. Staff continues to collaborate with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Monterey Bay Provider Network, and California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN).</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff emailed 2 State Senators: Senator Mike McGuire (Senate District 2) and Senator Lois Wolk (Senate District 3), and the 5 State Assembly Members, Susan Bonilla (Assembly District 14), Jim Wood (Assembly District 2) Jim Frazier (Assembly District 11), Marc Levine (Assembly District 10), and Bill Dodd (Assembly District 4) to inform them of Senator Beall's letter to the Chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Sub-committees on Health and Human Services. Staff emphasized the severity of underfunding for developmental disabilities service system and urgency for a substantial funding increase, included Senator Beall's letter, and the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) report "On the Brink of Collapse: The Consequences of Underfunding California's Developmental Services System."</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 14 (Cont.)</b>	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
<p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff provided outreach and distributed “SCDD Action Alert” eBlast on 3/30/15 to inform the community and services providers (more than 1,800 reached) of Independent Living Services (SLS) available, as a result of SB 1093, adults residing in the family home or in the household of another is eligible for services.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff reviewed and scored an additional 5310 Caltrans grant proposal, as a member of Caltrans' State Review Committee, (7 proposals were reviewed last month on short notice) this is the second level review after scoring by local transit authorities for federal funds for vehicle and equipment acquisition for elderly and disabled transportation. The State Review Committee scores only the sections pertaining to 'applicant ability' and 'plans for coordination with other agencies.</li> <li>▪ Council staff met with Golden Gate Regional Center and their Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC) on 3/10/15 to discuss planning and outreach to legislative offices and an upcoming Legislative Forum. Council staff agreed to follow-up with Assembly Member Rich Gordon’s office and encouraged him to: attend our Legislative Forum on 3/27/15 as a speaker to people with developmental disabilities and their families; and sign the most recent letter from Senator Jim Beall to the Governor, which addresses system sustainability. Additionally, staff strategized with the service providers and regional center staff regarding legislative advocacy. As a next step, members of the committee agreed to meet with Assembly Members Ting and Chiu to discuss system sustainability. Council staff provided guidance regarding the talking points for the meetings.</li> <li>▪ Staff coordinated with H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection, Bakersfield and asked to speak on 3/3/15 to a group of family advocates and service providers on how to effectively advocate to local and state legislators and their staff; including how to approach elected officials by mail, telephone and/or in person.</li> <li>▪ Staff facilitated a Special Education Task Force meeting on 3/3/15 to discuss and summarize pending legislation that may have an impact on children in special education. Staff provided information and resources to approximately 12 advocates and attorneys.</li> <li>▪ SCDD staff collaborated with the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) Board of Directors and was invited to presented information on the Self Determination on 3/6/15. Staff provided an overview and information on the most immediate tasks for the formation and implementation of the local Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC).</li> <li>▪ Staff used the email system “Mailchimp” to forward information regarding different events, trainings, and activities to approximately 880 email addresses and the emails were opened by 2,159 individuals. Topics included: Having accurate contact information for different sectors of the DD community, (this was reported as an ongoing challenge). SCDD Sacramento office has increased its distribution list and continues to respond to more families with IDD children than adult self-advocates or family members of adult consumers.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with Warmline FRC, FamilySOUP FRC, Alta Regional Center, Down Syndrome Alliance, other groups for information sharing and maintains a Facebook Page to connect with our local community and inform them of resources, trainings, legislative issues, policy changes, and various issues pertaining to people with I/DD and their families in our 10-county catchment area. Staff created 22 posts this month covering the following topics: Special Education (5), Employment (2), Developmental Disability (4), Conference/trainings (2), Housing (2), Health (1), Legislation/Budget (5), and Recreation (1). Posts were seen by a total of 1,719 individuals (approximately 1,519 family advocates, 100 self-advocates, and 100 professionals). We have a total of 235 followers to our page.</li> </ul>	

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Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- SCDD staff reached out to the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) on 3/4/15 to inform the agency that the policy on Independent Living Services (ILS), approved by the NBRC Board of Directors for Client Services was omitted from the home website. Once informed of this matter, information on the new policy for ILS was posted public view.
- SCDD Staff attended the 8th Annual DD Public Policy Conference on 3/8-9/15 in Sacramento. The conference was sponsored by The Alta Regional Center (ARC) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) California Collaboration, and workshop sessions included "The 10 Campaign" by the Lanterman Coalition, The Lanterman Act: Yesterday and Today, California Early Start Policy Primer: Where do we go from here? The ASAN Policy Agenda: Nothing about Us without Us, The Current State Budget Status, The Legislative Analyst Office included the following items: The Budget and Supports for People with IDD and their Families, an award presentation for several legislators who have supported the DD system including Senator Jim Beall. Additional sessions included: Conservatorship, Self-Determination, Federal Education Policy impacting DD, Criminal Justice System, and Managed Care for DD, as well as, Supported Living Services. Approximately 110 self-advocates, family members, professionals, service providers, advocates, and policy makers attended the conference. SCDD staff was able to network with family members and professional from various agencies.
- Staff attended the CA Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 Hearings on 3/12/15 and participated in collaborative discussion with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), community Services & supports, regional centers, and Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) services to discuss the issue of inadequate provider rate with approximately 300 people who attended the hearing.
- Staff collaborated with Board of Supervisors, County Mental Health Department, Hospitality House, Ortnier Management Corporation, Manzanita, Redwood Quality Management Corporation, and participated in a budget discussion and possible action regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-Year Budget Report on the Status of County Departmental Mental Health Budget. In prior years, effective 2009, federal Medicare audit exceptions have caused a 4.1 million dollar deficit in the Behavioral Health budget. As a member of the Mental Health Board, staff participated in a discussion with the Board of Supervisors and County Administrative staff the Executive Office's recommendations for fiscal year (FY) 2014-2015. The Board of Supervisors accepted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-Year Budget Report on the status of departmental spending and revenues for FY 2014-2015 and approved the Executive Office recommendations. The Supervisors also inquired into the deficits and wanted the administration to expedite the computer systems upgrades to curtail the audit exceptions and what reasons for the delays in getting this done. Self-advocates and their families were there to discuss lack of services and mismanagement of county funds.
- Staff attended and participated in the Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) Board Meeting on 3/16/15; UVAH is one of the largest service providers in Mendocino County involving employment and day programs. Staff shared in the discussion regarding the budget and legislation to restore the cuts imposed on programs over the last 10 years, and the minimum wage increase which is an estimate cost of \$100,000 with no way to afford this increase without fundraising efforts. The Board asked for letters of support to restore past cuts in order for UVAH to the increase wages and the letters are to be sent to our legislators. UVAH has cut its programs to the bone and has no idea how they would absorb this extra cost to the budget. They are having trouble keeping qualified staff due to the low pay and cuts to benefits. UVAH asked SCDD staff for suggestions and input.

<b>Goal 14 (Cont.)</b>	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
<p><b>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff continues to collaborate with Employment and Community Options, Home of Guiding Hands, and Friendship Homes. Staff attended two meetings (3/19/15 and 3/30/15) in preparation for the upcoming 11th Annual Legislative Forum on 4/24/15. Staff met with community partners to prepare in advance and identify the questions for attending legislators. Also, we reviewed the amount of sponsorship money raised, including funds leveraged (\$5,000), and any additional funders needed; identified logistics, such as food, facilities, equipment needs, panelists and presenters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Policy and Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff monitored legislative hearings that occurred throughout the month of March 2015 including the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services on 3/4/15 regarding developmental centers and regional centers, as well as 3/11/15 concerning In-Home Support Services (IHSS) and Social Security Insurance (SSI). Additionally, staff monitored the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services on 3/12/15 regarding regional centers, Department of Developmental Services (DDS); as well as, 3/19/15 on Denti-Cal; 3/26/15 regarding IHSS and SSI. Information will be shared with the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), self-advocates, family advocates and community partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff facilitated a State Plan Town Hall meeting on 3/28/15 to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development, distributed the 5-Year State Plan Open Meeting Questionnaire, and collected information on needs assessment at the Imperial Valley Self-Advocacy Conference. Staff explained how the State Plan established and the impact in the local area. Feedback for the "Service Areas" provided: 17 people identified Child Care as an area of concern; 3 Education &amp; Early Intervention; 12 Employment; 1 Formal and Informal Community Supports; 15 Health; 7 Housing; 6 Quality Assurance; 5 Recreation; 6 Safety/Abuse Prevention; 6 Self-Determination, and 12 Transportation. Attendees expressed limitations in a rural area with a lack of doctors, optometrists and dentist. As well, there are fewer medical professionals that accept Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal. Staff asked what kind of training they would like to receive, they asked for trainings on health care access and medical benefits.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 15</b>	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.
<p><b>Multicultural Collaboration and Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff facilitated a Parent Training on Regional Centers and Disparity Data on 3/9/15; a group of monolingual Spanish speaking parents of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities attended and issues pertaining to their underserved community were discussed. This consequently, resulted in, SCDD staff conducting training in Spanish to connect them to needed services. Training included the principles of the Lanterman Act, roles and responsibilities of regional centers, how to obtain needed services, how to appeal decisions of the regional center, and so on. Additionally, disparity in the provision of regional center services was discussed at length to prepare families who were encouraged to attend the SCLARC Disparity Data meeting on 3/13/15.</li> </ul>	

<b>Goal 15 (Cont.)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.</b></p>
<p><b>Supporting and Educating Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCDD staff continues to coordinate with Matrix Parent Network, Vallejo Community Advisory Committee for Special Education for information sharing. Staff is committed to making information available to Spanish-speaking families and individuals. Staff translated meeting flyers into Spanish and arranged to have translators available for trainings on Department of Rehabilitation services, regional center services, and self-determination. Additionally, staff maintains a mailing list and email list of Spanish-speaking individuals and distributes translated information to individuals on topics they have expressed an interest in.</li> <li>▪ Staff met with the Congreso Familiar planning committee on 3/23/15 to discuss the upcoming Annual Resource and Information Fair in April 2015 for Spanish-speaking families in the East Bay. Council staff presented the SCDD 5-Year State Plan Survey and the planning committee agreed to distribute the survey at the upcoming event in April and the second event in August 2015. The survey results will help identify the priorities of Spanish-speaking families in terms of service delivery and system reform.</li> <li>▪ Staff continues to collaborate with Mental Health and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Cultural Diversity and Housing Committee, Youth Project, Mental Health Services Agency (MHSA), RQMC, Tapestry, Tay Wellness, and Ortnier Management. Staff attended a MHSA Forum Hopland Band of Pomo Indian’s Rancheria on 3/24/15 to discuss housing, transportation, crisis services and respite beds, as well as, employment, outreach and service information, eligibility for services, and MHSA 3-Year Plan update deadlines: Public 30 day posting on 3/31/15 has been postponed so the Public Comment Hearing on April 30th at HHSA will also be rescheduled, and the WET, Workforce Education &amp; Training program provided updates and information.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended the Purchase of Service Expenditure (POS) Disparity Data meeting on 3/24/15 at the North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) to discuss report data which compares services purchased according to ethnicity and other factors. Staff commented and asked several questions as did the Disability Rights California (DRC) employee present. The NLACRC executive director freely admitted that they had done the minimum required to advertise the event and to analyze the data and to develop a plan for follow-up. As a result, there were only two family members present and no self-advocates.</li> <li>▪ Staff collaborated with Parents Helping Parents (PHP), Family Resource Center, Alpha Family Resource Center, and Rainbow Family Resource Center and attended the Purchase of Service Expenditure (POS) Disparity Data meeting on 3/10/15, 3/24/15, and 3/26/15 at the Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC). Staff commented during the POS presentation and asked several questions. Also, staff was invited to provide a vendor table of information and resources in English and Spanish. Families were offered the opportunity to meet with SCDD staff and received information about services as well as supports provided by TCRC.</li> <li>▪ Staff attended the Purchase of Service Expenditure (POS) Disparity Data meeting on 3/13/15 at the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) to discuss the disparities found in the provision of regional center services, and the Harbor Regional Center (HRC) meeting on 3/24/15. Staff collected data on the number of attendees; types of outreach conducted by the regional centers, what issues were raised. To ensure that regional centers appropriately engage members of the public, staff provided business cards and translated information for upcoming trainings and events to self-advocates and their families at the meetings. Additionally, marketing materials regarding the SCDD office name change and trainings was distributed to board members and meeting attendees.</li> </ul>	

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**Quality Assurance and Outreach:**

- Staff attended and participated in the 2013-2014 Purchase of Service Expenditure (POS) Disparity Data Forum on 3/16/15 at the Alta Regional Center (ARC). The objective was to review data and discuss disparities with community stakeholders. Information was translated in Spanish and Russian by the Director of the Regional Center stated that Service Coordinators who speaks 16 different languages. There was discussion on the current shortage of service providers in many areas which limits the availability of services. Self-Determination may help some families access non-traditional services that may better meet the needs of their families, and the statistics in the POS report were highlighted and discussed regarding ways to connect with families who non-English speakers.
- Staff attended and participated in the 2013-2014 Purchase of Service Expenditure (POS) Disparity Data Forum on 3/18/15 at the Alta Regional Center (ARC) to review data and discuss disparities; attendees were asked to discuss the disparity among races for POS reporting to the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) and Disability Rights California (DRC). As a result, there is a need for an analysis of the cases where there is "no POS". Why is this? What services would be appropriate for these individuals? Are current services ethnically biased? It was mentioned that the new ILS services available for consumers still living at home, may be helpful for individuals from different ethnic groups who want to increase their living skills, but don't plan to move out.

**Coalition Development and Citizen Participation:**

- Staff continues to host disparity task force meeting in collaboration with Easter Seals, Hope, Parents Helping Parents (PHP), San Andreas (SARC), Fiesta Familia, and Fiesta Educativa to discuss various barriers that lead to the disparity issues and identified strategies to resolve these needs. The task force agreed to work in collaboration with the regional center and will meet next month. The aim is to prioritize needs and to develop action plans. Additionally, the committee reviewed a draft of the PowerPoint presentation to inform bilingual communities, and agreed to develop training based on video vignettes to help people navigate the system of services for intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:**

- Council staff met with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) Chief Counselor on 3/17/15 to discuss plans for upcoming GGRC Diversity and Equity Meetings. Staff will work collaboratively with GGRC to coordinate and facilitate the meetings. Specifically, Council staff will attend and lead discussions with participants around service satisfaction, systemic barriers and opportunities for reform. The first Diversity and Equity meeting will be held on 3/31/15 in English, and additional meetings will be conducted with Spanish and Chinese translation.
- Staff facilitated a 2<sup>nd</sup> State Plan meeting with translators and translation equipment. Staff distributed the 5-Year State Plan Questionnaire (English, Spanish and Plain Language) to gain community input for SCDD State Plan development and collected information on needs assessment for the area on 3/27/15. Additionally, staff collaborated with Creative Support Alternatives & Family Resource Network who helped to distribute translated flyers to self-advocates, family advocates and community providers.

## Questions/Issues of Concern

**North Coast Office**

- Staff reported that numerous individuals in the legal system are often impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder because they are not correctly diagnosed, and are often given improper diagnosis and/or medications that can exacerbate symptoms.
- Staff reported, in Lake and Mendocino Counties alone, there are 17 federally recognized Tribes that could have been involved and were not present in the forum activities. There were no fliers at this forum or Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) staff in attendance to discuss the expenditure data and/or invite attendees to the RCRC forum. The RCRC needs to provide more outreach to underserved populations where most parent groups have limited or no internet and/or a computer. A significant number of Latino families are without transportation making it difficult to attend a forum at 4:00pm and child care may not be available. Staff noted the following challenges: no child care was offered, no visible advertisement around town, or at agencies serving these families. The RCRC stated that PSAs were disseminated; however, the forum resulted in poor attendance.
- Staff stated that after an emergency or disaster strikes, support and resources may not be available right away. Emergency Personnel recommend that every home needs an emergency kit with a three-day (72 hours) supply of food, water, and other basic needs. Ongoing Emergency Preparedness awareness is critical to reminding people that earthquakes are inevitable in Northern California but the damage is not. How seriously the next strong earthquake or tsunami affects you and how quickly your community recovers depends on what you know and how well you prepare ahead of time.
- As reported in 2011 California Employment Rates for the General Population were: 72.2% People with Any Disability were 31.9% and People with Developmental Disabilities 13.0% through increased participation of agencies and business as sites for the Workability Program, we have seen students develop their talents, skills and abilities while in the program, complete their education and enter into community integrated employment by reaching out to numerous agencies and businesses, it is our hope that we can improve the number of individuals who will have improved employment outcomes through these partnerships.
- Staff reported legal actions by business owners have been filed over the project. In their lawsuit, Concerned Citizens of Fort Bragg claim the city failed to adequately notice a January public hearing on the project; that an environmental impact assessment needs to be conducted; and that the project may violate city zoning regulations. All of these factors were taken into consideration by the City of Fort Bragg and voted 3-5 to support the project and felt there was no reason not to grant funds for the project. This has become a clear NIMBY issue. The hotel has not been used as a hotel for over 10 years. It was a bar for a few years and now is vacant. It has been for sale for years with no takers. Currently, the Mental Health Board is looking into starting a Crisis Hospital in a wing of the old Howard Memorial Hospital. This is another service that is not available in Mendocino County and the closest is an hour to two hours away. It makes it difficult for families to support family and

	<p>friends when in treatment so far away. The housing money was intended to be accessed by each county before now, but the process was challenging for small counties because of the way they were segregated. Legislation was written in the past four months to rectify this challenge for the small counties to access these funds and changes the way we can access the money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services are always is an issue. The Behavioral Health Board and Supervisors have mandated that the procedures be written so that the new court procedures for Laura's law get implemented by July 1, 2015. Housing and crisis services and crisis care continues to be a significant issue in a rural county as large as Mendocino county. Funding and finding affordable housing is a large issue especially with the strong NIMBY issues that are persistent in the north coast area.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported inadequate funding for housing, crisis services, and transportation with a lack of close bus routes. Also, there is a need more affordable housing as fair market rent when the cost of a studio is now averaging \$811 per month. Additionally, bilingual staff and translation in Spanish is minimal and outreach is poor to isolated communities. Strategies on how to fund and provide the crisis needs of the south coast and north county has been an ongoing challenge.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported more children with autism are being served as well as children with other disabilities and concern is staff are trained and qualified to serve these children. B&amp;G wants to provide an inclusive environment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>North State Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>

**Sacramento Office**

- Staff reported that individuals who are "non-verbal" or who do not use words to communicate can often benefit from a thorough communication evaluation and sometimes, from a communication device to assist them to express themselves and make choices in their lives. Most of these individuals can benefit from some sort of communication device or method and can increase their involvement and satisfaction in life.
- Staff reported Staff continues to stay in touch with the agencies that we are referring these calls to. Families state that they are disappointed we no longer provide direct advocacy and state they have nowhere else to go for supportive services. Staff was informed by self-advocates and family advocates that there are no other agencies that provide this support. We encourage them to attend trainings to increase their ability to advocate for themselves.
- There is a tremendous need for parent training and also parent support for special education. The laws are complex and overwhelming for most parents who are struggling to take care of their children, and advocate for their appropriate education. Despite frequent trainings, parents would like to have the assistance of an advocate who can accompany them to IEP meetings. Many of the parents who attended this training have children who with learning and behavioral challenges who are not eligible for regional center services. We informed the community of this event through our email list of 900 and asked the following agencies to share the flyer with their email lists totaling 12,000 (Alta Regional Center, Warmline FRC, FamilySOUP FRC, The ARC, UCD Mind Institute).
- Staff reported HCBS will place many new requirements for services in California (and across the nation); NCI can address some of these requirements, and could be adapted to address other requirements as well. NCI can be a valuable tool to evaluate the current system and evaluate changes as the system changes in the coming years due to the requirements of the HCBS waiver.
- Staff reported the last hospital (Sutter) in Northern Ca. has severely reduced the amount of time it allows scheduling in the Operating Room for Denti-Cal patients to receive anesthesia dentistry. There are very few options and families are being turned away by dentists who have offered this service in the past. They can no longer locate facilities to schedule these procedures. Those with behaviors and physical challenges require anesthesia dentistry for preventive, routine, and emergency dental care. Families are anxious about where they will be able to receive this care. Staff sent emails to inform the community about the hearing and encouraged them to attend, and "make their voice hear". Five families emailed their stories, but were not able to attend. A parent and her son attended and spoke during public comment to express concerns regarding no services available in the area.
- Staff reported that Managed Care is new in 8 of our 10 counties and this group has identified this as an important topic to train the Chapters. It is important that materials developed are in People First language and Plain Language. There are 9,387 seniors and people with disabilities on Medi-Cal who were part of a mandatory expansion of managed care effective 12/1/2014. It is important to educate these individuals about obtaining health care under managed care.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported since Managed Care was made mandatory in 8 of our 10 counties, effective 12/1/14, there is a great deal of confusion about accessing medical care. Many individuals did not understand the mailings they received and consequently, did not select a health plan. They were defaulted into 1 of 2 plans. They do not know which plan they are on or how to contact their plan or their primary medical provider. These trainings are a great way to help spread the word to individuals and professionals serving intellectual and developmental disabilities communities.</li> <li>▪ Generally the Regional Center does not facilitate workshops for families, and staff learned they do not currently have an email system to alert families of an event; therefore, they rely on Service Coordinators to spread the word. Discussions have been reported that many Service Coordinators want to attend SCDD trainings. The Regional Center just launched a new website which will be state-of-the-art and will hopefully be a good source of information for families and self-advocates.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a need for self-advocates and family members to understand the array of residential supports available through the regional center and other agencies.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that the DD system is on the brink of collapse in California, it is important for SCDD to be an active member of the 21 member Lanterman Coalition which is working to increase funding to the DD system by 10% this year and 5% for the following several years. Senator Beall wrote a letter to this effect to Governor Brown and the Coalition members are encouraging as many legislators as possible to sign the letter. Individuals around the State are meeting with their legislators to inform them of the DD system situation.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported that the developmental disabilities system providers hasn't received an increase in rates for many years, and are suffering from additional cuts to the system over the past few years. These cuts are stressing providers and making it difficult (or impossible) for them to remain in business, hire staff, and provide services. Some agencies have discontinued these services, and others are struggling sustain provider services. The regional center reports it is very difficult to recruit new vendors and service providers.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported communicating by email is an important method of sharing information within the developmental disabilities community. Having accurate email addresses to reach all sectors is the challenge.</li> </ul>
<p><b>North Bay Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals report that IPP meetings can be intimidating. One person said, "It's like being called into the principal's office." Individuals need to be supported to state their goals and secure services and supports to work toward their goals. Individuals report that when they say what they want, e.g. a new job, their goals are often dismissed and not followed up on. Service coordinators and staff may or may not follow up on identified goals. Individuals need to continually monitor service coordinators and staff to ensure their identified plan is being followed. Service coordinators do not always document IPP meetings and identified goals. IPPs do not have enough safeguards and timelines. With IEPs, timelines and paperwork requirements are more likely to be followed. This is not the case with IPPs.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on 3 parents of students ages 15, 15, and 17 who shared that they had not received any discussion about transition planning or adult</li> </ul>

services at their IEP meetings. This echoes what parents at a transition fair last month reported.

- Staff reported several Spanish-speaking families reported that they had never heard of self-determination; therefore, outreach efforts should be targeted to non-English speaking communities so they have equal access to information.
- Staff reported that the North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) Board of Directors has limited knowledge about the Self Determination (SD) Program; staff created a SD presentation and will provide monthly updates. SCDD staff has arranged to meet in early April 2015 with NBRC management and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) staff to discuss the formation and implementation of the local Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC).
- SCDD staff spoke to the NBRC VAC members about the cumulative effect of cuts and under-funding of California's developmental disabilities service system over many years. The Lanterman Coalition led by The Arc of California, and of which the State Council is a member, waged a well-organized effort "The 10-Campaign" to achieve a 10 % across the board funding increase for service providers and the regional centers' operations budget, which funds the regional center case management services; campaign results will become clearer when Governor Brown releases the May Revise Budget.
- The SCDD NB Office's E-Newsletter is to inform mainly families and service providers, educators, and other professionals. Another publication, the Regional Self advocacy Newsletter, is to inform mainly adults and adolescents with I/DD. With a few exceptions recently, both publications have been solely in English and the mailing list includes few Spanish-speaking families. Getting information to those families presents issues not only of translation but also of making contact and expanding our mailing list to include Spanish-speaking families, not to mention persons of other ethnic and racial background.
- In collaboration with the Monterey Bay provider network, staff identified the following policy needs in the Santa Cruz community: Quality Assurance, Professional Development, Transition Services, Quality Indicator Reporting and funding.
- Staff expressed challenges due to persistent budget cuts in the State of California for more than two decades, restrictions on purchase for certain services and limits on others, as well as, under funding has had a profound and negative effect on the service system, including case management by regional centers. The Lanterman Coalition, of which the Council is a member, has with the leadership of the Arc of California engaged in a well-organized effort, called The 10-Campaign, aimed at a 10 % increase in funding.

**Bay Area Office**

- The letter to Michelle Obama addresses previous budget cuts that have negatively impacted California's service system and advocates for an increase in service provider rates.
- Staff reported approximately twenty complaints from individuals, family members and service providers over the last six months, Council staff met with RCEB's Director of Community Services to discuss RCEB's Supported Living Services (SLS) Committee. According to the complaints, the committee is used by RCEB to limit SLS services, control regional center costs, and slow down the SLS Purchase of Service approval process. The complaints allege that RCEB's approach is interfering with access to timely services and is contrary to the individualized planning process. Council staff shared the complaints with the Director of Community Services during the meeting. As a next step, Council staff will organize a meeting with RCEB and several of the community stakeholders that have made the complaints. It is hoped that RCEB's process can be modified to minimize any negative impact to individuals and families and/or the community members can better understand the rationale for RCEB's approach so that everyone can work more effectively together in the future. It is expected that the meeting will take place within the next two months.
- Staff reported a proactive, strategic planning process is necessary for local communities to effectively change their service delivery models to comply with the new HCBS Rules. This roadmap process is designed to chart a course for the regional center, service providers, individuals and families between now and 2020.
- Staff expressed that it is important for all individuals with developmental disabilities and family members to be educated on Self-Determination throughout California so they can make informed choices on whether they want to participate in the future.
- There are several major systemic barriers to employment: inadequate rates for Supported Employment providers, a lack of service capacity and job development expertise within day programs, as well as, a lack of awareness among potential employers and inadequate support for individuals and families seeking employment.
- Staff reported there are very few systemic mechanisms in place to encourage coordination across day service providers. Providers often work independently to meet the needs of the individuals they serve and sometimes view themselves in competition with other service providers for employment opportunities. Incentives may need to be created, if we are to shift to a more collaborative model.
- Staff expressed that inadequate Denti-Cal rates result in a lack of dental capacity for individuals with developmental disabilities in Alameda County (and throughout California). Advocacy for increased rates is needed. Additionally, Council staff will continue to attempt to increase capacity through Virtual Dental Home services.
- Staff reported Individuals with Down Syndrome and Alzheimer's disease can display challenging behaviors (e.g. lack of impulse control), disorientation, and emotional volatility. Often times, it is difficult for family members and service providers to adequately address their needs, as their symptoms increase. Additional education, training and resources are necessary to

	<p>support this growing population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported inadequate rates for service providers continue to be a systemic issue throughout California, which negatively impacts access to and quality of services for people with developmental disabilities.</li> <li>▪ Staff expressed advocacy with the Governor's office will be important for moving forward, as we try to address system sustainability regarding inadequate rates for service providers.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported the Lanterman Coalition's members continue to push for funding reform to fix the developmental disabilities service system by increasing system funding by 10% this year and 5% each following year.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported Spanish-speaking families, on average, receive fewer services than English-speaking families in the East Bay. The surveys to be distributed at Congreso Familiar will hopefully help identify the reasons for these disparities.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported as with most regional centers, GGRC's Purchase of Service data indicates that there are disparities between services received and an individual's primary language. Moreover, English speakers typically receive more services than non-English speakers. The Diversity and Equity meetings will attempt to identify the reasons for these disparities and develop possible solutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>North Valley Hills Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported Independent Living Centers not fully aware of what the SCDD does in local area and across the state.</li> <li>▪ Staff expressed challenges when there is a lack of understanding of public pertaining to Special Education laws and procedures.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported the need for consistent advocacy to keep issues and information at the forefront with the regional centers which is paramount for effective collaboration and facilitation for systems change and capacity building.</li> <li>▪ Staff expressed that weak transitional planning and a lack of services and supports, as well as, a failure to identify employment should be considerate as an appropriate transitional objective in IEP and VMRC IPP planning.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported there is still a need to define the Employment First Policy and define how it is to be utilized in the day to day life of individuals with disabilities. Also, any tool that is to collect data should to be consistent and ALL should be trained on its use.</li> <li>▪ Staff shared that overcoming a history of attitudes and actions has discouraged individuals with developmental disabilities from pursuing employment in the community.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Silicon Valley-Monterey Bay Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported on a discussion for the first of four local stakeholders meetings where emerging issues included: the complexity and lack of compassion within the system, sense of helplessness, fear families have as parents begin to age, mental health care, poor quality of direct care, the crisis in residential care and availability of housing, home closures, the need to train families on system's navigation, poor customer service at IHSS, limitation of advocacy services, poor employment outlook, the need to eliminate system redundancy and coordinate system collaboration among all agencies providing service to individuals and families with developmental disability.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported from reports, surveys and anecdotal reports, families and individuals often feel they are not fully informed. There are concerns regarding the quality of interactions with regional center staff.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported on information from various surveys (NCIs and Disparity Reports) and anecdotal evidence (Disparity Task Force) indicates families of transition age children are not aware of available services or how to navigate the system. The Disability Collaborative is to address this issue by designing "Roadmaps" that are accessible on-line and trainings with families on how to use these tools to better access services.</li> <li>▪ SCDD SV/MD approached about this topic because people were not interested in the employment and day services options currently being offered in our community. The interest is in day and employment services that are more specific to the needs of the participants.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported property managers of affordable housing have been reported to be insensitive to the needs of residents with developmental disabilities, and received input from resident groups regarding training for housing staff to improve communication with residents. Resident group agreed to develop training for property management staff and develop strategies to better manage work orders; sub-committee will be established to track work orders. SCDD staff will work with resident groups to create training and develop strategies.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported there are very few funds available for low cost housing. The cost of housing in the Bay Area is excessive. In response, impact fees are one area where cities are creating funding for low cost housing development; the Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC) met with city council member and staff to address this need.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported the most recent regional center disparity report indicates those from non-white and bilingual communities receives purchase of services is reported as 33% of the white community. To address the need, SCDD has informed the Disparity Task Force Committee to review the need and develop an action plan to attend the issue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sequoia Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>

**Central Coast Office**

- Staff reports that PFSB is the only self-advocate group in our community not housed or supported directly by an agency. Central Coast/SCDD is the only agency providing consistent support at this time. This group has struggled for the past two years has had inconsistent attendance which can be contributed to not having good support. More needs to be done to create a network of supportive services to really make self-advocacy groups like this one a success.
- Staff reported the regional center staff are reluctant to proceed with the formation of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC); they feel that there is not enough information in the law for the committee to be formed. Staff shared information and highlighted the regional centers that have formed their SDAC to emphasize that it is possible to do.
- In the Central Coast community, public safety events rarely connect with the issues facing self-advocates with I/DD and family advocates. The fact that this sheriff is trying to get something started in our community is really important and we will work hard to support efforts like this to get more visibility among the intellectual and developmental disabilities community.
- In the Central Coast community, emergency preparedness events rarely focus on the special circumstances facing self-advocates with I/DD and family advocates. We will be working with the American Red Cross - San Luis Obispo to figure out how we can partner and provide some community events that target the issues faced by self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
- Project College is very far being in San Diego. We'd like to start a version of the program here in our community, specifically in Ventura County with California Lutheran University.
- In the Central Coast community, emergency preparedness events have limited focus on the special circumstances facing self-advocates and their families. Staff will continue to collaborate with the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management to establish an on-going partnership to provide community events that target the issues faced by intellectual and developmental disabilities communities.
- Staff reported the pitiful turn out of these meetings in our community is directly connected to the poor planning of the actual meetings. TCRC did not begin planning until February for March meetings. The flyers that went out were titled "Informational Night and POS Expenditure Presentation." The law required that regional centers connect with the groups that they are not serving- which in our community is Latinos. Given that most people do not know what "POS Expenditures" means in English, it is highly unlikely that Latinos in our community had any idea why they should come to this event. Our staff was invited to advise TCRC on the planning process and did give feedback on how to connect with Latinos in our community. Suggestions were made for a family appreciation day, a Fiesta Educativa event and other community-oriented events. In the end, TCRC went with evening meetings at their offices.

<p><b>Los Angeles Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff expressed in order to “boost” one’s social media sites; these websites (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.) charge a fee. Staff has been advertising to my own network as well as sending out the information via our newsletter. It is hoped that these steps will provided growth.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported numerous SDAC members cited a lack of public knowledge as a barrier to the implementation of the self-determination program. Consequently, the SDAC decided to conduct outreach activities in order to rectify this. A number of minor issues were raised by some appointees; SCDD staff noted these concerns which were addressed in training for SCDD Los Angeles Office Appointees.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported five of the seven Los Angeles area regional centers have yet to appoint anyone to the respective SDACs.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported feedback from a parent group who expressed concerns regarding barriers to obtaining needed services included SCLARC's own policies. In the region, there is a shortage of providers that can meet their children's needs. SCLARC has indicated that they will not vendor any providers outside of their catchment areas, which has been practiced in the past.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported poor attendance from the public at the Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Disparity Data meeting was attended on 3/24/15; unfortunately, poor attendance from the community may have contributed to an impression that people don't care about the issues. The passion of those who did attend may help counteract this impression.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Orange County Office</b></p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p><b>San Bernardino Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported that families asked many questions about self-determination and the current status of Kern Regional Center.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported self-advocates and family advocates spoke at length about the barriers of being in a smaller rural setting and accessing crisis intervention services to long-term residential services.</li> <li>▪ Staff shared there has been a lack of outreach to the community of Kern Regional Center about what Self-Determination is or what the regional center's role will be in implementing the program option. Comments from the surveys indicate that folks would like more training on Medical consents and conservatorships.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported there has been a lack of outreach to the community of Kern Regional Center about what Self-Determination is or what the regional center's role will be in implementing the program option. Comments from the surveys indicate that folks would like RC Vendors to receive training on HIPPA and there was a single request for computer training for folks that are nonverbal.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported questions concerning how conservatorships interact with the criminal justice system. Murrieta Valley Unified School District offers a FREE conservatorship workshop on a bi-monthly basis for families. The Director of Special Education reported that many families that attend get their questions answered and as a result chose not to pursue the conservatorship. There were several requests to provide more training on the preventive side of issues and to do more clinics on sexuality so the parents feel empowered to</li> </ul>

	<p>reinforce methods with their young adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported the District Attorney's office announced Legislative updates which included: Long term care facilities where complaints have been filed; a long back log of complaints that have not been investigated was reported. Community members expressed concerns regarding conservatorship's that they are far too difficult and too expensive. Community is concerned over licensed care facilities regarding far too little oversight of these facilities and the need for increase in wages for staff, hoping it may bring better qualified and more devoted staff for our population. A representative from the Attorney General's Office brought up the desire to change legislation to increase punishment for individuals who commit fiduciary abuse or cause victims to suffer emotional or mental anguish over such abuse. The belief is that stronger punishment may decrease episodes of abuse.</li> <li>▪ Staff shared that they continue to experience difficulty in getting employers to commit to participating in employment events. Some feedback has been that they are not interested in hiring individuals with developmental disabilities and don't feel they have anything to add.</li> <li>▪ Staff reported a number of families asked many questions about how to appeal regional center decisions denying services and how to navigate the school system.</li> </ul>
<p><b>San Diego Imperial Office</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff reported that their local area does not have a State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Representative, and local issues are not represented at this time.</li> <li>▪ Staff express that with the implementation of Employment First, it is essential that education and information be provided to self-advocates and their families and teachers on how a successful transition can be made from transition to adult services that reflect the intent of the Employment First legislation, which is Integrated Competitive Employment (or Post Secondary Education).</li> <li>▪ Staff reported there are many services and programs closing throughout the State of California due to the inadequate rates paid to providers, and the remaining programs are experiencing high turnover in staff, which leads to a reduced level of quality for our constituents. Self-advocates and families want and need information on how they can more effectively lobby for legislative changes that will result in higher quality services, and more choices in available services as well.</li> </ul>

## SCDD Collaborative Partners

Abilities United	Lodi SELPA
Achieve School, Inc.	Lodi Unified School District (LUSD)
Achieve Schools	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council	Los Angeles Regional Center Transportation Group
Alameda County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program	Mains'l Services Inc. 7th Street Centre for the Arts Program
Alameda County Human Resources Department	Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)
Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC)	Matrix Parent Network
Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)	Medi-Cal Services
Alzheimer's Association	Mendocino County Sheriff Department
Anthem Blue Cross	Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA)
Arc Imperial Valley	Mental Health Board
Arc of San Diego	Mental Health Systems
ARC of San Francisco	Mentor Program RCRC??
Arc of Ventura County	Modesto Para transit
Area 4 on Aging	Modesto Unified School District (MUSD)
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Monterey Bay Provider Network
Asian Community Mental Health	Monterey County SELPA
Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)	Mt. San Jacinto College – Disabled Student Services & Programs (DSPS)
Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)	Murrieta Police Department
Banning Unified School District (BUSD)	Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD)
Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC)	New Horizons
Behavioral Health and Recovery Board	North Coastal Consortium For Special Education
CA Promise	Northern California Legal Aid
California Community Care Licensing	Novelles
California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)	Oak Grove School District
California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN)	Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH)
California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY)	Office of Emergency Management
California Health & Wellness	Office of the Attorney General
California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA)	Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA)
Casa Colina	Pajaro Unified School District
Central Valley Regional Center	Palo Alto Unified School District Vocational Education
Central Valley Training Center	PathPoint
Ceres Unified School District (CUSD)	Patterson Unified School District (PUSD)
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	People First of California
Children's Nurturing Project (CNP)	People First of Concord
City Council of Fort Bragg	People First of Ukiah
City of Lodi ADA Committee	People First San Luis Obispo (PFSLO)
Client Assistance Program (CAP)	People First Santa Barbara (PFSB)
Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)	People First Santa Maria (PFSM)
College 2 Career	Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)
Colton Unified School District	Poses Family Foundation
Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC)	Redi-Wheels Paratransit

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Community Catalysts of California  
Community Employment Services  
Community Homes and Services  
Community Interface Services  
Congreso Familiar  
Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)  
Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council  
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)  
Deaf Community Services  
Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC)  
Deaf Plus Day Program of Alameda County  
Department of Health Care Services  
Department of Justice Representative  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Disability Collaborative  
Disability Rights California (DRC)  
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area  
East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)  
East Side Union High School District  
East Valley SELPA and Special Education Local Plan Area Board  
Easter Seals  
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)  
Educate Advocate  
Employment & Community Options  
Employment Development Department  
Episcopal Community Services  
Exceptional Family Center Bakersfield  
Exceptional Family Resource Center  
Exceptional Family Resource Center Matrix Parent Network  
Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)  
Family Resource Center  
Family Resource Network (FRN)  
Family Resource Network (FRN)  
Family Resource Network of San Francisco  
Family SOUP Family Resource Center  
Fiesta Educativa Conference  
Fort Bragg City Council  
Fresno County Women Lawyers (FCWL)  
Friends of Children with Special Needs  
Friendship Homes  
Gateway (Tehachapi)  
Glenn County Office of Education (GCOE)  
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)  
Gone for Good Self Advocacy Group  
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center  
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Bakersfield  
Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)  
Riverside County CARE (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly)  
Riverside County District Attorney's Office  
Riverside County Mental Health  
Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)  
Rowell Family Empowerment  
Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (SDAC)  
SamTrans (san Mateo County Transportation Agency)  
San Andreas Regional Center (SARC)  
San Barbara County SELPA  
San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services  
San Bernardino County Behavioral Health  
San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office  
San Bernardino County Superior Court Investigator  
San Bernardino Law Enforcement  
San Diego People First  
San Diego Regional Center (SDRC)  
San Diego Sheriff Department  
San Diego State Interwork Institute,  
San Diego State University (SDSU) – Nursing Program  
San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)  
San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services  
San Joaquin County In-Home Support Services (IHSS)  
San Joaquin County SELPA  
San Jose Unified School District  
San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department  
San Luis Obispo SELPA  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department  
Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County  
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)  
Social Security Administration (SSA)  
Social Service Agency (SSA)  
Solano County Adult Protective Services (APS)  
Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)  
Sonoma County Transition Consortium (SCTC)  
South Central Los Angeles Regional Center  
Southern California Housing Collaborative  
Special Parents Information Network (SPIN)  
Stanislaus SELPA  
Stockton SELPA  
Stockton Unified School District (SUSD)  
Support for Families of Children with Special Needs  
Supported Life Institute  
Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)  
The Call Connection

Harbor Regional Center  
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)  
Home of Guiding Hands  
Hope Services  
Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)  
Imperial Valley People First  
Imperial Valley SELPA  
Independence for Life Choices  
In-Home Support Services (IHSS)  
Inland Empire Autism Society  
Inland Empire Small Business Development Center  
Inland Regional Center (IRC)  
Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco  
L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
Lake Elsinore Police Department  
Lanterman Regional Center (LRC)  
Lincoln Training Center

Toolworks  
TRACE Services  
Transcend  
Tri-Counties Regional Center  
Turlock school Unified School District (TUSD)  
UCP Work Inc.  
Ukiah Boys & Girls Club  
Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH)  
United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)  
University of California, Davis (UCD)  
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)  
University of Southern California (USC)  
Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD)  
Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC)  
Ventura County SELPA  
VMRC vendors  
WarmLine Family Resource Center



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# Quality Assessment

A PROJECT OF THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

[www.scdd.ca.gov/qap.htm](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/qap.htm)

## Over 4,000 Adult Consumers Interviewed

Interviewing adults receiving services from Regional Center continues throughout California. Currently **4,142** adults or their proxy have been interviewed. Included in this total are **479** Movers, of which **252** are Lanterman Movers.

Though the start of the project was delayed and the holidays a contributing factor for a slow start, many of the local offices continue to recruit, adding thirty (30) interviewers since the start of the project. Increasing interviewers in the field allows SCDD to pick up the pace of completion.

Though Quality Assessment Coordinators (QAC) have a focus on recruitment, they are also responsible to review surveys; support, train and

shadow interviewers as well as complete surveys in their own local areas. To highlight a few QACs: , **George Lewis** has completed 75 surveys, **Angel Marshall**, 52 surveys and **Nancy Dow**, 36 surveys.

*For more information about the Quality Assessment Project, please visit us at:*  
[www.scdd.ca.gov/qap.htm](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/qap.htm)

*For information about the National Core Indicators visit:*  
[www.nationalcoreindicators.org](http://www.nationalcoreindicators.org)



### NCI Surveys

National Core Indicators™ (NCI), strives to provide states with valid and reliable tools to help improve system performance and better serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Through a contract with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), using the NCI Survey tools, collects quantitative data on consumer satisfaction, provision of services, and personal outcomes. Data collection is completed through face to face interviews with consumers as well as mail-in surveys from families.

This data collection effort will enable DDS to evaluate the quality and performance of California's developmental service system and among all of the 21 regional centers over time.

*For results of past surveys go to:*  
[www.dds.ca.gov/QA/index.cfm](http://www.dds.ca.gov/QA/index.cfm)

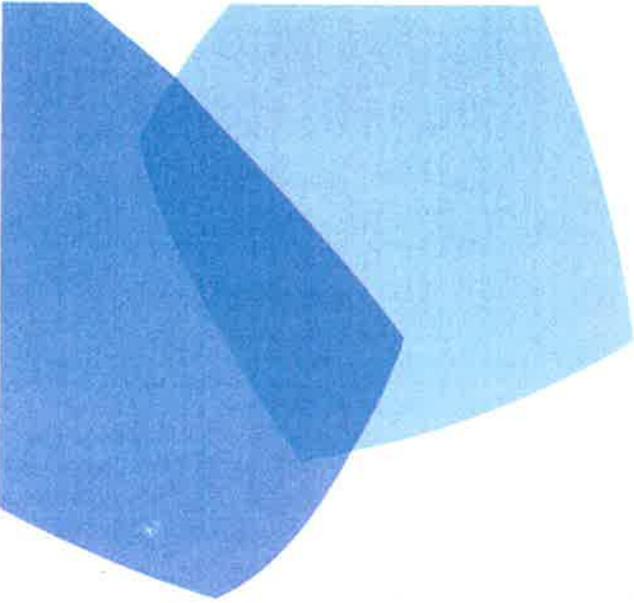
# QA Project by the Numbers

## Total Number of Adult Consumers Interviewed

RCRC 168	NBRC 204
ACRC 206	FNRC 104
GGRC 198	RCEB 231
SARC 192	VMRC 149
CVRC 149	ELARC 163
FDLRC 254	HRC 186
NLARC 167	SCLARC 170
SGRC 202	TCRC 202
WRC 243	IRC 286
KRC 221	RCOC 244
SDRC 203	

## Number of Movers\* Interviewed

RCRC 1	NBRC 8
ACRC 10	FNRC 4
GGRC 25	RCEB 20
SARC 21	VMRC 3
CVRC 18	ELARC 35
FDLRC 30	HRC 32
NLARC 44	SCLARC 24
SGRC 41	TCRC 11
WRC 22	IRC 58
KRC 16	RCOC 21
SDRC 35	



## ***So how do interviewers complete a survey and submit it to the QAC to review without killing a bunch of trees?***

**Fact: A hard copy of a survey is 59 pages long**

We use an on-line management system and data collecting application called ODESA (Online Data Entry System Administration), created by HSRI (Human Services Research Institute). Using ODESA, the QAC assigns surveys to interviewers and monitors progress. QA interviewers use ODESA to enter the answers at the interviews and submits the survey electronically. Finally,

QACs review and approve all surveys. The majority of interviewers use their own personal electronic devices (iPad, Tablet, lap top, etc.) while others are provided netbooks from SCDD to connect to ODESA. 

## ***How is the data kept secure?***

All communication between the QA interviewer devices, QAC computers, and the ODESA web servers are encrypted via a 128-bit Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol ensuring the information will not be compromised during the transmission of the open internet. ODESA and the survey management component web application themselves are secured against unauthorized access. The applications require a unique username and password for each user of the system. The system also enforces session inactivity timeouts to further protection against unauthorized use. All web servers and file servers used as part of the ODESA system are secured behind a network firewall. 

## ***So now that we have the data entered into ODESA , how is the data compiled?***

Please go to the last page for the answer...



## Getting to Know

*Lois Elmer, Interviewer*

**H**i! My name is Lois and I've been contracted to complete interviews for the State Council for over 10 years. I work in the communities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I started of with the Life Quality Assessment Interviews and continued with the National Core Indicator Interviews.

I enjoy meeting consumers and their families and appreciate the flexibility being a contracted part-time interviewer provides. I have the ability to work an additional part-time job as a caregiver to two senior ladies, sing in my church choir and teach Sunday School on occasion. Most of all, I have time to enjoy my grandchildren!

I have two wonderful children. My son Travis, his wife Katherine and daughters Alora (age 7) and Taylor (age 4), live with me; and my daughter, Jennifer, along with her with her husband Nick and son, Sylus (age 4) live in Washington State.

I love to babysit Alora and Taylor as well as cook for my family, but each year I especially look forward to a tradition that I call "Thanksmas"

For the past 8 or 9 years I cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal between Thanksgiving and Christmas to recognize and thank the people who have touched my life during the past year. I have served as few as 10 people and as many as 25 people.

I believe in appreciating all the good people who touch my life in a positive way and hope that through the NCI interviews I have contributed to making someone else's life just a little bit better. 🙌

## ... How is the data compiled?

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It is the responsibility of HSRI to download, collect and compile all data. The data they collect and analyze are not associated with any particular individual. All data is grouped and any reports generated do not identify any particular individual. Future analysis of the data will include but not be limited to statistically significant differences by Regional Center, a summary of trends, and potential areas for improvement.

Again.. there is no dissemination of identifiable information. Data collected is preserved and analyzed in aggregated form. Individual surveys responses remain confidential. 🙌

**Look out for the next newsletter to find out about using NCI data for quality improvement Initiatives**

## QUALITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT



### QA Team

**Area Board 1**  
Deborah Kindley, CPS II  
Theresa Ladao, OT

**Area Board 3**  
Sonya Bingaman, CPS II  
Monique von Schimmelmann, OT

**Area Board 5**  
Ron Usac, CPS II  
Angel Marshall CPS II  
Valerie Buell, OT

**Area Board 6**  
George Lewis, CPS II  
Marigene Tacan-Regan, OT

**Area Board 10**  
Melody Goodman, CPS II  
Thomas Hamlett, CPS II  
Bruce Harrell, CPS II  
Dinah Pio de Roda, OT  
Therese Rastatter, OA

**Area Board 12**  
Vacant

**Area Board 13**  
Nancy Dow, CPS II  
Katie Bgatov, OT

**Headquarters**  
Ruby Villanueva, CPS III

# Y6 ADULT CONSUMER INTERVIEWS (CS3) FY 2014-2015

RC	Total Sample (Goal)	NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		YTD Completed	Balance	% Comp	General Movers Completed	Lanternman Movers Completed	RC
		GOAL	COMP																
RCRC	402	20	7	25	19	75	35	75	23	75	25	75	59	168	234	42%	1	0	RCRC
NBRC	407	20	7	25	37	75	43	75	44	75	40	75	33	204	203	50%	7	1	NBRC
ACRC	411	20	0	20	11	30	30	50	45	50	72	75	48	206	205	50%	10	0	ACRC
FNRC	404	20	0	10	18	30	8	50	45	50	31	75	2	104	300	26%	4	0	FNRC
GGRC	415	20	0	25	2	100	22	75	39	80	30	80	105	198	217	48%	25	0	GGRC
RCEB	417	20	0	50	15	100	1	75	2	80	36	80	177	231	186	55%	20	0	RCEB
SARC	417	20	0	50	5	100	34	75	19	80	40	80	94	192	225	46%	19	2	SARC
VMRC	410	20	0	20	10	50	36	75	33	60	27	60	43	149	261	36%	3	0	VMRC
CVRC	420	20	0	20	6	50	18	75	35	60	28	60	62	149	271	35%	18	0	CVRC
ELARC	406	20	20	50	49	70	25	70	26	70	14	70	29	163	243	40%	8	27	ELARC
FDLRC	402	20	18	50	52	70	40	70	46	70	52	70	46	254	148	63%	0	30	FDLRC
HRC	413	20	9	50	32	70	42	70	42	70	30	70	31	186	227	45%	20	12	HRC
NLARC	406	20	3	50	38	70	24	70	35	70	28	70	39	167	239	41%	5	39	NLARC
SGPRC	405	20	27	50	26	70	31	70	40	70	26	70	52	202	203	50%	2	39	SGPRC
SCLARC	406	20	5	50	26	70	30	70	38	70	35	70	36	170	236	42%	7	17	SCLARC
TCRC	407	20	20	50	61	70	25	70	39	70	28	70	29	202	205	50%	7	4	TCRC
WRC	406	20	18	50	34	70	49	70	54	70	38	70	50	243	163	60%	9	13	WRC
IRC	415	20	1	30	26	30	36	75	121	60	28	50	74	286	129	69%	16	42	IRC
KRC	412	20	3	30	14	30	31	75	15	60	48	50	110	221	191	54%	16	0	KRC
RCOC	409	20	13	50	59	50	30	52	44	55	49	50	49	244	165	60%	13	8	RCOC
SDRC	412	20	5	50	16	30	34	47	50	70	56	50	42	203	209	49%	17	18	SDRC
	8602	420	156	805	556	1310	624	1434	835	1415	761	1420	1210	4142	4460	48%	227	252	

\* Additional Lanternman movers were added in mid-cycle and are not included in this goal total.

# CRA / VAS

## State Developmental Center Clients' Rights Advocacy and Volunteer Advocacy Services

### Population

As of May 1, 2015

Total 1106

Fairview 280  
Canyon Springs 50  
Sonoma 408  
Porterville 368

### Fairview

CRA trained 25 staff in clients' rights and "Supporting Choices", attended 35 client meetings, conducted 2 rights violation investigations. VAS met and g out of DC to assure smooth transition. VAS attended 2 transition meetings, 2 team meetings for post placement, assisted with one fair hearing, trained and assisted four volunteer advocates. VAS conducted outreach for referrals to VAS program.

### Canyon Springs

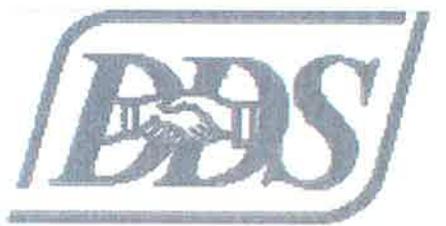
CRA participated in 6 IPP related meetings, provided 2 rights training to staff and local college students, 4 rights investigations, collaborated with DRC for self advocacy training. Provided two tours for potential advocates, two recruitment presentations.



## Sonoma Volunteer Advocates

From left to right; Kris Boss, Myra Thomas, Helen Schulte, Susanne Sipple, Carmenza Harikian, Michelle Loustalot, Sandra Schmitt, and Robert Bayley. (Not shown; Lisa Franco)

The SCDD Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS) at Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) has 9 Volunteer advocates. Ross Long is the VAS Coordinator. VAS provides advocacy services for 90 SDC residents t. The Volunteer Advocates visit their consumers four times a month. The Advocates have been volunteers for the VAS project for 5 to 10 years. A majority of the advocates used to be teachers or teacher assistants in classes at SDC provided by Sonoma County Office of Education. The Advocates encourage their consumers to be self-advocates. When needed, the Advocates will assist their consumers in receiving needed services and supports. Often the consumers are assisted by unfamiliar staff. Advocates can inform the staff what about consumers' preferences and needs. As an example: an advocate, Michele Loustalot, while visiting during lunch noticed that her consumer was being fed by staff. Knowing



## Porterville

CRA attended 7 human rights meetings, 4 IPPs, 1 People First/human rights meetings, 4 meetings for PIP process. CRA reviewed 70 human rights packets; attended incident action meetings daily; provided rights trainings to 48 new employees; VAS coordinator attended 3 IPPs, completed annual client satisfaction surveys, cross trained with CRA at Human Rights committee, recruited and trained one new advocate. VAS and CRA attended quarterly executive meeting with PDC management.

## Lanternman

The last individual left Lanternman Developmental Center on December 23, 2014. The VAS project will continue until June 30, 2015. The Lanternman campus will transition to Cal Poly Pomona on July 1, 2015. Two volunteer advocates continue to assist individuals who transitioned into the community.

that the consumer was able to feed herself she notified the Unit Supervisor and the next day the consumer was feeding herself.

One advocate, Robert Bayley, encourages the consumers assigned to him to call him whenever they have concerns or issues. Robert gives suggestions on problem solving and follows with IDT members to make sure that his consumer's needs are addressed. A VAS consumer that had hip surgery was having difficulty using his bed. His advocate, Carmenza Harikian, requested that the consumer have a lower bed. The next week a new bed arrived for the consumer.

Sometimes advocates will speak to IDT members and regional center case managers regarding lesser restrictive environment options. When a VAS consumer is in the process of community placement, advocates will tour the potential home in the community. Advocates will make sure that the potential placement will serve the VAS consumer. During a tour of a potential home an advocate, Lisa Franco, informed the regional center case manager her concern that the VAS consumer lacking a peer group in the home. The case manager agreed and found another home that would be compatible for the VAS consumer.

The Sonoma Clients' Rights Advocate, Tobias Weare, trained 30 new and returning SDC staff on clients' rights, investigated a Title 17 clients' rights complaint, conducted two rights investigations, participated in Sonoma's first crisis admission review for the new acute crisis unit, Northern Star. The CRA continues to monitor SDC's program improvement plan for certification by CDPH for the ICF units. Collaborated with SDC administration to formulate guidelines for clients attending court.

# **MTARS/AIDD UPDATE**



**DRAFT**

**MTARS COMMITTEE  
March 24, 2015**

**Members Present**

April Lopez (FA)  
Sarah Greenseid  
Janelle Lewis (FA)  
Kristopher Kent  
Sandra Smith (FA)  
Nancy Clyde (SA)

**Members Absent**

Olivia Raynor  
Catherine Blakemore

**Others Attending**

Mike Clark  
Aaron Carruthers  
Thomas Johnson  
Benita Baines

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**5. APPROVAL OF October 20, 2014 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lewis [FA]) and carried to approve the October 20, 2014 MTARS meeting minutes as presented. Council members April Lopez (FA), Janelle Lewis (FA), Sandra Smith (FA), and Nancy Clyde (SA) voted 'Aye'. There were no "nays". Sarah Greenseid and Kristopher Kent 'abstained'.

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Legend:  
SA = Self-Advocate  
FA = Family Advocate

## 6. AIDD/MTARS COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Executive Director Mike Clark reviewed the AIDD/MTARS Compliance task chart with committee members. He reports that 49% of the required submissions have been made. He also notes that the next call with AIDD will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> and that the Membership Committee has done amazing work in recruiting new members for the Council and Regional Advisory Committees. Members also thanked Sarah Greenseid and the Governor's office for their assistance.

## 7. CALIFORNIA MODEL

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers discussed the California Model, which describes California's unique structure among the developmental disability council system in the United States. However, California's uniqueness has prompted some skepticism. He expressed confidence that SCDD will fulfill the ideals of the Americans with Disabilities Act and AIDD's expectations with our unique model and structure.

As a result, Chief Deputy Director Carruthers notes that he and Executive Director Clark met with SCDD staff and the regional office managers for two days to brainstorm ideas on how to make sure that our organizational structure best meets the needs of Californians with developmental disabilities and/or their families. This group looked at what other state councils do, as well as other substantive subjects. What the group determined is that California's regional model is the best model to meet the needs of California's large and diverse developmentally disabled community.

## 8. INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY

Committee members discussed the role and value of individual advocacy. Members then reviewed a handout on individual advocacy, titled, "Advocacy and Direct Individual Advocacy services. This document can be accessed at the following website hyperlink:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/MTARS/2015/HQ-%20Advocacy%20and%20Direct%20Services%20Paper%20March%2023%202015.pdf>

It was generally agreed that there will always be a necessary role and need for individual advocacy, for issues like education, available services, housing, and legal issues. However, it was also emphasized that SCDD needs to build a strong structure and model that ensures capacity building, statewide advocacy, and that fulfills the expectations that AIDD has placed on SCDD.

Committee members then made a few edits to the document.

It was moved/seconded (Kent/Lewis [FA]) to approve the edits to the document and move it forward to the Executive Committee for further discussion. Council members Nancy Clyde (SA), Janelle Lewis (FA), April Lopez (FA), Sandra Smith (FA), Kristopher Kent, and Sarah Greenseid voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or 'abstentions'.

## **9. REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE**

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers updated that committee on SCDD's reimbursement status. Mr. Carruthers notes that AIDD is a full quarter behind in reimbursing funds we have already spent. However, constant communication with AIDD regarding the cash flow problems with reimbursements and expenses, along with SCDD's work in completing its corrective action plan, has resulted in the positive result that AIDD has agreed to deposit funds each month once the council spends it, then reconcile that amount with the 270-packet of receipts.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

## AIDD/MTARS - Compliance Status- At a Glance – As of 4/1/15

CAP ITEM	Task Description	Date of Submission	Status
A-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
A-2	Executive Director Job Description	1/1/15	Compliance NOT MET- requires continuous monitoring.
B-1	Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance- additional clarification requested
B-2	Membership Committee meeting minutes & report to Council, list of organizations on distribution list, recruitment materials.	4/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
C-1	Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
C-2	Demographic analysis of Governor's appointees to the Council	12/1/14	Compliance NOT MET – requires continuous monitoring
D-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
D-2	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-2	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015		
F-1	Bylaws, administrative procedure	12/1/14	MET Compliance
F-2	Membership Committee reports to Council	4/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
G-1a.	Orientation binder, welcome letter	1/1/15	MET Compliance
G-1b.	Annual Councilmember training	4/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
G-2	Welcome letter for agency reps	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
G-3b.	SAAC packets and materials for 2015, evidence of facilitator attendance for 2015		
H-1a.	State Plan development process		
H-1b.	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state		

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H-2	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state plan.		
I-1	MOU		
I-2	MOU		
I-3	DSS Invoices	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
I-4	DSS Invoices	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
I-5	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	<b>MET Compliance</b>
I-6	Bylaws, Form 700, Gov't Codes 1090 and 87100	1/1/15	<b>MET Compliance</b>
I-7	Bylaws	12/1/14	<b>MET Compliance- additional clarification requested</b>
I-8	Breakdown of staff by funding source, training materials, staff orientation binder		
I-9	See A (Staff), H (Five Year State Plan), and M (Fiscal Requirement)		
J-1a.	State Plan work plan		
J-1b.	Evidence of periodic meetings and joint activities.		
J-2	Amended plan and supporting documentation.		PENDING AIDD REVIEW
J-3	Approval of new state plan.		
J-4	PPR		
K-1	Documentation of TA received and products based on TA		
K-2	Evaluation plan		
K-3	PPR		
L-1	State accounting policies, budget development directives	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
L-2	Month's expenditures by object code for entire budget	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
M-1	State accounting policies, budget development directives	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
M-2	AB 1595	12/1/14	<b>MET Compliance</b>

<b>CAP ITEM</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Date of Submission</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>M-3</b>	<b>Council reviews of monthly budget projections, Council votes on resource allocation, including cost-reductions</b>		
<b>N-1</b>	<b>Contract Manual</b>	<b>12/1/14</b>	<b>MET Compliance</b>
<b>N-2</b>	<b>RFP, Overview of RFP process, summary pages of selected vendor</b>		
<b>O-1</b>	<b>State Accounting policies</b>	<b>2/1/15</b>	<b>PENDING AIDD REVIEW</b>
<b>O-2</b>	<b>DSA Annual Evaluation</b>		

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Item</u>		<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
<u>Date Due</u>	<u>No.</u>			
December 1, 2014	A1.	AB 1595, Bylaws	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of the Council Directors responsibilities of hiring, supervising and evaluating staff	E.D. Legal Council
December 1, 2014	B1.	Bylaws	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of the Council's membership nomination and appointment process and procedures	E.D. Legal Council
December 1, 2014	C1.	Bylaws	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of outreach efforts to recruit members that reflect the state's diverse geographic locations, race and ethnicity	E.D. Legal Council
December 1, 2014	C2.	Demographic analysis of Governor's appointees to the Council	Direct evidence that the Council's membership reflects the state's diverse geographic locations, race and ethnicity	H.R.
December 1, 2014	D1.	AB 1595, Bylaws	Policies and/or procedure with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of Council provisions to rotate membership	E.D. Legal Council
December 1, 2014	E1.	AB 1595, Bylaws	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of Council provisions that allow continuation of membership until a new member is appointed	E.D. Legal Council
December 1, 2014	F1.	Bylaws, administrative procedure	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of appointment process to notify Governor of membership and vacancies	E.D. Legal C.D.D. Council
December 1, 2014	I5.	AB 1595, Bylaws	Policies and procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of how the Council addresses Conflict of Interest, particularly findings in the MTARS	E.D.

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Item</u>		<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
<u>Date Due</u>	<u>No.</u>			
December 1, 2014	16.	Bylaws, Form 700, Gov't Codes 1090 and 87100	Direct evidence that the Council is following its policy and procedures with regards to conflict of interest	E.D. Legal
December 1, 2014	17.	Bylaws	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) regarding : (a) Council staff carrying out solely the responsibilities duties of the Council as described in the DD Act; (b) training on the DD Act, the DD Council's federal mandate to conduct and support advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change on a statewide level; (c) state plan implementation, data collection and analysis, supports to engage self-advocate members in council meetings and activities; (d) standard orientation tools for staff, policy manuals and trainings to learn Council programs and administrative requirements	CDD Legal HR
December 1, 2014	M2.	AB 1595	Policies and/or procedures revised (with other documentation as necessary) as a result of the Lanterman Act	ED Legal
December 1, 2014	N1.	Contract Manual	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence the Council carries out appropriate subcontracting activities, accurate financial accounting and record keeping	CDD
January 1, 2015	A2.	Executive Director job description	Demonstration of the Director's ability to hire, supervise and annually evaluate the staff of the Council	H.R.
January 1, 2015	G1a.	Orientation binder, welcome letter	Since the MTARS visit, documentation of Council compliance with membership composition requirement, standard orientation or mentoring process for Chair and new members, including training in the DD Act, the Council program federal mandate, and organization governance	E.D., TA

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Item</u>		<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
<u>Date Due</u>	<u>No.</u>			
January 1, 2015	G3a.	Facilitation Policy	Direct evidence of supports for engaging self-advocate members of the Council in council meetings and council activities.	E.D.
February 1, 2015	G2.	Welcome letter for agency reps	Direct evidence of state agency representatives understanding their role and actively engaging in Council meetings	E.D., TA
February 1, 2015	I3.	DSS Invoices	Direct evidence that the DSA rates are charged to the Council consistent with documents	CDD
February 1, 2015	I4.	DSS Invoices	Direct evidence that DSA provided match to the Council.	CDD
February 1, 2015	L1.	State accounting policies, budget development directives	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of how the Council's budget is developed, executed, and how the expenditure data is calculated	CDD
February 1, 2015	L2.	Month's expenditures by object code for entire budget	Review of fiscal documents to assess whether the Council is following its policies and procedures and federal grant requirements	CDD
February 1, 2015	M1.	State accounting policies, budget development directives	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence of how the Council's budget is developed, executed, and how the expenditure data is calculated	CDD

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Item</u>		<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
<u>Date Due</u>	<u>No.</u>			
February 1, 2015	O1.	State accounting policies	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) providing evidence the DSA has promoted: Accurate receipt, accounting, and disbursement of funds; Provision of appropriate fiscal control and fund accounting procedures necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, funds paid; Access to records as the Secretary and Council may determine necessary; and timely development and dissemination of financial reports regarding status of expenditures, obligations, and liquidation by agency or Council, and use of Federal and non-Federal shares	CDD Legal
April 1, 2015	B2.	Membership Committee meeting minutes & report to Council, list of organizations on distribution list, recruitment materials.	Direct evidence that the appointment process procedures are being implemented.	E.D. Committee
April 1, 2015	F2.	Membership Committee reports to Council	Direct evidence of notifying Governor of membership recommendations and vacancies	E.D. Committee
April 1, 2015	G1b.	Annual Councilmember training	Since the MTARS visit, documentation of Council compliance with membership composition requirement, standard orientation or mentoring process for Chair and new members, including training in the DD Act, the Council program federal mandate, and organization governance	E.D., TA
July 1, 2015	I1.	MOU	Direct evidence/documentation of MOU between the Council and the Legal DSA in support of the Council	Legal
July 1, 2015	I2.	MOU	Direct evidence/documentation of DSA's indirect policy	Legal

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
July 1, 2015	I8.	Breakdown of staff by funding source, training materials, staff orientation binder	Direct evidence that the policies and procedures above are being carried out consistent with the policy	CDD CCPP HR
July 1, 2015	J1b.	Evidence of periodic meetings and joint activities.	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as needed) providing evidence of how the Council will develop and address state plan goals on a statewide basis; plans for collaboration with the DD Network Partners	ED
July 1, 2015	M3.	Council reviews of monthly budget projections, Council votes on resource allocation, including cost-reductions	Direct evidence that the full Council is developing, approving and managing its budget	ED CDD Committee Council
July 1, 2015	O2.	DSA Annual Evaluation	Direct evidence that the DSA is carrying out the policies and procedures.	CDD, Comm
September 1, 2015	J1a.	State Plan work plan	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as needed) providing evidence of how the Council will develop and address state plan goals on a statewide basis; plans for collaboration with the DD Network Partners	ED DDP Committee TA
October 1, 2015	H1a	State Plan development process	Evidence of activities, process and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) to develop a 5 year strategic plan that addresses systems change, capacity building and advocacy on a statewide basis	DDPP, Comm, Council, TA
January 1, 2016	D2.	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015	Direct evidence that the Council is rotating its members per the Council's policy	E.D.
January 1, 2016	E2.	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015	Direct evidence that the Council is following its members membership policy	E.D.

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
January 1, 2016	G3b.	SAAC packets and materials for 2015, evidence of facilitator attendance for 2015	Direct evidence of supports for engaging self-advocate members of the Council in council meetings and council activities.	E.D.
January 1, 2016	J2.	Amended plan and supporting documentation.	For the remainder of the 2011-2016 state plan, evidence of amended and implemented goals on a statewide basis.	DDPP Council TA
January 1, 2016	K1.	Documentation of TA received and products based on TA	Policies and/or procedures (with other documentation as needed) providing evidence for the Council to develop a high quality cohesive and comprehensive PPR as described in the guidance provided by ITACC and AIDD	DDPP TA
January 1, 2016	N2.	RFP, Overview of RFP process, summary pages of selected vendor	Direct evidence that the Council is following its subcontracting policies.	CDD
October 1, 2016	H1b.	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state plan.	Evidence of activities, process and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) to develop a 5 year strategic plan that addresses systems change, capacity building and advocacy on a statewide basis	DDPP Council Technical Assistance

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
October 1, 2016	H2.	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state plan.	Direct evidence of process and/or procedures (with other documentation as necessary) for the Council to make data driven decisions and evaluate the progress and impact of state plan implementation	DDPP Committee Council Technical Assistance
October 1, 2016	I9.	See A (Staff), H (Five Year State Plan), and M (Fiscal Requirement)	Direct evidence the Council is functioning free of DSA interference as identified in the MTARS findings	ED CDD DDPP Legal Committee Council TA
October 1, 2016	K2.	Evaluation plan	Council evaluation plan submitted in the State Plan.	DDPP Committee Council TA
January 1, 2017	J3.	Approval of new state plan	Approval of new state plan for FY 2016-2021	DDPP Committee Council TA

## AIDD Compliance Task Timeline

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Task Description</u>	<u>Documentation/Evidence of Progress</u>	<u>Who</u>
January 1, 2018	J4.	PPR	Review of PPRs to assess the extent to which the Council is conducting and supporting advocacy, capacity building and systemic change activities consistent with the DD Act	DDPP Committee Council TA
January 1, 2018	K3.	PPR	Review of PPRs to assess whether the Council is utilizing its evaluation plan	DDPP TA

**PROPOSED**

**2015-16**

**SCDD**

**BUDGET**

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities**



**Council Budget**  
October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016

## What is a Budget?

- ▶ An itemized summary of likely income and expenses for a given period
  - State Plan ( Federal Funds)
  - Quality Assessment (State Contract)
  - Clients' Rights Advocates/Volunteer Advocacy (State Contact)



## The Budget Process

- ▶ January - The Governor release a proposed budget
- ▶ February- Staff starts preparing Council's budget for review
- ▶ April- Administration Committee and Executive Committee review and approve proposed budget for Council review
- ▶ May- Full Council review of proposed budget



## SCDD Proposed Budget

- ▶ Is based on the Governor's proposed budget
- ▶ The Legislature is currently reviewing that proposed budget
- ▶ The Legislature and Governor are to adopt and enact a budget by June 30, 2015
- ▶ If they change the SCDD's budget, staff will bring the budget it back for Council's review

## Explanation of Terms

- ▶ Expenditure – Items bought and paid for within the same fiscal year
- ▶ Calendar Year – January 1 thru December 31
- ▶ State Fiscal Year – July 1 thru June 30
- ▶ Federal Fiscal Year – October 1 thru September 30



## Council Budget Summary

	Fiscal Year 2015-16			TOTAL
	Basic State Grant (BSG)	Clients' Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy State Grants	Quality Assessment State Grants	
<b>1. Personnel Services:</b>				
Net Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,593,500	\$ 642,000	\$ 1,152,000	\$ 5,387,500
Temporary Help / Honorarium	\$ 88,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,500
Staff Benefits	\$ 1,886,000	\$ 433,000	\$ 832,000	\$ 2,855,000
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$ 5,568,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,984,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,627,000</b>
<b>2. Operating Expense and Equipment</b>				
General Expense	\$ 15,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 110,000
Printing	\$ 40,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 70,000
Communications	\$ 95,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 150,000
Postage	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 76,000
Travel-in-State	\$ 150,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 284,000
Out-of-State Travel	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Training (Tuition and Registration)	\$ 8,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 24,000
Facilities Operations (Rent)	\$ 583,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 213,000	\$ 820,000
Utilities	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
Interdepartmental Services	\$ 411,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 700,000
External Contract Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000
Data Processing (Software, Supplies & Misc.)	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 81,000
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SOWACAP)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other Items of Expense	\$ -	\$ 177,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 462,000
<b>Total Operating Expense and Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 1,411,000</b>	<b>\$ 598,000</b>	<b>\$ 922,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,931,000</b>
<b>3. Community Grants</b>	<b>\$ 280,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 280,000</b>
<b>4. Total Council Budget (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	<b>\$ 7,019,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,933,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,616,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,578,000</b>

### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

01 Salaries & Benefits \$8,409,000



02 General Expense \$119,000



### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

03 Printing \$70,000



04 Postage \$70,000



### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

05 Communications		\$150,000
06 Travel		\$ 319,000

### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

07 Training		\$ 22,000
08 Facilities Operations (rent)		\$ 820,000

### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

09 Utilities \$ 10,000



10 Interdepartmental Contracts \$ 700,000

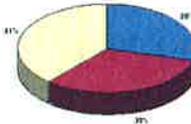


### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

11 Data Processing & Equipment \$ 113,000



12 Statewide Cost Allocation \$ 25,000



### Proposed SCDD FY 15-16 Budget

13 External Contract Services \$20,000



14 Other Items of Expense \$463,000



**TOTAL COUNCIL  
BUDGET = \$11,570,000**



## Concerns:

### Travel Budget

Travel Budget Allocation

Actual Expenditure last year

\$ 319,000

\$458,000

**Solution:** Keep travel expenditures within budget



## Concerns:

### Basic State Grant Structural Deficit

Total Federally Funded Programs	\$ 7,019,000
Total Grant Award	\$ 6,459,000
Base Deficit	-\$560,000
Estimated Salary Increase (2.5 %)	<u>-\$114,000</u>
Net Total Federal Shortfall	<b>-\$674,000</b>

**Solution:** Bring to the Council ideas on how to reduce expenditures



**Questions?**

**Discussion:**

**Motion:**



**State Council On Developmental Disabilities  
State Council Budgeted Base  
As Reflected In The Proposed 2015-16 Governor's Budget**

<b>Fiscal Year 2015-16</b>				
	<b>Basic State Grant (BSG)</b>	<b>Clients' Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy</b>	<b>Quality Assessment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Federal Funds	State Grants	State Grants	
<b><u>1. Personal Services:</u></b>				
<b>Net Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	\$ 3,593,500	\$ 942,000	\$ 1,152,000	\$ 5,687,500
<b>Temporary Help / Honorarium</b>	\$ 66,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,500
<b>Staff Benefits</b>	\$ 1,688,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 532,000	\$ 2,655,000
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$ 5,348,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,684,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,409,000</b>
<b><u>2. Operating Expense and Equipment:</u></b>				
General Expense	\$ 15,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 119,000
Printing	\$ 40,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 70,000
Communications	\$ 95,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 150,000
Postage	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 70,000
Travel-in-State :	\$ 180,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 294,000
Out-of-State Travel	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Training ( Tuition and Registration)	\$ 6,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 22,000
Facilities Operations (Rent)	\$ 585,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 211,000	\$ 820,000
Utilities	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
Interdepartmental Services:	\$ 411,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 700,000
External Contract Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,000
Data Processing ( Software, Supplies & Misc.)	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 113,000
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWACAP)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other Items of Expense	\$ -	\$ 177,000	\$ 286,000	\$ 463,000
<b>Total Operating Expense and Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 1,411,000</b>	<b>\$ 558,000</b>	<b>\$ 932,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,901,000</b>
<b>3. Community Grants</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 260,000</b>
<b>4. Total Council Budget (1 + 2 + 3)</b>	<b>\$ 7,019,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,935,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,616,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,570,000</b>
<b>5. Total Basic State Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 6,459,000</b>			

**INDIVIDUAL  
ADVOCACY  
PAPER  
(MTARS)**



## **ADVOCACY and DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY SERVICES (Plain Language Version)**

### **Introduction**

State Councils help people with developmental disabilities and their families make sure that there are enough services and supports when they need help.

In California, Disability Rights California has lawyers and others who also help people with developmental disabilities get the services they need.

This paper will explain the things that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (the Council) can - and cannot - do.

### **Types of Advocacy**

Advocacy means helping a person or a group of people work on a problem. An advocate is a person who helps. Advocates can make suggestions or support new ideas. Advocates can change the way that things are done. Advocacy is also about helping people find their own voice.

There are two kinds of advocacy services that the Council is allowed to provide: 'systemic advocacy' and 'self-advocacy.'

Systemic advocacy is about changing laws, rules, or ways of doing things that will make life better for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Systemic advocacy is a way of making sure that people can get the services they need without problems. The Council is supposed to do this kind of advocacy.

Self-advocacy is about a person being able to speak up for his or her own needs. The Council wants people to talk for themselves and for their families.

## **Direct Individual Advocacy Services**

The Council cannot do direct advocacy for people, but it makes sure this support is available from other places for people who want it.

There are some things the State Council cannot do, like speaking or acting *for* a person or family to get the right services. This is called 'direct service' and the State Council is not allowed to do 'direct service.' The Council is supposed to let people talk for themselves or for their family members.

It is the Council's job to make sure better services are available for everyone. The Council knows that people sometimes need help with direct advocacy in order to get the services they need, but the Council is not supposed to give people direct service in this way. There are people and other agencies that are supposed to help with this kind of service.

## **State Council Advocacy Activities**

There are things the Council can do to help people who need advocacy support. The Council can let people know where they can go for more help. The Council can give people important information (technical assistance) and training.

## **Conclusion**

The Council is supposed to help as many people as possible and make sure there are better systems and services for people and their families. The Council has a main office and offices in other parts of the state and is ready to help, no matter where people live in California.



## **ADVOCACY and DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY SERVICES**

### **Introduction**

State Councils exist to provide advocacy, capacity building, and system change activities that contribute to a comprehensive system of supports and services that is centered around and directed by clients and families. This system is to include needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Councils are to promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life, through culturally competent programs. (Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [DD Act] Section 101[b], 101[b][1], and 101[b][1][B].)

The federally funded network serving people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families also benefits from the protection and advocacy systems, which protect the legal and human rights of individuals with developmental disabilities. (DD Act Section 101[b][2].) In California, Disability Rights California is the federal developmental disabilities network partner who is responsible for providing direct advocacy services and other legal supports and assistance to ensure that individuals with I/DD are able to exercise their rights to make choices, contribute to society and live independently. The federally funded network also benefits from the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service as well as from the Parent Training and Information Centers.

Given the focus on advocacy in the I/DD network, this paper clarifies advocacy activities that are and are not allowed to be provided by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council). Such clarification may be issued as a departmental policy. The following addresses issues specific to the role and activities of the Council as authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Act. (Public Law 106-402).

## **Types of Advocacy**

Advocacy involves promoting the interests or cause of someone or a group of people. An advocate is a person who argues for, recommends, or supports a cause or policy. Advocacy is also about helping people find their voice. (West Virginia University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.)

For the purposes of Council activities, there are two types of allowable advocacy: systemic advocacy and self-advocacy.

Systemic advocacy is about changing laws, rules, or agency practices that will improve outcomes for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families. The Council is directly responsible for systemic advocacy. In this capacity, the Council is responsible for conducting a comprehensive review and analysis of the state disability system, which informs the State Plan. This work assists individuals with I/DD by addressing barriers at the local, state, or national level. The focus can be changing laws or changing written or unwritten policies. Activities supporting systemic advocacy include outreach, training, barrier elimination, system design, system redesign, and informing policy makers.

Self-advocacy refers to an individual's ability to effectively communicate, convey, negotiate or assert his or her own interests, desires, needs, and rights. Self-advocacy means understanding one's strengths, needs, personal goals, legal rights, and legal responsibilities. It also means communicating these to others. Self-advocacy is speaking up for oneself. The Council facilitates and supports self-advocacy for people with I/DD and their families.

Facilitating and supporting family and self-advocacy focuses on empowering individuals to create change in their lives. The Council supports and facilitates self-advocacy by informing individuals of their rights, instructing individuals on how to make complaints, providing information about the correct organizations to help create change, and encouraging individuals and families to speak for themselves.

## **Direct Individual Advocacy Services**

As stated above in the background section, State Councils engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities that contribute to a coordinated, comprehensive system that includes needed community services and individualized supports. The Council does not provide these supports. The intent is for State Councils to impact the service delivery system, not become part of the delivery system. (Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities.)

Speaking or acting on behalf of an individual or family to obtain or access services is a form of direct service and not an allowable activity for the State Council with federal funds. Some of these unallowable State Council activities include attending meetings for agency based supports and services (e.g. Regional Center, schools or school districts, Social Security, Department of Rehab) or making calls to these agencies on an individual's behalf.

The Council acknowledges that direct individual advocacy services are a critical need in the system. For example, parents need support when meeting with schools to discuss an individual education plan. Nationally, the perspective is that Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIC) are to provide this service. A review of the PTICs in California and assessing whether they meet the needs of families would be an allowable Council activity. Advocating for funding or better services is the role of the Council; providing these services is not.

## **State Council Advocacy Activities**

There are many activities that are effective and consistent with the DD Act when working with individuals who are seeking advocacy support: information and referral, technical assistance, and training. These activities provide a benefit beyond helping individuals and families seeking advocacy supports. It leverages the strength of the California Council, with its headquarters in Sacramento and regional offices throughout the state, to provide an ongoing comprehensive review and analysis of the service system. Additionally, staff may conduct surveys to collect information on problems that are emerging within their regions, which helps identify statewide trends, and communicate their findings to the Council for action.

Staff typically does not need to personally attend direct service meetings to collect this type of information. The mere presence of staff at these meetings brings the State Council into the room, which can have the effect of direct individual advocacy services and make the Council a party to the action, also a direct service.

## **Conclusion**

While this paper focuses on the division between advocacy activities that are allowed and not allowed, there is a large universe of advocacy activities that fulfill the State Council's purpose. Systemic advocacy marshals the Council's limited resources to serve the greatest number of people. Focusing on activities that impact the greatest number of individuals is a responsible and efficient way of changing the system of supports and services for people with I/DD and their families. With its headquarters and regional offices, the Council is structured to identify and change systemic issues at local, county, regional, and state levels.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the**  
**Americans with Disabilities Act**

**ISSUE:** How should the Council be involved in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act?

**SUMMARY:** From ADAanniversary.org: On July 26 and throughout the year, individuals and organizations will celebrate the progress made through implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** From ADA. Gov: The Americans ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services. Modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin – and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – the ADA is an "equal opportunity" law for people with disabilities.

**DISCUSSION:** There are various ways the SCDD can be involved in celebrating the anniversary of the ADA. Some ideas include inviting a guest speaker to the SCDD July meeting, sign the ADA National Network pledge, and identify other statewide and regional activities to join.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public Policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with I/DD and their families.

**ATTACHMENTS:** ADA National Network pledge

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati

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Spread the word and help honor this landmark civil rights legislation. Writing a story about the ADA?

# Organizations and Government Entities - Sign the ADA Proclamation

**Become a part of the nationwide celebration and recommitment to the ADA**

– let’s get 2500 signatures for the 25th ADA Anniversary.

**\*\*Note:** By signing, the name of the organization or government entity, city & state will display (after review) on this website. We will only use your information to contact you with questions on your signed proclamation and to keep you up to date on ADA National Network activities.

If you would like to sign as an individual, not as an organization or government entity, you may: [Sign the ADA Pledge for Individuals.](#)

## Proclamation to Recommit to Full Implementation of the ADA

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. On July 26, 2015, we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the ADA.

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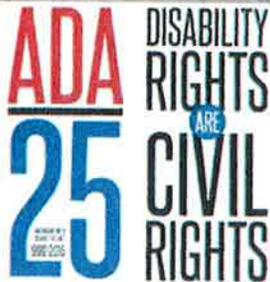
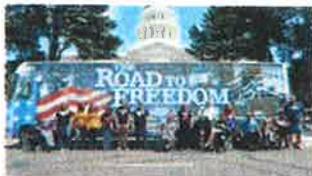
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The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if we remain committed to continue our efforts to fully implement the ADA.

On the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, I/we (name/title/entity) celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

NOW THEREFORE, I/we (name/title/entity) do hereby reaffirm to continue to work toward full ADA compliance.

**Your Signature - "Proclamation to Recommit to the ADA"**

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# **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

AB 74  
Calderon  
Inspections

**BILL:** AB 74, as amended, Calderon. Care facilities: regulatory visits.

**ISSUE:** Many recent news reports have highlighted the lack of frequent inspections in facilities across California and the dangers faced by children and elders. Seniors have suffered broken bones, deadly bed sores, sexual assaults and other injuries in assisted living facilities. Children have been victims of neglect, endangerment, unkempt conditions, and injuries.

**SUMMARY:** California licensing programs perform the essential function of protecting the basic health and safety of children and adults in care facilities. Budget cuts over the past few years and compliance procedures have resulted in a program that provides inadequate oversight and monitoring of community care facilities.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Prior to 2003, the required frequency of CCLD facility visits was annually for most facility types (and tri-annually for family child care). Currently, five years or more may elapse between site visits from the licensing program, which is hardly frequent enough to ensure minimum safety in an industry with high staff turnover.

AB 74 will implement unannounced annual inspections of all community care facilities by July 1, 2018. By July 1, 2016 DSS will inspect facilities no less often than once every 3 years with a 30% random sample to be subject to an annual inspection. By July 1, 2017 DSS will inspect facilities no less often than once every 2 years.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis: Unannounced licensing visits are of fundamental importance in protecting the health and safety of children and adults receiving care through facility or home-based care. They ensure that basic health and safety requirements are being met and also provide opportunities for increased technical assistance to programs, enhanced information sharing, the development of best practices, and ultimately lead to an improvement in the quality of life for clients under care.

**Unannounced Inspections:** Numerous studies document a connection between increased licensing visits with a decrease in accidents requiring medical attention and greater provider compliance with health and safety standards. Regular and frequent unannounced inspection visits allow for state and local agencies to provide relevant and up-to-date information to the public on the quality of care offered by a facility. In a 2010-11 Spring Finance Letter, DSS asserted that "regular and frequent inspections of facilities improve client health and safety as evidenced by reductions in the percentage of the more serious imminent risk to total citations." Specifically, "more annual inspections equates to better quality of care" and "more annual inspections equates to a smaller risk to the health and safety of clients".

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 74 (Calderon).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal #4** Public safety agencies, other first responders and the justice system get information and assistance to be knowledgeable and aware of the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities so they can respond appropriately when individuals with developmental disabilities may have experienced abuse, neglect, sexual or financial exploitation or violation of legal or human rights.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipoufard



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 449, as amended, Irwin. Taxation. Savings plans. Qualified ABLE account.

**ISSUE:** The ABLE Act would allow Californians with disabilities to access federally recognized savings accounts to save for future disability related expenses.

**SUMMARY:** AB 449 recognizes the extra and significant costs of living with a disability. These include costs related to raising a child with significant disabilities or a working age adult with disabilities, for accessible housing and transportation, personal assistance services, assistive technology and health care not covered by insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** In order for Californians to benefit from the passage of the federal (ABLE) law, California must take action to create a state run program to be able to offer 529A ABLE accounts, which include tax-deferred savings under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. This provides the framework for what is commonly referred to as the 529 Education Savings Accounts.

**DISCUSSION:** From the committee analysis: Eligible individuals and families will be allowed to establish ABLE savings accounts that will not affect their eligibility for SSI, Medicaid and other public benefits. The legislation explains further that an ABLE account will, with private savings, "secure funding for disability-related expenses on behalf of designated beneficiaries with disabilities that will supplement, but not supplant, benefits provided through private insurance, Medicaid, SSI, the beneficiary's employment and other sources." Specifically, the bill will give eligible Californians with disabilities access to federally recognized 529A ABLE accounts.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 449 (Irwin).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 1: Individuals with developmental disabilities have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services and to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**BILL:** AB 563, as amended, Lopez, Developmental Services.

**ISSUE:** Successful aging for adults with developmental disabilities

**SUMMARY:** AB 563 would establish a 2 year pilot program to develop a means to address the service gap/unmet needs of aging adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Establishes a pilot program to address the needs of aging individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the California Department of Aging to develop guidelines and protocols establishing best practices for providing services and supports to aging consumers with developmental and intellectual disabilities by January 1, 2017.
- 2) Requires DDS to conduct a two-year pilot program that implements those guidelines and protocols in three regional centers, and requires DDS to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the pilot program by January 1, 2020, as specified.
- 3) Establishes a January 1, 2021 sunset date for the pilot program.

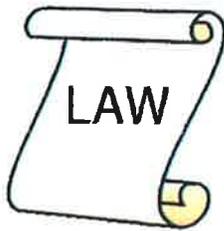
**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis - Need for this bill: According to the author, "Under existing law, the Department of Developmental services is required to contract with the Regional Centers to provide needed services to individuals with developmental disabilities through all stages of their lives. Currently the Regional Center system provides specific services for infants, children, adolescents and adults. There is no specific Regional Center unit that addresses the unique needs of older adults. Within the developmental disability system, several individuals and programs have independently attempted to fill the service gap that is not met by the current DDS/Regional Center system. This is indicative of the significant needs of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as the population continues to increase."

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 563 (Lopez)

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal #2:** Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**Bill:** AB 564, as amended, Eggman, Regional centers: parental fees.

**ISSUE:** Regional centers are nonprofit private corporations that contract with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to provide or coordinate services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Existing law requires DDS to assess, revise, and collect fees through the Parental Fee Program from parents whose child is receiving care. Families are assessed based on their ability to pay and those families whose income falls below the Federal Poverty Level are not charged a fee.

**SUMMARY:** AB 564 requires the parental fee schedule to be adjusted for the level of annual net income. The bill also clarifies that DDS consider the same income and expenses in the appeal process as the process when determining a parent's ability to pay. It also provides that a parent has the right to file an appeal

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** According to the Auditor, the process DDS uses "to assess parental fees is riddled with unnecessary delays, lack of documentation, incorrect calculations, and inconsistent staff interpretations". Specifically, it was found that the Department considered the gross income and annual expenses when first determining a parent's ability to pay then used the net income and monthly household expenses in the appeal process. Therefore, anyone who appealed was almost guaranteed to receive a reduction in their monthly fee. In the audit, there are some legislative recommendations this bill attempts to cover.

**DISCUSSION:** Press Release

Audit called by Asm. Eggman reveals program "riddled" with problems  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

SACRAMENTO – A report released today by the State Auditor, requested by Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman, D – Stockton, reveals a program to charge fees for 24-hour, out-of-home care of disabled children is "riddled" with delays and inconsistencies and is leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars uncollected. The Department of Developmental

Services Parental Fee Program assesses a fee to parents of children who receive 24-hour out-of-home care, based upon a fee schedule that takes into account adjusted gross income, family size, and the age of the child in placement. Among other findings, the State Auditor reported:

- The department does not ensure parents provide documentation for all income and expenses.
- Months or years may pass before the DDS becomes aware of the need to assess fees on certain families, because regional centers do not submit required monthly reports.
- Although required to do so, the DDS did not annually reassess most of the parental fee accounts reviewed by the auditor.
- Initial fee assessments are inadequate – 95 percent of appealed fee assessments from fiscal years 2011-12 through 2013-14 were reduced.
- Developmental Services collects only about 60 percent of assessed fees.

Assemblymember Eggman requested the audit after being contacted by Tracy resident George McElroy, whose son is under 24-hour, out-of-home care. Eggman said the audit was a demonstration of the difference that a passionate, motivated citizen advocate can make.

“Mr. McElroy was able, on his own, to bring significant attention to the defects of this program. We will work together to carry out necessary reforms, but the findings of this report ensure that parents like Mr. McElroy will no longer be ignored,” Assemblymember Eggman said.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 564 (Eggman).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal #14 (plain language version): California has laws and policies that support the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 571, as introduced, Brown. Property taxation.

**ISSUE:** The California Constitution and existing property tax law authorize persons over the age of 55 and persons who are severely & permanently disabled, as specified, to transfer the base year value, as defined, of property to replacement property, if certain conditions are met.

**SUMMARY:** Overall, AB 571 makes it easier to keep a child with a disability in a family home, thus helping keep people out of residential care facilities and reducing state expenditures; a win-win all around.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Expands the existing property tax relief provision that allows an eligible person to transfer the base-year value of his/her principal residence to a replacement dwelling, as provided, to include a person who has a severely and permanently disabled child. Revises the "reasonable cause" standard for abating penalties related to late-filed "change in ownership" (CIO) statements and property statements.

AB 571 would additionally authorize the transfer of the base year value of property to replacement property for persons who have a severely and permanently disabled child. This bill would apply this property tax relief to replacement dwellings that are purchased or newly constructed on or after January 1, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis – Arguments in support. The proponents state that in order "to qualify for the disability based exemption under current law, the disabled individual must be on the title of the property" - a potentially "costly and complicated process if the only reason to do so would be to qualify for the exemption."

The proponents also note that, "over the years, numerous parents have had to contend with the hardship of what occurs when a minor child becomes suddenly and severely disabled." The proponents argue that this bill is a "common sense measure to help homeowner" and it

"maintains the spirit of Revenue and ax Code 69.5 while also helping those who have serious needs."

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 571 (Brown).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 11. Housing Access: Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL MEETING DETAIL SHEET

**AB 643  
Nazarian  
Silver Alerts**

**BILL:** AB 643, as amended, Nazarian, Emergency services: Silver Alerts.

**ISSUE:** California needs an expanded Silver Alert system.

**SUMMARY:** AB 643 expands the Silver Alert program to also activate an alert via Changeable Message Signs (CMS).

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Existing law allows a law enforcement agency to request from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) an activation of a Silver Alert. A Silver Alert is a notification system that alerts the public when a person who is 65 years of age or older, developmentally disabled or cognitively impaired, has been reported missing. CMS effectively displays safety and traffic information to the public utilizing California highways.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis: Background on Silver Alerts: California has the largest number of seniors, age 65 or older, in the nation currently at 5.1 million, and due to the Silver Tsunami, that number is expected to climb to 9 million by 2030. When a senior goes missing and has been determined by law enforcement to be in danger (for example, a senior with Alzheimer's disease who has wandered away from home), California uses a uniform alert system to help with recovery.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 643 (Nazarian).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 4: Public Safety Outreach. The Council will maintain or develop collaborative relationships with local law enforcement agencies and others to improve the awareness and education of public safety personnel and the justice system on the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED BY:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**AB 648**  
**Low**  
**Dental Care**

**BILL:** AB 648, as introduced, Low. Community-based services: Virtual Dental Home program.

**ISSUE:** Dental care options are sorely lacking for many California families, including those connected to the I/DD community.

**SUMMARY:** AB 648 (Low) offers a new, innovative strategy for making dental care more available.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Many Californians have poor dental health. Sadly, barriers can exist when it comes to accessing effective dental care, particularly in the I/DD community .

The Virtual Dental Home (VDH) is an innovative method and user-friendly way of addressing the problem. Dental professionals gather dental information from patients in common community settings (schools, nursing homes, etc. ). The data is sent electronically to a dentist, who then designs a treatment plan to be implemented, typically by a hygienist or assistant. If more advanced treatment is needed from an actual dentist, the patients will be referred to dental offices for those procedures. AB 648 is needed so that the VDH could become a sustainable model and be implemented throughout California. The VDH concept is well-suited to people in the I/DD community who many have a fear of dentists, or lack the ability to easily travel to a brick and mortar dental office.

AB 648 authorizes a \$4 million ( one time) General Fund appropriation to create a Virtual Dental Home grant program, monitored by the State Dental Director, that would implement the VDH in the areas of the most intense need in California. AB 648 also authorizes allocating grant funds for activities that support VDH implementation.

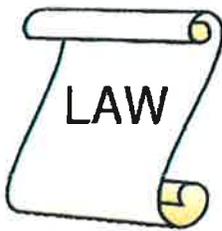
**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis: VDH is a community-based oral health delivery system in which people receive preventive and simple therapeutic services in community settings. It uses telehealth technology to link dental hygienists and dental assistants in the community with dentists in dental offices and clinics, enabling care in places like Head Start sites and schools. VDH was developed and evaluated through the state Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development's Health Workforce Pilot Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 648 (Low).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 10: Health.  
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**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**AB 662  
Bonilla  
Restrooms**

**BILL:** AB 662, as amended, Bonilla. Public accommodation: disabled adults: changing facilities.

**ISSUE:** Lack of adequate restroom accommodations for individuals with physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, spina-bifida, traumatic brain injury, and multiple-sclerosis in public places.

**SUMMARY:** AB 662 expands public restroom accommodations to meet the health and safety needs of the disabled community. This bill requires newly constructed commercial places of public amusement that serve over 1,000 people on a daily basis to install an adult changing station for people with physical disabilities.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** AB 662 requires that:

-all newly constructed commercial places of public amusement to install an adult changing station for individuals with a physical disability. This applies to all new construction as of January 1, 2019.

- all renovations of restrooms in commercial places of public amusement that serve over 1,000 people to install an adult changing station for individuals with a physical disability as of January 1, 2029.

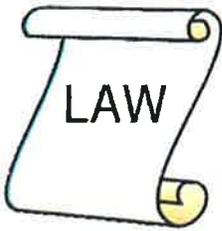
**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis: This bill aims to improve access for adults with physical disabilities that need an adequate facility to assist with the changing of diapers. As the number of persons with disabilities continues to grow, the need for access to adult changing stations

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 662 (Bonilla).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal #13: Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.will be more apparent.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



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**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 763, as introduced, Burke. Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons.

**ISSUE:** A&D Program income level loses value every year because of inflation, thereby pushing the program out of reach of some seniors and people with disabilities.

**SUMMARY:** Increases the amount of income that is disregarded in calculating eligibility for purposes of the Medi-Cal aged and disabled (A&D) program which effectively increases the upper limit of financial eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL). People age 65 plus or disabled and not eligible for the SSI program may be able to get Medi-Cal through the Aged & Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** The committee analysis states: The Western Center on Law and Poverty, the sponsor of this bill, notes that the A&D program is a critical part of the Medi-Cal program and it provide free, comprehensive coverage to persons over the age of 65 and those with disabilities while simultaneously allowing them to have a monthly income. Supporters argue this bill will help Californians by increasing the income disregards and thereby increasing eligibility.

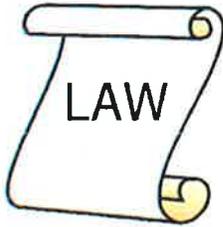
**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis - Purpose. The author states increasing the income threshold to allow more aged, blind, and disabled individuals to receive Medi-Cal without a share of cost addresses two problems: (1) it brings income eligibility for elderly and disabled individuals in line with that for non-elderly, non-disabled individuals, and (2) it allows these individuals to qualify for comprehensive Medi-Cal benefits instead of the "share-of-cost" Medi-Cal, which effectively amounts to catastrophic coverage for most people who qualify.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 763 (Burke).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal 2: Rights Training & Advocacy** Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 796, as introduced, Nazarian. Health care coverage: autism and pervasive developmental disorders.

**ISSUE:** The discrepancy in existing law cover behavioral health therapy for pervasive developmental disorder or autism (PDD/A) has made it difficult for parents to obtain coverage for the prescribed treatments of their children which they are entitled to under the law. In some cases, parents do challenge and are successful in receiving the services. Yet, this takes time and effort that many parents of children on the Spectrum simply do not have. Instead, parents are forced to accept a form of BHT that has not been prescribed.

**SUMMARY:** AB 796 updates existing law, which makes reference to Title 17. This bill clarifies the definition of service providers to include other forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment. Specifically, this bill modifies the minimum training required for “qualified autism service providers” and for “qualified autism service paraprofessionals.” AB 796 simply codifies the minimum requirements, specified in Title 17 for providers, and requires non-ABA behavioral service providers to meet these requirements.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** SB 946 (Steinberg), Chapter 650, Statutes of 2011 required health plan and health insurance policies to cover behavioral health therapy for pervasive developmental disorder or autism (PDD/A). The bill also required plans and insurers to maintain adequate networks of autism service providers. It defined “behavioral health treatment” (BHT) as professional services and treatment programs such as applied behavior analysis (ABA) etc. AB 796 ensures that the children diagnosed with autism will receive insurance coverage for the type of evidence-based BHT that is right and selected for them by the medical profession that knows that child best. This will be done at no cost to the state. Furthermore, AB 796 reduces state costs. Some families who have been denied coverage by a health plan or insurer are currently receiving BHT through their regional centers.

**DISCUSSION:** From the text : Research has demonstrated that children diagnosed with autism can often be helped with early administration of behavioral health treatment. There are several forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment, including, but not limited to, applied behavioral analysis. Children diagnosed with autism respond differently to behavioral health treatment. It is critical that each child diagnosed with autism receives the specific type of evidence-based behavioral health treatment best suited to him or her, as prescribed by his or her physician or developed by a psychologist.

The Legislature intends that all forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment be covered by health care service plans, pursuant to Section 1374.73 of the Health and Safety Code, and health insurance policies, pursuant to Section 10144.51 of the Insurance Code. The Legislature intends that health care service plan provider networks include qualified professionals practicing all forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment other than just applied behavioral analysis.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 796 (Nazarian).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal 10:** Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**AB 881  
Garcia  
Bullying**

**BILL:** AB 881, as introduced, Cristina Garcia. Pupils: grounds for suspension and expulsion: bullying.

**ISSUE:** Statistics show that I/DD kids are often the targets of bullying.

**SUMMARY:** This bill would, for purposes of pupil suspension or recommendation for expulsion from a school, define "electronic act" as either the creation or transmission of that communication, as specified.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Existing law further defines "electronic act" as both the creation and transmission originated on or off the schoolsite, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, as specified.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis - The Association of Regional Center Agencies supports the bill and states, "Cyber-bullying has made it possible for individuals whose torment might be somewhat more limited and public be pervasive, constant, and (literally) global. Current law describes, for the purposes of bullying, text messages and social media posts, among other new methods of communication. But it erroneously limits the definition to mean both the act of creation and transmission. This eliminates every act of forwarding, copying, or sharing onwards any act of bullying. This bill solves this oversight with a very concise stroke of the pen, ensuring a closer adherence to the intent of the law."

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 881 (Garcia).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public Policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED BY:** Bob Giovati.



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 918, as amended, Stone. Health and care facilities: seclusion and behavioral restraints

**ISSUE:** This bill updates reporting requirements regarding the use of seclusion and restraints of persons cared for in licensed facilities, to recognize that most people with developmental disabilities now live in community settings instead of state Developmental Centers.

**SUMMARY:** Applies existing data reporting requirements related to the use of seclusion or restraints, which currently apply to state institutions, to a number of licensed community facility types serving primarily elderly or developmentally disabled individuals.

- 2) Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to take steps to establish a system of mandatory, consistent, timely, and publicly accessible data collection related to this data.
- 3) Requires facilities to report specified data about deaths or serious injuries related to seclusion or restraints to the designated protection and advocacy agency (currently Disability Rights California (DRC)).

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** According to the author, while existing law protects individuals with developmental disorders in developmental centers (DCs) from unreported use of seclusions and restraint, the populations in these facilities are changing. State facilities are beginning to close and more people are living in community facilities. The author states that this move can be heralded as an important and beneficial move for those with developmental disabilities, but it also leaves them vulnerable to the use of seclusion and behavioral restraint as tactics to control behavior.

The author also states that the Legislature has made findings and declarations indicating that the use of seclusions and restraints is not a

treatment nor does it positively change behavior. When the state first implemented reporting and publishing requirements, most individuals were living in DCs. However, now California is moving individuals to community facilities, where no such requirement exists.

According to the author, California must protect these vulnerable individuals, give consumers more information when choosing a facility, and allow the government and the designated protection and advocacy agency, Disability Rights California (DRC), the ability to compare the use of seclusion and restraint across facilities.

**DISCUSSION:** DRC, the sponsors of the bill, write that current law requires state and non-public facilities to collect and publicly report the use of seclusion and behavioral restraints. When the law was enacted, the Department of State Hospitals and DDS immediately implemented their data collection and public data reporting. This requirement was not implemented for non-public facilities. Therefore, there is no publicly accessible data regarding the use of these interventions in most of the facilities where they are used.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 918 (Stone).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 4: Public Safety Outreach. The Council will maintain or develop collaborative relationships with local law enforcement agencies and others to improve the awareness and education of public safety personnel and the justice system on the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 987, as introduced, Levine. Employment discrimination, unlawful employment practices.

**ISSUE:** California I/DD workers' rights are potentially being violated.

**SUMMARY:** AB 987 (Levine) advances California's fair employment laws by clarifying that employers are prohibited from retaliating against an employee for requesting reasonable accommodations.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** California laws require employers to reasonably accommodate an employee's disability, or religious beliefs and practices. This includes adjustments that allow a disabled person to carry out his or her job duties.

In October of 2013, a court ruling held that an employee request for reasonable accommodations was not protected from employer retaliation, and because of this ruling, courts are now dismissing cases where an employee was fired or discriminated against for making a request for reasonable accommodations.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis: In October of 2013, the appellate court in *Rope v. Auto-Chlor* held that an employee's request for a reasonable accommodation is not protected from employer retaliation. The plaintiff in the case informed his employer at the time of hiring (September 2010) that he planned to donate a kidney to his disabled sister in February 2011. On January 1, 2011, the Michelle Maykin Memorial Donation Protection Act went into effect, which provides employees paid, job-protected leave for organ and bone-marrow donation. However, two days before the law went into effect, the plaintiff was terminated by the employer.

The plaintiff filed suit and the Court held that he had pleaded sufficient facts to support a claim for associational-based disability discrimination; however, the Court dismissed a number of his other claims, including retaliation under FEHA. Specifically, the court found "no support in the regulations or case law for the proposition that a

mere request - or even repeated requests- for an accommodation, without more, constitutes a protected activity sufficient to support a claim for retaliation in violation of FEHA."

According to the sponsor, without clarification of FEHA, an employer can terminate an employee who requests a reasonable accommodation, and the employee will have no legal recourse to claim retaliation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 987 (Levine).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public Policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with I/DD and their families. Goal 8: Employment First. The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**BILL:** AB 1218, as amended, Weber. Public contracts: disabled veteran business enterprise.

**ISSUE:** Improving business opportunities for disabled veterans.

**SUMMARY:** This bill makes various changes to the statewide disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE) contracting program.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** California is home to over 300,000 veterans with service-related disabilities, with increasing numbers of newly separated veterans from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. As California works to address the employment and entrepreneurial needs of this latest cohort of disabled veterans, it is time to revisit the DVBE program to ensure that it works as intended and provides greater access to new entrepreneurial ventures. The Department of General Services, as the state's primary contracting agency, administers the program, while the California Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for monitoring the awarding department's performance.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis - This bill aims to address the deficiencies identified in the CSA report by providing bid preferences for new DVBEs and those seeking to become prime contractors; ensuring more accuracy in meeting the statewide 3% goal by requiring both the contract value and the actual amount DVBEs receive to be reported; and, mandating outcome-based measurements of DVBE recruitments efforts. These changes are intended to increase the number of participating DVBEs and improve the program's accountability.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 1218 (Weber)

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal #2:** Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



**AB 1261**  
**Burke**  
**Adult Day Care**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** AB 1261, as introduced, Burke. Community-based adult services: adult day health care centers.

**ISSUE:** California has the largest population of older adults in the nation, with more than four million seniors. 40 percent of our older adults are living with a disability.

**SUMMARY:** AB 1261 preserves access to the adult day health care services that thousands of frail Californians and their families depend on through the Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** ADHC centers are licensed health facilities that provide integrated services through a multi-disciplinary team including nurses, social workers, occupational therapists and other professionals. ADHC centers serve frail elders and other adults with disabilities, chronic conditions and complex care needs, such as Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, diabetes, high blood pressure, mental health diagnoses, traumatic brain injury, people who have had a stroke or breathing problems or who cannot take medications properly.

**DISCUSSION:** From the assembly analysis - Disability Rights California writes that AB 1261 preserves an essential health benefit to over 28,000 Medi-Cal recipients with serious health conditions that place them at risk of losing their independence and facing life in a nursing home - a life-style they do not wish to endure, and one that will ultimately cost the state more. CBAS serves as an important service that demonstrates the state's commitment to the principles of the Olmstead decision, and the objectives of the nascent Coordinated Care Initiative in counties where it is underway.

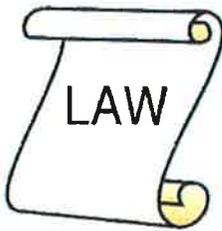
**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 1261(Burke).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 10: **Health.**

Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**BILL:** AB 1369, as amended, Frazier. Special education: dyslexia.

**ISSUE:** Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability. Dyslexia refers to a cluster of symptoms, which result in people having difficulties with specific language skills, particularly reading. Students with dyslexia usually experience difficulties with other language skills such as spelling, writing, and pronouncing words.

**SUMMARY:** AB 1369 requires dyslexia screening for students in Grades K through 3, teacher training, evidence-based remediation, and the term dyslexia to be defined as it is by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Dyslexia is a learning disorder characterized by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words. Also called specific reading disability, dyslexia is a common learning disability in children.

Dyslexia occurs in children with normal vision and intelligence. Sometimes dyslexia goes undiagnosed for years and isn't recognized until adulthood.

There's no cure for dyslexia. It's a lifelong condition caused by inherited traits that affect how your brain works. However, most children with dyslexia can succeed in school with tutoring or a specialized education program. Emotional support also plays an important role. By Mayo Clinic Staff

**DISCUSSION:** The sponsor of this bill, Decoding Dyslexia California writes: "[There is] a tremendous amount of evidence about how dyslexia manifests in the brain, how it manifests in the classroom, the genetic component of dyslexia, but more importantly, we know what type of instruction works for students with dyslexia.

This intervention is a multisensory, explicit, systematic investigation of the structure of the English language which is implemented by someone trained in not only the strategies of this type of intervention but who also

understands why a student with dyslexia needs this type of intervention. This intervention is not disguised as Balanced Literacy, but is the deep instruction into how words are built based on language patterns.

Despite this mountain of research, parents and advocates attend IEP and school meetings on a regular basis where the IEP team repeatedly tells these parents and advocates that dyslexia does not exist, that it is a broad term (which it is not, it is SLD that is the broad term), that public schools do not work with dyslexia - the list of unfounded comments goes on and on. Our concern is that these bright children are marginalized despite the vast amount of research. They are held back and asked to change, when the instruction is what needs to change. They are denied their potential due to schools continued lack of education in the area of dyslexia."

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support AB 1369 (Frazier).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 10: Health. Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** SB 11, as amended, Beall. Peace officer training: mental health.

**ISSUE:** The existing California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) curriculum for prospective officers mandates 664 hours (16 weeks) of training. This includes 72 hours on how to handle firearms and pepper spray; 40 hours for investigative report writing; 40 hours on fitness; and 40 hours on driving -- but just six hours of combined training for people with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental health training.

**SUMMARY:** SB 11 responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Six hours of training is not enough. The lack of training has had deadly results. With better training, we can reduce injuries and save lives – both for people with mental health illnesses and officers

Specifically, SB 11 mandates: 20 hours additional hours of universal evidence-based behavioral health classroom-training course in the Academy so that all officers can recognize, de-escalate and refer people with mental illnesses who are in crisis.

Designates behavioral health training as a perishable skill under continuing education and mandates peace officers to take 4 hours of continuing education classroom-training course regarding persons with mental illness once every four years.

**DISCUSSION:** From the senate analysis - According to a recent study conducted by Disability Rights California, who support this legislation: Frequently, police officers respond to mental health related calls and incidents, many of which can be time consuming.

At least one jurisdiction reported to Disability Rights California that mental health calls constitute up to one third of all calls for service that they receive. In 2008, the federal Bureau of Justice Affairs reported that "behaviors resulting in mental illness are a factor in 3 to 7 percent of all law enforcement calls for service." And more recent media accounts say that these calls are on the rise. More than 80 percent of agencies responding to Disability Rights California's survey reported that officers spend more time on these calls than other calls for service.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 11 (Beall).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal# 10:** Health.

Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** SB 29, as amended, Beall. Peace officer training: mental health.

**ISSUE:** Day by day there is a growing recognition throughout law enforcement nationwide of the importance of behavioral health training for officers.

**SUMMARY:** SB 29 is a companion bill to SB 11. Taken together, SB 29 and SB 11 responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** The existing California Peace Officer Standards and Training curriculum for officers does not mandate a prescribe number of hours of behavioral health training for peace officers in the Field Training program. Although training resources exists, there is no standardized mental health training curriculum statewide.

The lack of uniformity creates a patchwork of training programs offered by California law enforcement agencies. Some agencies offer robust training programs while others offer far less. Every officer needs to be provided with the most current effective tools to interact safely with people with mental illnesses especially given the frequency of contacts with people with a mental illness (POST estimates 10-15%).

This bill mandates 40 hours of evidence-based behavioral health training for all Field Officer Trainers; mandates an additional 20 hours of evidence-based behavioral health training for new officers. Training must be completed during the employing department's field training and probationary period but in no case later than 24 months after employee's appointment as an officer; and calls for the training to address issues related to stigma and instruct officers on culturally appropriate procedures.

**DISCUSSION:** According to the author: Day by day there is a growing recognition throughout law enforcement nationwide of the value of behavioral health training for officers. SB 29 and its companion bill, SB 11, respond to the public's heightened distrust by mandating stronger evidence-based behavioral health training that has proven to reduce volatile confrontations between peace officers and people with mental illnesses or intellectual disabilities. Equally important, the bills recognize California's cultural diversity and require training to be culturally appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 29 (Beall).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 4: Public Safety Outreach. The Council will maintain or develop collaborative relationships with local law enforcement agencies and others to improve the awareness and education of public safety personnel and the justice system on the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**SB 128**  
**Wolk**  
**End of Life**

**BILL:** SB 128 (Wolk), End of life.

**ISSUE:** Should we legalize assisted suicide in California?

In the interest of full disclosure, historically speaking, organizations like SCDD have largely opposed these kinds of bills.

**SUMMARY:** SB 128 (Wolk), the so-called Right To Die bill, creates a legal infrastructure to legalize assisted suicide in California. The bill is very strongly modeled after the Oregon legislation.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Assisted suicide is a contentious, lightning rod issue that cannot possibly be completely unpacked in a short detail sheet. While generally coming down against the concept of assisted suicide, the I/DD community over the years has become somewhat more divided on the issue.

**DISCUSSION:** In essence, the main arguments opponents assert are that life itself has its own inherent value, that people have been assisted to die against their will (or without the cognitive ability to make such a decision) in the past, and that safeguards put in place to prevent abuse have not worked. They also fear legalizing assisted suicide is fraught with peril in an era of health care cost cutting.

Proponents essentially claim this is a civil rights issue, plain and simple, and that in a free society, such a highly personal decision should be up to each individual to make on their own, independent of government interference.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Neutral on SB 128 (Wolk). Note: By remaining neutral on SB 128, we are not advocating for assisted suicide. Rather, we are simply staying neutral on this particular bill.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** SB 190, as amended, Beall. Health care coverage: acquired brain injury.

**ISSUE:** An acquired brain injury (ABI) is an alteration in brain function caused by an external force, vascular, toxic, metabolic, neoplastic or infections cause. Brain injury can have several negative impacts on an individual's well-being, which include, but are not limited to: behavioral issues, sensory losses, cognitive deficits, neurological diseases, loss of independence, and unemployment.

**SUMMARY:** Over 350,000 Californians live with traumatic brain injury (TBI), a form of ABI. Between 2006 and 2012, there was nearly a 10% increase in the number of Californians hospitalized with TBI. During these years there was also an 82% increase in the number of Californians diagnosed with brain injury that were treated by Emergency Rooms.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** Neurological recovery is dependent upon access to a continuum for acute and post-acute medical brain injury rehabilitation. This treatment must be of sufficient duration and provided by a highly specialized multidisciplinary team. Appropriate and continued treatment helps many people suffering from ABI to better cope with their injuries and live more productive lives.

Unfortunately, insurance carriers are not covering these medically necessary services at an alarming rate. Denial of appropriate treatment shifts the cost of untreated disability to public health and government assistance programs, costing the state billions of dollars.

SB 190 will improve the lives of those suffering from ABI and will save the State billions of dollars annually by allowing patients to be properly treated in the most appropriate treatment settings to reduce disability and cost shifting to the public.

**DISCUSSION:** This bill would require health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2016, to include coverage for post-acute residential transitional rehabilitation services made necessary as a

result of and related to an acquired brain injury. The bill would prohibit the plan contract or policy from including any acquired brain injury post-acute care treatment covered under the plan contract or policy in any lifetime limitation on the number of days of covered acute care treatment, and would require the plan contract or policy to provide the post-acute residential transitional rehabilitation services under the same terms and conditions, including, but not limited to, deductibles and copayments, as are applicable to similar coverage provided under the plan contract or policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 190 (Beall).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 10: Health.  
Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**BILL:** SB 324, as amended, Pavley. Income taxation: savings plans: Qualified ABLE Program.

**ISSUE:** California needs state regulations to implement the federal ABLE Act.

**SUMMARY:** SB 324 (Pavley) creates the infrastructure to implement the ABLE Act. This is essentially the senate companion bill to AB 449 (Irwin.)

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** In December 2014, President Obama signed the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act into law. The ABLE Act creates a tax-free savings account for individuals with disabilities and their families. This account will help ease the financial strains faced by individuals with disabilities and their families.

In addition, under the ABLE Act each state is responsible for establishing and operating an ABLE Program. The Secretary of the Department of Treasury is currently in the process of developing regulations that will provide guidance to states seeking to establish these programs.

While states are authorized to create an ABLE program, statutory direction is needed for the state agency responsible for establishing this new program.

Lastly, to ensure that these savings accounts are truly tax-free, a statutory change is needed to conform the state revenue and taxation code with federal law.

SB 324 establishes an ABLE Act program, within the State Treasurer's office, that will provide financial tools for individuals with disabilities. The measure also ensures that these ABLE savings accounts are tax free. This new program will ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families will be able to save without fear of losing eligibility for public assistance programs.

**DISCUSSION:** From the senate analysis: California law does not automatically conform to changes to federal tax law, except for specific

retirement provisions. Instead, the Legislature must affirmatively conform to federal changes.

On December 19, 2014, President Obama signed the Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (ABLE), which allows individuals who became blind or disabled before reaching age 26 to create tax-free savings accounts. ABLE accounts generally follow the same rules as education savings accounts allowed by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code (529s): individuals can make nondeductible cash contributions to an ABLE account in the name of a specified beneficiary, and earnings can grow tax free.

The ABLE Act directed states to establish one ABLE account for each beneficiary who is a resident of the state. The ABLE Act additionally directed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to issue regulations by June 19th, 2015, to implement the program to guide states as they enact legislation creating ABLE accounts. SB 324 implements the ABLE Act in California, and directs the State Treasurer to administer ABLE accounts on behalf of qualified Californians.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 324 (Pavley).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public Policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**BILL:** SB 490, as amended, Beall and Huff. Regional centers: audits.

**ISSUE:** In 2011, the Legislature passed budget trailer bill SB 74. The new law established a cumbersome and costly auditing process for any entity (vendor) paid by a Regional Center (RC).

**SUMMARY:** As of March of 2014, the Department of Developmental Services states that it has received fewer than 60 audits of concern and NONE of these audits of concern resulted in any savings. SB 490 addresses this problem.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** SB 490 is a bipartisan measure that provides a technical cleanup to SB 74.

**DISCUSSION:** According to the author, the vendor audit requirement was intended to save the state more than \$20 million annually through increased accountability, but as of March of 2014, DDS has received fewer than 100 audits of concern and none of them resulted in any savings. The cost to perform the financial reviews and audits are borne solely by the vendors at an average cost of \$10,000 per audit.

Additionally, the author states SB 490 clarifies ambiguities in the original bill, including what monies are subject to an audit. As a result, some accounting firms are auditing the vendors' entire budget including revenue that is not from the regional center while others are auditing only the portion from regional centers. This bill clarifies that only monies paid by the regional centers are subject to the audit review.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 490 (Beall and Huff).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public Policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** Senate Bill (SB) 492, Lui, Coordinated Care Initiative

**ISSUE:** CCI consumers remain one of the most vulnerable populations in California's health care system. CCI rollout has not gone smoothly in some counties resulting in confusion among both consumers and providers. The rights of this fragile population of consumers are not codified in law. SB 492 will help increase awareness of the CCI program and place an emphasis on serving the consumer with truly integrated and coordinated care.

**SUMMARY:** SB 492, the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) Consumer Bill of Rights, sets forth the rights afforded to individuals enrolled in CCI. These include, but are not limited to, consumer self-direction and choice and flexibility in access to quality services and supports. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to post the CCI Consumer Bill of Rights on the department website and to disseminate hard copies to consumers upon request. The Bill of Rights would also be made available to the public in multiple languages.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** SB 1008 and 1036 (2012) created California's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) as a pilot program to provide integrated delivery of services and supports to the state's low-income older adults and person with disabilities. The CCI consists of both Cal MediConnect and Managed Medi-Cal Long-Term Support and Services (MLTSS).

CCI implementation began in 2014 with five counties but has since expanded to seven: Los Angeles, Orange (August 2015), Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and, as of January 2015, 122,908 individuals across the state's counties have been enrolled in Cal MediConnect (CMC). Approximately 1.1 million dual eligibles are enrolled in CCI; seven in ten are ages 65 and older, the majority of which are women. Approximately one in three is a younger person with disabilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 492 (Liu).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal #10: Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** None

**PREPARED:** Karim Alipourfard



**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** SB 589, as amended, Block. Voting; Voter registration; individuals with disabilities and conservatees.

**ISSUE:** Under existing state probate court practices, adults under conservatorship are routinely disqualified from voting due to their actual or perceived inability to complete a voter registration affidavit.

**SUMMARY:** SB 589 will protect the voting rights of disabled individuals under conservatorship by allowing them to retain their right to vote unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** SB 589 will protect the voting rights of conserved individuals by aligning California law with the standards recommended by the ABA:

- SB 589 creates a presumption that a person has the right to vote regardless of conservatorship status.
- SB 589 will protect a disabled, conserved individual's right to vote unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process.
- SB 589 will align California law with federal law by stating that people with disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations while registering to vote.

**DISCUSSION:** From the senate analysis: A review of 61 Conservatorship cases involving adults with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County found that close to 90% of conservatees in those cases had been disqualified from voting due to their actual or perceived inability to complete the voter registration affidavit. Furthermore, this review found that probate attorneys are being trained to disqualify adults under conservatorships from voting when he/she are not able to sign a registration affidavit.

SB 589 will allow disabled individuals under conservatorship to retain their right to vote unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process. This is

the standard recommended by the American Bar Association and adopted in Nevada and Maryland. This crucial shift will improve the protections of these adults to maintain their voting rights in California.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support SB 589 (Block).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 2: Rights Training & Advocacy. Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families become aware of their rights and receive the supports and services they are entitled to by law across the lifespan, including early intervention, transition into school, education, transition to adult life, adult services and supports, and senior services and supports.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati



**HR 3717**  
**Mental Health**  
**Crisis Act**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**BILL:** H.R. 3717, The “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act”

**ISSUE:** Should the mental health system in the United States be completely overhauled? Does this bill help families at the expense of the individual?

**SUMMARY:** Among other things, H.R. 3717 has a major impact on Protection and Advocacy organizations.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** This bill is roughly 135 pages long, and thus, cannot be completely analyzed in a short detail sheet. It has some positive aspects, and a number of strong supporters. However, two areas of concern are as follows:

It creates a HIPAA exemption allowing a “caregiver” to receive protected health information when a mental health care provider reasonably believes disclosure to the caregiver is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of the patient, or the safety of someone else. It should be noted that the definition of “caregiver” includes immediate family members.

It also constrains federally funded “Protection and Advocacy” organizations - such as Disability Rights California – in their lobbying efforts. In addition, it restricts them in advising people regarding “refusing medical treatment or acting against wishes of a caregiver.”

**DISCUSSION:** It should be noted that at least one former Area Board sent a letter in favor of this bill in 2014.

Summary: H.R.3717 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Introduced in House (12/12/2013)

Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 - Creates in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) an Assistant

Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders, who shall supervise and direct the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish a National Mental Health Policy Laboratory to: (1) identify and implement policy changes and other trends likely to have the most significant impact on mental health services; (2) collect information from grantees; and (3) evaluate and disseminate to such grantees evidence-based practices and services delivery models, using the best available science shown to reduce program expenditures while enhancing the quality of care furnished to individuals by other such grantees.

Amends the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) to require the Assistant Secretary to establish: (1) an Interagency Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee; and (2) a four-year pilot program to award up to 50 grants each year to counties, cities, mental health systems, mental health courts, and any other entities with authority under state law to implement, monitor, and oversee assisted outpatient treatment programs.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to establish a program of tele-psychiatry and primary care physician training grants to states to promote the use of qualified telehealth technology for the identification, diagnosis, mitigation, or treatment of a mental health disorder.

Directs the HHS Secretary (Secretary), in coordination with the Assistant Secretary, to award planning grants to enable up to 10 states to carry out 5-year demonstration programs to improve the provision of behavioral health services by federally qualified community behavioral health clinics.

Requires the Assistant Secretary to certify federally qualified community behavioral health clinics that meet specified criteria.

Requires the caregiver of an individual with a serious mental illness to be treated as the individual's personal representative with respect to protected health information, even though the individual has not consented to disclosure of such information to the caregiver, when the individual's service provider reasonably believes it is necessary for protected health information to be made available to the caregiver in

order to protect the individual's health, safety, or welfare or the safety of one or more other individuals.

Amends the General Education Provisions Act to allow an educational agency or institution to disclose to such a caregiver the individual's education record in certain related circumstances.

Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to make available: (1) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants for mental health programs and operations by law enforcement or corrections officers, and (2) public safety and community policing grants to provide specialized training to law enforcement officers to recognize and intervene properly with individuals who have mental illness.

Reauthorizes and revises requirements for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to: (1) establish or expand veterans treatment court programs; and (2) enhance the capabilities of a correctional facility to identify, screen, and treat inmates with a mental illness, as well as develop and implement post-release transition plans for them.

Requires any data prepared by or submitted to the Attorney General or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with respect to homicides, law enforcement officers killed and assaulted, or individuals killed by law enforcement officers to include data about the involvement of mental illness in such incidences, if any.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to detail the cost of federal, state, or local imprisonment for persons who have serious mental illness.

Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to prohibit a state medical assistance plan from prohibiting payment for a same-day qualifying mental health service or primary care service furnished to an individual at a federally qualified community behavioral health center or a federally qualified health center on the same day as the other kind of service.

Allows states the option to provide medical assistance for inpatient psychiatric hospital services and psychiatric residential treatment facility services for individuals age 21-65.

Amends both SSA titles XIX and XVIII (Medicare) to cover prescription drugs used to treat mental health disorders.

Amends the PHSA to increase funding for the brain initiative at the National Institute of Mental Health.

Transfers responsibility for the administration of community mental health block grants to the Assistant Secretary from the Director of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS).

Revises requirements for the funding agreement under a formula block grant to a state for community mental health services to prescribe the general standard under state law for court ordered inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment as well as assisted outpatient treatment.

Requires the Assistant Secretary to evaluate the combined paperwork burden of certain community mental health centers as well as of certified federally qualified community mental health clinics.

Directs the Secretary of Education, along with the Assistant Secretary, to organize a national awareness campaign to assist secondary school students and postsecondary students in: (1) reducing the stigma associated with serious mental illness; (2) understanding how to assist an individual demonstrating signs of a serious mental illness; and (3) understanding the importance of seeking treatment from a physician, clinical psychologist, or licensed mental health professional when a student believes the student may be suffering from a serious mental illness or behavioral health disorder.

Amends the PHSA to include as health care providers any behavioral and mental health professionals, substance abuse professionals, psychiatric hospitals, certain community mental health centers (including one operated by a county behavioral health agency), and residential or outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare), with respect to incentives for meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHR) technology under the pay schedule for physician's services, to include as additional eligible professionals clinical psychologists providing qualified psychologist services and clinical social workers. Subjects any additional eligible professionals, including those under a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan, to reductions in incentive payments after a certain date for failure to be a meaningful EHR user.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to treat as Medicaid providers the following additional Medicaid providers: (1) public and certain private hospitals that are principally psychiatric hospitals, (2) certain community mental health centers, and (3) certain residential or outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Makes eligible Medicaid professionals certain clinical psychologists providing qualified psychologist services and certain clinical social workers.

Amends the PHSA to accord health care professional volunteers at community mental health centers and federally qualified community behavioral health clinics the liability protections of Public Health Service employees.

Requires the Assistant Secretary to transfer all functions and responsibilities of the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality to the National Mental Health Policy Laboratory.

Revises the duties of the CMHS Director.

Reauthorizes the Secretary's authority to address priority mental health needs of regional and national significance.

Amends the PHSA to reauthorize and revise requirements for a youth interagency research, training, and technical assistance center to prevent suicides (the Suicide Prevention Technical Assistance Center). Expands the program's focus from youth suicides to suicides among all ages, particularly among groups that are at high risk for suicide. Repeals authority for grants to establish research, training, and technical assistance centers related to mental health, substance abuse

and the justice system.

Reauthorizes a program of grants for the development of state or tribal youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies.

Reauthorizes and revises a grant program to enhance services for students with mental health or substance use disorders at institutions of higher education. Requires the Secretary (who currently is merely authorized), acting through the CMHS Director, to award grants to enhance such services and to develop best practices for the delivery of such services. Permits grant funds to be used for the provision of such services to students and to employ appropriately trained staff. Requires the Secretary to give special consideration to applications for grants that describe programs that demonstrate the greatest need for new or additional mental and substance use disorder services and the greatest potential for replication.

Requires the Assistant Secretary, before making a grant to a public entity for comprehensive community mental health services to children with a serious emotional disturbance, to consult with the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to ensure that the grant recipient will use evidence-based practices. Reauthorizes funding for such grants.

Repeals current authority of the Secretary to carry out directly or through grants, contracts or cooperative agreements with public entities a program to assist local communities in developing ways to assist children in dealing with violence.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Oppose H.R. 3717 (Murphy).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Goal 14: Public policy. Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**PREPARED BY:** Bob Giovati

# **RAC**

# **Recommendation**

**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**ISSUE:** Should the Council sign a letter advocating for affordable and accessible transportation options for the I/DD community in the Los Angeles metro area?

**SUMMARY:** The Los Angeles Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) has recommended the Council sign a letter drafted to advocate for affordable and accessible transportation options for the I/DD community in the Los Angeles metro area.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** The challenges for I/DD individuals to find affordable and accessible transportation options are well known. In, "Transportation Patterns and Problems of People with Disabilities", Sandra Rosenbloom notes the following:

"Transportation is an extremely important policy issue for those with disabilities. People with disabilities have consistently described how transportation barriers affect their lives in important ways. Over the last two decades the National Organization on Disability (NOD) has sponsored three successive Harris polls with people with disabilities, and respondents in each survey have reported that transportation issues are a crucial concern. In the last survey, undertaken in 2004, just under a third of those with disabilities reported that inadequate transportation was a problem for them; of those individuals, over half said it was a *major* problem. The more severe the disability of the respondent was, the more serious were the reported transportation problems (National Organization on Disability-Harris Interactive, 2004)."

According to MoveLA.org, the L.A. Metro Board is in the process of developing a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a transportation funding ballot measure. Issues of accessible transportation for those with disabilities must be made a priority in both of these efforts. Increased mobility offers greater independence, employment and educational opportunities, and improved quality of life. The lack of accessible and affordable transportation is a large issue facing many people in Los Angeles County today. Transit users who have disabilities can find travel around the county even more challenging. A growing number of seniors in face similar obstacles to their mobility as they become less physically

robust and incur disabilities, including those impacting their hearing and vision. In L.A. County approximately one-third of adults over the age of sixty have one or more disabilities. According to national research adults with disabilities are twice as likely as those without disabilities to have inadequate transportation.

The goal is to include these in the LRTP

**DISCUSSION:** This issue was initially reviewed by the Executive Committee and was referred to the full Council for further action.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** State Plan Goal # 13  
Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft letter for Council support.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati

Los Angeles Metro Board  
c/o Philip Washington, CEO  
1 Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Disability Communities & New Transportation Investments

Dear LA Metro Board Members,

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.

LA Metro is in the process of developing a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Issues of accessible transportation for those with disabilities must be made a priority. Increased mobility offers greater independence, employment and educational opportunities, and improved quality of life.

The lack of accessible and affordable transportation is a large issue facing many people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County today. Transit users who have disabilities can find travel around the county even more challenging.

- In L.A. County approximately one-third of adults over the age of sixty have one or more disabilities.
- According to national research adults with disabilities are twice as likely as those without disabilities to have inadequate transportation.
- Impediments include a lack of information about public transportation options as well as fixed rail transit opportunities that aren't consistently accessible
- Many of these transit users rely on Access Services and other forms of paratransit; however, some could use fixed route public transportation options if they were more affordable, accessible and reliable to meet their needs.

Below are a number of priority issues, policies and processes that have emerged from a series of meetings with Move LA and disability advocates concerned about transportation. The goal is to include these in the LRTP. Achieving the four objectives outlined below will result in valuable resources being used more effectively throughout the system.

1. Education:

- a. Increase outreach and education about what public transportation services are available for people with disabilities/seniors and how to use them;
- b. Increase governmental and public awareness about the needs of people with disabilities that create mobility challenges and obstacles;
- c. Improve training of transit employees to increase their awareness of the needs of those with disabilities (including training to deploy onboard ramps when requested, to allow

additional time for seniors and those with disabilities to board and exit buses, providing a safe place to stand or sit, etc.).

2. **Accessibility on Fixed Route Transit:**
  - a. Keep fares low and allow for subsidized transit for lower income people;
  - b. Improve and expand 'first mile/last mile' options such as wheelchair accessible shuttles, taxis, and other ride-sharing opportunities;
  - c. Ensure physical accessibility to public transit (i.e. install curb cuts, keep sidewalks in good repair and streets clear of obstructions);
  - d. Build and maintain fully accessible, functioning rail and bus stations (elevators to platforms, clean and accessible restrooms, etc.);
  - e. Integrate all transportation modes (Metro buses and rail, city buses, Access and other paratransit) to ease coordination of travel from both the sidewalk to bus and from county to county.
3. **Funding for Access and other paratransit services:**
  - a. Fund reliable, timely Access and para-transit systems that span both local and county-wide destinations: including more vehicles, more drivers, better training for drivers about consumer needs;
  - b. Improve communication between para-transit and public transit to make transfers between the systems easier and more effective;
  - c. Fund the Volunteer Driver Program to allow more transportation options.
4. **Enhanced Safety and Security:**
  - a. Expand the numbers of trained and visible staff providing security on buses and rail;
  - b. Provide more staff on buses and rail to be helpful to people with disabilities;
  - c. Increase safety precautions and ensure accessibility during the construction of rail lines and other roadway repairs and improvements;
  - d. Increase awareness and options of how to avoid conflict in shared space with wheelchairs, bicycles, strollers, etc.

We firmly believe in accessible, affordable transportation and urge you to shape the Los Angeles L RTP to meet the critical needs of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Thank you,

APRIL LOPEZ  
Chair, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

# **RAC**

# **STRUCTURE**

## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

### ISSUE: REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

**BACKGROUND:** In response to MTARS findings made by the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities, AB 1595 amendments to the Lanterman Act recast the former area boards as “regional advisory committees.” The law establishes the regional advisory committees as discretionary to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (“Council”) and requires RACs to be constituted and operated according to policies and procedures set by the Council. In November 2014, the Council chose to exercise this option and authorized the establishment of RACs in the Council’s bylaws. At its February 24, 2015, meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed policy principles further detailing RAC governance structure and specifically addressed RAC member screening, confidentiality, and appointment issues. To address screening and confidentiality issues, the Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a RAC membership committee for the limited purpose of screening and making recommendations to the Council’s Membership Committee on candidates for that RAC. In March 2015, the Council approved the proposed governance structure including the authorization of a membership committee for each RAC.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** The Council is now asked to consider giving authority to each RAC to set up subcommittees separate from the RAC membership committee. Two options are presented to the Council:

**Option 1:** Give authority to each RAC to establish subcommittees separate from the RAC membership committee

**Option 2:** Do not give authority to each RAC to establish subcommittees separate from the RAC membership committee

Previously, some area boards set up subcommittees while others did not. Subcommittee structure empowered smaller groups of area board members to take up various issues outside of meetings of the full area board but at publicly noticed meetings. This structure allowed a subcommittee to provide advice and recommendations to the full area board on specific actions by the area board or to make decisions based on authority given to the subcommittee by the area board.

A RAC subcommittee is likely intended to work the same way. However, because the RACs are purely advisory under the law, the result would be that an advisory body (RAC subcommittee) would perform the function of advising another advisory body (RAC). This situation is likely to create an unnecessary hierarchy (“layers”) of advice and ambiguity regarding the oversight authority of a RAC and may not clearly align with the Council’s efforts to demonstrate its activities are in fact Council-directed. In addition, a subcommittee requires the same level of administrative staff work as the work needed to support a RAC or RAC membership committee and could result in administration and costs. Finally, RACs currently have the flexibility to set up their meeting agendas to discuss and work on issues in the same manner that a subcommittee would.

It should also be noted that RAC membership committees are distinguishable from separate subcommittees due to unique candidate confidentiality and appointment considerations.

**COUNCIL STATE PLAN GOAL:** n/a

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** In November 2014, the Council authorized the establishment of RACs in its bylaws. In March 2015, the Council provided more specific guidance regarding the role and responsibilities of the RACs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Select **Option 2** in order to avoid unnecessary layers of advice, ambiguity regarding the oversight authority of a RAC, and increased administrative work.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** RAC Bylaws Provisions, “Policy Questions About Regional Advisory Committees”

**PREPARED:** Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra, May 7, 2015

**COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**  
(Plain Language)

**ISSUE: REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

**BACKGROUND:** Due to MTARS findings, AB 1595 made changes to the Lanterman Act. The Act allowed the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (“Council”) to choose whether to set up Regional Advisory Committees (RACs). Under AB 1595, the Council decides the rules for the RACs.

In November 2014, the Council added language to the Bylaws to set up RACs. In February 2015, the Executive Committee reviewed details regarding how the RACs would be set up and looked at RAC membership issues. The Executive Committee also discussed RAC member screening, confidentiality, and appointment issues. The Executive Committee considered whether a membership committee of a RAC should be set up for the limited purpose of screening and making RAC member recommendations to the Council’s Membership Committee. In March 2015, the Council approved the proposed governance structure and allowed a membership committee for each RAC.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** The Council is now asked to consider action on the below options:

**Option 1:** Give authority to each RAC to establish subcommittees separate from the RAC membership committee

**Option 2:** Do not give authority to each RAC to establish subcommittees separate from the RAC membership committee

**Area Board Subcommittees:** Before AB 1595, some area boards set up subcommittees while others did not. Instead of a full area board meeting, a smaller group of area board members could meet and act on issues outside of a full area board meeting. This would happen at a subcommittee meeting with a public agenda, and the subcommittee could provide advice or recommendations to the full area board on area board items. The subcommittee could also make decisions if it was given authority given by the area board.

Area Board Subcommittees v. RAC Subcommittees: A RAC subcommittee could work the same way. However, because the RACs are supposed to only give advice under the law, the result would be a RAC subcommittee that gives advice to a RAC that gives advice to the Council:



This situation can result in levels of advice and it not being clear about the authority of a RAC. This may not fit with the Council's efforts to show its activities are set by the Council. In addition, the same amount of work has to be done for a subcommittee as for a RAC or its membership committee. Additional subcommittees mean more administrative work and costs to the Council. Also, RACs already can set up their meeting agendas to discuss and work on issues the same way that a subcommittee can. (RAC membership committees are different from other RAC subcommittees because of special issues regarding candidate confidentiality and appointment.)

**COUNCIL STATE PLAN GOAL:** n/a

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** See "Background" above.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Select **Option 2** in order to avoid unnecessary layers of advice, being unclear regarding the oversight authority of a RAC, and more administrative work and costs.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** RAC Bylaws Provisions, "Policy Questions About Regional Advisory Committees"

**PREPARED:** Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra, May 7, 2015

## **REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES BYLAWS PROVISIONS**

### **SECTION 1. Regional Operations of the Council:**

- a) The Council is responsible for engaging in advocacy, capacity, and systemic change activities statewide that implement mandates of the DD Act so that individuals with developmental disabilities have access to all available services and supports. In order to carry out its federal mandates in a manner consistent with the access, use, and community based principles of Section 101(c) of the DD Act, the Council exercises its authority to establish Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees to perform Council work. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4544(d), such offices and committees shall be constituted and operated according to policies and procedures of the Council.
  
- b) Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees, being part of the Council, are subject to the Bagley-Keene Act, the Public Records Act, and any other laws applicable to a state governmental entity.
  
- c) Public notice shall be provided at least 120 days before any changes in the number or boundaries of Regional Offices.
  
- d) The bylaws, membership composition, terms of members, and membership eligibility in addition to other rules of the Regional Advisory Committees shall be determined by the Council except as provided by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4546.
  
- e) At the request of the Council, and according to the policy and procedures of the Council, Regional Advisory Committees will advise, provide input, be a source of data, and perform other activities as described in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4548.

## **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**

- 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 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.

# **COI WAIVER REQUEST**

## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Regional Center Conflict of Interest (COI)

**SUMMARY:** Amendments to the Lanterman Act made by AB 1595 resulted in redefining the Area Boards into Regional Advisory Committees, changing their appointment authority and scope. Under an interim process, the Council is presented with a recommendation on the below conflict of interest resolution plan.

**BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS:** The Lanterman Act requires regional centers to submit conflict of interest statements and proposed resolution plans to the Department of Developmental Services and the Council. (W&I Code 4626(l).) Under the Act, as amended by AB 1595, the Director of DDS may waive conflict of interest criteria for a regional center governing board with approval of the State Council. (See W&I Code 4628.) Current DDS regulations involve action by an Area Board in addition to action by the Council and expand the Council's role to address matters pertaining to regional center employees and others. SCDD staff is currently discussing with DDS how to appropriately address these issues and requests for approval of proposed resolution plans.

In absence of a revised process or specific direction by the Council that Regional Advisory Committees provide input on regional center conflicts of interest, the Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing SCDD criteria procedure approved by the Council. This interim approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

**WRC Board member** – Kevin MacDonald. DDS Regulation 54520 provides that a conflict of interest exists when the family member of a regional center board member holds any of the below positions for a “business entity, entity, or provider”:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;

- (4) an officer;
  - (5) an owner;
  - (6) a partner;
  - (7) a shareholder;
  - (8) a trustee;
  - (9) an agent;
  - (10) an employee;
  - (11) a contractor;
  - (12) a consultant;
  - (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
  - (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.
- (See 17 Cal. Code § 54520(a).)

Regulation 54505(b) further defines “business entity, entity, or provider” as:

“...any individual, business venture, or state or local governmental entity from whom or from which *the* regional center purchases, obtains, or secures goods or services to conduct its operations....”  
[Emphasis added.]

This definition appears to define “business entity, entity, or provider” narrowly to refer to the specific regional center governed by the board on which the regional center board members sits. Ostensibly, a conflict of interest would not be triggered by an entity providing goods or services to another regional center absent other facts creating a financial interest for the board member.

Consequently, under these regulatory provisions and based on information provided in his Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement, Mr. MacDonald likely does not have conflict of interest. Staff points out that Mr. MacDonald has no role in provider rates, business or operations. As a result, approval of his waiver request, to the extent one is needed, is appropriate.

The Regional Advisory Committee (Los Angeles) has also reviewed Mr. MacDonald's documents and offers the recommendation to approve this waiver request.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** None

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** n/a

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommendation is to approve the waiver request for the reasons stated above.

**ATTACHMENT:** MacDonald COI reporting statement and resolution plan.

**PREPARED:** Natalie Bocanegra, May 7, 2015



**CONFLICT OF INTEREST REPORTING STATEMENT**  
**DS 6016 (Rev. 08/2013)**

The duties and responsibilities of your position with the regional center require you to file this Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement. The purpose of this statement is to assist you, the regional center and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to identify any relationships, positions or circumstances involving you which may create a conflict of interest between your regional center duties and obligations, and any other financial interests and/or relationships that you may have. In order to be comprehensive, this reporting statement requires you to provide information with respect to your financial interests.

A "conflict of interest" generally exists if you have one or more personal, business, or financial interests, or relationships that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question your impartiality with respect to your regional center duties. The specific circumstances and relationships which create a conflict of interest are set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54500 through 54530. You should review these provisions to understand the specific financial interests and relationships that can create a conflict of interest.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. If you find a question requires further explanation and/or there is not enough space to thoroughly answer the question, please attach as many additional sheets as necessary, and refer to the question number next to your answer. If the regional center identifies a conflict involving you, it will be required to prepare a conflict resolution plan. Some relevant definitions have been provided in the footnotes to assist you in responding to this statement.

You are required to file this Reporting Statement within 30 days of beginning your employment with the regional center or from the date that you are appointed to the regional center board or advisory committee board. You are then required to file an annual Reporting Statement by August 1st of every year while you remain employed with the regional center or while you are a member of the regional center board or advisory committee board. You must also file a Reporting Statement within 30 days of any change in your status that could result in a conflict of interest. Circumstances that can constitute a change in your status that can require you to file an updated Reporting Statement are described below in footnote one.

**A. INFORMATION OF REPORTING INDIVIDUAL**

Name: Kevin MacDonald Regional Center: Westside RC

Regional Center Position/Title:  Governing Board Member  Executive Director  
 Vendor Advisory Committee sitting on Board  Employee  
 Contractor  Agent  Consultant

Reporting Status:  Annual  New Appointment (date): 02/02/2015  
 Change of Status<sup>1</sup>

If a change in status, date and circumstance of change in status:

1. Please list your job title and describe your job duties at the regional center.  
 Executive Director - oversees all activities of Westside Regional Center.

<sup>1</sup> Change of status includes a previously unreported activity that should have been reported, change in the circumstance of a previously reported activity, change in financial interest, familial relationship, legal commitment, change in regional center position or duties, change in regional center, or change to outside position or duties. See California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54631(d) and 54632(d).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Member        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Advisory on Board      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee/Other                |

2. Do you or a family member<sup>2</sup> work for any entity or organization that is a regional center provider or contractor?  
 yes  no -- If yes, provide the name of the entity or organization and describe what services it provides for the regional center or regional center consumers. If the provider or contractor is a state or local governmental entity, provide the specific name of the state or local governmental entity and describe your job duties at the state or local governmental entity.

Connor MacDonald (son) currently works part-time as a "companion" for Hope Services in Santa Cruz. Connor is a full time student at University of California at Santa Cruz. His schedule and number of hours change by the school quarter.

Hope Services is a service provider of many different types of services in that area.

3. Do you or a family member own or hold a position<sup>3</sup> in an entity or organization that is a regional center provider or contractor?  yes  no -- If yes, provide the name of the entity or organization, describe what services it provides for the regional center or regional center consumers, and describe your or your family member's financial interest.

See notes on Connor above - part - time employee

4. Are you a regional center advisory committee board member?  yes  no -- If yes, are you a member of the governing board or owner or employee of an entity or organization that provides services to the regional center or regional center consumers?  yes  no -- If yes, provide the name of the entity or organization and describe what services it provides for the regional center or regional center consumers.

5. If you are a regional center advisory committee board member and answered yes to all the questions in Question 4 above, do any of the following apply to you: (a) are you an officer of the regional center board; (b) do you vote on purchasing services from a regional center provider; or (c) do you vote on matters where you might have a financial interest?  yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

<sup>2</sup> Family member includes your spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, stepiblings, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parent-in-laws, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, son-in-laws and daughter-in-laws. See California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54505(f).

<sup>3</sup> For purposes of this question, hold a position generally means that you or a family member is a director, officer, owner, partner, employee, or shareholder of an entity or organization that is a regional center provider or contractor. For a specific description of positions that create a conflict of interest in a regional center provider or contractor see the California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54520 and 54526.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Governing Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor Advisory on Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Executive Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employee/Other

6. Do any of the decisions you make when performing your job duties with the regional center have the potential to financially benefit you or a family member<sup>4</sup>? [Note: Governing board members do not have to answer "yes" to this question if the financial benefit would be available to regional center consumers or their families generally].  
 yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

7. Are you responsible for negotiating, making,<sup>5</sup> executing or approving contracts on behalf of the regional center?  yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

As Executive Director - responsible for all of the above.

8. Do you have a financial interest in any contract<sup>6</sup> with the regional center?  yes  no -- If yes, did you negotiate, make, execute or approve the contract on behalf of the regional center?  yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

9. Do any of your family members have a financial interest in any contract with the regional center?  yes  no  
 If yes, did you negotiate, make, execute or approve the contract on behalf of the regional center?  yes  no  
 If yes, please explain.

<sup>4</sup> Generally, a decision can financially benefit you or a family member if the decision can either directly or indirectly cause you or a family member to receive a financial gain or avoid a financial loss. For a specific description of the types of decisions that can result in a financial benefit to you or a family member see the California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54522 and 54527.

<sup>5</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54523(b)(2) and 54528(b)(2) describes the types of conduct which constitute involvement in the making of a contract.

<sup>6</sup> For purposes of questions 8 and 9, a financial interest in a contract generally means any direct or indirect interest in a contract that can cause you or a family member to receive any sort of financial gain or avoid any sort of financial loss irrespective of the dollar amount. California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54523 and 54528 define when financial interests in a contract will occur.

- Governing Board Member
- Vendor Advisory on Board
- Executive Director
- Employee/Other

10. Do you evaluate employment applications or contract bids that are submitted by your family member(s)?  
 yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

11. Your job duties require you to act in the best interests of the regional center and regional center consumers. Do you have any circumstances or other financial interests not already discussed above that would prevent you from acting in the best interests of the regional center or its consumers?  yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

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**B. ATTESTATION**

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I, Kevin MacDonald (print name) HEREBY CONFIRM that I have read and understand the regional center's Conflict of Interest Policy and that my responses to the questions in this Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement are complete, true, and correct to the best of my information and belief. I agree that if I become aware of any information that might indicate that this statement is not accurate or that I have not complied with the regional center's Conflict of Interest Policy or the applicable conflict of interest laws, I will notify the regional center's designated individual immediately. I understand that knowingly providing false information on this Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement shall subject me to a civil penalty in an amount up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4626.

Signature  Date 02/08/2015

**INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Date this Statement was received by Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

The reporting individual  does  does not have a  present  potential conflict of interest

Signature of Designated Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date Review Completed \_\_\_\_\_

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2015**

**Attending Members**

April Lopez (FA)  
David Forderer (SA)  
Ning Yang (SA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)

**Members Absent**

Kecia Weller (SA)  
Janelle Lewis  
Nancy Clyde (SA)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Robin Maitino  
Mike Clark  
Natalie Bocanegra  
Wayne Glusker  
Sandra Aldana  
Gabriel Rogin

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Ning Yang (SA) called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m. and established a quorum.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Members and others introduced themselves.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lopez [FA]) and carried to approve the February 24, 2015 Executive Committee minutes as presented. (Unanimous: Forderer, Lopez, Smith, and Yang.)

5. **AIDD Compliance Task Chart**

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers provided an update on the Council's compliance task progress. Chief Deputy Carruthers also reported that AIDD has agreed to allow SCDD to request funds 5 days prior to the end of each month to cover monthly expenditures. This achievement has resulted in a positive cash flow of approximately \$2 million.

The next quarterly call with AIDD is currently scheduled for April 27, 2015.

## 6. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Policy Recommendations

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers presented five (5) detail sheets on behalf of the Los Angeles RAC to the Committee for consideration and action.

The first detail sheet asked, “Should the Council advocate for the Lanterman Coalition to support, not only a 10% investment in provider rate increases, but also for restoration of suspended and capped services?” The Committee took the below action to support this RAC recommendation:

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to support a 10% investment in provider rate increases and restoration of suspended and capped services. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

The second detail sheet asked “Should the Council advocate for the restoration and increase in Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal rates so as to ease the current crisis that has led to a critical shortage in health care providers?” The Committee took the below action to support the RAC recommendation:

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lopez [FA]) and carried to support the restoration and increase in Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal rates so as to ease the current crisis that has led to a critical shortage in health care providers. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

The third detail sheet asked “Should the Council advocate for a restoration of the state’s share of SSI payments?” The Committee took the below action to support this RAC recommendation.

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Forderer [SA]) and carried to support the restoration of the state’s share of SSI payments. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

The fourth detail sheet requested that the Council send a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of Access Services, asking the FTA to allow Access Services to keep its current fare setting method. Upon obtaining additional information from the Los Angeles regional

office, clarifying the specifics of this request, the Committee took the below action to send a letter on behalf of the full Council, due to the time sensitivity of this issue.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to send a letter of support to the Federal Transit Administration asking that they allow Access Services to keep its current fair setting method for paratransit fares. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

The fifth detail sheet asked “Should the Council advocate for affordable and accessible transportation options for the I/DD community in the Los Angeles metro area?” The Committee took the below action to refer this matter to the full Council for consideration stating that this may be more than a Los Angeles County issue and therefore may need consideration throughout the state.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez [FA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to refer this issue of affordable and accessible transportation options for the I/DD community to the full Council in May. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

7. **Regional Advisory Committee Discussion**

Executive Director Clark reported that some of the SCDD Regional Offices are requesting that the Council consider allowing the RACs to have more than just a membership sub-committee if they so desire. The Committee felt that this issue should be brought to the full Council for consideration.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to refer the topic of sub-committees for regional advisory committees to the full Council. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

8. **Review Advocacy and Direct Individual Advocacy Services Paper**

The Committee reviewed the March 26, 2015 draft of the “Advocacy and Direct Individual Advocacy Services” paper. Following the review, the Committee took the below action to refer the paper to the full Council for consideration and action.

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to refer the March 26, 2015 version of the Advocacy and Direct Individual Advocacy Services paper to the full Council for consideration.  
(Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

9. **Budget Update**

Chief Deputy Carruthers provided an overview of two budget documents, included in the packet. The first document detailed the monthly budget projections for fiscal year 2014-15 through February 2015. This document indicated a federal grant shortfall of \$274,649 if all vacancies were to be filled. This amount is down from the projected shortfall in December 2014 of \$495,327. The second document was the SCDD Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Following Committee discussion on how to present the 2015-16 proposed budget in a manner that is easy to understand, the below action was taken.

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lopez [FA]) and carried to refer the Fiscal Year 2015-16 SCDD Proposed Budget to the full Council for approval at the May 2015 Council meeting.(Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

10. **Conflict of Interest Waiver (COI) Request**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra presented a conflict of interest waiver request for Regional Center of the East Bay Board member Darcy Ting. Ms. Ting is a vender who provides supported living services solely to her family member. Per DDS regulations, Ms. Ting has a conflict of interest and has submitted a COI resolution plan for approval.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez [FA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to approve the COI waiver request and resolution plan with the clarification that Ms. Darcy Ting's recusal must include not using her board position to influence SLS decisions. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

## 11. **Sponsorship Policy**

At the March 25, 2015 Council meeting, councilmembers requested that staff review the Sponsorship Policy and provide clarification on the rules regarding how sponsored agencies/organizations can use sponsorship funds. With that directive in mind, Legal Counsel Bocanegra presented a draft of the revised Sponsorship Policy to the Committee for consideration and action. The following was considered when revising the Policy:

- Providing services or conference registration at no cost or at discounted rates to self-advocates and their families or provides other help;
- Supporting events where self-advocates participate as panelists and presenters;
- Requests must be submitted by an individual authorized to represent the agency/organization requesting funds; and
- Whether or not at least 30% of the expected attendees will be consumers.

In the revised policy, legal counsel also clarified that funds *may not* be used for: 1) lobbying activities; 2) campaign activities; 3) events with the sole purpose of fundraising; 4) agency/organization overhead expenses not related to the event; and 5) earmarked travel payments or conference registration. Following the review and input from the Committee, the below action was taken to adopt the revised policy.

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lopez [FA]) and carried to adopt the revised Sponsorship Policy. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

## 12. **Executive Director Evaluation**

Legal Counsel Bocanegra presented the existing "Executive Director Evaluation Tool" to the Committee for consideration and approval.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez [FA]/Forderer [SA]) and carried to approve staff's recommended timeline laid forth on page 30 of the packet. (Unanimous: Forderer [SA], Lopez [FA], Smith [FA], and Yang [SA].)

## 13. **Closed Session – Personnel**

The Committee went into closed session.

14. **Reconvene Open Session**

The following six (6) actions were reported out in open session:

*Action 1*

The Executive Committee approved revisions to the Executive Director search brochure.

*Action 2*

The Executive Committee took action to require that each Executive Director candidate submit a state application (STD 678).

*Action 3*

The Executive Committee took action to require that each Executive Director candidate submit a statement of qualifications not to exceed three (3) pages.

*Action 4*

The Executive Committee took action to designate the SCDD Personnel Officer as the point person to collect and process applications for the Executive Director position.

*Action 5*

The Executive Committee approved revisions to the examination materials for the Executive Director search that referenced "area boards."

*Action 6*

The Executive Committee approved a project timeline for the Executive Director search process, including scheduling of interviews in the months of June and July.

15. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Yang adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

# STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FY 2014-2015 PROJECTED SPENDING

Based on Expenditures through March 2015

Funding Source 2014-2015 Grants and Contracts	Annual Budget Total
Basic State Grant (BSG)	\$6,809,000
Quality Assurance/Assessment	\$2,466,523
Client's Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy Coordinator's	\$1,880,000
<b>Combined Total:</b>	<b>\$11,155,523</b>

Projected Year-End Budget	Through Jan 2015	Through Mar 2015
BSG Current Staffing	\$57,684	(\$77,052)
BSG All Positions Filled	(\$211,731)	(\$238,702)

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
 FY 2014-2015 PROJECTED SPENDING  
 (BASED ON EXPENDITURES THROUGH MARCH 2015)

Projected without vacancies

FUNDING SOURCE	ANNUAL BUDGET			SPENDING TO DATE			CURRENT BALANCE			PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE			% Remain
	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	
Grants & Contracts	\$5,131,546	\$1,247,454	\$6,809,000	\$3,402,092	\$1,000,142	\$4,402,235	\$1,729,454	\$247,312	\$2,406,765	\$530,074	(\$607,127)	(\$77,052)	-1%
BSG	\$1,616,399	\$850,124	\$2,466,523	\$1,169,107	\$378,817	\$1,547,924	\$447,292	\$471,307	\$918,599	\$48,141	\$451,749	\$499,890	20%
OA	\$1,322,055	\$557,945	\$1,880,000	\$967,093	\$141,800	\$1,108,893	\$354,962	\$416,145	\$771,107	\$19,131	\$464,711	\$483,842	26%
CRA/NAS	\$8,070,000	\$2,655,523	\$11,155,523	\$5,538,293	\$1,520,760	\$7,059,052	\$2,531,707	\$1,134,763	\$4,096,471	\$597,346	\$309,334	\$906,680	8%
TOTAL													

Projected with filled vacancies

FUNDING SOURCE	ANNUAL BUDGET			SPENDING TO DATE			CURRENT BALANCE			PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE			% Remain
	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	
Grants & Contracts	\$5,131,546	\$1,247,454	\$6,809,000	\$3,402,092	\$1,000,142	\$4,402,235	\$1,729,454	\$247,312	\$2,406,765	\$368,425	(\$607,127)	(\$238,702)	-4%
BSG	\$1,616,399	\$850,124	\$2,466,523	\$1,169,107	\$378,817	\$1,547,924	\$447,292	\$471,307	\$918,599	\$39,055	\$451,749	\$490,805	20%
OA	\$1,322,055	\$557,945	\$1,880,000	\$967,093	\$141,800	\$1,108,893	\$354,962	\$416,145	\$771,107	(\$3,411)	\$464,711	\$461,300	25%
CRA/NAS	\$8,070,000	\$2,655,523	\$11,155,523	\$5,538,293	\$1,520,760	\$7,059,052	\$2,531,707	\$1,134,763	\$4,096,471	\$404,069	\$309,334	\$713,404	6%
TOTAL													

NUMBER OF MONTHS REMAINING	
Current Month	Federal
March 2015	6

\*Tables based on State Fiscal Year

**DRAFT**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2015**

**Attending Members**

April Lopez (FA)  
David Forderer (SA)  
Janelle Lewis  
Kecia Weller (SA)  
Nancy Clyde (SA)  
Ning Yang (SA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)

**Members Absent**

**Others Attending**

Natalie Bocanegra  
Robin Maitino  
Wayne Glusker  
Phil Bonnet

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Ning Yang (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and established a quorum.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Members and others introduced themselves.

3. **Finding – Substantial Hardship**

It was moved/seconded (Lewis[FA]/Lopez[FA]) and found that providing the 10 day notice required by Section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the agency due to employee resignation.  
(Unanimous: Clyde, Forderer, Lewis, Lopez, Smith, Weller and Yang.)

4. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

5. **Closed Session – Personnel**

The Committee went into closed session.

6. **Reconvene Open Session**

The following action was reported out in open session:

*Action 1*

The Executive Committee acted to appoint Chief Deputy Director, Aaron Carruthers as Acting Executive Director.

7. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Yang adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

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Legend:  
FA = Family Advocate  
SA = Self-Advocate

# **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT**  
**Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2015**

**Attending Members**

Ning Yang (SA)  
Kris Kent  
Max Duley (FA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)

**Members Absent**

Eric Gelber

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Gabriel Rogin  
Lynn Cach  
Mike Clark  
Natalie Bocanegra  
Robin Maitino  
Sandra Aldana

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Sandra Smith(FA) called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

2. **Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was present.

3. **Welcome and Introductions**

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

5. **Approval of the February 24, 2015 Minutes**

It was moved/seconded (Yang [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to approve the February 24, 2015 minutes as presented. (AYES: Duley (FA), Smith (FA), Yang (SA). ABSTENTIONS: Kent.)

6. **Monthly Budget Projections**

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers provided the monthly budget projections for fiscal year 2014-15 through February 2015. This documented a projected federal grant shortfall of \$59,116 at current staffing levels and a shortfall of \$274,649 if all vacancies were to be filled. Chief Deputy Carruthers went on to state that unspent prior year funds are approximately \$1.1 million.

Executive Director Mike Clark stated that the Council continues to look for funding opportunities in order to fill the gap in services in federal versus state requirements. Executive Director Clark went on to state that the Council may approach DDS in the future to pursue said funding.

7. **Staff Resources Discussion**

Chief Deputy Carruthers presented a roster of employees to the Committee that identified each employee's salary including a funding source breakdown. He also shared the SCDD list of non-certified bilingual interpreters throughout the state and announced that the personnel officer vacancy had been filled.

8. **Review Proposed 2015-16 SCDD Budget**

Chief Deputy Carruthers presented the draft SCDD Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Chief Deputy Carruthers went on to explain the difference between state and federal fiscal years, why certain amounts were allocated the way they were, and how although the budget seemed to identify a funding shortfall in BSF funds, the Council had prior year funds that would cover this deficit.

There was much conversation around how to present the budget information to councilmembers in a manner that would be easy to understand while still providing them with enough information. Following input from the Committee, the below action was taken.

It was moved/seconded (Yang [SA]/Kent) and carried to approve and put forth the proposed SCDD 2015-16 Budget for Executive Committee consideration with an explanation on the perceived deficit. (Unanimous: Duley (FA), Smith (FA), Yang (SA), Kent.)

9. **Executive Director Evaluation Tool**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra provided a copy of the Executive Director Evaluation tool for informational purposes and advised the Committee that this tool would be put forth to the Executive Committee for review and approval later in the day.

10. **Review of Revised Sponsorship Policy**

At the March 25, 2015 Council meeting, councilmembers requested that staff review the Sponsorship Policy and provide clarification on the rules

regarding how sponsored agencies/organizations can use sponsorship funds. With that directive in mind, Legal Counsel Bocanegra presented a draft of the revised Sponsorship Policy to the Committee for consideration and action. The following was considered when revising the Policy:

- Providing services or conference registration at no cost or at discounted rates to self-advocates and their families or provides other help;
- Supporting events where self-advocates participate as panelists and presenters;
- Requests must be submitted by an individual authorized to represent the agency/organization requesting funds; and
- Whether or not at least 30% of the expected attendees will be consumers.

In the revised policy, legal counsel also clarified that funds *may not* be used for: 1) lobbying activities; 2) campaign activities; 3) events with the sole purpose of fundraising; 4) agency/organization overhead expenses not related to the event; and 5) earmarked travel payments or conference registration. Following the review and input from the Committee, the below action was taken to adopt the revised policy.

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Lopez [FA]) and carried to approve the revised Sponsorship Policy as amended and refer with revisions to the Executive Committee for consideration and action(Unanimous: Duley (FA), Smith (FA), Yang (SA), Kent.)

#### *Amendment 1*

Page 2, Section 2, Item 1, remove "... SCDD Executive Committee..." and replace with "... Council..."

### 11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**LEGISLATIVE  
AND  
PUBLIC POLICY**

**DRAFT**

**Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2015**

**Members Present**

April Lopez (FA)  
David Forderer (SA)  
Jennifer Allen (SA)  
Feda Almaliti (FA)  
Connie Lapin (FA)  
Lisa Davidson (FA)  
Tho Vinh Banh  
Sandra Aldana (SA)

**Members Absent**

Janelle Lewis

**Others Present**

Bob Giovati  
Nelly Nieblas  
Karim Alipourfard  
Michael Brett  
Elizabeth Drake  
Anastasia Bacigalupo

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and established a quorum present.

**3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members and others present introduced themselves.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. APPROVAL of February 23, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Forderer (SA)/Allen (SA)) and carried to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015 LPPC meeting.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

A) Update on possible meeting and greet at Capitol

No new information was available on this topic.

B) Discussion about LPPC meeting schedule

The members said they preferred more frequent meetings, and planned to meet next on May 18.

C) Self-Determination Update

Connie Lapin discussed her experience with self-determination.

It was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried that DD Council establish a link to the DDS website all relevant information on self-determination once available.

Connie also provided information about the Autism Society Training conference in Los Angeles.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) DRC Presentation**

Andrew Mudryk of Disability Rights California (DRC) made a special presentation to the Committee on a planned transformation for employment services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Collaborators include DRC, the California Department of Rehabilitation, the California Department Education, and the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

### **B) Discussion of RAC recommendations**

How regional advisory committees make recommendations to the full Council and/or Council committees was discussed.

### **C) SB 128 End of Life Legislation**

SB 128 (Wolk) would enact the End of Life Act, legalizing what is commonly referred to as physician-assisted suicide in California. Recommendation from staff was to remain neutral on this bill considering the strong points of view on both sides of the issue, and the committee concurred.

### **D) Detail Sheets/ Bill Review/ Recommendations**

### ***Civil Rights***

**AB 918** (Stone) This bill updates reporting requirements regarding the use of seclusion and restraints of persons cared for in licensed facilities, to recognize that most people with developmental disabilities now live in community settings instead of state Developmental Centers.

**AB 918 – Support** This bill was discussed in detail and it was moved/seconded (Tho Vinh Banh [FA]/Lapin [FA]) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 987** (Levine) This bill advances California's fair employment laws by clarifying that employers are prohibited from retaliating against an employee for requesting reasonable accommodations.

**AB 987 – Support** - This bill was discussed in detail and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 492** (Liu) This bill, the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) Consumer Bill of Rights, sets forth the rights afforded to individuals enrolled in CCI. These include, but are not limited to, consumer self-direction and choice and flexibility in access to quality services and supports. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to post the CCI Consumer Bill of Rights on the department website and to disseminate hard copies to consumers upon request.

**AB 492 - Support** - This bill was presented by staff and discussed and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Forderer (SA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 589** (Block) SB 589 will protect the voting rights of disabled individuals under conservatorship by allowing them to retain their right to vote unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without reasonable accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process.

**SB 589 – Support** - This bill was discussed by staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 563** (Lopez) would establish a 2 year pilot program to develop a means to address the service gap/unmet needs of aging adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**AB 563 – Support** - It was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 662** (Bonilla) expands public restroom accommodations to meet the health and safety needs of the disabled community. This bill requires newly constructed commercial places of public amusement that serve over 1,000 people on a daily basis to install an adult changing station for people with physical disabilities.

**AB 662 – Support**- This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 638** (Stone) takes both short-term and long-term steps to sustain the promise that DD individuals can thrive in their own communities, by providing immediate reimbursement rate relief to supported employment providers, residential programs, and other services, providing fair reimbursement for state and local minimum wage mandates.

**SB 638 – Watch** - This bill was discussed by staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend watch of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 639** (Stone) This bill sets out target dates to close down Fairview Developmental Center and Sonoma Developmental Center, and expresses intent that funds generated by the closure of DCs shift to sustaining community services for the DD population. It also develops options for using the DC properties to benefit the community on an ongoing basis, such as by identifying on-going revenues through agreements with private entities or local governments

**SB 638 - Watch** - This bill was discussed by members and staff and because of the generalities and lack of clarity they agreed to monitor on the side and to keep it on the list for discussion in future meetings.

### ***Employment***

**SB 644** (Hancock) This bill allows a successful internship performance at a State agency as the indicator as to whether an individual with intellectual or developmental disability is eligible for State civil service employment.

**SB 644 - Watch** - After a lengthy discussion by members and staff, the Committee did not take action to support this bill.

### ***Health***

**AB 74** (Calderon) will implement a phased in plan to require DSS to conduct annual unannounced inspections of all community care facilities by July 1, 2018. By July 1, 2016 DSS will inspect facilities no less often than once every 3 years with a 30% random sample to be subject to an annual inspection.

**AB 74 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)) (Sandra (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 648** (Low) This bill offers a new, innovative strategy for making dental care more available.

**AB 648 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 796** (Nazarian) This bill clarifies the definition of service providers to include other forms of evidence-based behavioral health treatment. Specifically, this bill modifies the minimum training required for “qualified autism service providers” and for “qualified autism service paraprofessionals.”

**AB 796 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 1261 (Burke)** This bill preserves access to the adult day health care services that thousands of frail Californians and their families depend on through the Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) program and gives providers a reliable rate structure to ensure program sustainability.

**AB 1261- Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 1369 (Frazier)** AB 1369 requires dyslexia screening for students in Grades K through 3, teacher training, evidence-based remediation, and the term dyslexia to be defined as it is by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

**AB 1369 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 190 (Beall)** This bill seeks to address a major issue facing the legislature this year: How to ensure that Californians with brain injuries receive the necessary treatment to facilitate their successful rehabilitation and recovery.

**SB 190 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Forderer(SA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained). (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 675 (LIU)** This bill would (subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) require a hospital to take

specified actions relating to family caregivers, including, among others, notifying the family caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer to another facility and providing information or instruction regarding the post-hospital care needs of the patient.

**SB 675** was tabled and removed from the list.

**H. R. 3717** (Murphy) The "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act".

**HR 3717 - Oppose** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Tho Vinh Banh (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

### ***Housing***

**SB 377** (Beall) This bill seeks to increase the impact of the state's existing low-income housing tax credit with no fiscal impact to the state by structuring the credits in a way that is not subject to federal taxation.

**SB 377** was tabled and removed from the list.

### ***Medi-Cal***

**AB 366** (Bonta) This bill repeals implementation of prior year Medi-Cal rate reductions, including the 10 % reduction for affected Medi-Cal providers.

**AB 366** was tabled and removed from the list.

**AB 763** (Burke) This bill increases the amount of income that is disregarded in calculating eligibility for purposes of the Medi-Cal aged and disabled (A&D) program which effectively increases the upper limit of financial eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL). People age 65 plus or disabled and not eligible for the SSI program may be able to get Medi-Cal through the Aged & Disabled Federal Poverty Level (A&D FPL) program.

**AB 763 - Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

## ***Miscellaneous***

**SB 490** (Beall & Huff) This bill reduces the fiscal impact of the unfunded mandate to small vendors providing services to the developmentally disabled and frees them to invest those dollars back into services. These adjustments create uniformity with state requirements for non-profit entities and reduce the financial burden for vendors with clean audits.

**SB 490 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

## ***Parental Fees***

**AB 564** (Eggman) This bill requires the parental fee schedule to be adjusted for the level of annual net income. The bill also clarifies that DDS consider the same income and expenses in the appeal process as the process when determining a parent's ability to pay. It also provides that a parent has the right to file an appeal. This bill will amend Section 4784 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

**AB 564 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

## ***Public Safety***

**AB 643** (Nazarian) This bill increases opportunities to effectively utilize the existing Silver Alert System.

**AB 643 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 881** (Garcia) In relation to bullying, this bill would, for purposes of pupil suspension or recommendation for expulsion from a school, define “electronic act” as either the creation or transmission of that communication, as specified.

**AB 881- Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 11** (Beall) responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**SB 11 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**SB 29** (Beall) SB 29 is a companion bill to SB 11. Taken together, SB 29 and SB 11 responds to the growing public concerns by mandating additional evidence-based behavioral training proven to reduce the negative interactions between peace officers and people suffering from a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**SB 29 – Support** - A companion of SB 11 there was no discussion and it was moved/seconded (Davidson (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

### ***Tax Relief***

**AB 449** (Irwin) allows Californians with disabilities to access federally recognized Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) savings accounts to save for future disability related expenses

**AB 449 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lopez (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 571** (Brown) This bill would additionally authorize the transfer of the base year value of property to replacement property for persons who have a severely and permanently disabled child. This bill would apply this property tax relief to replacement dwellings that are purchased or newly constructed on or after January 1, 2016.

**AB 571— Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Sandra (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 1218** (Weber) would strengthen and enhance participation of the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DBVE) program by providing greater access, more meaningful performance standards and better guidance to administering agencies. (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 1218 — Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Lapin (FA)/Davidson (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

**AB 1404** (Grove) This bill offers tax credits to businesses that employ I/DD individuals.

**AB 1404 –Tabled** - AB 1404 was tabled and removed from the list

**SB 324** (Pavley) This bill creates the infrastructure to implement the ABLE Act. This is the companion bill to AB 449 (Irwin.) The two bills are virtually – but not quite - identical.

**SB 324 – Support** - This bill was discussed by committee staff and members and it was moved/seconded (Sandra (FA)/Lapin (FA)) and carried to recommend support of this bill to the Council. (Tho Vinh Banh abstained) (please see attendance list for voting)

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

# **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 24, 2015****Members Present**

April Lopez (chair, FA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)  
David Forderer (SA)  
Linda Landry (FA)

**Members Absent****Others Attending**

Mike Clark  
Aaron Carruthers  
Bob Phillips  
Gabriel Rogin  
Thomas Johnson

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2015 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Smith(FA)/Forderer(SA)) and carried to approve the March 3, 2015 Membership Committee minutes as presented. Councilmembers Lopez (FA), Forderer (SA), Smith (FA), and Landry voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or 'abstentions'.

**5. APPOINTMENT AND TRACKING FORM**

Executive Director Mike Clark reviewed the appointment and tracking form. The vacancy and tracking form shows that there are four vacancies on the council at this time. One of them is in the San Diego region, one is from Orange County region, one is an at large appointment, and the last is an at large appointment for someone who is in, or has come out of, a state development center.

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**Legend**

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Councilmember and Chairperson April Lopez mentioned that the Governor's office is pleased with the work of the Membership Committee. She also mentions that the Governor's office is eager to fill the open vacancies and looks forward to reviewing applications.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

Executive Director Mike Clark reviewed the Membership Committee report that was submitted to the Council. The report can be found on page 11 of the March 24, 2015, Membership Committee packet. He notes that the membership flyer has generated a tremendous amount of attention as intended.

**7. DEMOGRAPHIC MAP**

Executive Director Mike Clark reviewed the Demographic Map. Updates will be made when Councilmembership changes.

**8. REVIEW CANDIDATES**

Committee members reviewed applications to fill the four vacant Council positions.

For the San Diego region, members reviewed nine applications. After review, it was moved/seconded (Smith (FA)/Landry(FA)) and carried to move two out of the nine candidate applications from the San Diego region to the Governor's office. Councilmembers Lopez (FA), Forderer (SA), Smith (FA), and Landry (FA) voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or 'abstentions'

For the At Large vacancy, members reviewed thirteen applications. After review, it was recommended that two applications be forwarded to the Governor's office pending a conversation to clear potential conflicts of interest.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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## Membership Committee Report to the Council

<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b> May 7, 2015
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### Sec. 1 EXISTING VACANCIES

Seat	Date Seat Became Vacant	Months Vacant
		Asterisk (*) indicates vacancy of more than 4 months
At Large Institution	July 2014	10*
At Large 1	June 2014	11*
Orange County Region	January 2012	40*
San Diego Imperial Region	December 2014	5*

### Sec. 2 UPCOMING EXPIRED APPOINTMENTS

Seat	Date Appointment Will Expire
North Bay Regional Office	February 2016
North Valley Hills Regional Office	July 2016

### Sec. 3 RECOMMENDATIONS SOLICITED

Has a solicitation for multiple recommendations for Council appointment been distributed?

Yes

No

Agencies Solicited (partial)	Date
SCDD Website	February 23, 2015

### Sec. 4 COUNCIL TERMS

Council Roster Listing Each Members Term Attached?

Yes

No

### Sec. 5 NOMINEES

Number of candidates forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration: 4

*"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."*

**EMPLOYMENT  
FIRST  
COMMITTEE**



## DRAFT

### Employment First Committee (EFC) Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

#### Members Present

Daniel Boomer  
Lisa Cooley (SA)  
(Acting Chair)  
Denyse Curtright  
Liz Pazdral  
Dale Dutton (FA)  
Amy Westling  
Rick Hodgkins (SA)  
Connie Lapin (FA)  
David Mayer  
Bill Moore  
Andrew Mudryk  
David Mulvey  
Steve Ruder  
Debbie Sarmento  
Robert Taylor (SA)  
Vanda Yung

#### Members Absent

Tony Anderson  
Olivia Raynor  
Kecia Weller (SA) (Chair)  
Barbara Wheeler

#### Others Attending

Mike Clark  
Nelly Nieblas  
Mary Ellen Stives  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Michael Brett  
Marcia Eichelberger  
Beth Burt  
Bob Phillips

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to the current Chair, Kecia Weller (SA), not in attendance, Lisa Cooley (SA), EFC Committee member, is the acting chair. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

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### **3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Acting Chairperson Cooley made introductions.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Beth Burt and Marcia Eichelberger from the Autism Society of California gave the following Public Comments:

Ms. Burt gave out a handout, called The Employment Crisis in the Autism Community, which goes into different statistics on employment rates. She would like the EFC to ask DDS to check their numbers at the State level.

Ms. Eichelberger asked the EFC what knowledge level the committee had on the system for transition for young adults. She feels the EFC should understand what is going on in communities for these DD individuals.

Nelly Nieblas, staff, stated there is a memorandum of understanding from the Departments of Education and Rehabilitation, along with others related to this issue. They are identifying key data and lack of data.

Acting Chairperson Cooley (SA) stated that for the next EFC Meeting these concerns would be put on as an agenda item.

### **5. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2014 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Hodgkins) (SA)). (Mayer) all in favor of approving the December 8, 2014 Minutes.

(All in favor with no abstentions (See member list for voting))

### **6. MEMBER REPPORTS**

The following individuals gave member reports:

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**Dale Dutton** (FA), committee member, presented a new piece of legislation, SB 644, on the Leap Program to help DD individuals get State Civil Service employment. It was decided to refer this legislation to the Legislation Public Policy Committee (LPPC) for consideration.

**Liz Pazdral, Executive Director from the State Independent Living Council** (SILC) gave a PowerPoint presentation on their organization. Ms. Pazdral also discussed the ABLE Act and the potential enactment of it in California via AB 449 and SB 324.

Acting Chairperson Cooley (SA) asked if SILC could provide data on Bureau of Labor statistics and other Federal statistics and bring it together for the EFC. Ms. Pazdral said the information is at the California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and at the federal level the Office of Disabilities Employment and Policy.

**Rick Hodgkins** (SA), committee member, spoke on the Transition Integrated Meaningful Employment Act.

**Robert Taylor** (SA), committee member, asked to have someone from Washington State to come discuss their downsizing, and limitation of Sheltered Workshops, as well as Subminimum Wage.

**Lisa Cooley** (SA), Acting Chairperson stated she is going into the community on transition from college to work. She is also working in the community on partnerships with different employers, so individuals with disabilities can have expanded employment opportunities.

**Connie Lapin** (FA), committee member, announced that Self-Determination has two workshops taking place on training independent facilitators.

## **7. CECY REPORT**

Due to lack of time, this presentation was not given.

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## 8. 2015 WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT

Elections of an EFC vice Chair were discussed. If anyone is interested in being the EFC vice chair, please let the Chairperson know and it will be presented as an item for the next meeting.

- Concerning the work plan, it was mentioned that when the committee was created in 2010, goals and the purpose of the committee were identified. It was recommended this should be done each year.
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- Acting Chair Cooley mentioned items for a possible work plan, such as developing a survey on barriers for employment, and sending a letter to the legislature on barriers and possible solutions.
- It was recommended to develop a work plan during the afternoon portion of the meeting, to determine some sort of process to follow for future meetings and projects. It was also suggested to go back and look at the goals and issues from past meetings.
- Chairperson Cooley stated that Staff would be going over past information from an Employment First Innovative Strategies Subcommittee Packet from March 21, 2011. This EFC Subcommittee information can be found on the SCDD Website at the following link: [http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment\\_First/Packet/IS3-21-11MtgPacket.pdf](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/Packet/IS3-21-11MtgPacket.pdf)
- Ms. Nieblas researched and found a guide covering innovative strategies, which was then presented to the committee. During open discussion, the EFC came up with different items and wanted them displayed as EFC cliff notes, as they were created using the projector screen. The main areas the committee came up with for strategies are as follows:

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- Self Determination
- Employment
- Staff Development (provider)/changing cultures
- Financial structures/Funding mechanism
- Program/services designs
- Benefits planning and management
- Evaluate how other agencies prepare and fund individuals for employment and careers Vocational Rehabilitation, DDS
  
- The committee asked for direction from the Council as to what the EFC should focus on (a list was originally presented to the September 3, 2014 EFC Meeting was read):
  - EFF Policy Flyer which was handed out.
  - Work with DDS on employment
  - Add best practices and success stories to the SCDD Website
  - Work on CECY alternative supports
  - Host the Data Dash Board
- The Annual EFC 2014 Report was discussed. Ms. Nieblas said HQ staff is currently working on the report. Staff will check and see if the due date of July 1, 2015 can be extended.
- The committee offered the following proposals:
  - Research practices in other states
  - Meet with Director of DDS
  - Train Council staff
  - Develop a plan with the regional offices
- The committee would like the following items be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting in 2015
  - Guidance from State Council on setting priorities for EFC on activities or supports
  - Vice Chair
  - Old Business/New Business on the agenda

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- Member reports (Quick update about what is going on; something relevant that may be related to Employment First)
- The last report submitted to the Governor
- Information sharing
- Someone to talk about CECY
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- The committee would like to have the following future presentation ideas:
  - Employment Barriers
  - Update to the ABLE Act
  - Promise Grant Presentation

## **9. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT**

The next EFC meeting was set for June 30, 2015 and the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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# **STATE PLAN COMMITTEE**



**DRAFT**

**State Plan Committee (SPC) Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2015**

**Members Present**

Jonathan Clarkson  
Robin Hansen  
Janelle Lewis (FA)  
Sandra Smith  
(Acting Chair) (FA)

**Members Absent**

Nancy Clyde (SA)  
Rebecca Donabed (SA)  
Carmela Garnica (SA)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Bob Giovati  
Benita Baines  
Michael Brett  
Janet Fernandez  
Dawn Morley

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the current Chair, Nancy Clyde (SA), not in attendance, Sandra Smith, SPC Committee member, is the acting chair. Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Quorum was not met.

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Acting Chairperson Smith started introductions.

**4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2015 MINUTES**

Robin Hansen mentioned she attended the February 2, 2015 State Plan Meeting, and asked for that to be reflected in the minutes.

Due to lack of quorum, this item was tabled to the next meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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## **6. OVERVIEW OF PPR AND STATE PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE**

Janet Fernandez, SCDD staff, stated the PPR and State Plan Amendment Update was submitted on-time, given our extension to March 2, 2015. She mentioned there were some follow-up questions from AIDD which were answered by staff.

Regarding Town Hall meetings, the results are reflected in the following handout: 5-yr State Plan Development: Regional Meeting Survey Response. The full hand out can be seen on the SCDD Website on the following link:

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Regional%20Meeting%20Results.pdf>

Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) queried Deputy Director of Regional Offices Benita Baines regarding communications with the Regional Office Managers in respect to meeting progress.

Janelle Lewis (FA) said it would be good to have an updated email distribution list to more efficiently distribute information.

Chairperson Smith (SA) said the community is showing an interest in the Surveys from the Sacramento Office.

Mrs. Fernandez discussed the deliverables on the State Plan Amendment.

Chief Deputy Carruthers said a distribution list could be created pertaining to information on the Town Hall Meetings. He also stated that any Council member is welcome to attend any public meetings. If the Council requests the member attend, then travel would be paid for by the State Council. However, if they request to go on their own, the Council would not pay.

## **7. MTARS UPDATE**

Chief Deputy Carruthers discussed gave an overview on MTARS. He outlined our corrective action plan, including deliverables, outcomes,

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objectives, and timelines. He also discussed SCDD hiring issues, Council demographics, and how the regional office track calls requesting individual advocacy services. He further mentioned our improved relationship with AIDD and how it had led to improved cash flow.

Committee recommended staff check to see where the Disability Rights California gets their revenues and how they use their funding.

## **8. DISCUSSION OF SURVEY RESULTS AND REVIEW OF POSSIBLE CLOSING DATES**

Mrs. Fernandez began briefing on the various survey handouts that were presented to the committee:

- 5-yr State Plan Development: Mail-in Survey Questions: Staff only received three responses to this mail in survey which were hardcopies. The full handout can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following link:

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Mail%20in%20Surveys.pdf>

Small Spanish Survey Monkey Report: State Council received two responses throughout the State in Spanish. Mrs. Fernandez has sent out another request to ask the English and Spanish Survey Monkey Report to be sent out again. The full handout of the Small Spanish/English Survey Monkey Reports can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following links:

Spanish Version

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Survey%20Monkey%20Spanish.pdf>

English Version

- <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Survey%20Monkey%20Spanish.pdf>

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Robin Hansen requested Mrs. Fernandez send her the Spanish/English/and other links so she can send it out.

- Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) asked how we could improve our response rate. 5-yr State Plan Development: Regional Meeting Survey Responses Handout: The full hand out can be seen at the SCDD Website on the following link:  
<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/2015%20Regional%20Meeting%20Results.pdf>
- Committee is happy with Survey Monkey.
- The committee recommended that staff create a paper/electronic form to get distribute vital Town Hall information. Ms. Nieblas would be the staff member to handle this.

Mrs. Fernandez stated we want to have the Town Hall Meetings done by the end of May 2015. However, the survey links can remain open as long the committee directs.

## **9. 2017 – 2022 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND TIMELINE**

Mrs. Fernandez briefed the committee on the timeline:

- Online and moving forward.
- Committee would like a summary of the material Ms. Fernandez has. Acting Chairperson Smith (FA) stated she would like to have the documents that Mrs. Fernandez is working on.
- Mrs. Fernandez recommended the committee members start reading the material for potential goals for the next State Plan.
- We are now getting more grass roots feedback.
- Committee asked if we can create a proposed timeline at the next SPC Meeting. Staff would complete this for the next meeting.

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## 10. ADJOURMENT

Since there is no quorum, there is a recommendation for the next meeting to be either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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# **SSAN REPORT**

## SSAN Report For March 2015 Meeting

Held At: Hawthorne Suites Sacramento from March 4-5, 2015

- 2 day meeting at the Hawthorne Suites
- A new secretary was elected (Desiree Boynton) after the resignation of Charles Horne Nutt
- There was a closed door meeting to address issues SSAN was having with the SCDD
- There was presentation from the Lanterman coalition about who and what they are
- There was a discussion regarding SSAN joining the Lanterman Coalition as a separate entity not connected with SCDD
- Bob Giovatti presented a report about all the bills to watch in the legislature
- Jake Attebury gave a presentation on behalf of an organization called YO. about youths with disabilities and how they can become strong advocates.
- Former SCDD Executive Director Michael Clark gave talk about SSAN members completing the "State Plan Survey"
- The next SSAN meeting is June 23-24 at the Hawthorne Suites Sacramento

# **CECY REPORT**

California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY) Report to SCDD  
Steven Kapp

Today, I want to update the Council about CECY, including its recent meeting and teleconference with Commissioner Bishop. I also would like to update you on an important development by state agencies that CECY has identified as a top priority to provide valuable input and that I think the Council should as well, since it provides a historic opportunity to support the implementation of Employment First Policy.

At the last Council meeting I was honored and privileged to deliver my first (written) remarks as the Council's liaison to CECY (the California Employment Consortium for Youth). As a reminder, CECY is a state systems change project to increase competitive integrated employment (CIE) for youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). California is one of seven states awarded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities funding to carry out a Partnerships in Employment (PIE) Project of National Significance. "Partnerships" is an important part of its name because it requires different agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to work together to help change the systems so that more people have "real work for real pay". The Council is a lead partner in the work of CECY.

For the last meeting I described how each of CECY's 5 strategic directions relates to the work of the Council, and I provided visual and textual descriptions of CECY's Strategic Map to make the connection between CECY and the Council clearer. I also explained that while CECY most directly relates to the Council's State Plan goal of Employment First, the project relates to the Council's mission and each of the 15 State Plan goals.

CECY will end in 18 months unless funding is renewed, and the Council will help with the sustainability of its work. While CECY's products are currently housed on the Tarjan Center's website (<http://www.semel.ucla.edu/tarjan/employment>), the Council is preparing to expand the employment section of its website, which currently houses the Data Dashboard, and in the future will add other CECY products that will also serve as a resource for the state.

At the last CECY meeting on April 30, members met in small groups to discuss products under development, to learn about the materials and share ideas to help improve and complete them. These products include policy briefs, a proposed model for Outcome-Based Funding, Resource Guide for Individuals and Families on CIE, and more!

On May 6, members of CECY and the six other PIE projects participated in a conference call featuring AIDD Commissioner Aaron Bishop, who shared that AIDD is in the process of making decisions as to how to best support the continued work accomplished by these projects - whether it's continued funding, supporting new states, or incorporating employment as a priority within other initiatives of AIDD.

I will focus the rest of this report on linking the Council to the top 2 priorities CECY has identified for itself. The top priority is to contribute to the California CIE Blueprint, an agreement between the Departments of Developmental Services (DDS), Education (CDE), and Rehabilitation (DOR) to coordinate across agencies in support of Employment First – that CIE should be the highest priority when serving working-age people with IDD, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. The second priority is to plan for the sustainability of CECY's work. I think that the Council is the agency CECY will be most directly sustained through, and that the Blueprint is the project that has the most potential to advance its work.

The Blueprint offers the state a historic opportunity to transform the transition and employment systems to truly implement the intent of the Employment First Policy. The CIE Blueprint would accomplish this through a requirement for each agency prioritizing CIE, measurable goals and benchmarks, clear state and local agency roles and responsibilities, requirements for informing individuals and families, changes in policies and regulations, and an informal resolution process. Effective implementation would mean significant a much more seamless and integrated transition to adulthood for many people with IDD.

CECY knows that it is difficult to implement state Employment First policies at the local level, so those crafting the Blueprint need to hear from diverse voices. CECY facilitated 7 Community Conversations involving 440 participants including policymakers, employers, self-advocates, relatives, educators, providers, and other community members in 7 urban and rural communities across the state, which discussed how their community could

increase CIE for youth and adults with IDD. Each community had its own identity, resources, and solutions. Similarly, CECY is actively assisting Employment First in the Orange County and Golden Gate Regional Centers, who have adopted and are implementing their own policies to make increase CIE that reflect their unique communities and needs.

CDE, DDS, and DOR are partners of the Council and CECY, and they need our help for the Blueprint to work as effectively as possible on this critical and complex work. The Council has a unique and powerful voice, as we have federally-based state mission for advocacy, capacity building, and systems change to support people with IDD's productivity, community inclusion, and self-determination. The Council also has an Employment First Committee that includes a unique blend of personal and professional expertise, including members who serve on both Blueprint workgroups and CECY. The Council, CECY, and Blueprint, like the threesome of CDE, DDS, and DOR, have an important opportunity to inform one another's work and can be a triple threat to segregation and inequality of people with IDD.

It is important that the Council remain involved in supporting the Blueprint. The Blueprint has a deadline of June 12 to be developed. The implementation is over a 5-year period. We will need to continue to focus on helping the Blueprint succeed. For example, a Blueprint workgroup is identifying effective practices for youth with IDD to transition to CIE, and I suggest that the Council do the same. You can read more about the California CIE Blueprint, including the Memorandum of Understanding, at [www.chhs.ca.gov](http://www.chhs.ca.gov) and clicking on the CIE tab on the top right.

I would appreciate any suggestions, comments, or questions you may have. Thank you.

**DEVELOPMENTAL  
SERVICES  
TASK FORCE  
REPORT**



**Report**  
**Councilmember Kecia Weller**  
**Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley**  
**Developmental Services Task Force**

On April 20, 2015 I had the pleasure to represent the State Council on Developmental Disabilities at Secretary Diana Dooley's Developmental Services Task Force. It was a workgroup meeting discussing rates for services.

We reviewed prior agreements, such as:

- Rates should be by a standardized, transparent system by the Department of Developmental Services
- Rates should be aligned to federal rules to maximized federal dollars into our system, and
- Streamline billing codes.

We also agreed that there should be flexibility built into rates and there needs to be measures for quality and outcomes.

I, and other members of the workgroup, advocated for the 10% increase in rates that we as a Council approved. We were asked what other solutions would advocates look at if there is not a 10% increase. I advocated that any other solutions must preserve choice and be person-centered.

The next is that the full Task Force meets again today, May 20. We appreciate Secretary's Dooley's leadership and will look for a report of what happened today.