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**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

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| 3. <b>WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS</b> | N. Yang |

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4.	<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b> <i>This item is for members of the public only to provide an opportunity to comments and/or present information to the Committee on matters <b>not</b> on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.</i>	
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| 17. | <b>ESTABLISH MARCH COUNCIL AGENDA</b>   | All          |    |
| 18. | <b>CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL</b><br><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.</i> | N. Bocanegra |    |
| 19. | <b>RECONVENE OPEN SESSION</b><br><i>Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f) there will be an announcement of any action(s) taken during closed session.</i>                             | N. Bocanegra |    |
| 20. | <b>ADJOURN</b>  | N. Yang      |    |

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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2014**

**Attending Members**

April Lopez  
Janelle Lewis  
Kecia Weller  
Molly Kennedy  
Nancy Clyde  
Ning Yang  
Sandra Smith

**Members Absent**

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Robin Maitino  
Mike Clark  
Natalie Bocanegra  
Bob Giovati

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and established a quorum present.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Members and others introduced themselves.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

It was moved/seconded (Lewis/Clyde) and carried to approve the October 21, 2014 Executive Committee minutes as presented. (AYES: Lopez, Lewis, Clyde, and Yang. ABSTENTIONS: Weller and Smith)

5. **AIDD Compliance Task Chart**

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers provided an update on the Council's compliance task progress stating that the December 15<sup>th</sup> call with AIDD was overall positive with 8 out of 12 deliverables being compliant; 3 deliverables needing more information; and 1 deliverable being held open. With the December 1, 2014 submission completed, the Council has submitted 24% of the compliance tasks.

6. **Budget Update**

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers presented a handout detailing the monthly budget projections for fiscal year 2014-15. This handout included expenditures through October 2014 which indicated a \$606,372 in the federal grant shortfall if all vacancies were to be filled.

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers further reported that the August reimbursement is the last package approved by AIDD and that November's reimbursement packet will be submitted to AIDD by the end this week.

Per the action taken by this Committee in October, Chief Deputy Director Carruthers will begin to reach out to Council staff in order to start the process of addressing the federal structural deficit which is estimated to be \$815k.

7. **Designated State Agency (DSA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers provided an update on the status of the MOU negotiations stating that Council staff is scheduled to meet with the DSA on December 22, 2014.

8. **DD System Sustainability**

At the November 19, 2014 Council meeting the Council took action to refer this issue to the Executive Committee to work in collaboration with other agencies and groups to be a convener. Interim Director Michal Clark reported that he and Councilmember Molly Kennedy are in the process of scheduling a "next steps" meeting with Steve Miller of Tierra del Sol.

9. **Facilitation Policy**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra presented the December 4, 2014, version of the Facilitation and Attendant Services Policy along with other relevant materials mentioned in the Policy to the Committee for consideration. Legal Counsel recommended approval of the Policy and materials with a minor edit to add "remembering" at the suggestion of the SAAC.

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Yang) and carried to approve the December 4, 2014, version of the SCDD Facilitation and Attendant Services and Guidelines for Non-Agency Members with edit as noted. (Motion passed unanimously: Clyde Kennedy, Lopez, Lewis, Smith, Weller, and Yang)

10. **Strategic Planning Process**

Councilmember Kennedy provided a draft SCDD Planning Chart for 2014-2016 to the Committee. This chart identifies planning in the following categories: Strategic Plan; State Plan Development; Structural Deficit; Assembly Bill 1595; MTARS; Self-Determination; Employment First; Statewide RFP/Grant; and DD System Sustainability.

11. **Streamline Current State Plan Objectives**

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers presented a streamlined version of the Council's 2012-16 State Plan for consideration and approval.

It was moved/seconded (Yang/Lewis) and carried to recommend approval of the streamlined state plan objectives to the full Council in January 2015.

(Motion passed unanimously: Clyde Kennedy, Lopez, Lewis, Smith, Weller, and Yang)

12. **Direction for Regional Office and Advisory Committees**

Director Michal Clark updated the Committee on the direction of the regional offices and advisory committees post Assembly Bill 1595. Director Clark stated that Executive staff will create a FAQ sheet to address concerns that area boards and staff may have. Executive staff will also be developing a Governance Policy to be taken to the full for approval in January.

13. **Lanterman Act: Update on Authorized Representative Issue**

Councilmember Kennedy presented the following questions brought up by Councilmember David Forderer to the Committee.

- How are we to maintain our role to help people in residential treatment who don't have family involved?
- Are we going to be allowed to deal with advocacy on an individual basis regarding, education as well as other parts of the system?
- What are our duties going to be regarding oversight of the Regional Centers?
- How are we to maintain our role as an oversight body of the Regional Centers? Or do we lose that?

Director Clark stated that he, Chief Deputy Director Carruthers, and Legal Counsel Bocanegra met with DDS to discuss these concerns. Until such time that agreements are reached and protocol can be established, will come to SCDD Headquarters for consideration and approval.

14. **Council Meeting Structure and Agenda Format**

Councilmember Kennedy provided a presentation on the Plain Writing Act of 2010 which requires executive (federal) agencies to use plain language in documents. Following the presentation, the below action was taken.

It was moved/seconded (Yang/Clyde) and carried to refer this information to the full Council for consideration. (AYES: Lopez, Lewis, Clyde, Yang, and Smith. ABSTENTIONS: Weller)

15. **Committee 2015 Work Plans**

Chairperson Lopez presented a draft Committee Work Plan sheet to the Committee. The purpose of this sheet is to track the work of the different committees and report that work back to the Executive Committee at each meeting.

It was moved/seconded (Kennedy/Yang) and carried to adopt this template to be used to track and report the work of the different committees within the Council. (Motion passed unanimously: Clyde Kennedy, Lopez, Lewis, Smith, Weller, and Yang)

16. **Establish January Council Agenda**

The January agenda will include the following items:

- Committee Reports
- Plain Language Presentation
- Governance Policy
- State Budget Update
- WIOA Presentation
- Promise Grant Update
- State Plan Objective Consolidation
- DAC Presentation
- SSAN Presentation

17. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Lopez adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**AIDD/MTARS - Compliance Status- At a Glance – As of 2/1/15**

<b>CAP ITEM</b>	<b>Date of Submission</b>	<b>Status</b>
A-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
A-2	1/1/15	Compliance NOT MET- requires continuous monitoring.
B-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance- additional clarification requested
B-2		
C-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
C-2	12/1/14	Compliance NOT MET – requires continuous monitoring
D-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
D-2	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-2		
F-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
F-2		
G-1	1/1/15	MET Compliance
G-2	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
G-3	1/1/15	MET Compliance
H-1		
H-2		
I-1		
I-2		
I-3	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
I-4	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
I-5	12/1/14	MET Compliance
I-6	1/1/15	MET Compliance
I-7	12/1/14	MET Compliance- additional clarification requested
I-8		
I-9		

<b>CAP ITEM</b>	<b>Date of Submission</b>	<b>Status</b>
J-1		
J-2		
J-3		
J-4		
K-1		
K-2		
K-3		
L-1	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
L-2	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
M-1	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
M-2	12/1/14	MET Compliance
M-3		
N-1	12/1/14	MET Compliance
N-2		
O-1	2/1/15	PENDING AIDD REVIEW
O-2		

## 4100 State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Through programs, projects, and activities consistent with the federal Developmental Disabilities Act and the California Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is responsible for engaging in advocacy, capacity building, and activities that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.

### 3-YR EXPENDITURES AND POSITIONS

	Positions			Expenditures		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14*	2014-15*	2015-16*
3800 State Council Planning and Administration	14.0	20.0	20.0	\$1,792	\$2,070	\$2,072
3805 Community Program Development	-	-	-	652	430	430
3810 Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees	63.0	67.0	67.0	8,005	9,063	9,068
<b>TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES (All Programs)</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>\$10,449</b>	<b>\$11,563</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>				<b>2013-14*</b>	<b>2014-15*</b>	<b>2015-16*</b>
0890 Federal Trust Fund				\$6,841	\$7,014	\$7,019
0995 Reimbursements				3,608	4,549	4,551
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS</b>				<b>\$10,449</b>	<b>\$11,563</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>

### LEGAL CITATIONS AND AUTHORITY

#### DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY

Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 4.5, commencing with Section 4520; and Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Public Law 106-402; 42 United States Code Section 15001).

### DETAILED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

	2014-15*			2015-16*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions
<b>Workload Budget Adjustments</b>						
<b>Other Workload Budget Adjustments</b>						
• Retirement Rate Adjustments	\$-	\$169	-	\$-	\$168	-
• Salary Adjustments	-	110	-	-	110	-
• Benefit Adjustments	-	47	-	-	55	-
• Miscellaneous Baseline Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals, Other Workload Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$333</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Totals, Workload Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$333</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Totals, Budget Adjustments</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$333</b>	<b>-</b>

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### 3800 - STATE COUNCIL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Council is responsible for developing and implementing a State Plan containing goals, objectives, activities, and projected outcomes designed to improve and enhance the availability and quality of services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The appointed Council members engage in policy planning and implementation to ensure system coordination, monitoring, and evaluation.

#### 3805 - COMMUNITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Council administers grants to community-based organizations that fund new and innovative community program development projects to implement State Plan objectives and improve and enhance services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

#### 3810 - REGIONAL OFFICES AND REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Thirteen Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees provide administrative support and assist with advocacy, training, coordination, and implementation of State Plan objectives in Council Regions throughout California. These offices

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and advisory committees provide regional information and data to the Council to assess regional needs and implementation of the State Plan and for inclusion in reports to the federal government and the Legislature.

In addition to implementation of State Plan activities, Regional Office staff support the following activities to improve and enhance the availability and quality of services for residents of state developmental centers and state-operated community facilities:

- Individualized advocacy services through volunteers recruited by Council staff for individuals who have no legally appointed representative to assist them in making choices and decisions.
- Clients' rights advocacy services to ensure that laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the rights of persons with developmental disabilities are observed.
- Quality Assessments for individuals who receive community residential services and support.

**DETAILED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM**

		<u>2013-14*</u>	<u>2014-15*</u>	<u>2015-16*</u>
	<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>3800</b>	<b>STATE COUNCIL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION</b>			
	State Operations:			
0890	Federal Trust Fund	\$1,792	\$2,070	\$2,072
	<b>Totals, State Operations</b>	<b>\$1,792</b>	<b>\$2,070</b>	<b>\$2,072</b>
	<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>3805</b>	<b>COMMUNITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT</b>			
	State Operations:			
0890	Federal Trust Fund	\$652	\$430	\$430
	<b>Totals, State Operations</b>	<b>\$652</b>	<b>\$430</b>	<b>\$430</b>
	<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>3810</b>	<b>REGIONAL OFFICES AND REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES</b>			
	State Operations:			
0890	Federal Trust Fund	\$4,397	\$4,514	\$4,517
0995	Reimbursements	3,608	4,549	4,551
	<b>Totals, State Operations</b>	<b>\$8,005</b>	<b>\$9,063</b>	<b>\$9,068</b>
	<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>			
	State Operations	10,449	11,563	11,570
	<b>Totals, Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,449</b>	<b>\$11,563</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>

**EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY**

1 State Operations	<u>Positions</u>			<u>Expenditures</u>		
	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2013-14*</u>	<u>2014-15*</u>	<u>2015-16*</u>
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Authorized Positions (Equals Sch. 7A)	77.0	87.0	87.0	\$4,933	\$5,644	\$5,644
Total Adjustments	-	-	-	-	110	110
<b>Net Totals, Salaries and Wages</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>\$4,933</b>	<b>\$5,754</b>	<b>\$5,754</b>
Staff Benefits	-	-	-	2,197	2,648	2,655
<b>Totals, Personal Services</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>\$7,130</b>	<b>\$8,402</b>	<b>\$8,409</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES AND EQUIPMENT				\$2,667	\$2,731	\$2,731
SPECIAL ITEMS OF EXPENSES				652	430	430
<b>TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations)</b>				<b>\$10,449</b>	<b>\$11,563</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>

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**DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS**

<b>1 STATE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>2013-14*†</b>	<b>2014-15*</b>	<b>2015-16*</b>
<b>0890 Federal Trust Fund</b>			
APPROPRIATIONS			
001 Budget Act appropriation	\$6,841	\$6,809	\$7,019
Allocation for employee compensation	-	69	-
Allocation for staff benefits	-	30	-
Section 3.60 pension contribution adjustment	-	106	-
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6,841</b>	<b>\$7,014</b>	<b>\$7,019</b>
<b>0995 Reimbursements</b>			
APPROPRIATIONS			
Reimbursements	\$3,608	\$4,549	\$4,551
<b>TOTALS, EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,608</b>	<b>\$4,549</b>	<b>\$4,551</b>
<b>Total Expenditures, All Funds, (State Operations)</b>	<b>\$10,449</b>	<b>\$11,563</b>	<b>\$11,570</b>

**CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS**

	Positions			Expenditures		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2013-14*	2014-15*	2015-16*
Totals, Authorized Positions	77.0	87.0	87.0	\$4,933	\$5,644	\$5,644
Salary and Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	110	110
Totals, Adjustments	-	-	-	\$-	\$110	\$110
<b>TOTALS, SALARIES AND WAGES</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>\$4,933</b>	<b>\$5,754</b>	<b>\$5,754</b>

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

Projected w/out Vacancies Filled

FUNDING	ANNUAL BUDGET		SPENDING TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE			PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE			
	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	% Remain	% Remain
BSG	\$5,131,546	\$950,454	\$6,809,000	\$2,226,108	\$606,636	\$2,832,745	\$2,905,438	\$343,818	\$3,976,255	58%	58%
QA	\$1,616,399	\$850,124	\$2,466,523	\$770,355	\$176,441	\$946,796	\$846,044	\$673,683	\$1,519,727	62%	62%
CRA/VAS	\$1,322,055	\$557,945	\$1,880,000	\$645,337	\$86,679	\$732,016	\$676,718	\$471,266	\$1,147,984	61%	61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,070,000</b>	<b>\$2,358,523</b>	<b>\$11,155,523</b>	<b>\$3,641,801</b>	<b>\$869,756</b>	<b>\$4,511,557</b>	<b>\$4,428,199</b>	<b>\$1,488,767</b>	<b>\$6,643,966</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>60%</b>
											<b>7%</b>
											<b>\$836,242</b>
											<b>(\$172,028)</b>
											<b>\$556,968</b>
											<b>\$451,303</b>

Projected with Vacancies Filled

FUNDING	ANNUAL BUDGET		SPENDING TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE			PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE			
	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	Personal Services	OE&E	Total	% Remain	% Remain
BSG	\$5,131,546	\$950,454	\$6,809,000	\$2,226,108	\$606,636	\$2,832,745	\$2,905,438	\$343,818	\$3,976,255	58%	58%
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,070,000</b>	<b>\$2,358,523</b>	<b>\$11,155,523</b>	<b>\$3,641,801</b>	<b>\$869,756</b>	<b>\$4,511,557</b>	<b>\$4,428,199</b>	<b>\$1,488,767</b>	<b>\$6,643,966</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>60%</b>
											<b>4%</b>
											<b>\$449,690</b>
											<b>(\$495,327)</b>
											<b>\$538,796</b>
											<b>\$406,220</b>

# OF MONTHS REMAINING	
Current Month	Federal
December 2014	9

\*\*Tables based on State Fiscal Year

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**ISSUE:** Approval of the SCDD Program Performance Report (PPR).

**BACKGROUND:** The DD Act of 2000 and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) require the development of a five year state plan. The State Plan is written in a format aligned with AIDD's areas of emphasis. Goals and objectives from the State Plan are tracked and recorded from pre-determined performance targets in one or more of the areas of emphasis and then reported to AIDD in the Annual Program Performance Report (PPR). The purpose of the Program Performance Reports (PPRs) is to document DD Council activities that occurred during the previous fiscal year for government reporting purposes. Reporting on activity-specific outcomes is intended to capture, on an annual basis, the results of initiatives funded by AIDD and administered by DD Councils including those initiatives conducted by grantees, Councils, members and policy and program staff.

Though the PPR was originally due December 31, 2014, the SCDD requested and was granted a 2-month timeline extension for the submission of its yearly PPR and State Plan Amendment.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** SCDD headquarters staff is currently working to finalize the PPR in compliance with AIDD guidelines. The committee will offer review and input before the March 2<sup>nd</sup> submission deadline.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the PPR.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** PPR overview.

**PREPARED:** Bob Giovati, February 12, 2015.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**ISSUE:** Proportion of Budget Allocation by State Plan Goal

**BACKGROUND:** In January 2013, a team from the federal Administration on Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) visited the Council and found several issues of concern around California's State Plan implementation. In November 2013, AIDD issued its report, finding that California was not in full compliance with a number of provisions of the DD Act. As a result, AIDD implemented a Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System (MTARS) in order to move the correction process forward. In those findings, AIDD reported that "The Council's 5-year plan implementation does not promote advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change at the state level." On January 22, 2015, the Council took action to consolidate the 2011-16 State Plan, reducing it from 15 goals and 32 objectives to 15 goals and 15 objectives. By taking this action, the Council addressed another aspect of the corrective action plan by providing evidence of amended and implemented goals/objectives on a statewide basis.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** On February 24, 2015, the Administrative Committee will evaluate the workload and resources needed for each of the 15 state plan goal areas after the Council acted to consolidate the objectives from 32 to 15.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To adopt the Administrative Committee's budget distribution by State Plan goal.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Handout provided to Committee.

**PREPARED:** Aaron Carruthers, February 12, 2015

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**ISSUE:** Sponsorship request from Family Voices of California.

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$999.00

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2014-15, the Council has awarded \$15,997 for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2014.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** Family Voices of California request for sponsorship request for sponsorship.

**PREPARED:** Kristie Allensworth, February 6, 2015

September 29, 2014

Mark Polit  
Deputy Director of Policy and Planning  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
1507 21st Street, Ste. 210  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**Re: Request for State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Sponsorship  
2015 Family Voices Health Summit & Legislative Day**

Dear Mark:

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For our 2014 Health Summit we had 133 attendees. We would like to increase the number of families and professionals to 150 and hope to have over 20 California counties represented. With your help, we can do this and make a difference for children and youth with special health care needs. Sponsors will be prominently recognized in program materials, outreach on the Family Voices of California website, and in follow-up materials and publications.

Thank you for your consideration of this request!

Sincerely,

Juno Duenas,  
Executive Director  
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities

Pip Marks  
Manager  
Family Voices of CA

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**State Council on Developmental Disabilities:  
Application for an Agency/Organization Sponsorship  
Family Voices of CA sponsorship request: \$999.00**

- a. The Family Voices of California (FVCA) Health Summit and Legislative Day March 16-17, 2015, Sacramento, CA
- b. The Family Voices of California annual Health Summit and Legislative Day provides the opportunity for families of children and youth with special health care needs to meet in Sacramento and talk with State Administration representatives, legislators, staff, and advocates about critical health policy issues that affect their children and communities.

The full day Health Summit will bring together families, advocates, state agency representatives, health policy advocates, legislative representatives, providers and insurers. Speakers help participants become informed about issues in California that significantly affect the health care of children with special needs; in break-out sessions and discussions, participants work to develop strategies to ensure that California families are able to access affordable and family-centered care for their children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN).

On the following day, the Health Summit participants will gather at the State Capitol to learn how to impact legislation that could provide access to quality, affordable health care for CYSHCN. Participants meet with legislators to discuss policy issues and exchange information to continue the dialogue beyond the Summit. As parents and youth discuss the special health care needs of their families, they put a personal face on the impact of legislation and budget decisions.

Attending this event is often difficult for families of CYSHCN, especially those who have limited incomes. To facilitate family and youth participation we are offering a \$100 stipend for families who attend the Summit, and an additional \$50 for those who attend the (half-day) Legislative Day. SCDD's funding will cover 6 family stipends.

- c. This year we are projecting total attendance 150:  
100 family members (including FVCA Council Member staff who are family members of CYSHCN) and youth with special needs; 50 professionals/policymakers
- d. The eight FVCA Council Member Agencies (listed below) will conduct outreach to the families they serve in their counties. Council members are also strongly encouraged to raise funding at the local level to bring additional families.  
Current FVCA Member Council Agencies include:
  - Alpha Resource Center (Santa Barbara County)
  - Exceptional Family Resource Center (San Diego, Imperial County)
  - Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center (Los Angeles County)

- Exceptional Parents Unlimited (Fresno, King County)
- Family Resource Network (Alameda County)
- Rowell Family Empowerment of No. California (Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity County)
- Support for Families of Children with Disabilities (San Francisco)
- Westside Family Resource Center (Los Angeles County)

e. The total projected budget for the two-day event is \$55,270. Organizations marked with \* were 2014 Health Summit sponsors

<b>2015 FVCA HEALTH SUMMIT AND LEGISLATIVE DAY PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
*Maternal Child Health Bureau	4776.00
*Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health	15000.00
*California HealthCare Foundation	10000.00
*California Children's Hospital Association	5000.00
*Healthnet	1000.00
<b>State Council on Developmental Disabilities</b>	<b>999.00</b>
*Miller Children's Hospital	1000.00
*Lucile Packard Children's Hospital	1000.00
*Patient and Family Center Care Partners	250.00
Kaiser Permanente	15000.00
Other sponsors and donations	1245.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 55,270.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Health Summit Stipends	3600.00
Legislative Day stipends	1800.00
Childcare	1800.00
Health Summit Manager	10000.00
Coordinator	1500.00
Health Summit Administrator	500.00
Translation/Interpretation	1800.00
Food	15450.00
Travel	10000.00
Lodging	6720.00
Meeting Costs and supplies	2100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 55,270.00</b>

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f. FVCA has received the following grants from SCDD for the Health Summit

- 2011 - \$999
- 2012 - \$999
- 2012 - \$999
- 2013 - \$999
- 2014 - \$0

g. The evaluations from each Summit meeting speak volumes on how successful the meeting is for attendees: Below are comments from family members and providers who attended the Summit in 2014:

h. *“As a provider, it was very beneficial to hear how the parents feel when we have to communicate that we cannot provide the service that the parents deserve. I have increased empathy for parents. It’s just so great to be with providers, families and advocates - a wide variety of people interested in a common goal.”*

*“I left feeling very satisfied with the resources I obtained, the information I was able to share with the legislators and also the sharing of my own personal family story. I do think this makes a difference and touches people’s hearts. It was a great experience. I would love to participate again.”*

*“I am an adult living with Sickle Cell Disease a chronic blood disorder. It was a wonderful privilege to have the opportunity to participate in the recent FVCA Project Leadership Class. I was looking for training on how to be a better advocate. This course has given me the skills, and resources to effectively communicate with my elected officials. I am confident enough now to prepare a mini training of the skills and resources I have been exposed to in the class to my monthly Sickle Cell Support Group.*

*“This was my first introduction to Family Voices - a wonderful resource I will share with parents in the Sickle Cell Community. The detailed information about the legislative process was priceless. Allison Gray was an excellent instructor, making the content very plain and allowing the diverse group to share their stories. Pip Marks has been excellent at making sure we are informed about resources. They are competent and caring professionals so wonderful to work with.”*

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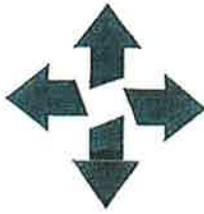
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State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities - Area Board 6  
arc-San Joaquin  
Central Valley Training Center  
Coalition of Area Service  
Providers (CLASP)  
Creative Support Alternatives/SDSU  
Disability Rights California  
Family Resource Network  
Lodi Unified SELPA  
Valley CAPS  
Person Centered Services  
San Joaquin County  
Office of Education SELPA  
Self Advocacy Council 6  
United Cerebral Palsy  
of Stanislaus  
Valley Mountain Regional Center

December 19, 2014

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1507 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Ste. 210  
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CHOICES advertises at Self Advocacy Council meetings, the Transition Classes, Valley Mountain Regional Center, the annual statewide inclusion conference and on our website at [choicesinstitute.org](http://choicesinstitute.org).

CHOICES is a non-profit organization that gets its funding through donations and grants. We run the conference on a tight budget so we can make the fee affordable for most people. A very small amount of the budget comes from running a conference with no loss. Because we have a tight budget, we do not have additional funds to offer scholarships to students with disabilities who have very limited incomes. The \$999 sponsorship will be used to offer 40 scholarships across our five counties that SCDD/AB6 covers. We have not received or requested any other SCDD sponsorships or grants.

If we receive the sponsorship grant, we will notify the teachers and service agencies to share this opportunity with their students. It will also be noted on our brochure and website that scholarships are available through SCDD funding. SCDD will be acknowledged in the announcements at the conference for their generous donation. SCDD/Area Board 6 is a member of our planning team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret St. George, CHOICES Chairperson

P. O. Box 691775, Stockton, CA 95269-1775 (209) 473-6950 fax (209) 473-6932

<b>Prospective Budget for the CHOICES 2015 Conference</b>		
<b>Income:</b>		
Participants = average 460-500		
50 staff & professionals	\$35 x 50	\$1,750.00
410 individuals with disabilities	\$25 x 385	\$10,250.00
40 Transition aged students from all 5 counties on SCDD Scholarships	\$25 x 40	\$1,000.00 (\$999 SCDD money plus \$1.00 from CHOICES)**
<b>**IF SCDD SPONSORSHIP \$ is given - would be earmarked income &amp; expenditure for SCDD SCHOLARSHIP recipients only</b>		
Money from registration fees		\$13,000.00
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Use of SJCOE Building	\$0	(in kind donation SJCOE)
Liability Insurance	\$200	
Speaker fee, travel and per diem	\$2,000.00	
Hotel for speaker	\$150.00	
Printing	\$500.00	
Video/editing company (hired individuals with disabilities - Thumbs Up Productions)	\$1,000.00	
DVD's of videos	\$200.00	
Committee HELP buttons	\$50.00	
Food - Continental Breakfast, coffee service & Subway sandwiches	\$4,200.00	
The Advocates to sing @ lunch - hired (individuals with disabilities from Person Centered Services)	\$500.00	
Conference t-shirts	\$2,500.00	
Conference Packet materials & handouts	\$300.00	(in kind folders from SJCOE & in kind paper from SCDD/ Regional Office 6)
Thank you notes to Legislators/ office supplies	\$100.00	
Postage	\$200.00	
Signage	\$100.00	
P.O. Box use Fee	\$40.00	
Voicemail line Fee 12 months	\$420.00	
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>		<b>\$12,460.00</b>
Income- \$13,000 less Expenditures- \$12460		<b>\$540.00</b>



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board 6 (Regional Office 6 on 1/1/15)

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*Area Boards on developmental disabilities are established under State law as a program of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities.*

*Area Board 6 serves Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.*

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities-

As a founding member of the CHOICES Institute, Area Board 6 is honored to write this letter in support of the sponsorship request.

The CHOICES Institute prides itself on maintaining a budget that allows the conference to "pay for itself" by keeping the cost low year after year. Having the ability to give scholarships to 40 Transition aged youth from our 5 counties (Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne) is something that will enhance the 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference by including these young adults.

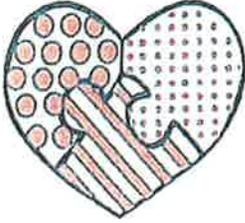
The theme for this year's conference is *Safe CHOICES- Home, Work, School and Community*. The conference will also include a Safety Fair, a Micro Business Fair and a Legislative Panel. Transition students and their teachers can benefit from this conference experience and invaluable information.

Some of the members of the CHOICES Planning team include SCDD/Area Board 6, Valley Mountain Regional Center, Disability Rights CA-OCRA, Self Advocacy Council 6, Family Resource Network, and San Joaquin County Office of Education. It is a wonderful collaboration and represents input from our service area. It sells out each year with over 500 participants.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request.

Sincerely-

Dena M. Hernandez  
SCDD/Area Board 6- Executive Director



**Family Resource Network**

5250 Claremont Avenue, Suite 148

Stockton, CA 95207

209-472-3674 ♥ 800-847-3030 ♥ Fax 209-472-3673

December 19, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Family Resource Network is proud to write this letter in support of the CHOICES Institute's application for California State Council on Developmental Disabilities funding. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for transition age young adults to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual CHOICES Institute. The theme of this year's Institute is Safe CHOICES – Home, Work, School and Community. The information at the Institute will help students learn how to make safe choices as they transition from their lives at school into the larger community.

Family Resource Network is a co-sponsor of the CHOICES Institute because it is an event that promotes consumer and family empowerment and self-advocacy. Scholarships provided through SCDD funds will allow more students to participate in the CHOICES Institute and those students will learn skills that will assist them for their lifetime.

Thank you for considering this funding request.

Sincerely,

Ann Cirimele  
Executive Director

*Providing support to families raising children with special needs in Amador,  
Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties.*



28th Annual

Safe

**CHOICES**

**Home, Work/School and  
Community**

**Friday, May 1, 2015**

**Registration 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Micro Business Fair 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Conference 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

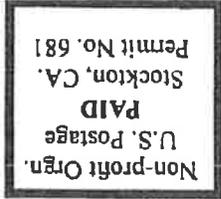
**Location:**

San Joaquin Co. Office of Education  
Wentworth Education Center  
2707 Transworld Dr., Stockton, CA

**Conference Presented by:**

- CHOICES Institute**
- Central Valley Training Center, Inc.
- CLASP - Coalition of Local Area Service Providers
- Creative Support Alternatives / SDSU
- DRC - Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy
- Family Resource Network
- Lodi Unified SELPA
- Person Centered Services, Inc.
- San Joaquin County Office of Education-SELPA
- SCDD - Regional Office 6
- Self Advocacy Council 6
- The Arc San Joaquin
- United Cerebral Palsy of Stanislaus
- Valley CAPS
- Valley Mountain Regional Center

Return Service Requested



CHOICES Institute  
P.O. Box 691775  
Stockton, CA 95269-1775

**Safe CHOICES - Friday, May 1, 2015**

Registration accepted if received or postmarked by April 10th or until capacity is reached. NO WALK - INS.

Registration includes T-shirt, continental breakfast & box lunch (Check one)

- \$25.00 - Consumers, Students, Family Members
- \$35.00 - Professionals and all others

Photo Release given for Publicity?  Yes  No

Please check T-shirt size:

- Small  Medium  Large
- X-Large  2XL  3XL  4XL

Please check preference for box lunch:

- Turkey  Roast Beef
- Ham  Vegetarian

Check if you need any support services:

I need

Mail this form along with check or money order to:

**CHOICES Institute**

P.O. Box 691775

Stockton, CA 95269-1775

Please make check or money order payable to: **CHOICES Institute**

Name: (Full name must be completed.)  1st time attending

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Micro Business Fair - Greenwood 3 & 4  
Safety Fair - Chartville
- 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Conference Welcome  
MC - Self Advocacy Council 6  
Video Presentations
- 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Stuart Haskin - Keynote Speaker
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch & Performance by "The Advocates"
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Stuart Haskin and SAC 6  
Local Safety Issues - Q & A
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
Break
- 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Politics in Action  
Meet Your Legislators and Policy Makers  
Bring Questions & Comments!
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Comments

For more information, please call  
CHOICES Institute at 209-473-6950 or  
e-mail [CHOICESInstitute@gmail.com](mailto:CHOICESInstitute@gmail.com).  
[www.choicesinstitute.org](http://www.choicesinstitute.org)

## About CHOICES

CHOICES Institute is a non-profit educational organization with the goal of providing education through an annual conference and training seminars for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, volunteers, service providers, case management staff and others.

Stuart Haskin, founder & director of GET SAFE, a Southern CA organization, has provided violence prevention, response & recovery programs to more than 100,000 people over 30 years. Teaching personal safety & self-advocacy skills to persons with developmental disabilities and those who care for them, their goal is to create safer, inclusive communities for all. Stuart is an author & national guest speaker, and a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, a martial arts instructor with 4 different black belts, & a state-certified sexual assault counselor.

### Safe CHOICES Videos by Us for Us!

Videos produced by local individuals and groups were submitted to CHOICES demonstrating Safe CHOICES in action.

### Directions and Bus Arrivals

From North: Take Hwy 99 South to Arch Rd exit. Turn right onto Arch. From South: Take Hwy 99 North to Arch Rd exit. Turn left onto Arch.

Continue 2 blocks-turn right onto Giannecchini Dr. The parking lot is designated for handicapped parking. All who are able are kindly asked to park in the solar covered lot on Transworld Dr.

## Registration Information

### Conference Fees:

- Consumers & Students - \$25.00
- Family Members - \$25.00
- Professionals and all others - \$35.00

**CHOICES T-shirt, continental breakfast, and box lunch included in fee.**

**Payment: Check or money order payable to: "CHOICES Institute"**

**Please send fully completed registration with your payment to:**  
*CHOICES Institute*  
P.O. Box 691775  
Stockton, CA 95269-1775

**Please register early. Registration accepted if received or postmarked by 4/10/15 or until room capacity is reached. NO WALK-INS.**

Lunch & T-shirt are not guaranteed after April 10th.

- We regret that **NO REFUNDS** can be given, however, substitutions are always welcome.
- No telephone registrations or purchase orders will be accepted.

VMRC Continuing Education Units (VMRC CEU's only) will be offered. Details at VMRC CEU table at conference.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET**

**ISSUE:** Sponsorship request from Self Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6).

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$999.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) supports events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education, thereby enabling people with developmental disabilities and their family members to expand their knowledge and skills.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** SAC6 is requesting a \$999 sponsorship for the SAC6 requests the sponsorship to assist the board members of SAC6 to attend the 20th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference, Celebrate Self-Advocacy. This conference will be held on May 1-2, 2015 in Sacramento, California. This conference provides a supportive environment for self-advocates to learn about health & wellness, independence & living options, microenterprises & jobs, people first and self-advocacy groups, regional and statewide networking, serving on boards & facilitation, transition and youth self-advocacy skills and transportation advocacy.

This conference will increase the ability of consumers to exercise control, choice and flexibility in the services and supports they receive by learning about advocacy skills and opportunities to use these skills. SAC6 board members not only personally use the things they learn for themselves but they share the information with the members of their self-advocacy groups, spreading the information to numerous other self-advocates. The SCDD's funding would be utilized to help with the cost of the registration fee for the two day conference.

SAC6, with the sponsorship of SCDD, would be able to send up to 12 SAC6 board members. SAC6 would also send up to 3 support persons.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and their support and/or professional staff will increase their knowledge and skills so as to effectively access needed educational and/or community-based services

through at least 225 trainings, conferences, workshops, webinars, and/or resource materials developed by the Council on topics such as rights under IDEA, rights under California's Lanterman Act etc. on an annual basis.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2014-15, the Council has awarded \$15,997 for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2014.

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** Self Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6) request for sponsorship request for sponsorship.

**PREPARED:** Kristie Allensworth, February 6, 2015

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SAC6, with the sponsorship of SCDD, would be able to send up to 12 SAC6 board members, all of which are consumers of VMRC. SAC6 would also send up to 3 support persons.

SAC6 will conduct outreach to increase consumer and family involvement in the statewide self-advocacy conference by sharing the conference information with at least 34 day programs in the VMRC catchment area, include announcements about the conference in at least one newsletter which is shared with 30 self-advocacy groups, and send the conference information to the Service Coordinators at VMRC.

Here is the SAC6 budget for May 1-2, 2015 conference:

Item	Anticipated Costs	Source of Funds
Registration fee (\$275 in 2014)	\$3300 for 12 registrations (based on 2014 fees)	\$999 from SCDD sponsorship; \$2301 from SAC6 budget
Hotel fee (\$102 plus tax in 2014 for 2 people)	\$122 per room plus tax (based on 2014 fees and 4 persons per room); total for 4 rooms \$488	\$488 from SAC6 budget

SAC6 has not received nor applied for any other SCDD sponsorships or grants in the past.

Attached to this request are three support letters. The first letter is from Valley Mountain Regional Center's Executive Director, Paul

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Billodeau. The second letter is from a local day program which serves consumers from Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties, Valley CAPS. The third letter is from SCDD/North Valley Hills office (previously Area Board 6) and has provided years of technical support to the SAC6.

With the sponsorship from SCDD, we will share with others that our participation in the conference is made possible, in part, with funding from the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. We will share this information verbally with others who inquire how we are able to attend, as well as to share the information in our quarterly newsletters.

SAC6 understands the SCDD Executive Committee is responsible for all Sponsorship decisions. We thank you in advance, for considering our request. We also understand requests are subject to the availability of funds, and are paid as reimbursements in arrears, in accordance with State administrative procedures.

If you have any questions or require further information from the board members of SAC6, please contact our Treasurer, Lisa Utsey at 209-594-1476.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Utsey*  
Lisa Utsey, Treasurer  
Self Advocacy Council 6

## **SELF ADVOCACY COUNCIL 6**

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### **FACT SHEET**

The Self Advocacy Council 6 was created in May, 1992 by self advocates at an area self advocacy meeting and serves Area 6 – Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties.

The Self Advocacy Council 6 started in 1992 with \$5000 through a grant that Area Board 6 got from the State Council of Developmental Disabilities. In Fiscal year 1998/99, the Self Advocacy Council 6 had received funding from Valley Mountain Regional Center. In exchange for that funding, the Self Advocacy Council 6 ran quarterly area wide self advocacy meetings, helped people learn about People First of CA, participated at local and statewide self advocacy conferences, helped build local groups, and represented self advocates to the regional center and other decision making boards.

Two representatives from each self advocacy chapter in Area 6 can serve on the Self Advocacy Council 6. SAC 6 has representatives to Valley Mountain Regional Center, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities/Area Board 6, Statewide Self Advocacy Network and Department of Developmental Services Consumer Advisory Committee.

#### **The Mission of the Self Advocacy Council 6**

- Learn about issues that impact the lives of persons with developmental disabilities.
- Tell the self advocacy groups about important issues.
- Find out what the self advocacy groups think about important issues.
- Find out what self advocates want in their lives.
- Talk to people who make decisions for people with developmental disabilities, including VMRC and the Area Board 6, and tell them what the self advocates want.
- Help the self advocacy movement grow.

Revised 1/14

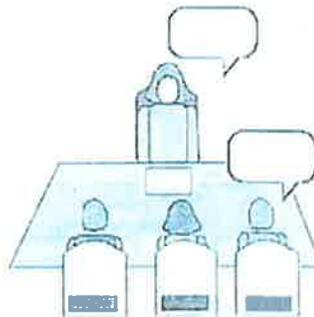
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## MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO HELP START, AND SUPPORT LOCAL CHAPTERS.**

**We will learn, inform, discover and keep lines of communication open between people who make decisions that impact the lives of people with Developmental Disabilities.**

**We will encourage the growth of the Self-Advocacy Movement.**



### **Some of the achievements of the Council over the last 20 years include:**

- As of June 1999 we are a nonprofit organization.
- Advocated for and got an increase in the number of people Valley Mountain Regional Center is working to get supported living.
- Run area wide self advocacy meetings every three months, usually attended by over 200 self advocates from 5 counties. Three are held in San Joaquin County and one held in Stanislaus County.
- Presented the area wide trainings: "Starting a People First Chapter", "Disaster Preparedness", "Your IPP rights and person centered planning", Micro Business and "Believing in Yourself".
- Presented workshops at the annual area wide CHOICES Conferences, and at nearly all annual Statewide Self Advocacy Conferences since they began in 1996.
- Advocating for values of empowerment in all decision making about services for people with developmental disabilities.
- As of April of 2003 the Self Advocacy Council became the Consumer Advocate for VMRC.
- Active members on the CHOICES Conference planning team, Statewide Self Advocacy Conference planning team, Transition Task Forces, and California Memorial Project.

Revised 1/14

**Save These Dates!!!**

**20th Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**

**~ Friday & Saturday May 1-2, 2015~**

*New location! ~ Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento ~  
Hotel and Conference Rooms all in one Building*

**“Celebrate Self-Advocacy”**



Action, State Budget, Legislators  
Health & Wellness  
Independence & Living Options  
Microenterprises & Jobs  
People First and Self-Advocacy Groups  
Regional and Statewide Networking  
Relationships and Sexuality  
Serving on Boards & Facilitation  
Transition and Youth Self-Advocacy Skills  
Transportation Advocacy

Training on TOPICS LIKE THESE ↑



**Registration materials coming in March**

**Want to be a Conference Session Speaker?**

**Apply by December 10th, 2014**



Self-Advocates from many Regions are working with us to find self-advocacy workshops **from throughout the State. Self-advocates are the session speakers.**

Professionals or others can play an important role by helping people practice, get ready to present, & be in the audience during **SESSIONS (if registered to attend the conference).**

**Filling Out the Speaker Application Form**

To apply about a session:

- 1) complete **both sides** of the attached Speaker Application Form to tell us about the session you want to present
- 2) **return** it to us by fax or mail

Please note that all conference speakers & helpers DO pay regular conference registration fees.



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January 26, 2015

**Attn: Executive Committee  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

To Whom it May Concern:

As the Executive Director at Valley Mountain Regional Center, I fully support the request by the Self Advocacy Council 6, for sponsorship money to send SAC6 board members to the May 1 and 2 Supported Life Self Advocacy Conference in Sacramento.

It is my opinion that the advocates should attend this conference, especially as the focus is to "Celebrate Self Advocacy".

Sincerely,

L. Paul Billodeau  
Executive Director

cc: SAC6

January 29, 2015

To State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD),

I would like to provide a letter of recommendation in support of SAC 6 a recipient of grant available to improve consumer and family self-advocacy.

I am the Director of Programs and Services for Valley CAPS in San Joaquin and Stanislaus County. We provide services for over 400 individuals with disabilities. Over the years we have had the opportunity to work with Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SAC 6). Our agency and the consumers who we are involved with feel that SAC 6 is a great resource of knowledge and a direct outreach for persons with disabilities. SAC 6 advocates, investigates, litigates to advise and protect the rights of Californian's with Disabilities.

SAC 6 learns about issues that impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities, informs the Self-Advocacy groups about important issues, and inquires their thoughts and opinions about important issues. They inquire as to what self-advocates want in their lives, and speak to people, who make decisions for people with developmental disabilities, VMRC (Valley Mountain Regional Center), Area Boards, and others, to inform them of what advocates want.

SAC 6 is instrumental in assisting the Self-Advocacy's continuous growth. I strongly recommend SAC 6 as a recipient of your grant funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Toni Trauman".

Toni Trauman  
Program Director  
Valley CAPS



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities North Valley Hills Office (formally Area Board 6)

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January 30, 2015

SCDD  
1507 21<sup>st</sup> Street Suite 210  
Sacramento, CA 95811-5297

State Council on Developmental Disabilities:

SCDD Regional Offices on developmental disabilities are established under State law as a program of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with developmental disabilities

SCDD/North Valley Hills serves Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

Regional Advisory Committee Members

Brad Putz  
Chairperson

Jill Ames  
Karen Andersen  
Kilolo Brodie  
Gary Del Nero  
Mary Dye  
Anna Newman  
Brad Putz  
Virginia Sanchez  
Arthur Valdez  
Paula Weihrouch  
Kerstin Williams  
Ericka Yanez

Dena Hernandez  
Regional Manager

I am writing this letter of support for the Self Advocacy Council 6's request for sponsorship to attend the Statewide Self Advocacy Conference in Sacramento on May 1-2, 2015.

This sponsorship request does support the SCDD State Plan (2011-16) 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."*

The Self Advocacy Council 6 has worked in partnership with SCDD/Area Board 6 (now North Valley Hills) building self advocacy in our region and beyond since its beginning. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities through Area Board 6 gave the SAC6 a \$5000 grant in 1992 to start their efforts.

The leaders/members of the Self Advocacy Council 6 will make sure all information learned at this conference will be shared with their local communities. The SCDD North Valley Hills Regional Advisory Committee would welcome a presentation of information learned should they receive the funding.

Please feel free to contact me should there be any question regarding this sponsorship request. We are BIG fans of all the good work the Self Advocacy Council 6 has done over the years and look forward to working together with them in the future.

Respectfully,

Dena M. Hernandez  
Regional Manager



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January 22, 2015

Mr. Brian Winfield, Assistant Deputy Director  
Community Operations Division  
Department of Developmental Services  
1600 Ninth Street, Room 320 MS 3-9  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Winfield:

The Board of Trustees of Inland Counties Regional Center, Inc. is resubmitting Marybeth Feild's waiver request pursuant to Title 17, Section 54523.

Ms. Feild is a valuable and well respected member of the Board of Trustees. A completed Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement and a proposed Conflict of Interest Resolution Plan is attached for your review and approval.

IRC is notifying the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and Area Board 12. If you have further questions or require further information, please contact me at (909) 890-3400.

Sincerely,

Denise Woolsey  
Board Secretary

CAF:sg/IRC/01-22-15

Encl: Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement  
Conflict of Interest Resolution Plan

Copy: Mike Clark, Interim Director, SCDD  
Vicki Smith, Executive Director, AB12  
Sharon Jimenez, Community Program Specialist II, DDS  
Carol Fitzgibbons, Executive Director, IRC



- a. I do X/do not \_\_\_ request a waiver of the conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest described above.
- b. If a waiver was requested, suggest the following plan of action for resolution of the present or potential conflict of interest. Described in Section III, which plan of action includes limitations on me which will enable me to avoid actions involving the conflict of interest during the period my waiver my request is being reviewed pursuant to Section 54523 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations:

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As Board President I do not participate in debates or voting on any vendor contracts only in the event of a tie. I will recuse myself on all matters pertaining to Pathway. Inc.

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Subsequent statements must be submitted within one year of this filing, earlier if the conflict of interest status changes.

Board Member Signature: Manjeth Sarda Date: 1-21-15

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<u>Russell C. Fitzgibbon</u>	<u>2-3-2015</u>
Signature of Executive Director:	Date Review Completed
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Signature of Board President:	Date Review Completed

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST REPORTING STATEMENT**

**DS 6016 (New 08/2012)**

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: Margareth Field Regional Center: Inland

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.

Board of trustees President

<sup>1</sup> Change of status includes reporting 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, or change to outside position or duties. See California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54531(d) and 54532(d).

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 entity, provide the specific name of the state or local entity and describe your job duties at the state or local entity.

Grand daughter

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.

PATHWAYS. works as personal assistant to a consumer.

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.

Board of Trustee member

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.

The President does not vote unless there is a tie.

<sup>2</sup> Family member includes your spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, stepsiblings, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Advisory on Board
<input 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>?  yes  no -- If yes, please explain.

I will recuse myself whenever any business pertaining to Pathway *Marybeth Sale* is concern. Board President does not vote unless there is a tie.

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. *Only if there is a tie vote*

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.

*Marybeth Sale*

<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.

**B. ATTESTATION**

I Marybeth Feild (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 Marybeth Feild Date 1-21-15

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Date this Statement was received by Reviewer: _____	
The reporting individual <input type="checkbox"/> does <input type="checkbox"/> does not have a <input type="checkbox"/> present <input type="checkbox"/> potential conflict of interest	
Signature of Designated Reviewer	Date Review Completed
<u>[Signature]</u>	



*Employment*  
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**Statewide Self  
Advocacy Network**



## What is the State Council on Developmental Disabilities?

- An independent State agency
- Established by:
  - Federal & State law
- Composed of:
  - State Council
    - 31 Governor-appointed members
  - 13 Regional Offices
    - Located throughout California



## Federal and State Laws



The goal of federal and state laws are to support people with developmental disabilities to achieve:

- ~self-determination,
- ~independence,
- ~productivity, and
- ~community integration and inclusion

## Independence

To have control of your life; make your own decisions and choices



## Productivity

To work or make other contributions to a household or community



## Integration

Right to access the same opportunities, services, community resources as all other Americans.



## Inclusion

To fully participate, be welcome in social, educational, work and community life



“I want a job. I want to earn my money. I don’t want to just take P&I money. I want to pay my share of taxes.”

~Liz



“I want a job. I want to make more money and I like to keep busy. I’m a hard worker. I just need a chance and I’ll be a great employee.”

~ Richard



“In California only 12.45% of working age regional center clients get a pay check. Of this 12.45%, many work in segregated work sites, make sub minimum wage or work only a few hours a week. Only 8% work in integrated competitive employment.”

~State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
2013 Employment First report

## History of Employment First in California



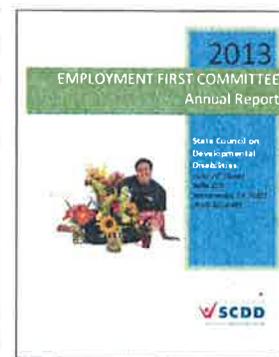
In 2009, AB 287 became law. This law told the State Council to do these things:

- Start an Employment First Committee (EFC);
- Develop an Employment First policy;
- Identify strategies, best practices, and incentives to increase integrated competitive employment;

## EFC Accomplishments



- Annual reports to the Legislature and the Governor

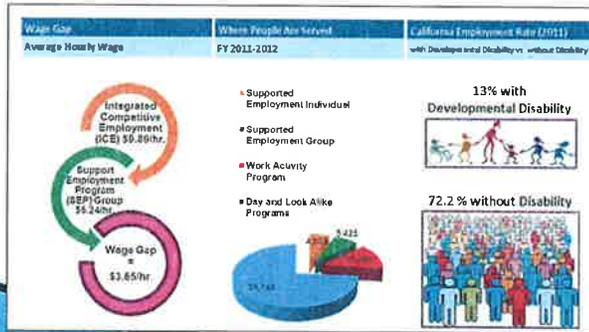


# EFC Accomplishments



- Created a Data Dashboard on the SCDD website.

This shows data and tracks how well California is doing supporting people to have regular jobs at regular pay.



# EFC Accomplishments



- Focus on Youth and Under Represented Groups



## EFC Accomplishments



In Oct 2013, California passed the Employment First law, joining 22 other states that already had employment first policies in place.

AB 1041 is a bill signed by Governor Brown so people with disabilities can get employment that is needed to be productive.

## The Employment First Law says:

“It is the policy of the state that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.”

~California's Employment First law





## “I.C.E.”

“Integrated Competitive Employment is intended to be the first option considered by planning teams for working age individuals “

~Employment First law



## “I.C.E.”

“Integrated” means a job in the community, where you do not spend most of your day with people who have disabilities.

“Competitive” means you are paid minimum wage or above.

# readiness

- You do not have to 'earn' your way to an integrated competitive employment job.
- You do not have to go to a workshop first, or work in a group or enclave first.
- You do not have to improve your behavior first, or have good attendance at a workshop before you can get help to look for integrated competitive employment in your community.

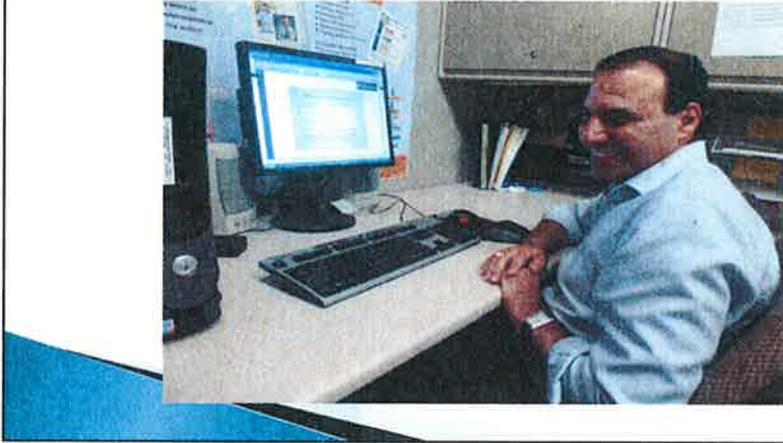


“When I worked at a workshop, I got an Employee of the Month certificate. I asked if I could have a job in the community, but they said I wasn't ready.

If the Employee of the Month couldn't get a community job, who could? I quit the workshop.”

“I’ve been working at Target for 14 years and at the UC Davis MIND Institute for 3 years. I didn’t need the workshop to get ready for a community job.”

~Robert, Statewide Self Advocacy Network Representative  
from the UCD MIND Institute



## Customized Employment

According to the U.S. Department of Labor,

“Customized employment is flexible ...

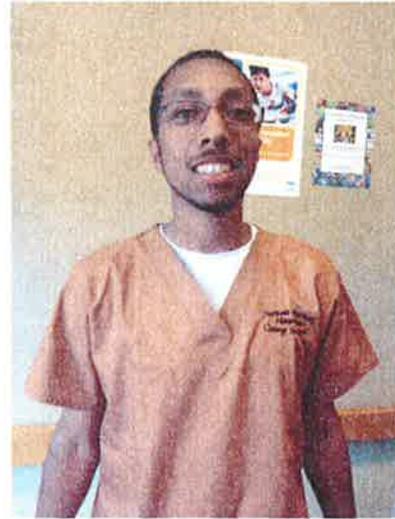
It is based on an individualized match between the strengths, conditions, and interests of a job candidate and the identified business needs of an employer.

Customized Employment utilizes an individualized approach to employment planning and job development — one person at a time . . . one employer at a time.”



“Find jobs people can know how to do. Try different kinds of jobs. Never give up on people. Treat us like real human beings, not a baby.”

~Max, Animal Care Taker,  
Sunrise Animal Hospital



## Microenterprise: You Can Earn Money by having Your Own Business

"Microenterprises means small businesses owned by individuals with developmental disabilities who have control and responsibility for decision-making and overseeing the business."

~Employment First law





“I started with a small shredder that was a donation. I made enough money to get a business license and open a business checking account. Then with my savings I purchased a commercial shredder. My business has grown so I am able to pay myself some money every week. “

~Janice, Owner  
Taketa Shredding

## A Business can be Based on Your Talents



Jessica started Kawaii Rabbit Designs in 2011.

“I love it. I can't imagine myself doing anything else. I'm able to do something that I love and enjoy. I sell my art at anime fairs, my website and through my Facebook page. My church has me send one of my cards to all our members on their birthday.”

## Good Jobs Change Lives



Adrienne said, “Last year I wasn’t thinking about a job. I was good living off SSI every month.”

Adrienne had worked at a lot of different jobs but none of them worked out.



Last year, Adrienne got a job at Safeway as a courtesy clerk. Adrienne likes this job because there’s a lot of variety each day. He’s good at multi-tasking and he likes helping people. This job fits his strengths and interests. Adrienne has opened a bank account and a 401k (retirement account). His goals are, “to keep this job, never get written up, and to make smart decisions with my money.”

Adrienne’s advice for others: “Be a sponge – learn from others who have been there– and have the right attitude.”

## How a Supported Employment Agency can Help You

A supported employment agency should not just help you fill out applications.

A supported employment agency can:

- Help you figure out the kinds of jobs you might like and would be good at.
- Can help set up internships.



## How a Supported Employment Agency can Help You

- Can help you interview.
- When you are hired they will train with you and make sure you know the job.
- Can help you work out supports or accommodations that will help you succeed.
- Once you know the job, they can follow-up to make sure things continue to go smoothly.



## What to do if you want a job

1. Tell your service coordinator that you would like to have an IPP meeting to talk about a job.

You can ask to have an IPP meeting anytime you want to change your services; you do not have to wait until your annual or triennial meeting.



## What to do if you want a job

2. At your IPP meeting say you want an individual job in the community that pays at least minimum wage. Ask for a referral to the Department of Rehabilitation.
3. Choose the supported employment agency you want to work with.

If anyone tells you 'no' or that you're not ready, get help from a friend or advocate.



## There's Still Work For All of Us to Do



Getting the Employment First law passed in California was an important step, but there is still work to do!

- ✓ Tell your friends about Employment First.
- ✓ Contact your SCDD Regional Office to find out what new laws are being worked on to help people get supported employment services.



Thank you! Any Questions?



# Self Determination



**Statewide Self Advocacy Network**  
Adapted from information by Regional Offices 10 & 4.



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## What is Self Determination?

Self Determination is believing you can control your own destiny.

Self Determination is a combination of attitudes and abilities that lead people to set goals for themselves, and to take the initiative to reach these goals.

It means making your own choices, learning to effectively solve problems, and taking control and responsibility for one's life.

- It is about being in charge, but is not necessarily the same thing as self-sufficiency or independence.

~PACER Center

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## Self Determination Program

Self Determination is a creative type of program that is intended to put you in charge of your life and the services you receive.

In October 2013, Senate Bill 468 added the self determination program to the Lanterman Act. Under the Self Determination program, people can get services & supports in a completely new way, giving you more choices and more control.

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## Self Determination Program

The law requires that services acquired through Self Determination be supported by federal Medicaid Waiver funds. To access these funds the DePARTMENT of Developmental Services (DDS) had to submit a waiver application by December 31, 2014 to the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS).

**This was done.**

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## Self Determination Program



As of 1/28/15



CMS has up to 90 days to review California's application. They have already raised issues with California's application and "stopped the review" clock. The clock will be "started" again when the required information has been sent in and approved. This means it could take longer than the 90 days.

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## Self Determination Program



Once the waiver has been approved, up to 2500 people can be accepted into Self Determination over the next three years. Three years after that acceptance date, Self Determination will be available to all regional center clients who are eligible for the program.

## The Five Principles of Self Determination

1. Freedom
2. Authority
3. Support
4. Responsibility
5. Confirmation

## The Five Principles of Self Determination



**Freedom** to control your life. You decide where you want to live, whom you want to live with, how you will spend your time, and who will support you.

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## The Five Principles of Self Determination

**Authority** to control a budget so you can purchase services and supports that you choose.



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## The Five Principles of Self Determination



**Support**: to organize resources and staff, so you can live the way you want to.

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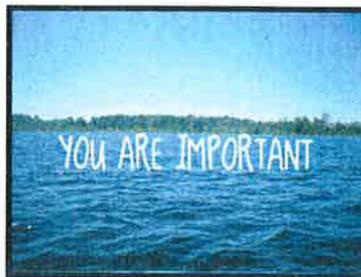
## The Five Principles of Self Determination



**Responsibility**: for the wise use of public money, and recognizing the contributions you can make to your community.

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## The Five Principles of Self Determination



**Confirmation**, of the important role that you have to make decisions in your own life by organizing and overseeing the services that you need.

## History

- 1998: 5 Self Determination (SD) Pilot Projects established in California.
- 2001: Pilots report high levels of satisfaction and recommend statewide expansion.
- Three governors and 13 years later Senate Bill 468 passes making SD a reality.

## Who Can Get Self Determination?

Anyone who receives services from a regional center is eligible for Self Determination services, except for people who live in a licensed, long-term health facility such as a developmental center or an Intermediate Care Facility. If you are in the process of moving into the community, then you ARE eligible for self determination services.

To receive Self Determination, you must attend a required Self Determination orientation, receive training on how Self Determination works, and agree to work with a Fiscal Management Service.

## Who is Involved?

- You – the leader
- Facilitator – if you want one
- Fiscal Manager – handles the money
- Your friends, family, paid supports, etc.

## The Facilitator

- Helps the person with their Person-Centered Plan.
- Helps plan and maintain the individualized budget.
- Helps the person develop a network of support and be part of their community.
- Helps find providers, negotiates rates, hours of service, and working agreements, and makes sure providers live up to the agreements made.
- Helps work out issues with providers.
- Helps the person and those around him or her to honor and live by the principles of Self-Determination.

You pay for the facilitator out of your budget. But you don't have to hire a facilitator. It's up to you.

## Financial Management Service (FMS)

### **You must use a FMS to be in Self Determination.**

- Receives funds allocated in the person's budget and makes payments to service providers.
- Keeps track of services provided and back up documentation.
- Maintains financial records.
- Takes care of taxes, workers' compensation, liability insurance, and makes sure all provider legal requirements are met (i.e. licenses and certification).
- Reports on expenditures.

***The FMS does NOT make decisions about how your money is spent.***

## How It Works

- The amount of your Individual Budget (IB) is based on how much regional center spent on your services over the last 12 months.
- Your budget pays for FMS and Facilitator
- With the help of people you trust, you develop a Person-Centered Plan (PCP) that reflects your vision in the different areas of your life and set goals.

## How It Works

- Ask for Self-Determination\*\*\*
- Agree to follow the rules and live within your individualized budget (IB).
- Hire a facilitator if you want.
- Hire a financial manager.
- With the help of people you trust, develop a Person-Centered Plan (PCP) that reflects your vision in the different areas of your life and set goals.
- Give your PCP and IB to your FMS.
- After background checks are completed, your FMS starts paying the people you hired.

**\*\*\*The law allows each regional center to develop its own process for signing people up.**

## Traditional Services vs. Self Determination

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person wants Awesome Therapy (AT).</li> <li>• Person has tried all programs offered and none meet needs. Person has letters from doctors to back up request for AT.</li> <li>• Service coordinator says AT isn't "vendored" and takes request to "committee." 3 weeks later person gets a denial letter saying AT isn't vendored, is too expensive, and person doesn't need AT anyway.</li> <li>• Person appeals denial and could wait up to 50 days for a decision - and might <u>lose</u>.</li> </ul> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person wants AT.</li> <li>• Person makes sure there's enough money in budget to pay for AT.</li> <li>• Person talks with AT and comes to an agreement about hours &amp; rate.</li> <li>• Person gives hours &amp; rate info to FMS who makes sure AT has required certification and that staff don't have criminal records.</li> <li>• Person starts receiving AT.</li> <li>• Whole process takes a few days.</li> </ul> |
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## If you want Self Determination...

- Have Self Determination included in your IPP. Having Self Determination in your IPP won't guarantee that you will get it as soon as it's available. But it could improve your chances.
- Learn as much as you can about Self Determination. Attend trainings. Read about Self Determination.
- Share what you learn about Self Determination with others who might be interested.

## For More Information...

- Department of Developmental Services:  
<http://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/index.cfm>
- You can sign up for email updates about self determination. If you want to be notified when updates are made, please email [sdp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:sdp@dds.ca.gov) and ask to be included on the notification list.
- Disability Rights California SD Publication:  
<http://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/pubs/F07701.pdf>
  - The Center for Self-Determination: <http://www.centerforself-determination.com/>
  - Senate Bill 468: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb\\_0451-0500/sb\\_468\\_bill\\_20131009\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0451-0500/sb_468_bill_20131009_chaptered.pdf)

## Policy Questions About the RACs for the Council to Decide

Key:

**Bold=** Policy Question

Plain text=Staff recommendation

### **What about prior 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.

### **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.

### **Who is eligible to be a RAC member?**

RACs must meet the diversity requirements of the statutes to ensure the responsiveness of the State Council to the geographic, ethnic, and language diversity of the state.

### **Should every county be represented?**

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

### **Who cannot be a member of a RAC?**

Sitting SCDD Council members cannot also be members of the RAC.

### **Are there other limitations on membership?**

Prior prohibitions on RAC membership do not apply.

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

At least 51% members of a RAC shall be self-advocates. The remainder of the members may be self-advocates, family members, or other members.

## **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 packages appointment information and recommendations to the SCDD for approval.

## **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.



Council policies and procedures for appointing Regional Advisory Committee members.

1. Regional Offices will use fliers approved by the Council's Membership Committee to recruit members for the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).
2. Regional Offices and the Council's Membership Committee will do outreach to recruit RAC candidates.
3. The Council's Membership Committee will establish a Statewide Standardized Application and Statewide Screening Questions.
4. Each Regional Office RAC will have a body to screen applications. This could be the RAC or the RAC's own Membership Committee. All applications will be forwarded to the Council's Membership Committee along with the RAC's recommendation.
5. The Council's Membership Committee recommends or rejects their appointment. The Council's Membership Committee has the authority to approve appointments to RACs.
6. Existing Conflict of Interest rules apply to candidates for RAC membership.