



## **Executive Director (A) Report May 20, 2015**

I am glad to be leading an excellent team and proud to report progress in the following areas:

### Policy

- We have been working with the LPPC committee and have a package of 24 bills for you to consider today. Our legislative program has focused on being strategic. We want to have a presence, have an impact, and be effective inside the Capitol.
- Bob Giovatti, our Deputy Director of Policy and Planning, has attended many legislative hearings and meetings with Capitol staffers, making SCDD's presence known inside the Capitol.
- We received a letter from the U.S. Department of Transportation acknowledging our advocacy regarding the paratransit fees.

### State Plan

- Your packet contains the State Plan activities summaries for February and March that describes over 300 activities staff undertook over the past 2 months in carrying out the State Plan. The enormity of these tasks is staggering. Even more important than the number is the quality of our reach throughout California and the impact we are having on the lives of people with I/DD and their families.
- Benita Baines, our Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, has been working with the Managers of our regional offices, providing first-ever interactive training and focusing on reporting. We have long been doing the work, and now we are telling the thorough story.
- We are proving that our regional system, unique in the nation, is the best model for California to meet the ideals of the federal DD Act, the expectations of AIDD, and needs of people with I/DD and their families.

## Quality Assessment

- Over 4,000 adult consumers have been interviewed this year. We use the National Core Indicators tool to evaluate the quality of services people receive from regional centers and gauge consumer satisfaction.

## CRA/VAS

- Staff continue to assist individuals who transitioned into the community after the last person left Lanterman Developmental Center.
- Staff continue to protect clients' rights in Developmental Centers at Fairview (population 280), Canyon Springs (population 50), Sonoma (population 408), and Porterville (population 368).

## AIDD

- We submitted our required Corrective Action Plan progress report to AIDD on April 1, 2015. In only 5 months, we have submitted 58% of the required items. Our next quarterly call with AIDD is scheduled for June 15 and our next report is due July 1, 2015.

## Self-Advocate Leadership

- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I met with the leadership of the Statewide Self Advocacy Network to discuss Council support of SSAN. We agreed to work together to develop a MOU between SCDD and SSAN that will spell out and memorialize our working relationship together.

## Regional Offices

- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>, I visited with staff in six of our thirteen regional offices.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup>, I met with members of the Central Coast RAC.
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I met with members of the Los Angeles RAC.
- We developed procedures for RAC recommendations to the Council.

## Personnel

- This week we welcomed Sabrina Smith to the team as our Personnel Officer. Sabrina is a seasoned state HR professional who is excited to join SCDD. She wants to be part of building a strong SCDD and the mission of serving people with I/DD and their families.

## Budget

- Our cash flow remains strong. The agreement we have with AIDD regarding how cash flows into the Council has been working well.