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**APPROVAL OF JULY 14 & 15
MINUTES**

**Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2015**

Members Present

Ana Ubensmith (FA)
 Steven Kapp (SA)
 April Lopez (FA)
 Barbara Wheeler
 Carmela Garnica (FA)
 Charles Horne-Nutt (SA)
 David Forderer (SA)
 Eric Gelber
 Francis Lau (FA)
 Janelle Lewis (FA)
 Jay Lytton (SA)
 Jonathan Clarkson
 Kecia Weller (SA)
 Kerstin Williams (SA)
 Kris Kent
 Nancy Clyde (SA)
 Ning Yang (SA)
 Rebecca Donabed (SA)
 Robert Taylor (SA)

Members Present (continued)

Sandra Aldana (SA)
 Sandra Smith (FA)

Members Absent

Catherine Blakemore
 Chisorom Okwuosa
 Dan Boomer
 Max Duley (FA)
 Olivia Raynor
 Robin Hansen

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
 Angela Lewis
 Benita Baines
 Bob Giovati
 Bob Phillips
 Carolyn Meshack
 Christine Lannon
 David Grady
 Dawn Morley
 Gabriel Rogin
 Kathy Bryan
 Mary Ellen Stives
 Natalie Bocanegra
 Robin Maitino
 Sarah May
 Sonja Bingaman
 Susan Eastman
 Vicki Smith
 Wayne Glusker

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 Chairperson April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.
2. **SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS**
 Acting Executive Director Aaron Carruthers swore in new Councilmembers Francis Lau (FA) and Ana Ubensmith.
3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
 Chair Lopez (FA) established a quorum.
4. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
 Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 None.

6. APROVAL OF MAY 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Action 1

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Weller [SA]) and carried to approve the May 20, 2015 Council meeting minutes, as presented. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

7. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Lopez (FA) provided her report on Council activities and achievements since the May Council meeting. Chair Lopez spoke about the work the Council is doing surrounding Self-Determination and Employment First, as well as the significant progress the Membership Committee is making on filling current vacancies, evident by the two appointments (Francis Lau and Ana Ubensmith) that have been made since May 2015.

Chair Lopez also announced the appointment of Councilmember Charles Horne-Nutt to the Membership Committee and the July 15, 2015, Closed Session Council Meeting for the commencement of 2nd interviews for the Executive Director vacancy.

Chair Lopez concluded her report by announcing the Executive Committee and Council staff's involvement in the 2015 NACDD Annual Conference on July 21-23, 2015.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Acting Executive Director Carruthers provided an update on SCDD activities and accomplishments that have taken place since the May Council meeting. Director Carruthers spoke about the 2017-22 State Plan Survey, stating that preliminary results show responses from approximately 1500 English surveys and 18 Spanish surveys. Councilmembers and staff discussed ways to support public participation in completing non-English surveys. Federal Partner and Councilmember Barbara Wheeler from the University of Southern California, UCEDD offered technical assistance in reaching non-English speaking Californians.

Additional staff reports were included in the packet, starting on page 15.

9. **MTARS/AIDD UPDATE**

Acting Executive Director Carruthers provided an update to councilmembers on the progress of implementing the corrective action plan (CAP), stating that SCDD has submitted 71% of its deliverables since December 2014. The AIDD quarterly call took place on June 15, 2015. Chair Lopez (FA), Vice-Chair Ning Yang, and Director Carruthers participated on the call.

10. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Director Carruthers reported on three different areas of the state budget. The first was a brief update on the SCDD 2015-16 Budget that was adopted at the May Council meeting. The second and third areas of the budget update were in regards the extraordinary (special) session of the legislature that was called to deal with the health and human services issues not specifically addressed in the new fiscal year and what role the Council would like to take.

Director Carruthers presented both a detail sheet and PowerPoint presentation on SBX 2-1 (Beall), Financial Sustainability. Should SBX 2-1 pass, it would provide a 10% increase in the funding paid to a regional center and purchase-of-service vendors; require funding to enable the regional center and the regional center's purchase-of-service vendors to fund certain costs related to minimum wage requirements; and require the Department of Developmental Services to develop a 10-year financial sustainability plan. The Council acted to support this legislation.

Action 2

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to support SBX 2-1 (Beall), as it aligns with the goals of the Lanterman Coalition. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

Director Carruthers also presented the Governor's Proclamation on pages 149-150 of the packet to councilmembers. This Proclamation calls for the Legislature of the State of California to assemble in extraordinary session on June 19, 2015, in order to consider and act upon legislation necessary to enact permanent and sustainable funding from a new managed care organization tax and/or alternative funding source. Following conversation about the specifics of the Proclamation's language, the Council acted to support it.

Action 3

It was moved/seconded (Horne-Nutt [SA]/Weller [SA]) and carried to support Governor Brown's Proclamation on the June 19, 2015 extraordinary session in order to consider and act upon legislation necessary to enact permanent and sustainable funding from a new managed care organization tax and/or alternative funding source. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

11. **ADVOCACY PAPER**

Chair Lopez (FA) presented the June 24, 2015, version of the Advocacy and Direct Individual Advocacy Services paper to the Council for consideration and action. Chair Lopez presented this updated version based on feedback received from councilmembers at the May 20th Council meeting. At that time the Council acted to refer the May 1st version of the paper back to the MTARS Committee for further review.

Action 4

It was moved/seconded (Horne-Nutt [SA]/Weller [SA]) and carried to adopt the Systemic Advocacy vs. Direct Individual Advocacy paper as amended. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

Amendments

- Change title to read: Staff Activity: Systemic Advocacy vs. Direct Individual Advocacy
- Page 1, Paragraph 3, Insert, "for the staff of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities" after "Given the focus on advocacy in the I/DD network, this paper clarifies..."
- Page 2, Paragraph 2, Change from "for the purposes of Council activities,..." to "for the purposes of State Council staff activities,..."

12. **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Council acted to support the following activities related the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Action 5

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Smith [FA]) and carried to 1) convene a panel of prior Council Chairs to address the civil rights over the past 25 years and the Council's role in that; and 2) sign on to the ADA Proclamation for government entities. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

13. **NADD SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

NADD's request to apply for a sponsorship in the amount of \$999 for the NADD 32nd Annual Conference to be held in San Francisco, CA on November 18-20, 2015 was brought before the Council for consideration and action.

If approved, SCDD funds would be used to help offset costs of AV equipment being utilized by family members during the course of the conference.

Action 6

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Horne-Nutt [SA]) and carried to approve the NADD sponsorship request in the amount of \$999. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

14. **SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURE**

Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) Director Santi Rogers and Chief Deputy Director John Doyle provided an in-depth overview of where DDS is on developing the draft plan to close the Sonoma Developmental Center by 2018. Councilmembers posed a number of questions relating to the health and safety of residents in the Center. The Governor has given DDS until October 2015 to produce the plan. Upon completion of the overview, the Council invited DDS to share its draft plan with councilmembers at the September 15, 2015 Council meeting.

15. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Executive Committee – A copy of the draft minutes for the June 23 and 24, 2015 Executive Committee meetings were included in the packet as a summary.

The detailed monthly budget projections for fiscal year 2014-15, based on expenditures through May 2015 was also provided to councilmembers.

- b. Administrative Committee – a copy of the signed DSA evaluation submitted to the Office of the Governor on July 1, 2015, was provided to councilmembers.

- c. Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) – a written summary of the June 23, 2015 LPPC meeting was included in the packet.

Councilmember Janelle Lewis (FA) presented Senate Bill (SB) 644, Hancock, to the Council for consideration and action stating that this bill was originally presented to LPPC at the April 2015 meeting at which time the Committee took action to support if amended.

Since that time, this bill has been substantially amended to clarify and solidify new parameters that would: preclude an examination for a person with a developmental disability from including a written examination or readiness evaluation and would instead, require that the competitive examination consist of an internship with a state agency that is not less than 512 hour; and would not require people with I/DD to utilize the internship. Rather, they could decide to use the standard LEAP process if they believe they meet the qualifications for the job and feel they can pass the written exam.

Action 7

It was moved/seconded (Weller [SA]/Yang [SA]) and carried to support SB 644 as amended. (See page 8 for the voting record of members present.)

- d. Membership Committee – A written summary of June 25, 2015 Membership Committee meeting was provided in the Council packet as well as the Membership Committee’s report to the Council. The report captured existing Council vacancies; upcoming expiration dates for appointments; recommendations solicited; a listing of current councilmember terms; and the number of candidates forwarded to the Governor’s Office during the reporting period.
- e. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Councilmember David Forderer (SA) provided a brief summary of the July 14, 2015 meeting.
- f. Employment First Committee – A written summary of the June 30, 2015 EFC meeting was provided to councilmembers.
- g. State Plan Committee – A copy of the draft minutes for the June 22, 2015 State Plan Committee was provided in the Council packet as a summary of the meeting.

16. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT**
Councilmember Charles Horne-Nutt (SA) provided a written report for Councilmember David Forderer (SA) on the June 24 – 25, 2015 SSAN meeting.
17. **CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT CONSORTIUM FOR YOUTH (CECY) REPORT**
Councilmember Steven Kapp (SA) provided a written report on CECY.
18. **DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE**
Councilmember Kecia Weller (SA) provided a written report on the Developmental Services Task Force.
19. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**
The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015 at the Hilton Arden West Hotel in Sacramento.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Name	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4	Action 5	Action 6	Action 7
Aldana, Sandra	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Clarkson, Jonathan	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Abstain
Clyde, Nancy	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Donabed, Rebecca	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Forderer, David	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Garnica, Carmela	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Gelber, Eric	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	For	For	For	Abstain
Horne-Nutt, Charles	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Kapp, Steven	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Kent, Kris	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Not Present
Lau, Francis	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lewis, Janelle	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lopez, April	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lytton, Jay	Not Present	For	Did not Vote	For	For	For	For
Smith, Sandra	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Taylor, Robert	For	For	Oppose	Oppose	For	Abstain	For
Ubensmith, Ana	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For
Weller, Kecia	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Wheeler, Barbara	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For
Williams, Kerstin	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Yang, Ning	For	For	For	For	For	For	For



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July 15, 2015

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Members Present (continued)

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Kerstin Williams (SA)
Kris Kent
Nancy Clyde (SA)
Ning Yang (SA)
Olivia Raynor
Rebecca Donabed (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Sandra Aldana (SA)
Sandra Smith (FA)
Steven Kapp (SA)

Others Attending

Angela Lewis
Carlyn Meshack
Natalie Bocanegra
Robin Maitino
Sabrina Smith
Wayne Glusker

Members Absent

Max Duley (FA)
Robin Hansen

1. **CALL TO ORDER/**
Chairperson April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.
2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Chair Lopez (FA) established a quorum.
3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There we no public comments.
5. **CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL**
The Council went into closed session.
6. **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**
The following three actions were reported in open session.

Action 1

Council acted to offer SCDD Executive Director position to Aaron Carruthers. 23 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Abstentions.

Action 2

Council acted to approve the offer to Aaron Carruthers at a salary at 5% over his current salary or at an Exempt salary amount that is commensurate with the Executive Director level of pay that is usual and customary under the State of California rates. 26 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

Action 3

Council acted to direct the Executive Committee to work with Aaron Carruthers to develop performance standards and evaluation criteria for the next annual evaluation. 26 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

7. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS



DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PLANNING REPORT

September 2015

Policy

- Continuously communicated Council's positions on legislation to key committees and Legislators, both in writing and in conversations.
- Worked with Lanterman Coalition regarding Council's support of 10% increase for service providers .
- Ensured our internal bill tracking system accurately kept pace with legislative changes.
- Continued participation with the Lanterman Coalition.

State Plan

- Preparing for next CRA.
- Working with staff on State Plan survey questions. Results, 2,900.
- Working with regional offices to outline required tasks for upcoming State Plan requirements, including online surveys, regional meetings to gather local input, and activity timelines.
- Ongoing work with SCDD HQ staff on state plan issues.
- Worked with State Plan Committee Chair on agenda items.

Staff

- Involving staff in more tasks to improve cross training.
- Continued to work closely with the Deputy Director for Regional Center Operations to improve communication with our regional offices.
- Ongoing efforts to increase HQ office productivity.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS REPORT

July/August 2015

As the Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, I provide supportive leadership and supervision of Regional Offices, QA, and CRA/VAS projects for statewide coordination and communication among the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, SCDD Headquarters (HQ) staff and regional operations.

Regional Operations

- Continue to supervise regional office operations and facilitate weekly manager's meetings (teleconference) to identify needs, coordinate efforts, and disseminate information to best support regional managers and their staff.
- Performed 3 regional office site visits: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange County.
- Continue to coordinate with all Regional Managers to provide direction on assigned establish State Plan Work Groups, monitor statewide planning, and implementation to ensure all goals and objectives are met by deadline, as illustrated in the SCDD 5-Yr State Plan Report to AIDD.
- Oversee the process for communication with written procedures for RAC input and/or recommendations to the Council.
- Provided collaborative support to the SCDD Membership Committee to create procedural steps and a formal letter to applicants for Council and/or RAC membership.

Professional Development

- Continued planning and development for an upcoming Regional Manager's Training on SCDD State Plan Work Groups (October 2015) for work plans updates and to ensure timely, deliverables and measured outcomes.

Reporting

- Coordinated and compiled data provided in the June/July 2015 Regional Office Activity Reports to ensure appropriate activities, timelines, and deliverables; as per the guidelines and expectations of AIDD.

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

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.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD staff provided technical assistance to Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Representative for North State Region who was nominated to attend and participate in upcoming Pacific Leadership Academy. The Pacific Leadership Academy is a week-long training by the Pacific Alliance on Disability Self Advocacy (PADSA) for self-advocates with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Pacific Leadership Academy will train self-advocate leaders with I/DD in disability history, group organizing, social media and online technology, running a self-advocacy organization, and fundraising efforts. The training will take place August 16 through August 20, 2015 at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington. All academy costs, including travel, lodging, and food are fully covered for attendees. Self-advocates are expected to share the skill-sets they learn with members of their state and local self-advocacy groups. Participants will receive support and technical assistance from PADSA following the training. Staff provided support to SSAN Rep. in responding to deadline requests and providing necessary information to PADSA for travel coordination.
- Staff hosted the Self-Determination local Advisory Committee Meeting on June 17th at the SCDD Sacramento Office. An update on the Waiver Process was discussed. A presentation was given on Self-Determination services and what it means. There was a discussion to identify future topics of interest to the committee. The next meeting was scheduled, and it was agreed the Chair would be elected at the next meeting scheduled for July 15. SCDD staff developed the Agenda and Minutes. A variety of handouts on Self-Determination were given to the committee. Each committee member had an opportunity to introduce themselves.
- Staff supported SSAN representative for the North State Region at the June meeting in Sacramento. Staff and SSAN member met to review the agenda, meeting packet and to complete his Member Report. SSAN member decided to resign from the Legislative Work Group and joined the Self-Determination Work Group. Work Group conference calls were coordinated by the Self-Determination Work Group members. Following the SSAN meeting, staff and SSAN member met to discuss the overall issues and topics of the meeting and to discuss assignments for the next meeting in September 2015.
- Staff assisted the Self-Advocacy Board of LA County (SABLAC) to make decisions about supporting Special Olympics through a financial donation and attending World Games events. Discussed attending ADA anniversary event in downtown LA. Staff will facilitate using on-line Partners in Policymaking training starting in August 2015.
- Staff attended Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) Meeting on June 24, 2015 to support new SSAN Representative from the Sacramento office. She attended the meeting and said she understood the agenda and is an active participant. She joined the Employment First Workgroup of the SSAN.
- SCDD staff participated in the Self-Determination Statewide Stakeholder Meeting on June 16th at the Department of Developmental Services. An update on the Waiver Process was discussed. The Training Video that DDS is developing was shown and the committee provided comments for improvement. The FAQs on DDS website were reviewed and will be updated as questions are submitted to DDS. A Financial Management Services agency gave a presentation on several structures of vendorization that DDS could use. No decision has been made yet for the structure or the monthly cost (which will be taken from the consumer's monthly budget under SD). On June 30th, SCDD staff participated in the Self-Determination Training Subcommittee meeting which is developing training materials for Regional Centers and provided updates on Waiver and Self-Determination with the Regional Office Managers.

Goal 1 (Cont.)	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.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

- In February of this year, SCDD staff helped People First members (12 self-advocates) with research to find agencies involved in providing low income and accessible housing. Research showed the type of housing identified as needed was: subsidized housing for transitional age youth and adults, emergency housing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and permanent housing. Staff facilitated writing a letter from the group to the local housing development corporation. This month the group received a response from the new director of the organization. At the July meeting the group plans to share the letter and to discuss next steps for the group. Staff will continue working with the group to provide technical assistance and will support self advocates to continue their interest in the work of the housing development agency and that the group continues to offer support as a resource to the organization.

Quality Assurance:

- Staff provided a Self-Determination (SD) presentation to the Abilities United Parent Group. An overview of self-determination and how to receive SD updates from the Department of Development Services (DDS), as well as, how to notify DDS and regional center of having an interest in receiving services through self-determination were reviewed.
- In collaboration with Imagine Services of Santa Cruz, SCDD staff agreed to partner with the manager to provide facilitator training to providers, families, and individuals who wish to support others in their self-determination plans.
- The Self-Determination Regional Advisory Committee met on June 29, 2015. Appointed committee members, and 6 community members were present. The meeting provided an update and overview of Self-Determination services were reviewed. Also the committee discussed meeting logistics including frequency of meetings, meeting dates, and future tasks the committee can work on.
- Collaboration among Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN), Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, and SCDD continues and a date for the Peer to Peer Counseling Program is set for 7/21/15. Staff agreed to promote the event and will send out flyers by email and other social media outlets.
- Staff supported SSAN member to participate in the June SSAN meeting. Staff met with member to review packet, complete member report, and coordinate travel. Staff provided facilitation to member during meeting. Staff discussed meeting activities with members and assignments for the next meeting.
- Staff assisted the SSAN member from our region to put together and practice his presentation at the SSAN June meeting on "How the Self Advocacy 6 (SAC6) got started and what it does." It was a demonstration of a new approach to building self advocate in other regions. A power point was developed, a folder with handouts was put together, and a video on SAC6 was obtained from Self Advocacy Council 6 (\$100.00 Leveraged funds for DVDs for each SSAN member).
- Staff provided technical support to the SSAN meeting in conjunction with the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator. Provided the power point and took minutes during the two day meeting. Compiled the information and sent to the SSAN Officers. Also took pictures during the meeting and emailed to the Self Advocacy Coordinator, and provided support to members when requested. Also, \$50 dollars was leveraged for an assortment of candy for the afternoon on each day.
- Staff provided technical assistance to the SSAN Newsletter Work Group teleconference on June 10, 2015. Staff provided the teleconference moderator code and notes from the call. The group worked on their next issue of the SSAN Newsletter. The SSAN Chairperson is learning leadership skills for chairing this work group.

Goal 1 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services and to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.
<p>Quality Assurance (Cont.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff presented "More than a Meeting" to the consumers of Canyon Spring Community Facility (part of the SDC system) located in Riverside County. The purpose of the training was to encourage the consumers to take a more active role in their Individual Program Plan (IPP) meeting. The consumers were very interested and actively participated in training, and asked several pertinent follow up questions. The training was requested by the Clients' Rights Advocate at the facility to be conducted at the self-advocacy group called Canyon Springs Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (CSSAN) meeting. ▪ Staff coordinated the first Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Self Determination Advisory Committee meeting at the VMRC on June 30 2015, and collaboration with the VMRC Executive Director. Funds leveraged for refreshments for the meeting was \$50.00. Staff developed the agenda, folder with materials and PowerPoint training for the committee members. The second meeting has been schedule for September 2015. ▪ Following a conversation with a colleague's interest in the possibility of connecting a self-advocate to San Diego People First, SCDD staff and the colleague met with the self-advocate and discussed self advocacy and the benefits of getting connected to San Diego People First. Following several conversations regarding the group he decided to attend a meeting that weekend. The self-advocate came halfway into the meeting and seemed to become more comfortable with the group and participated in the conversation regarding the self advocacy conference that had just occurred. Since his attendance at the meeting, he has emailed several times wanting additional information regarding the group and next meeting dates. ▪ Staff collaborated with San Diego Regional Center, UCP San Diego, Arc San Diego, San Diego People First, and St. Madeleine. Staff attended Strengthening Self-Advocacy meetings, the group further worked on the power point presentation and outline for their grant presentations. Following a presentation regarding the self advocacy project to the local provider network group, 9 organizations signed up to have a presentation at their program, to date one presentation has been scheduled for July. Also, the members reviewed the time line to see ensure they are on track with their monthly goals. Six self-advocates were identified to be presenters for the project and the evaluation tool was reviewed and agreed upon; a presentation was scheduled for July 2015. ▪ SCDD staff provided facilitation support to San Diego People First (SDPF) officers as they prepare for their monthly meeting. The officers identified an activity focusing on how your actions can cause a ripple effect and impact the larger community. Materials were collected and shared with the leadership team. The officers also met to plan their July meeting agenda and decided to have a presentation on Internet Safety. The group also received an update on the Strengthening Self-Advocacy PowerPoint presentation and provided input. ▪ A team of self-advocates and SCDD staff convened a feedback and wrap-up meeting on June 16th for the 25th Annual Self-Advocacy Conference held May 15-17, 2015. Four-hundred people were registered and participated in the event and \$21,250 leveraged funds. The feedback was recorded and will be discussed again in the fall as the planning begins for the 2016 conference. The following organizations collaborated to provide this annual conference: San Diego People First (SDPF), UCP San Diego, Arc San Diego, St. Madeleine, Independence for Life Choices, Mountain Shadows, Home of Guiding Hands and self-advocates. ▪ Staff coordinated with Desert ARC and Yucca Valley in Riverside County regarding developing a self-advocacy group at the facility. Staff discussed the vision of a self-advocacy group would eventually be 	

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<p>Quality Assurance (Cont.):</p> <p>whatever the self-advocates would like their group to be, but ideally it should be a safe place to get together with peers and discuss issues of importance to them and that affect them within their local community, learn new things, meet new people, plan events and activities and have fun in the process. Desert ARC and Yucca Valley was very eager to have the consumers at their facility participate in the group to develop better advocacy skills and independence. Staff developed a flyer to promote the event and encourage attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff facilitated the monthly self-advocacy group meeting at Desert ARC, Palm Desert in Riverside County. A self-advocate read aloud his personal story about how he was affected by the removal of the bus stop. His letter to the Sunline transit agency was direct and professional. He emailed his letter to everyone in the group to use as a template for their own letters. There was a guest speaker at the meeting from Riverside County Community Access who would like to assist the group in addressing the Sunline Transit Agency Board. He has assisted others with similar issues. The entire self-advocacy group is scheduled to attend the Sunline Board Access Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday 07/14/2015 @ 10 am to request the reinstatement of the bus stop. All self-advocates have agreed to complete their personal stories before the meeting so that they may present them if they are asked to do so. Copies of self-advocates personal story (Email) was handed out to all including agenda created by self-advocates. 	

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<p>Supporting and Educating Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff participated in the planning in collaboration with Disability Action Center, We Care A Lot Foundation, Far Northern Regional Center, KZFR 90.1 FM and Chico Peace and Justice Center for a spirited talk and book signing with Shawn Casey O'Brien who is the author of the recently published book "For the Love of Long Shots: A Memoir on Democracy" on June 8, 2015. Shawn Casey O'Brien is the former Executive Director of the Unique People's Voting Project (UP) and was instrumental in registering and getting out the votes of a hundred thousand disabled citizens and their families. He is also the former lead singer/songwriter of the 1980's Los Angeles punk band The Cripples. Shawn's current book is an edgy, satirical and soulful story of what went down when a handful of disabled activists came together to organize their constituency in California, with their sights set on the estimated 48 million potential disabled voters across the country. He is a strong advocate and his message is to promote your right to vote and have a voice! The We Care a lot Foundation is a peer training team called The Vote! The Vote! Project met with Shawn Casey O'Brien and he provided suggestions for their presentation. The Vote! Project also set up a voter registration table at his event on 6-8-15. They assisted 4 people with developmental disabilities to register to vote. The Vote! 	

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Project can present their free 30 minute presentation to any agency that serves people with developmental disabilities. Audience members are offered the chance to register to vote at the end of each presentation. Part 1 of our presentation gives basic information about voting such as who can vote, who can't vote, and a short history of voting rights. Part 2 of our presentation asks the question, "Why don't you vote"? The audience will learn things like how to research what will be voted on, where to go for help, and how to make voting easier overall. The event was attended by 40 people.

- Staff posted 19 articles and announcements on social media sites regarding accessibility, the ABLE Act, and upcoming training announcements with a total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Staff responded to 6 calls regarding regional center services, adult services, and inquiries about various committee openings. As appropriate, questions were answered internally and provided referral services to the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) and Disabilities Rights California (DRC) for further assistance.
- SCDD staff was invited by the Tulare County Bar Association to present at their M.C.L.E. Seminar and Luncheon on Thursday June 18, 2015 in Visalia, CA. The presentation was on "Elimination of Bias in Society" and staff presented "Laws and Regulations that protect people with intellectual and Developmental Disabilities," followed by a brief question and answer period.
- Staff provided technical assistance to 10 callers: 6 regarding Regional Center services and supports, and 4 regarding Social Security and In-Home Supportive Services.
- Staff provided technical assistance to 5 family advocates seeking assistance with regional center services and eligibility, as well as, IHSS and Medi-Cal services. In three cases, staff trained family advocates on their right to file an appeal, the fair hearing process and the complaint process. In two cases, staff provided information on IHSS and Medi-Cal services.
- Staff responded to 4 calls and provided technical assistance regarding special education, regional center service and IHSS issues. Staff provided information and additional resources.
- After providing training for families on June 1, 2015 on regional center services and rights, staff was asked to train families on preparing for their IPP meetings. Staff helped a family prepare for their IPP meeting and documented the preparation process so it can be presented to other families at training.
- Staff met with the family to discern their child's strengths, accomplishments, and goals. Staff provided technical assistance to help the family frame their request for services and supports. Staff coached the family on communicating with their service coordinator and developing a collaborative working relationship.
- Staff provided a presentation to 7 ARC Fresno staff and 2 self-advocates. Staff provided information about SCDD regional offices and what we do. Disseminated SCDD and DRC brochures, information about employment 1st, Self determination, and the NCI and QA project.
- Staff performed two-hour training on regional center services and the fair hearing process to a Spanish-speaking parent support group. There were 37 attendees and the presentation was given in Spanish. Topics included the role of the regional center, strategies for the individual program plan (IPP), and requesting services, handling denials for requests for services, how to request a fair hearing

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<p>Supporting and Educating Communities(Cont.):</p> <p>fair hearing strategies and procedures, and how to have a positive relationship with the regional center while being a strong advocate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff provided technical assistance to 4 family advocates seeking information for other agencies that potentially would be able to assist them regarding regional center issues: 2 calls were referred to OCRA; 1 case regarding educational matters was referred to DRC and IEP information and materials were emailed. Also, an attorney called to request information on the respite assessment process at regional center resources were provided. A parent called regarding conservatorships and options for living options, contact information for OCRA was provided. <p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SCDD Los Angeles Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) received training at their June meeting pertaining to the role and activities of the Disabled Resources Center of Long Beach (DRCLB), one of California's independent living centers (ILCs). The executive director and two board members of DRCLB provided a presentation on the role of DRCLB and ILCs and the specific activities and grants undertaken by them. ▪ Staff participated in the planning meeting for the 2016 Involved Exceptional Parents Day Conference to be held April 9, 2016. The committee discussed and developed a Save the Date Flyer and the Call for Papers. Both items will be sent out in the month of July, 2015. A theme was discussed and chosen as well as ideas for potential workshop topics. The following members attended: Parents, Marine Corp Exceptional Family Member Program, local attorneys, Naval Base Exceptional Family Member Program, Team of Advocates for Special Kids, Life Day Program, San Diego Unified School District, Poway Unified School District, Exceptional Family Resource Center, Down Syndrome Association, Neighborhood House Head Start, Crimson Center, South County Special Education Local Planning Area, local medical doctor, Home of Guiding Hands. ▪ Staff in collaboration with the Mendocino College Foster and Kinship Care staff, and local foster agency programs is currently working together to assess areas of need and to plan and provide training and information to foster families or families considering becoming foster families or considering adoption. Through our collaborative efforts, families have been and will be provided with information which helps families to better understand their children and empowers them to become educated about resources regarding assessments and evaluations and the importance of early intervention. The team is currently meeting to identify training needs for the upcoming academic year. ▪ Staff coordinated and facilitated the monthly planning meeting upcoming parent conference that will be held on October 3, 2015. The group continued discussions on potential speakers and workshop topics. Some of the topics suggested were How to Advocate for Your Child, Accessing Resources, IEPs and 504 Plans What is the Difference, Assessments and Full Inclusion. The group also spent time discussing possible locations for the event due to the fact that the original site has raised its facility usage fees and they are cost prohibitive. In addition to parents the following agencies participated in the conference planning: Imperial Valley SELPA, EFRC, TASK, Crimson Center, Home of Guiding Hands, Arc- Imperial Valley and the San Diego Regional Center. 	

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- SCDD staff collaborated with the Community Outreach Coordinator and Family Support at Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) to offer a community training on "Purchase of Services (POS) Guidelines & Regional Center Services: What You Should Know." This workshop covered topics, including, but not limited to the RCOC POS Guidelines, regional center services, how to use the POS Guidelines to justify service requests, and case-specific question and answer session to use the POS Guidelines to real scenarios.
- The Adoptions and Dependency Unit at the Orange County Social Services Agency (OCSSA) requested SCDD staff to provide an in-service for their social workers on the regional center intake and eligibility process. This presentation covered early start and Lanterman eligibility, how to prepare an effective application, how to advocate during the process, and what to do if denied.
- SCDD staff developed and presented a PowerPoint on "Getting Regional Center Services through Your IPP," covering the IPP process, preparing for the IPP meeting, regional center services, and effective advocacy techniques.
- Staff collaborated with Disability Rights CA Office of Clients Rights Advocacy to provide training for family members on regional center services and rights. The training covered the role of SCDD and DRC, the Lanterman Act, regional center eligibility, services, appeal rights, and preparing for IPP meetings. Additionally, staff supported a self-advocate to present on IPP empowerment. The family members (16) attending the training requested staff to return to provide additional trainings. Staff is supporting one family to prepare for their IPP meeting. The preparation process and material developed for the family's IPP meeting will be presented to the other families at training in September 2015.
- Staff continues to collaborate with San Diego Regional Center (SDRC), EFRC, Arc San Diego, TASK, San Diego Unified School District, SDSUD, Azusa Pacific College, California Southern Optimist Clubs, and Parents Institute for Quality Education. Staff attended the monthly FERIA committee meeting on 6/11/15 to discuss plans to host a conference for Spanish speaking parents who have a child with special needs. The committee spent a majority of the meeting discussing the vision and mission of the group as it pertains to the conference including conference workshop strands was also discussed.
- Staff spoke with a mother regarding her son who is working at Safeway in Sonora. He applied for the job on his own initiative and was hired. He is not supported by anyone, but his mother who fears he may lose his job because he is unable to read and lacks a visual task list. He has not discussed the change in life circumstances with his service coordinator. Staff suggested the family contact Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and let their service coordinator know of the change in needs. Staff suggested a planning team meeting and described the role of Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and the regional center system in supporting employment. The mother seemed unaware of the resources available and the process including needed service requests in the son's IPP.
- Staff spoke with a mother regarding her adult son who is not attending a day program or any other day activity. The mother shared that her son tried a day program after ending his educational program, but that it did not work out because she felt her son was unsafe in that environment. This is a non verbal individual who has a tendency for elopement. Mother would like to see her son once again in a day program environment and noted that she had only been given the name of the failed day program option from her son's service coordinator so she has been unable to assess other

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options. Staff suggested the family contact Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) and let their service coordinator know of the change in needs. Including a planning team meeting and staff described the types of day programs in the area. The mother seemed unaware of the resources available and the process including needed service requests in the son's IPP.

- Staff spoke with a mother regarding her 15 year old daughter who resides in Mountain Ranch. The child is severely disabled, medically fragile and requires 24 hour supervision and support. The mother is requesting support in the home to allow for the child's safety and well being. It is difficult to staff the case due to the remote area where she lives. The mother requested that the regional center either provide the needed support or to vendor her husband to provide the care. Currently the husband must work outside the home to support the family. The regional center denied the family's request and a state level fair hearing is scheduled next week to resolve the issue. Staff provided instruction to the parent regarding how the appeal process works at the state level and what to expect at the hearing. Staff referred to Disability Rights of California and the Clients Rights Advocate. Mother said she had tried those routes and was denied. She was told that DRC does not take individual cases and CRA felt the case to complex and time consuming for their office.

Education and Early Intervention Training:

- Staff posted 21 articles and announcements on social media sites regarding education and early intervention. Topics included inclusion in general education classrooms and transition with a total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Staff provided technical assistance to 4 unique callers regarding special education and regional center services, eligibility and supports.
- Staff responded to and provided technical assistance to 4 calls regarding special education services and supports, assistive technology, placement and least restrictive environment questions.
- Staff responded to parent requests from 5 families seeking advocacy assistance relating to special education. Staff educated families on their rights and provided technical assistance and support on specific areas of concern. In two cases, staff referred family the low cost attorney list on the OAH website due to the nature of their case. In two cases, staff specifically addressed Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) concerns and developed a strategy for the family to utilize with the school districts.
- SCDD staff received multiple phone calls from March through June 2015 alleging that the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) was unilaterally closing special education programs, classrooms, services, and changing placements. As a result, staff attended LBUSD's Community Advisory Committee meeting on 4/15/15 in order to gather additional information and conduct outreach to evaluate the pervasiveness of this issue. The issue has subsequently appeared to pervasively deny many students of their special education rights. On 6/3/15, Council staff attended LBUSD's meeting where they explained the details behind the change in classrooms and the program that would be provided to those who chose it. LBUSD staff indicated that they now realize this meeting should have occurred two years ago when they first began closing classrooms and re-opening new ones. A handout on the classroom was distributed by LBUSD. Staff received feedback from special education advocates and attorneys. Staff has developed a plan for working collaboratively with LBUSD to resolve this apparent systemic violation of the rights many special education students.

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- Staff met with a parent group in the Santa Clarita Valley to talk about issues they are having with their SELPA and local school districts. The primary concern that came up was a move by Saugus USD to change school placements unilaterally. It eliminates some options for students to move back and forth between moderate/severe classes and mild/moderate classes. Some parents indicated that their elementary aged children have been to 5-6 different schools. We discussed some strategies for addressing these issues. Several documents were distributed on mediation, filing complaints, and due process. Staff asked parents to contact our office if they have issues with their IEPs to see if there is a systemic issue that can be addressed by SCDD staff.
- SCDD staff developed and presented a PowerPoint on "Learning Environments that Foster Inclusion of Children with Disabilities" in Spanish to childcare providers at Children's Home Society, the Child Care Resources & Referral Program serving all of Orange County. This presentation focused on the following objectives: (1) why environment is important, (2) understanding the fears that providers have (3) creating a proactive learning environment, (4) how to have and create an inclusive childcare setting, (5) identifying unique needs of children, and (6) ADA requirements.
- Staff was asked by San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) to provide training to service coordinators on the IEP process and special education rights. Staff provided two-hour training to 13 SARC employees.
- Staff received 5 calls for assistance with special education issues during this 1-month period. All inquiries were answered by phone or email or referred to other community agencies providing resources and advocacy. All families were offered a list of community resources and invited to attend upcoming Special Education trainings to increase their knowledge and ability to advocate for their family member. Some were given or mailed additional printed materials and resources pertaining to their particular area of need. All families were encouraged to join our email list and visit the SCDD website for additional information.
- SCDD staff provided training on educational rights and responsibilities to individuals in Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties. Staff presented examples of special education training and supports including least restrictive environment and placement, behavioral supports, assistive technology, Individual Education Plan Compliance and Transition concerns. Advocates also help parents request and understand assessment process for Special Education. Collaboration with school administration and personnel occurred to promote inclusive practices and ensure students with the supports necessary to make progress and increase independence. Staff continues to coordinate with the staff of the H.E.A.R.T.S Connection to review students current individual situation and concerns/issues. Parents are also trained on how to advocate for their child or children. Additionally, 18 students will begin and/or continue to receive services and accommodations that are appropriate because their family member has been trained.
- Staff responded to a call from a parent seeking support regarding an educational placement issue in San Joaquin County. She believes her 11 year old daughter is being harassed and threatened at school including a death threat and that the school refuses to act to support her child. Staff provided referral services to San Joaquin County SELPA, Disability Rights of California and to the California Department of Education to receive a clear understanding of her rights under the law and the schools responsibility to her daughter.

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Quality Assurance:

SCDD staff provided technical assistance and support to a regional representative of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) at the SSAN meeting in Sacramento on June 24 and 25, 2015. The regional SSAN representative reported on his presentations on regional updates and an upcoming regional self-advocacy meeting.

- Staff provided facilitation support at the Transition Resources for Adult Community Education (TRACE) Governance meeting on June 3, 2015. Staff engaged students (24) in an activity that focused on the choices people make in life and how choices whether small or big can impact their future. The students discussed choices they have made that had a positive outcome. Staff provided materials on the activity for all students to take back to their sites to share with their group and return to the next Governance meeting with a report on how the activity went. Updates were given by various members of the group including feedback on the conference and shared that they had a fabulous time and want to go back next year.
- Staff provided two-hour training in Spanish to a Spanish-speaking parent support group on how to perform a special education state compliance complaint; staff coordinated with Padres Unidos Por El Autismo, in Long Beach and there were 23 attendees (4 SA and 19 FA). As a result of these activities, SCDD staff attended two meetings at LBUSD during the past two months and conducted outreach activities. Outreach efforts have resulted in SCDD staff being invited to perform additional training on "How to Do a Special Education State Compliance Complaint."
- Staff provided technical support and training to individuals and their families in a variety of forums and formats. SCDD staff conducted training on the following area: employee complaints, strategies for intake, residential placement, conservatorship, a student's rights toward placement in a mainstream classroom, researching day and employment services, and advocating for placement, strategies to request a service and appropriateness of including families' income in decision making for an adult.
- As part of an ongoing effort to educate the community SCDD staff attended the Parent's Helping Parents (PHP) monthly meeting with parents of children and young adults with disabilities and provided technical support for families on systems navigation.
- SCDD staff was invited to provide training for Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC) staff on how to research residential services in Santa Clara County for individuals with developmental and mental health needs. Training provided informative support to the SVILC service of arranging independent living for residents of nursing homes and other congregant living situations.
- Staff provided technical support to service coordinators at Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC) in the Central Coast region regarding out of state school placement and funding of family travel to and from home to school.

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

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- In collaboration with ParentsCAN, staff conducted training for 2 students and 3 family members on IEP empowerment on 6/29/15. Staff assisted the students to develop individualized PowerPoint presentations highlighting their strengths, interests, goals, and supports needed to succeed.
- Staff drafted and distributed the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles Office E-Newsletter #43 to 1,415 current subscribers on 6/12/15. This edition announced the retirement of manager Roberta Newton, and topics focused on: an update on the Self-Determination Program; a new study on children with autism; and a link to the USC UCEDD webinar on Self-Determination.
- Staff drafted a special edition and distributed the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles Office E-Newsletter #44 to 1,415 current subscribers on 6/30/15. This edition focused on the upcoming training for Self-Determination Facilitators on July 30, 2015.
- Staff met with the chairperson of the Vallejo Community Advisory Committee for Special Education to plan outreach and training activities for the 2015-2016 school year. We developed plans to publicize CAC meetings on the district website, increase distribution of CAC flyers, and identified training topics for the year. Staff is coordinating with district special education administrators to secure meeting locations and assistance with outreach activities.
- Staff supported 3 self-advocates to apply for the North Bay Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). The North Bay SDAC is a collaborative effort between the SCDD North Bay Office, North Bay Regional Center, and DRC Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA). Staff assisted self-advocates with the completion and submission their applications. The 3 self-advocates were all selected to be members of the SDAC.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD staff attended the East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Board meeting on 6/9/15. The first half of the meeting was the public meeting to discuss ELARC's plans to address caseload ratios and their plan for correction. ELARC meets ratios in three of five areas but not for Medicaid clients and "other" clients. Per the request of retired director, Roberta Newton, ELARC provided the public a breakdown of how their money is spent. Their contention is there are no funds available to shift into caseload reduction and the only solution is to get more money from the state budget. The ELARC indicated that the requested increase is not looking likely to happen this year. This news was met with great disappointment by the board. Staff encouraged them to take the long view that very little happens in one year legislatively.
- Staff partnered with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) on 6/24/15 to organize and facilitate the first meeting of GGRC's Self-Determination Advisory Committee. The meeting included an overview of the Self-Determination program and a discussion of the committee's future goals and activities. The next meeting will take place on 7/24/15.
- Staff attended North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLARC) public meeting to discuss case load ratios and their plans to address areas where they are out of compliance. They do not meet ratios in three of five areas, as reported. NLARC did not provide any specific information about their ratios. However, approximately 20 service coordinators indicated that they have caseloads of over 100 clients and wanted to discuss the new practice of disciplining staff for not completing all of their paperwork, even as caseloads have increased. Several families present also discussed a recent change in having difficulty getting responses from their service coordinators when that wasn't a problem before. SCDD staff asked what the ratios actually were, what plans they have to address the ratios outside of

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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

requesting additional funding, and referenced a letter sent by Roberta Newton (retired manager) requesting information about the breakdown of money spent by NLACRC; no response received.

- Staff assists in the organizing and marketing in collaboration with California Vocations Inc., and Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy to organize training for families, service providers and interested community members a presentation by Dr. Neil Schwartz, Professor of Psychology at California State University, Chico (CSUC) on "Positive Approaches to Behavior." The training was held on 6/17/15 from 6-8pm at COVE, a program of California Vocations Inc. The topics included: A basic model of learning, Understanding effective antecedents, Understanding the relative perceptual nature of consequences, Factors that influence the effectiveness of consequences, Ways to decrease negative behavior, Discovering effective reinforcement for people with Autism, Learning and the anger and frustration threshold and the ethics of behavior change. Dr. Schwartz is a Professor of Psychology at CSUC, and a licensed Psychologist in the State of Arizona, and regards his work with children and adults with developmental disabilities as his most important.
- Staff partnered with Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) to organize and facilitate the first meeting of RCEB's Self-Determination Advisory Committee. The meeting included an overview of the Self-Determination program and a discussion of the committee's future goals and activities. The next meeting will take place on 8/3/15.
- Staff gave a presentation at Harambee Kinship Center on SB 468: Self-Determination. The audience for the presentation included 7 family members and 3 service providers. The presentation included an overview of the Self-Determination law and a discussion of the potential impact to people served, families, service providers and regional centers.
- SCDD staff supported the Leading the Charge Conference for self-advocates, transition students and teachers, family members, regional center staff, and other programs. The conference is provided at a low or no cost to the community. Service providers contribute, as well as funds raised for the Legislative Forum are utilized to provide this day long conference with various strands of topics. Attendees are invited to participate in any of the trainings that interest them, but the program committee attempts to offer opportunities that would appeal specifically to self-advocates, families and staff. Since this was our first meeting to plan the program, we identified areas of interest that will be refined. Self-Determination, Tailored Day Services, Customized Employment, College 2 Career, the ABLE Act, WIOA, Micro-Enterprise, Person-Driven Planning, and Disability Services and the differences between K-12 and College were areas we would like to focus on. Various presenters were identified, and the next meeting was scheduled.
- As a member of the San Diego Regional Center Strategic Planning Committee, SCDD staff participated in developing the goals and objectives for the San Diego Regional Center to utilize in their Strategic Plan. The focus of this particular Strategic Plan is to ensure adequately trained staff, and the lines of communication are clear. The DRAFT Strategic Plan will be presented to the full Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting in July if completed. If not, it might be presented at the August 2015 meeting.

Quality Assurance and Innovation:

Staff coordinated and facilitated the wrap up meeting regarding the Sibling event that was held on May 30, 2015. Feedback regarding how the event could be improved was gathered but overall everyone felt it was a successful event and made a difference in the children that participated in the event. Leveraged funds: \$350.00 covered the cost of the facility usage fee for the sibling event.

Quality Assurance and Innovation (Cont.):

- SCDD staff conducted a presentation on Self-Determination for the Pasadena Child Development Associates family support group on 6/16/15, and 12 family members attended.
- Staff conducted two, hour-long presentations on Self-Determination for the FREE Parent Group in Whittier on 6/18/15. The first presentation was for parents of young children. There were 30 participants in attendance. The second presentation was for parents with adult children and 25 participants attended. Attendees' questions focused on how the three-year phase-in participants will be selected, how the individual budget will be determined for families who haven't received the services they feel they need, and the person-centered planning process.
- Staff attended the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center board meeting on June 24, 2015. A group of volunteers and athletes gave a presentation to the board about the upcoming Special Olympic World Games. Following the presentation the board discussed the status of the state budget and the Governor's call for a special session to look into the possibility of restoring services that were cut in previous years. The board representative for ARCA reported on the budget and the future of the DD system. The director of the Clients Services Advisory Committee reported that Self-Determination was discussed at their meeting. When questioned by a board member he expressed confusion about the program. After the meeting, staff offered to provide a Self-Determination presentation for the committee, and they indicated that they would be interested.
- Staff participated in a quarterly Advocacy Networking meeting in collaboration with Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) and Rowell Family Empowerment Center of Northern (RFENC). The purpose of the networking is to identify training needs based on themes or requests made, discuss advocacy trends. Collaborative projects for strengthening advocacy skills and strategies were identified and together it was decided to organize and plan training for service coordinators, service providers and community service specialists at FNRC. OCRA will provide the training and FNRC will coordinate the location and logistics; RFENC and SCDD, North State Office will promote the training. The training will be 8-4-15 from 1-3pm at Gaia Hotel in Anderson. The topic will be "Advocacy 101: How Can You be an Effective Advocate." To address IEP, IPP and IHSS and advocacy around the services. The Self-Determination Program (SDP) was also discussed. The North State Self-Determination Advisory Community meeting is scheduled for 6/12/15 meeting and the agenda was reviewed. OCRA, FNRC and SCDD, North State Office reviewed the 6-5-15 Department of Developmental Services (DDS) – Implementation Update Memo to Regional Center Executive Directors. The issues included in the memo include: SDP Waiver Application Status, Local Volunteer Advisory Committees, SDP Enrollment Process - including outreach, information and the selection process. Additionally, feedback and suggestions from the committee will be essential for a successful program was discussed.

Staff participated in planning the 6/15/15 Butte County Coordinating Council (BCCC) meeting in collaboration with California Vocations, Inc. The representative and Self-Determination Committee member is also the Chairperson of BCCC. The meeting included a review of the survey results that BCCC developed to gain input from the community in certain areas. The survey seeks to determine the views of the present state of such progress in employment, leisure and other aspects of daily life. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Unfortunately, a small number of people completed the survey; however, the results were fascinating. The main areas of need are better transportation options and services, specifically with public transportation and increased employment opportunities. These were not a surprise to BCCC members. BCCC plans to continue to develop surveys that inform and provide evidence for unmet needs in the Butte County community. BCCC members also elected a self-advocate to be appointed to the Far Northern Regional Center Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously passed. North State Office staff serves as Secretary of the BCCC and promptly completed a support letter for the candidate.

Quality Assurance and Innovation (Cont.):

- SCDD staff participated and presented along with members of Far Northern Regional Center Board of Directors on 6/26/15. The presentation included SCDD updates with a PowerPoint presentation developed by staff. It was explained that the job of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is to support and serve people in California with developmental disabilities and those who care about them. Staff and councilmember reported the Council is beginning to work on its next 5-year State Plan and would like their assistance in identifying needs for the development of a new 5 year State Plan. The State Plan surveys were distributed and reviewed. The surveys were collected and appreciation was expressed.
- Staff handled all aspects of presenting a seminar for consumers, parents, and professionals entitled "The Role of the Facilitator in Self-Determination." Staff created a flyer and promoted this event by U.S. mail, email, SCDD newsletter, and circulated at community events. Staff arranged venue, handled registration, language interpreters, signage, and refreshments. Sixty-two people attended. Speakers were SCDD L.A. office staff. Interpretation was provided in Japanese and Spanish. Staff obtained a fee waiver from the City of Whittier for room rental at the Whittier Community Center. Funds leveraged were based on room rental at \$45 per hour for 3 hours for total of \$135.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). Staff attended the monthly VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee and VMRC Board Meeting. The Self Determination Advisory Committee was discussed and staff requested to do a presentation on Self-Determination at their September Board meeting. Staff was asked to assist VMRC in reviewing their Employment First policy and help put into plain language. Staff and VMRC made changes to the policy based on this input. The VMRC Board to approve this policy.
- Staff provided support to SCDD appointees of the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) by meeting with them prior to the SDAC meeting. At the pre-meeting, appointees expressed their concerns and SCDD staff addressed them. Additionally, staff monitored the WRC SDAC meeting as well as provided technical assistance as appropriate. Though not noted on the meeting agenda, a review of the proposed service definitions was conducted.
- Staff provided support to SCDD appointees of the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). Staff attended and monitored the SDAC meeting, as well as, provided information and technical assistance as appropriate. Staff provided a flyer for facilitator training on 6/6/15 for distribution.

SCDD staff met with Regional Center staff to review applications and to appoint members to the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Letters were sent to appointees, as well as, those who were not selected for the committee at this time. The committee will consist of seven members including the a representative from Disability Rights California and Office of Clients Rights Advocacy, each county within the catchment area will have one family or self-advocate (client), and there will be a one at large community advocate and one at large community leader. An introductory meeting was held on 6/26/2015 for members to introduce themselves and share with the group why they wanted to be on the committee. Due to limited response in one county, the announcement will be re-posted for an extended period of time to reflect the geographical and cultural diversity of the region.

Staff provided support to the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) along with IRC's Director of Community Services. The group was able to identify what their ongoing schedule would reflect what topics they would like in some of the future trainings and were able to meet one another at this first meeting.

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

Quality Assurance and Innovation (Cont.):

- SCDD staff attended the monthly Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting with 9 people were in attendance, and reviewed the board meeting and clarified any questions the members had regarding the Regional Center board meeting. The group discussed the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) and how all of the groups interrelate with one another. In addition there was a review of the roles that each representative has to the other groups within the self-advocacy network. All self-advocates reported on the activities their groups are engaging in. The group also decided to put forward a recommendation to the San Diego Regional Center Board of Directors to consider adopting an Employment First Policy.
- Staff participated in the North State Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on 6/12/15 in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California, Self-Advocates, Parents, North Valley Services Representative, and Chair of the Service Provider Advisory Committee for the FNRC region. The meeting provided background of Self-Determination Program (SDP) including early Robert Wood Johnson pilots, California Regional Center pilots and review of Senate Bill (SB) 468. The agenda also discussed role of the committee members and planning for the education of community members. A regional conference and orientation meetings will be scheduled throughout the region. During the first three years of the SDP, enrollment is limited to 2,500 consumers; therefore, consumers and families must be aware of self-determination as an option. To assist with the provision of wide-spread outreach and awareness of the SDP, an informational video is being developed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that will feature consumers and families currently in the self-determination pilot project, as well as, those who are interested in the SDP. The informational video, which will be available in multiple languages, will be completed in the summer of 2015. Interested consumers and families will be required to participate in an informational/pre-enrollment meeting covering topics identified by the Department, including, information regarding the principles of self-determination, the role of the financial management services provider and the development of an individual budget. It is important people have this detailed information prior to being considered for enrollment in the SDP. The next North State Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 9/18/15 from 10am-12noon at FNRC in Chico, CA.
- Staff provided two-hour training to 62 individuals on the role of the facilitator in the self-determination program. In addition to materials for the curriculum, materials promoting available training opportunities and SCDD's recent name change flyer were distributed.
- SCDD staff participated in the regional center's QA committee as part of its commitment to improve quality throughout the services system. At the meeting, Self-Injury Reports and other QA indicators were reviewed. To represent needs of the community and promote collaboration, staff attended the San Andreas Board Meeting and shared the activities of the work groups and task forces, as well as, gave board members updates on the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC).
- Staff attended and participated at the Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6). SCDD is on their agenda each meeting. Staff discussed the Self-Determination Advisory Committee and the need to get people from Amador, Calaveras & Tuolumne County on the committee. The SAC6 meeting was held in Amador County and staff was able to secure an interested Self-Advocate from there as well as Tuolumne County. Staff also assisted the SSAN representative in sharing his planned SAC6 presentation to the SSAN members at their June meeting. SAC6 gave their input to the presentation.

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

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff participated in a two-day Forensic Forum hosted by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). The forum highlighted best practices in serving individuals with developmental disabilities within the forensic system. Staff will continue to work collaboratively with ARCA to address system barriers and improve outcomes for people served and their families.
- Staff organized and implemented a meeting of our East Bay Coalition on Disabilities and Criminal Justice. Representatives from Regional Center of the East Bay, Alameda and Contra Costa DD Councils, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and local family members and service providers attended. The meeting focused on clarifying our plan for outreach and training to local law enforcement. As a next step, training plans will be solidified for the Richmond Police Department and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department. Additionally, plans will be put in place to host a panel presentation from local law enforcement, which will focus on best practices in engaging people with developmental disabilities.
- Staff continued collaborating with Get Safe in order to arrange the 7 First Responder trainings. Staff organized and booked 3 first responder trainings to be held in July (2 in Santa Clara County and 1 in San Benito County), and 4 to be held in August in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Staff is working with Get Safe on marketing the trainings to the community. Also, staff collaborated with Paradigm Services to offer students with developmental disabilities an opportunity to assist at the upcoming trainings.
- Staff is collaborating with Cycle 37 Grantee Get Safe staff to plan for First Responder Training and Self Advocate Training scheduled for the North Coast in August 2015. Staff is collaborating closely with Rural Human Services who will help to facilitate the Del Norte County Training for first responders and Community Cornerstone that sponsors the Redwood Summer Games that will include the Self-Advocate Training Component of the Grant. This will be the only self-advocate training for the region but the event draws participants from all counties in the area so this was an ideal opportunity to partner with the community. Staff will work closely with numerous provider organizations to promote the self-advocate training region wide. Staff will continue working with Get Safe staff and local partner agencies to facilitate event planning for the Law Enforcement/First Responder Training in the region.
- SCDD staff met (by phone) with a Deputy from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Sheriff's Office of our newly-formed East Bay Coalition on Disabilities and Criminal Justice and to ask whether the Sheriff's Office would be interested in training on the subject of developmental disabilities. The response was very positive; the Sheriff's Office is interested in training. Staff will work with our East Bay Coalition to develop a training outline and follow-up with the Sheriff's Office next month.
- Staff met with a Deputy from the San Francisco Sheriff's Office to invite him to participate in our East Bay Coalition on Disabilities and Criminal Justice, in order to provide input from the perspective of a law enforcement officer. The Deputy agreed to participate and the next meeting will be on 6/29/15.
- Staff attended the first of 5 consumer trainings sponsored by SCDD's mini-grantee Get Safe. Get Safe trained approximately 30 UCP Culver City program participants on tips for home, community, transit, and cyber safety. The training provided numerous opportunities for interaction, practice, role-playing, and personal stories sharing.

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

- Four times a year PERT Academy (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team) offers a 3 day resource fair to inform the participants of the services and supports that are available to people with disabilities and the State Council provides information tables. SCDD staff distributes informational articles regarding people with disabilities and field response tips to educate and support communities. The 23 San Diego County PERT teams consist of specially trained officers and deputies who are paired with licensed mental health professionals. PERT teams Provide clinical support to law enforcement and the community for calls involving persons having a mental health crisis. Together, they respond on-scene to situations involving people who are experiencing a mental health related crisis and have come to the attention of law enforcement. The goal is to provide the most clinically appropriate resolution to the crisis by linking people to the least restrictive level of care that is appropriate and to help prevent the unnecessary incarceration or hospitalization of those seen.

Goal 5	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff is participating in the planning and facilitation of an emergency preparedness project with Tehama County Coordinating Council. The project will involve Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) consumers who attend North Valley Services Programs and Peer Trainers that are supported by We Care a lot Foundation (WCALF) in a demonstration on preparing emergency "Go Bags" in the event of an emergency of any kind at the Tehama County District Fair on 9/25/15. "Feeling Safe, Being Safe" is a peer training presentation that can be given at day programs, care homes, apartment complexes, community Emergency Preparedness Fairs and more. The planning committee of the Tehama County Coordinating Council (TCCC) will be working with WCALF's Feeling Safe, Being Safe Peer Training Team to train consumers who attend North Valley Service Programs. To demonstrate how to put together a Go Bag and provide education on what and why the items are important in the event of an emergency. Also, to provide education on how important it is to be prepared and ready. This was a demonstration of what will occur at the Tehama County District Fair.
- The 9th Annual Disability Expo provided a free opportunity for persons with disabilities, seniors, caregivers, family, friends, and members of the public, at one location to collect information about a multitude of programs, services and technology. Information and education at this event is the key to giving people the tools to direct the choice of services they receive and to live safely and independently in the community. SCDD was recognized as a sponsor for the event and made available "In Case of Emergency Cards," Med-cards, a one-page health profile and promoted the upcoming Get Safe Self-Advocate training. Collaborative community partners and agencies involved: Pacific Gas & Electric, Humboldt Transit Authority CA Telephone Access Program, North State Assistive Technology, Hamilton Relay Accessible telecommunications, College of Redwoods Disabled Students Disabled students programs, Eureka Police Department How to prevent fraud and scams, City of Eureka Pedestrian safety campaign, Social Security Administration, Enriching Lives, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Humboldt Domestic Violence Serv. Support & Crisis Assistance, CA Dept. of Rehabilitation

Goal 5	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

Services, Lighthouse of the North Coast Blind & low vision services, The Low Vision Store Blind & low vision technology, People First of Eureka, Chance 4 Change, IHSS Care Provider Registry Referral, Elite Caregivers In-home care caregiver agency, Redwood Healthcare Services Skilled nursing services, Humboldt Senior Resource Center, St. Joseph Health care, Humboldt Allies Substance Abuse Prevention, Hope Center Wellness center, Reading Services of the Redwoods On-air access to printed publications, Humboldt Caregivers, Area 1 Agency on Aging Senior, Making Headway Center Traumatic Brain Injury services, Redwood Coast Regional Center, California MENTOR, Del Norte Supported Living Services, Juice Plus/Tower Garden Vegetable, Eureka Veterans Center Veteran Services, and Tri-County Independent Living.

- SCDD staff attended the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department's Disability Coalition Stakeholder meeting on 6/10/15. This group is composed of representatives from the City of L.A., various disability organizations, the Department of Mental Health, Dept. of Housing, Red Cross, and various transportation entities. This meeting included: a presentation by the L.A. Department of Transportation about agreements between transportation entities to coordinate transport needs in a disaster and a presentation by the Braille institute about how to assist individuals with low vision. There was also lively discussion about the perceived lack of emergency planning coordination between L.A. City and L.A. County. Staff encouraged and recommended special attention be given to the needs of individuals with cognitive impairments and to individuals who may have behavioral challenges which can be exacerbated in stressful situations.

Goal 6	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
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Employment:

- SCDD staff participated on the Advisory Board meeting of Santa Rosa Junior College's College to Career (C2C) program on June 15, 2015. The second cohort of 20 students graduated in May 2015 after completing their 3-year program. Upon their graduation, almost all of the graduates were either employed or have been hired for jobs.
- Staff met with the Marin Center for Independent Living, Casa Allegra Community Services, the Marin County Office of Education and Marin Workability, and Matrix (the Marin Family Resource Network) to discuss plans for a Marin County Summit on Transition. This meeting focused on finalizing an application for a grant through a Marin Endowment. If awarded the grant, Marin Center for Independent Living will work collaboratively with SCDD and other partners to develop an online transition resource directory for Marin County.
- SCDD staff created and posted the "Roadmap to Day and Employment Services" on our SCDD website. This roadmap is part of a larger collaborative effort with the Disability Collaborative to plan for a Summit in November 2015 to discuss Transition Services. The Disability Collaborative will offer trainings to educate and help families transition. The Collaborative includes providers and educators from Santa Clara County. Possible areas of training will include the upcoming changes in day services, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and the importance of person-centered planning.

Goal 6 (Cont.)	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
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Education and Early Intervention:

- SCDD staff attended an online webinar chat regarding “Postsecondary Transition in Special Education: A Parent and Student Perspective” coordinated by Education Week. Staff also provided technical support to promote this webinar through our 10-county area email list encouraging families to participate in this chat. Several young adults with developmental and learning disabilities, their parents, and several professionals participated. Preparing for transition, resources for transition and support in college, challenges facing students with I/DD in college, vocational and career goals, residential college programs that cater to individuals with I/DD were all discussed. “When students with disabilities leave high school, they also leave behind the extensive rules and regulations that come with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. While many young adults can transition seamlessly into college or work, others find the lack of structure challenging. Parents may not know where to get the additional assistance that their children may still need. Young adults, unused to self-advocacy, may find it difficult to navigate a new set of expectations and requirements,” stated Education Week staff.
- Staff was contacted by regional center staff seeking information on school transition; specifically, what is the difference between a diploma and a certificate of completion, what characteristics and educational abilities would influence someone more towards one or the other, can the parent challenge the track that the school is suggesting; what happens in a transition program, what encompasses the “transition program,” and are there limitations that one has if they choose the certificate track over the diploma track. Staff provided technical assistance and responded to each issue and provided resource information from Matrix Parent Network and Disability Rights California.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- In an effort to collaborate with the Autism Society of the San Francisco Bay Area, staff attended this event which brought family advocates and a limited number of professionals together for the purpose of education and resource sharing. Participants at this event were mostly family advocates of transition age children. Staff shared resources and educated families regarding their regional center rights.

Goal 7	Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.
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Education and Early Intervention:

- Staff posted an article on social media sites regarding early intervention services and the benefits of inclusion at a very young age with a total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- SCDD staff met June 4, 2015 with the Mendocino College Child Development Advisory Committee that included, Head Start Lake and Mendocino, Ukiah High School Transition Program and Young Parent Program, Lake County Office of Education (LCOE), Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), MCOE SELPA, North Coast Opportunities Child Care Division, Head Start, and MCOE State Preschool. The child development specialist discussed early childhood development curriculum at the college and what class offerings are needed to meet the early intervention needs and early assessment

Goal 7 (Cont.)	Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.
<p>Education and Early Intervention (Cont.):</p> <p>curriculum. Staff discussed kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten teachers training needs because four and five-year-olds are a particular kind of challenge and the training needs of parents, foster parents and agencies working with children who have an intellectual and developmentally disabilities, and what classes are offered to Pre-K teachers and the child care providers to meet requirements to qualify to teach Pre-Kindergarten classes.</p> <p>Child Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff developed and presented a PowerPoint on "Learning Environments that Foster Inclusion of Children with Disabilities" for 4 childcare providers at Children's Home Society, the Child Care Resources and Referral Program serving all of Orange County. This presentation focused on the following objectives: (1) why environment is important; (2) creating a proactive learning environment; (3) how to have/create an inclusive childcare setting; (4) identifying unique needs of children; and (5) ADA requirements. 	

Goal 8	The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p>Employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff responded to calls from a number of families who are concerned with the quality of post-secondary day services for their children who are soon to transition into adult services. The specific concerns are the programs are not providing appropriate vocational training, are not promoting or instructing individual about appropriate social interaction or daily living skills. The services are not responsive to the needs of those diagnosed with autism. This was also an issue mentioned by several participants of the community meetings hosted by SCDD SV/MB. In response staff has formed a Day and Employment Workgroup. Work group participants have been identified, and a meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2015. ▪ Staff continues to collaborate with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Regional Center of Orange County, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Tustin, San Juan Capistrano, Saddleback, and other Adult Day Programs. Staff provided training on Employment First and facilitated a roundtable discussion to address questions and provide answers. ▪ Staff provided input to SCDD's Employment First Committee (EFC) regarding the identification of employers and employment models for people with I/DD that work at the local level. The EFC asked to assemble brief summaries of programs which are successful at employing people with I/DD. A description of the program and how it works. Staff reached out to Glenn County of Education, Department of Rehabilitation, Far Northern Regional Center and locally employed consumers who have maintained employment for quite some time. ▪ Staff provided technical assistance to the members of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Employment Work Group. They discussed the SSAN Employment First presentation materials to be presented to all SSAN members at their upcoming June 2015 meeting. They asked staff to copy all presentation materials and bring to the SSAN mtg. Staff put materials in labeled folders for each SSAN member. 	

Goal 8 (Cont.)	The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p>Employment (Cont.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff participated in a committee meeting where participants seek to maximize employment opportunities for adults with disabilities. Primary focus of meeting was to discuss the possible formation of a business advisory committee to influence employment opportunities for individuals with disability in the Sacramento area. Two educational representatives shared their experience on the formation of a business advisory committee in Southern California through a PowerPoint presentation and facilitated a discussion to address questions. 	

Goal 9	Working age adults with developmental disabilities have the necessary information, tools and supports to succeed in inclusive and gainful work opportunities.
<p>Supporting and Educating Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff posted an article on social media sites regarding employment opportunities and services that support job skill development for persons with I/DD. A total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. ▪ Staff attended a free seminar on June 25th, 2015 at the Ramada Inn in Fresno from 8:00am-12:45pm. The seminar was focused on how to get jobs for people with disabilities in government sites. They had a presenter from the Fresno County Personnel Office and Michelle Alfred-William, the manager of the DOR Work Development Section from Sacramento. They provided detailed information on the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) and scheduled programs. The LEAP is an alternate examination and appointment process for the recruitment and hiring of individuals with disabilities into State service. State Departments can utilize LEAP when filling vacant positions. <p>Employment/PSE Advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff participated in the 5th year of Project College which was by far the best yet! Project College is a weeklong college living experience offered to diploma/college bound students to give them the opportunity to experience actual college life. Students live in a dormitory, receive a meal card that they have to manage for the week, attend classes throughout the day, and attend various social and educational events in the evening. There were 8 men and 4 women accepted into the program this year. All the students are either going to college in the fall of 2015, or entering their senior year in high school, with plans to attend college following graduation. The majority students were individuals with autism, but we also had a student with cerebral palsy, another with ADHD, Bipolar Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome. <p>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In coordination with the Alameda County DD Council and local service providers, staff organized and attended a meeting of the East Bay Employment Task Force. This meeting included an overview of strategies implemented by Regional Center of Orange County to improve employment outcomes and a discussion of potential future training topics for local service providers. ▪ Staff attended the final planning meeting scheduled before the start of Project College on June 21, 2015. The schedule of classes and events for the week was reviewed and finalized; a schedule for staff and volunteers was confirmed. Issues such as transportation to the beach activity and Old Town was arranged for students that use wheelchairs; as well as, the review of any students' special needs 	

Goal 9 (Cont.)	Working age adults with developmental disabilities have the necessary information, tools and supports to succeed in inclusive and gainful work opportunities.
Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.): was accomplished, confirmed paperwork for students under 18 was in order for use of the pool and school tram services and all other last minute details were attended to.	

Goal 10	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
Interagency Collaboration and Coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff participates in Regional Coalition - The Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center, Passages Area Agency on Aging, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, California Health & Wellness and Legal Services of Northern California. Staff participates in the development of monthly meetings and projects with DAN grant manager from Disability Action Center, who is the recipient of The SCAN Foundation grant. At the 6/11/15 monthly meeting, DAN members reviewed and approved the final version of brochure. Discussion included number of brochures for each agency, community locations and outreach settings for brochure distribution. It was decided that 2,000 brochures will be professionally printed. The April 2015 Community of Constituents Conference was reviewed and the 2 DAN members that attended reported their observations of the conference. DAN members reviewed and discussed suggestions for local actions for Regional Coalitions. ▪ Staff met with the new Dental Director at the Alameda County Department of Public Health, as well as the Coordinator and for the Alameda County DD Council and a staff member from Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's office, to discuss strategies to improve access to dental care for people with developmental disabilities in Alameda County. Eastern Alameda County and Fremont were identified as the areas with the greatest need for new dental resources. The Dental Director will present to the county's Health Committee next week to promote a county-wide mandate for dental sealants for first and fifth graders. She will also pursue dental care as an IEP objective for children in special education. SCDD staff agreed to work with her to advocate for increased Denti-Cal rates and to explore the expansion of Virtual Dental Homes in Alameda County. ▪ In collaboration with its community health partners, SCDD staff hosted a Taskforce meeting for the Behavioral Health Subcommittee and County healthcare officials: CalOptima's Behavioral Healthcare CMO, UC Irvine Health's Executive Director of Government Affairs; Legal Aid of Orange County's Healthcare Attorney, the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), as well as, self-advocates and their families. Taskforce members met to address the critical lack of appropriate and timely care for dually-diagnosed Orange County residents in need of behavioral healthcare crisis intervention, services, placement, and follow-up resulting in patients languishing in ERs for far too long, waiting for proper treatment and/or placement. ▪ Staff attended the monthly wellness committee meeting (8 people in attendance) The group discussed their participation at the annual San Diego People First conference during the street fair. They also reviewed the details from the Disaster Preparedness training that was held on June 11, 2015 and 45 people were in attendance. The group made plans to host another disaster presentation at the end of August in a different location and began planning the annual Health and Wellness Symposium that is typically held in October 2015. 	

Goal 10 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
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Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:

- Staff participated in a webinar coordinated by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on June 18, 2015 to discuss a proposed "Policy for General Anesthesia and Intravenous Sedation for Denti-Cal Patients." Questions were allowed from various dental providers and advocates. SCDD staff attended the Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC) meeting where the guidelines were discussed at length. Many agencies are concerned with how the guidelines may reduce access to care and create more levels of procedures for approval (or denial) to accessing dental care. The greatest concern was how it would affect adults with I/DD to access dental care in a timely manner. The committee submitted comments to DHCS after the meeting. SCDD staff collaborated with the Dental Coordinator from North Bay Regional Center, the Director of Clinical Services at Alta Regional Center, ARCA, and DDS to be sure comments were being submitted from these agencies. Another topic of discussion was the 10% increase in dental reimbursement passed in the budget. Federal approval will be required before implementation. Managed care plans stated they already pay higher than Denti-Cal rates so they don't think this will have a great effect on access to care. It may be more beneficial for fee-for-service providers. SCDD submitted a letter of concern to DHCS on June 25, 2015.
- Staff is an active member of the SCAN Foundation funded Regional Coalition called Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) and participates in the monthly Regional Coalition Conference calls, along with our DAN project manager. Collaborators include The SCAN Foundation and the other 18 Regional Coalitions projects that exist across the state of California and locally from Disability Action Center (formerly Independent Living Center from Northern California (ILSNC). The Regional Coalition call on 6/4/15 included a presentation and PowerPoint by Charlene Harrington, RN, PhD, FAAN; emerita professor, UCSF School of Nursing, as well as, www.CalQualityCare.org, established 2002.

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- Staff posted articles on social media sites regarding health care and behavioral health access for persons with I/DD. A total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Staff continues to collaborate with the County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Prevention and Planning, Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC), Boys and Girls Club, and Ukiah Unified School District to discuss the development of a training program entitled "Bicycle Training Project" to teach individuals with intellectual and developmentally disabilities to ride a bicycle. There are now 5 collaborative partners and 3 family advocates participating in project planning. The "Cycle without Limits" Bike Camp provided by United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of the North Bay called "Play without Limits." This activity will provide a variety of health benefits as well as recreational and improved social skills and helps build self-esteem for participants. Thus far 6 collaborators: 1-Mendocino County include HHS Prevention and Planning; 7- Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center; 3- Rotary; and 1 Special Olympics Coordinator. The project was also discussed with the Special Olympics Coordinator in Ukiah, and the staff from the Health Department has taken the training to be able to offer a course along with Sonoma County trainers using their adaptive equipment to provide the training here in Mendocino County. The ARRC Center would host the training and provide scholarship assistance. This activity would provide an opportunity for many youth and adults to engage in learning to ride a bicycle. This activity has never been offered before in our service catchment area.
- Staff attended the tri-annual meeting of the USC UCEDD's Consumer Community Advisory Board. UCEDD staff provided updates on many of their health research and community outreach projects including: training mental health providers on the needs of people with DD, sensory-adapted dental

Goal 10 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
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Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):

Care, autism neuroimaging; gastrointestinal treatments, self-advocacy in the Chinese community, and specially-tailored outreach to Chinese and Latino families, among others. The UCEDD's commitment to train underserved communities to address disparity issues is exemplary.

- SCDD staff participated in the "Wild about Health" fair committee on June 16, 2015 be held on October 4, 2015. The 18 Collaborators include the Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah, FIRST 5, Healthy Kids Mendocino, Mendocino College Nursing, Mendocino Community Health Clinic, Inc., North Coast Opportunities, Redwood Community Services, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Shriners Hospital, Soroptimist International of Ukiah, Ukiah Unified School District, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center, Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center, 2 Rotary Clubs, ARC Family Resource Center. The event will include over 20 booths with health, dental and eye screenings, health education. Shriners Hospital will be hosting a free screening clinic for children in need of specialized services for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. Fun interactive activities to raise awareness about the health of children include a basketball tournament and a bike safety course. Kids without helmets will be given a free one. Other activities are a kids' challenge course to a hula hoop contest. SCDD is assisting with finding volunteers. The committee is hosting this free children's health fair at the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center on the Grace Hudson Elementary School campus. The Event is being sponsored and paid for by a variety of donors.
- Staff distributed two issues in June of the Council's North Bay Office E-Newsletter. The 6/2/15 issue focused on mental health with 'articles' introducing a topic and links to the source information: "Changing the Way We Think About Mental Health," "10 Things You Need to Know About Mental Health," and "Getting to Work: Promoting Employment of People with Mental Illness." The Council's State Plan Survey" ink was included, as it is with all E-Newsletter issues.

Quality Assurance:

- Staff participated at planning meeting. Staff provided input regarding set up for event day and a list of various organizations that serve people with disabilities to be invited. Staff will also be working on Media outreach for the event, and confirmed paperwork for students under 18 for use of the pool and school tram services including all other last minute details. Dollars leveraged was \$50.00 for use of meeting space (room) and refreshments.

Goal 11	Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.
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Housing and Barrier Elimination:

- SCDD staff a member of the MHSA County AD Hoc Housing Committee continued to meet with the collaborators and (MHSA) staff and board to oversee the progress of the Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) HUD housing proposal, the agency selected provides housing in Humboldt, Lake, Del Norte and Mendocino.

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- SCDD staff continues to provide employment and community options with resident of a housing community for those with developmental disability to plan for a meeting with the housing management supervisor and maintenance staff to discuss issues surrounding the processing of works orders and communicating effectively with residents.

Goal 11 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.
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Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):

- SCDD staff serves as Chair of the Behavioral Health Board AD Hoc Housing Committee, collaborated with Mendocino County Services Agency (MHSA) staff to review the RFP housing proposals submitted. The agency selected to receive the grant "RCHDC" Rural Housing Development Corporation provides housing in Humboldt, Lake, Del Norte and Mendocino Counties. The stakeholders selected the grantee for the \$1.3 million in housing funds and their recommendations were sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval in May of 2015. A total of 25 individuals participated in the process, 10 family advocates and 15 agency committee members. The RFP grant has a matching component to the 1.3 million to build/renovate a minimum of 16 housing units. The amount includes \$400,000 to administer and oversee activities at the housing project. RCHDC has built many housing developments and is experienced with accessible housing and housing for the homeless. Veterans and people with disabilities are overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness in our four county catchment areas. Staff was assigned the task of researching and reporting on the housing available to developmental and intellectually disabled and mentally ill for the County Board of Supervisors.
- SCDD staff developed and presented "Living Options for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Training to family members, self-advocates, and professionals on the various living options available for regional center consumers, including services available to people living in the family home, adult family home agency and foster family agency, supported and independent living.
- Staff provided technical assistance and resource information in response to 4 calls regarding affordable housing in Orange County.

Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:

- SCDD staff along with CalOptima, Regional Center of Orange County, and others, met with the director and staff of Innovative Housing Opportunities, Inc.(IHO), to gauge their interest in developing an integrated housing project for Orange County residents who do not meet the standard criteria for a retirement community (over 55 years of age; independent; and do not require assistance with activities of daily living or skilled nursing care).

Goal 12	Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
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Supporting and Educating Communities:

- Staff continues to collaborate with the Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) and provided technical support to promote a new housing project coming to Chico, CA through the Chico Co-Housing Project which provides adults with developmental disabilities and their Families a supportive and inclusive community. A small team of people are working in Chico to build a successful co-housing project for adults with developmental disabilities and their families for years to come. What we are talking about is not an institution or group home, but a cohousing community where caregivers and other family members live along with developmentally disabled adults. We decide how it is built and what services are provided. If you are attracted to a supportive, diverse, multi-generational community that would include people with all abilities.
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Goal 12 (Cont.)	Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
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Housing and Barrier Elimination:

- Staff attended MHSA Board meeting on June 23, 2015 to discuss the MHSA 3 year Plan and ongoing legal actions taken by Fort Bragg business owners who filed an injunction to stop the housing conversion project of the historic Old Coast Hotel. Collaborators include: 36 policy makers and 3 self-advocates and 10 family advocates; Mental Health Board members, Northern CA Legal Aid, Board of Supervisors, Fort Bragg City Council, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, Disability Rights, Legislators. As well, the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, which provides housing, homeless assistance, mental health and drug rehabilitation services, wants to convert the historic Old Coast Hotel in Fort Bragg into space for programs and convert at least five of the hotel's rooms into transitional housing units for disabled clients with mental illness. In their lawsuit, with the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, these factors were taken into consideration by the City of Fort Bragg and voted 3-5 to support the project. The Superior Court judge denied the injunction filed by "Concerned Citizens of Fort Bragg" and found there was no legal basis for their actions. North Coast staff has been actively involved in supporting the housing project as part of the housing committee as well as keeping Disability Rights and others informed in the ongoing dispute.
- Staff has consulted with the director of the Bay Area Housing Corporation about the need to form a statewide housing plan for people with developmental disability. Staff is building a workgroup of stakeholders who have expertise in data management, fundraising, and housing. The workgroup wishes to develop a pilot program that promotes the funding and development of housing that includes both public and private sector input. Staff informed workgroup of role the State Council can play in promoting the issue among policy makers.

Goal 13	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
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Transportation – Systems Design and Redesign:

- SCDD staff forwarded a letter to the Los Angeles regional centers from MOVE L.A. (coalition of transportation, environmental, labor, political, and non-profit organizations). The letter is addressed to Metro (L.A. County's transit authority) regarding needed changes/improvements to all facets of transportation, based on input from meetings with the disability community earlier this year. MOVE L.A. is seeking agencies to sign on to the letter. The letter also seeks support for MOVE L.A.'s 2016 ballot measure which would add 1/2 cent sales tax towards these improvements. A note was sent with the forwarded letter, that SCDD supports the improvements, but is not taking a position on the proposed measure (a letter approved by SCDD to Metro supporting the improvements was sent).

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- Provided technical assistance to 15 families regarding obtaining generic services such as DSS, IHSS, Cal-Fresh, Family services/adoption, and Child protective services. On regional center related matters: 2 calls were referred to OCRA and 1 to the Manager of the SCDD San Bernardino Office which was about the need for new policy increasing oversight of vendors. On Educational matters 1 call was referred to T.A.S.K, Autism Society, and emailed IEP material information.

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

Supporting and Educating Communities (Cont.):

- SCDD staff participated in a Sacramento ADA Resource event and provided a resource table at the City of Sacramento Neighborhood Services: Working Together to Meet the Needs of Our Disabled Community on June 11th, 18th, and 25th. There were presentations by city, county, and state services, and other resource tables facilitated by a number of community agencies with information on various disability access issues. Approximately, 75 people attended these 3 events. Staff provided information and resources on SCDD, Transition to Adulthood, Turning 18, Employment First, Self-Determination, and the State Plan Survey.
- Staff posted an article on social media sites on transportation regarding the rights of paratransit riders. A total of 850 people reached in June through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- SCDD staff serves as a member of the Laura's Law Mental Health/Behavioral Health Services (MHSA) Board Ad Hoc Committee and met with collaborators on June 3, 2015. Attendance and discussion was among MHSA staff, 1 Sheriff's Department, 1 Court Judicial staff, 4 Public Guardian, 1 District Attorney, 1 NAMI representative, 6 family advocates, 3 self-advocates and two supervisors. To review the progress to implement Laura's Law in Mendocino County. The committee is advocating for no further delays to Laura's Law implementation. The committee includes 6 family advocates, 3 self-advocates, 5 agency and 15 public policy makers over the meetings time span. The committee was informed that Laura's Law implementation would be delayed by six months so will not be implemented until January 2016. Policies and procedures are in development and must be approved by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. Collaborators will advocate ensuring that Laura's Law is implemented by January 2016.
- SCDD staff continued to work with community collaborators in June 2015 to improve access to community and recreational activities for individuals with disabilities at ARRC. The collaborators are ARRC Center Board, Mendocino County Health Department, Boys and Girls Club, City of Ukiah, and the Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD). Health Department staff asked the ARRC Director to write an article about healthy summer activities in our area June 2015. Open ARC on Fridays Nights and Sundays provide a whole range of recreational and socialization activities. ARRC and SCDD staff forwarded the article and fliers to email lists and handed out the article at events. Staff provided more than 150 fliers to promote the Open ARRC days to Special Olympics staff, Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation, the RCRC Client's Rights Advocate, and to individuals coming into the SCDD office. The Health Dept also has asked the ARRC for help to assist with this activity and to provide a site for a group of parents who have children with Autism to hold support groups and socialization activities for their children. Special Olympics participants need a place to practice basketball and a place for other recreational and socialization activities. Collaborators are responsible for securing funds (in-kind supports) to provide these activities at the ARRC. Through SCDD staff involvement with the ARRC Board and with the help of collaborators they are reaching out to the community to fund a variety of inclusive projects.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff met with the Executive Committee of the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, in order to plan their July Planning Meeting, which SCDD staff will facilitate.
- Staff attended the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) meeting on 6/19/15, which was held at Regional Center of the East Bay in San Leandro. The meeting included an overview of the state budget process and implications for the Department of Developmental Services and regional centers.

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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

- As part of building collaborations to promote the skills and professionalism among direct service providers, SCDD staff provided training to a parent group of a local organization on Systems Advocacy and the best methods to organize and take action. SCDD staff supports leadership development among self and family advocates. Staff offers the resources of consultation, technical support, training, and facilitation to allow groups to form, and take action.
- Staff participated in the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) monthly advisory committee meeting. This month the advisory committee also held a retreat for its members. Since there are a number of new members to the committee the retreat focused on the duties of the Public Authority and an overview of the In Home Supportive Services Program. The committee also discussed reviewing the 2014-2015 goals and developing new goals for 2015-2016 at our next meeting. Those in attendance were: Public Authority staff, IHSS providers and clients, Department of Health & Human Services, and Aging & Independence Services. A report on the monthly California IHSS Consumer Alliance teleconference call was provided for the meeting. The call contained information on what is happening with the state budget, current legislation and new bills being introduced, the 7% Restoration, Over Time issue, Coordinated Care Initiative and In Home Supportive Services hours, SSI and SSP increase, and county maintenance of effort funds.
- Staff responded to parent request for information on IHSS and respite. Other families have been told by their service coordinators at North Bay Regional Center that if they receive IHSS protective supervision, they respite hours will be reduced. Staff provided family with information from Disability Rights California about IHSS and respite, as well as, DRC's information on regional center appeals.
- Staff collaborated with Family Support Network's Wraparound Department to support and participate in the annual Wraparound Resource Fair, which educates over 150 wraparound staff on community resources, public benefits, and services that benefit children at risk of placement in a group home.
- Staff attended Regional Center of the East Bay's Board of Director's Meeting and provided an update on upcoming SCDD activities: Our Regional Advisory Committee meeting, our Deaf Task Force and our East Bay Coalition on Disabilities and Criminal Justice. Representatives from the Alameda and Contra Costa DD Councils also attended.
- Staff participated in the Regional Center of the East Bay's Provider/Vendor Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting included a presentation from Alameda County Adult Protective Services. SCDD staff gave an update on efforts to gather input for our State Plan, our upcoming Regional Advisory Committee meeting and our upcoming Request for Proposals related to grant funding in the areas of Multicultural and Early Start.
- Staff participated in interviewing candidates for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) projects. RCEB requested proposals for three different projects: A four-bed specialized residential facility for elders with specialized health conditions and behavioral needs; a day program for consumers with specialized health conditions and behavioral needs; and a four-bed specialized residential facility for children with significant behavioral and/or mental health challenges. Staff reviewed and scored 6 proposals in total. Staff collaborated with RCEB clinicians and community placement staff, along with a Contra Costa DD Council representative. The team discussed strengths and weaknesses of candidates. Eventually, the team agreed which candidates should be offered the projects.
- Staff participated in monthly teleconference of the Paratransit Riders' Coalition. Discussion centered on Access Paratransit's proposed "dynamic fare." Staff shared SCDD's letter to FTA and FTA's response

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about creating a special federal rule which would essentially waive the need for the new fare structure. Riders also shared recent problems of negotiating ride times with Access Paratransit, a possible ADA violation. Members who sit on the Access Community Advisory Committee will bring it up to that body.

- Staff organized and implemented a meeting of our SCDD Regional Advisory Committee in Concord. Presentations were provided by the SCDD Acting Executive Director and Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations. The meeting focused on clarifying the focus of the Regional Advisory Committee moving forward and engaging with the local community regarding issues impacting people with developmental disabilities and their families. For example, one community member suggested that SCDD staff should spend more time engaging healthcare staff in trainings on developmental disabilities. Staff agreed to follow-up with the community member and put an action plan in place.

Goal 14	Public policy in California promotes the independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
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Informing Policymakers:

- Staff provided outreach and distributed "SCDD Action Alert" eBlasts throughout the month to inform the community and services providers (more than 400 individuals reached through primary and secondary distribution) about the Lanterman Coalition alert and state budget update. The notice included information about contacting legislators to educate the policy makers regarding the importance of the 10% funding increase for developmental service community system and support for reforming our system's funding as outlined in the Lanterman Coalition Budget position document.
- SCDD staff attended the Lanterman Coalition Rally in front of the State Office Building in downtown San Diego. Following the rally, staff visited the local offices of both Assembly Member Toni Atkins and Assembly Member Shirley Weber. Staff in partnership with a parent of an individual with I/DD and a service provider; we expressed our concern regarding the Governor's budget that was announced, and how the lack of rate increases from services providers would jeopardize the ability of people with IDD to continue to receive quality services and supports.
- Staff provided information via E-Blasts throughout the month of June on current California Budget and Legislative information to 350 community members and to the Chair of Service Provider Advisory Committee for Far Northern Regional Center, who forwards the information to an additional 260 service providers; reaching a total of 610 people. The information provided contact information for advocacy efforts, personal stories, and other ways to educate and inform policy makers about the issues and the need for support.
- SCDD staff was able to personally thank Senator Mike McGuire, and Assembly Member Jim Wood, for their support of Assembly Member Beall's letter which was signed by a total of sixty-seven legislators and urged the Governor to approve a 10 percent increase for care providers and regional centers. It was noted that failure to properly fund the Lanterman Act will likely see a dramatic reduction in care providers and will put thousands of lives at risk. Programs serving the people with developmental disabilities in the community have been hard hit by wave after wave of funding cuts; care homes and community providers have closed or, as local providers have stated, will need to plan for closure if the request for funding does not materialize. With the proposed developmental center closings,

Informing Policymakers (Cont.):

communities will need these resources to be able to provide support in inclusive and safe settings in the community. The representatives stated that with the upcoming special legislative session called for by the Governor at which time the legislators will take up the matter, their support will continue.

- Staff provided a letter to Senator Beall's office from the Coalition of Local Area Services Providers (CLASP), per Senator Beall's request to assist with getting the 10% increase for the developmental disabilities system.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- In coordination with the Alameda and Contra Costa DD Councils, staff organized and facilitated a rally in support of the Lanterman Coalition's position to increase service provider and regional center rates by 10%. Approximately 200 people attended the rally including people served, families, service providers, and regional center staff. Staff members from Assembly Member Rob Bonta and Assembly Member Tony Thurmond's office also attended.
- SCDD staff participated in Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council meetings on June 11, 17, and 25, 2015. Collaborators included FIRST 5 Mendocino, Mendocino College Child Development, MCOE, North Coast Opportunities Lake & Mendocino, Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) SELPA, State Preschool, Head Start Lake & Mendocino, Unified School District, Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah, Health Department. The Council met to develop a 5-year strategic plan for child care needs, early intervention services, child care assessment, and legislative advocacy. Committees were developed as part of the strategic plan.
- SCDD staff supported the Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee's first meeting on June 29, 2015 at the CVRC from 12:00-2:00pm. An agenda was provided by the CVRC. Introductions were made by all appointed members and the parameters of the committee were discussed as well as what individuals on the committee's focus on for its goals and purpose. It was decided, at this time, to not elect officials until more information is available regarding roles and responsibilities. The group has agreed to meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-6:30pm at the CVRC.
- SCDD staff supported the Kern Regional Center (KRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee's first meeting on June 30, 2015 at the KRC from 1:15-2:30pm. Introductions were made by all appointed members and the parameters of the committee were discussed as well as the committee's focus on for its goals and purpose. It was decided, at this time, to not elect officials until more information is available regarding roles and responsibilities. The group has agreed to meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00-6:30pm at the KRC.
- Staff attended a Special Education Taskforce meeting to discuss continuing issues in special education throughout Los Angeles County, specifically, Long Beach Unified School District (LUSD) and the SELPA in the Santa Clarita Valley. Staff announced an upcoming meeting with a parent group in the SCV to discuss common issues and develop a plan of action to address issues with the local districts and SELPA.
- Staff participated in a teleconference where individuals learned about the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act and how to access its provisions. The act is currently not available in all states and when it is fully implemented will allow for individuals to save funds in excess of that allowed by SSI and other means tested resources. The provisions of this act would be in addition to provisions already accessible through special needs trusts.

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

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Through email and other social media outlets, SCDD staff informed community of the California State budget developments. Staff asked community members to share their experience of how the limited budget is affecting their services and programs. A service provider cc'd staff on a message she sent to local state senator. Also, staff attended a local rally supporting the Lanterman Coalition.
- Staff met with Marty Omoto of CDCAN and member of several work groups with California administration to develop strategy to communicate the local needs of our services system to him, so it may have impact on some of the policy needs. SCDD staff reached out to local Service Providers Advisory Committee to discuss Marty Omoto's recommendations.
- Staff met with the Executive Director of the San Diego Regional Center (SDRC) to select members of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, there were no applications from the Imperial County, so we considered avenues we could pursue in order to cultivate interest to participate in that county. The first meeting was scheduled, letters were prepared to be sent, and a brief outline of topics to be addressed at the first meeting was discussed.
- Staff used the email system "Mailchimp" to forward information about the following 6 activities. These were emailed to a total of 5,594 email addresses and the emails were opened by 1,056 individuals. Topics included: SCDD Needs Your Input on our State Plan Goals; The Last Major Push to Save the Developmental Services System; Rowell Family Empowerment Trainings and Webinars in June 2015; Reminder Share your Voting Stories from Rural Areas; and Transition to Postsecondary Education online chat.
- SCDD staff maintains a Facebook page to connect with the local community and inform them of resources, trainings, legislative issues, policy changes, and various issues pertaining to people with I/DD and their families within a 10-county catchment area. Staff posted 25 articles and outreached to a total of 1,383 individuals with 249 followers.

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- Staff supported Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Legislative Work Group members and provided technical assistance on a teleconference call. Staff supported member with reading materials to make an informed decision about the input he wanted to provide during the call. Staff also supported the SSAN member to make an informed decision about legislation that would be discussed during the call.
- Staff emailed information on a variety of topics: Self Advocacy Council 6 (SAC6) upcoming meeting, SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) information, SCDD State Plan Survey and the SCDD Los Angeles office e-newsletter; Education and Early Intervention material shared-Youth Action Council on Transition conference; Health materials Live Well Newsletter, Family Counseling Services and Prevention & Early Intervention services; Oral Health Inequities in Central Valley; Dental Anesthesia Guidelines; Employment info shared- DOR WIOA Comments report; ABLE Act Webinar; Shared Voting Stories, NADD Webinar Trainings, Do-Network ADA Conference; and Assistive Technology Expo flyers.

Goal 15	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.
<p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff organized and facilitated a meeting of our local Deaf Task Force, which is focused in increasing access to services for people who are deaf and have developmental disabilities. During this meeting, we agreed to focus on training regional center case managers on deaf culture so that they are sensitive when working with individuals and families. Task Force members will follow-up with Regional Center of the East, in order to arrange training within the next several months. ▪ SCDD staff continues to hold its monthly disparity task force meeting in collaboration with Easter Seals, Hope, Parents Helping Parents, San Andreas, and Fiesta Familia, Fiesta Educativa. The task force is increasingly active and members have organized into subcommittees that are to address parent training, translation needs, parent group mapping, and outreach to African American Communities. ▪ Staff arranged for Japanese and Spanish interpreters for SCDD L.A. office's seminar "The Role of the Facilitator in Self-Determination." The Japanese interpreter donated her time and translation equipment (headsets/transmitters). The Spanish interpreter also donated his equipment. Interpretation was provided for 3 Japanese parents and for 2 Spanish-speaking parents. The Japanese Parents Association for Special Needs provided Japanese interpreters, and the Family Resource Center Network of Los Angeles provided Spanish interpreter. Funds leveraged were based on Japanese and Spanish interpreter's quotes for \$805. 	

Questions/Issues of Concern	
North Coast Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Families that enter the foster care program have expressed concern about limited family history regarding the "birth families" consequently, they may not be aware that the children have disabilities resulting from in utero exposure to drugs and alcohol that impacts development. ▪ Staff reported a large Latino population of children entering school without assessments and or diagnosis of autism and other child development disorders. Need to publicize preschool and Pre-Kindergarten as an early intervention tool to get children assessed before they enter school. ▪ Recreation in a rural area is minimal and funding for the Bicycle Training Project may be a barrier but the collaborative will pursue all avenues to reach the goal. Open ARRC provides more opportunities for inclusive activity that parents, foster parents, care providers and mentors could do with the clients but the costs of janitorial and staffing is costly so funding will be pursued. ▪ Housing Access in Mendocino County, this housing project will be an opportunity for SCDD staff to have close contact with the agencies that funds and builds housing and the hope is to get them to pursue more funding to build, renovate or provide vouchers for our clients in our four counties. It is a barrier to self-determination and the ability to have jobs if you do not have stable housing. All four counties lack affordable housing. ▪ Staff reported on Housing Access Old Coast Hotel which has become a clear NIMBY issue. The hotel has not been used as a hotel for over 10 years. It was a bar for a few years and then closed. It has not been a hotel in over 10 years and totally vacant for three. Business owners do not want social services of any kind downtown in the

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<p>North State Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most people with developmental disabilities do not vote, even though voting can make an impact on the services and supports received through a regional center or local and state government. This is usually because of reasons that are misguided or even wrong. The Vote! Project gives important information about voting that is correct and easy to understand. Education about voter registration and exercising one's right to vote is so important. ▪ Training support is necessary and essential for effective advocacy and providing quality services. In regards to the Self-Determination Program, the process of the HCBS Waiver submitted to CMS is a timely and complex process for Department of Developmental Disabilities to be approved and receive federal funding required to begin the Self-Determination Programs in California. ▪ Transportation and employment remain 2 high priorities that need to be addressed in Butte County community. ▪ As required by law, securing federal funding is necessary to implement the SDP. To that end, an HCBS Waiver application was submitted to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 31, 2014. Subsequently, CMS asked follow-up questions related to recently enacted federal regulations and policies regarding (1) public input for Waiver applications, and (2) federal requirements for HCBS settings. The department, in conjunction with the Department of Health Care Services, has had

	<p>a number of discussions with CMS and provided follow-up information CMS requested. CMS is currently reviewing the final draft of the plan to address the public input and settings requirements. During a conference call on May 1, 2015, CMS stated their conceptual agreement with the plan. As such, it is anticipated CMS will soon provide direction to move forward with the Wavier application. At that time, the revised Waiver application will be posted on the Department's website for 30 days prior to being formally resubmitted to CMS. Once resubmitted, CMS will have 90 days to take one of three actions on the Waiver application: approve; deny; or, request additional information. In the event CMS requests additional information to clarify other portions of the Waiver application, it is feasible that there may be an extended review period beyond the 90 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported a need for positive reinforcement in behavior management as the key to support people and teach positive behavior. ▪ Staff reported competitive employment remains challenging in local communities due to lack of education about the abilities and strengths of hiring people with developmental disabilities. Also with minimum wage increasing, employers often have higher expectations of their work force and lack of job opportunities can be a barrier especially in rural communities. ▪ California Health & Wellness reported that Community Advisory Committees (CAC) is still seeking consumers to participate. DAN members have learned that Anthem Blue Cross and Partnership Health Plan of California are also seeking consumer representation on their CAC's. Three DAN members have been appointed to California Health & Wellness and Partnership Health Plan of CA. ▪ California HealthCare Foundation has invested heavily in the website design. It is the hope of Professor Charlene Harrington, RN, PhD, FAAN of UCSF School of Nursing; to find a state agency to maintain the website; however, it's been difficult to find a state agency to manage and maintain it. Question: How do we get new information to the Web master e.g., information on RCFEs. Response: send an email to Prof. Harrington regarding the deletion or addition of providers to the website.
<p>Sacramento Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There continue to be many individuals contacting our office who are having challenges with the regional center and other community agencies. Since the DRC will only assist a limited number of individuals, families are very frustrated and don't know where to turn for assistance with appeals and advocacy. ▪ There continues to be widespread issues and concerns from families trying to obtain appropriate special education services for their children. The laws are extensive and complicated and most family members are unable to comprehend the entire law and be able to advocate for themselves. Many are tired from caring for their children and do not have the time, energy, or capacity to study the law. Some increase their skills to advocate for themselves by attending trainings but many are extremely frustrated with their school districts are seeking advocacy from professionals who understand the law. Families state they are disappointed we no longer provide direct advocacy and state they have nowhere else to turn. No other agency provides this support. We encourage them to contact other agencies who can provide some level of support and we continue to contact other community agencies to learn about resources for families. ▪ Four years ago, College to Career, was a pilot program funded at 5 community colleges by the Department of Rehabilitation. a few additional colleges were added to the pilot for total of 8, I believe. With 112 community colleges in CA, the issue is how to expand the program to the other colleges so young adults with I/DD have access wherever they live in the state. DOR is funding the pilots, but there is an issue of funding to expand the program to all colleges. ▪ Transition from special education to postsecondary education/employment is a

	<p>frequent topic of interest to families with children with I/DD. Staff participated in this online chat to learn more about resources nationwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is an urgent need for an increase to the provider rates for dental services through Medi-Cal. An increase in the rates would encourage dentists to accept new patients. Western Dental, the largest Denti-Cal provider in California announced this month they will no longer accept new patients. There is also a shortage of dentists willing to accept Medi-Cal at all and to serve children and adults with developmental disabilities. Access to anesthesia/hospital dentistry has become extremely limited in parts of the state and depending on which insurance provider you have. ▪ Staff reported increasingly more self-advocates, family members, and professionals are using Facebook as a means to communicate and learn about resources and information. The challenge is locating them, and encouraging them to join our SCDD page.
North Bay Office	No issues of concern reported.
Bay Area Office	No issues of concern reported.
North Valley Hills Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported travel to the meeting might be a barrier for one member. Discussion about teleconference will be discussed before next meeting. ▪ Staff reported a lack of understanding of how to best support employment for adults currently working in the community and how to initiate planning to achieve successful transition of students leaving the educational system and joining the world of adult services. ▪ Staff reported a lack of appropriate planning to ensure necessary support for individuals when changes in need occur. Failure to address employment planning in current Individual Program Plan. A lack of conversation regarding the individual's employment interests and the available support services in the transitional Individual Education Plan (IPP) and planning meetings. ▪ Staff reported a lack of appropriate support for a family challenging a regional center decision. Regional Center represented by an attorney. Mother lacking tools to successfully advocate for her daughter's needs. ▪ Keeping issues and information at the forefront with the regional centers is necessary to collaborate and facilitate systems change, and capacity building. ▪ Staff reported a lack of advocacy resources to assist parents in the educational setting. ▪ A lack of understanding of how to best secure financial stability for individuals with special needs while still maintaining access to SSI, Medi-Cal and other means tested resources. ▪ Staff reported a significant number of people do not have email access and serves as a barrier. Staff is looking into mail chimp to help us more accurately count and monitor this email outreach monthly.
Silicon Valley-Monterey Bay Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported it remains an ongoing effort of the SCDD to educate the community on Self-Determination. ▪ Staff expressed the systemic need for developing core competencies for those

providing facilitation in self-determination remains a priority for SCDD staff.

- Staff reported the primary aim of the San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) Advisory Committee will be to monitor and advise the implementation of Self-Determination policies in our four county areas as it rolls out in the next years. Quality training, standards of practice, availability are likely to be tasks of the committee.
- Staff reported a need to promote the development of self advocate groups in the area. Developing this peer to peer support group and the technical assistance of SCDD staff is designed to build such groups.
- Regional center staff and the families they serve are experiencing difficulty with the IEP process and effectively advocating for the students/families. Specifically with school districts in Monterey county. Council staff and SARC staff plan to collaborate in an effort to effectively address the special education problems in this area.
- As a result of surveys and anecdotal reports, families and individuals often feel they are not fully informed. There are concerns regarding the quality of interactions with regional center, school, and provider staff.
- Information from various surveys (NCIs and Disparity Reports) and anecdotal evidence (Disparity Task Force) indicates families of transition age children are not aware of available services or how to navigate the system. The Disability Collaborative is to address this issue by designing "Roadmaps" placing them on the web and holding trainings with families on how to use these tools to better access services. The next step of the Disability Collaborative is to offer trainings to educate and help families transition. The goal for the day and the aim of the presentations is currently being decided.
- A major concern of many of the families was housing and the lack of appropriate options for their adult children. Many families are interested in starting up new housing arrangements, possibly utilizing Supported Living Services through the regional center system.
- The number of students in transition and post-secondary programs are diagnosed with autism, however day and employment services are not prepared to meet the specific needs of this community. Families want to be more information on the type of services that will be available for their children as they transition to adult services.
- Property managers for low cost housing have been reported to be insensitive to the needs of residents with developmental disabilities. Training of staff on improved communication with residents has been identified by residents as an area of importance to ensure a quality way of life.
- Housing is extremely limited for individuals with developmental disability and other low income communities. The Developmental Services System does not have a suitable statewide plan to attend to the housing needs of our community. The Bay Area Housing Corporation is a leader in housing in our catchment area; they have aligned with other housing organizations throughout the state into the Lanterman Housing Alliance. The aim of this workgroup is to begin the process of developing a statewide plan. State Council participation on the work group is to promote policy change as well as inform the larger State Council of the progress of the group.
- No new funding for developmental or health services was included in the Governor's May revise. The Lanterman Coalition along with other organizations active in developmental services have demonstrated without increased funding for services, the systems of support will continue to undergo reduction in the number of services and the quality. SCDD in collaboration with other members of the Lanterman Coalition support the proposal for an across the board increase of 10% for developmental services.
- As a result of the California Budget Update, Summary of May Revise and the

	<p>decision not to add monies to the state budget for developmental services, Marty Omoto shared his insight into the role of the Governor's Developmental Services Task Force as well as other more targeted strategies for revenue enhancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The most recent regional center disparity report indicates those from non-white and bi-lingual communities receives purchase of services is 33% of the white community. To address the need SCDD has formed a disparity task force to review the need and develop an action plan to attend the issue.
<p>Sequoia Office</p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p>Central Coast Office</p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p>Los Angeles Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported several calls alleging that Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) staff requested parents to come to their office to sign documents for summer school and then only until they arrived home and looked at the copy of the documents they signed realized that they signed an IEP indicating their agreement with the new classroom setting. They have further alleged that someone forged their initials on each page of the IEP. ▪ Staff expressed in order to “boost” one’s social media sites; these websites (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.) charge a fee. Staff has been advertising to the network as well as sending out the information via our newsletter. It is hoped that these steps will provided growth. ▪ Many parents indicated that the greatest barriers to getting the services from the regional center include a lack of responsiveness and disagreements about needs. Parents indicated they valued the training a great deal because they now possessed the skills to advocate for their child and maintain a positive relationship with the regional center. ▪ Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) has unilaterally closed and re-opened classrooms and services. This has caused a public outcry because many allege their programs were changed and/or terminated without their consent. As a result of these activities, SCDD staff have attended two meetings at LBUSD over the past two months and conducted outreach activities. To date, outreach resulted in SCDD staff being invited to perform additional training on “How to Do a Special Education State Compliance Complaint.” ▪ For the second consecutive meeting, a SDAC member was requested to translate the meeting into Spanish because members cannot participate in the meeting when they are translating. SCDD staff formally requested that the SDAC is supported with the services of a translator so SDAC members could participate as intended. It was agreed that support would be sought.

<p>Orange County Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents and self-advocates continue to express dissatisfaction about regional center not funding for sufficient services and supports. ▪ Staff reported two notable issues identified from a presentation during an in-service for their social workers on the regional center intake and eligibility process.: (1) Inland Regional Center (IRC) requires that dependent or foster youth have an educational rights holder assigned just to initiate the eligibility process (IRC won't open the case for intake without this), and (2) Harbor Regional Center refuses to sign the necessary form for a higher level of AAP supplementation for dual-eligible clients. ▪ Staff shared information from a presentation "Getting Regional Center Services through Your IPP," a few attendees commented on the lack of consistency between the regional centers and how it is easier to access certain services from one regional center over another. Other comments included that the Lanterman Act's broad mission and services seems contradictory with budget cuts (and reduction in services) over the last several years. ▪ Children's Home Society contracts with 2,474 childcare providers in Orange County, yet there are only approximately 122 infant preschool providers and 103 school-aged (4-12 years) providers are listed as providing "inclusive childcare," even though the ADA mandates that all child care centers and programs are to make every effort to accommodate the needs of children with disabilities. Being able to adequately respond and provide for the child's unique needs. Some providers were also concerned that they would have to fundamentally alter their program in order to serve children with disabilities. The breakdown of providers in Orange County: Family Child Care providers: 1,484; Child Care Center providers: 898; and licensed Exempt Centers: 92. ▪ Affordable housing in Orange County continues to be a significant issue. Orange County is among the top 10 least affordable metropolitan markets in the nation (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2014). Currently, \$31.62 is the hourly wage necessary to rent a two-bedroom market-rate apartment in Orange County; however according to the 2011-12 NCI survey results, only 4,505 working age regional center clients had regular jobs (integrated competitive employment) earning an average of \$9.89/hour (accounts for only 3.1%), and 5,425 working age regional center clients worked in group supported employment settings earning \$6.24 per/hour.
<p>San Bernardino Office</p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p>San Diego Imperial Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported not all self advocates and support staffs are aware of self-advocacy and the benefits it provides individuals. ▪ There continues to be a concern regarding the numbers of individuals with disabilities that are overweight, are at risk or have been diagnosed with diabetes and are not provided with training and support to help them live a healthier lifestyle. ▪ Staff reported siblings of children with disabilities don't always have peers to connect with that share similar experiences. The registration forms that were completed included the sibling's disability and 31 out of 42 children had a sibling with Autism. ▪ Families have expressed concern they are not made aware of the resources within the community. Parents are feeling as though they are not adequately trained on

	<p>how to advocate for their child. They have also expressed concerns regarding the school assessment process for their child and they do not think they are receiving a thorough assessment in all areas of their child's disability. The parents have indicated they would like training on the assessment process and how to read assessments in the near future. A workshop is currently being coordinated to meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported on a call received regarding a person with mental illness who was losing his protective supervision. This is an area we are researching in San Diego to see how wide spread this issue may be.
<p>HEADQUARTERS HQ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff continues to provide support to the SSAN work group, a MOU is being developed to layout future support needs/issues. The goal is for the SSAN work groups to become self-sufficient. Each work group chair has different skills for chairing a work group; therefore some technical support is needed.

SCDD Collaborative Partners

ABC Independent Living Services	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
Abilities United	Los Angeles Regional Center Transportation Group
Achieve School, Inc.	Mains'l Services Inc. 7th Street Centre for the Arts Program
Achieve Schools	Marin Center for Independent Living
Adult Protective Services (APS)	Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)
Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council	Marin SELPA and Workability
Alameda County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program	Matrix Parent Network
Alameda County Human Resources Department	Medi-Cal Services
Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC)	Mendocino Community College District – DSPS
Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)	Mendocino Community College District – EOPS
Alzheimer's Association	Mendocino County Sheriff Department
Anaheim Union High School District	Mendocino County Transition Partnership Program
Anthem Blue Cross	Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA)
Arc Imperial Valley	Mental Health Board
Arc of San Diego	Mental Health Systems
ARC of San Francisco	Mentor Program - RCRC
Arc of Ventura County	Modesto Para transit
Area 4 on Aging	Modesto Unified School District (MUSD)
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Monterey Bay Provider Network
Asian Community Mental Health	Monterey County of Office of Education (MCOE)
Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)	Monterey County Regional Center (MCRC)
Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)	Monterey County SELPA
Banning Unified School District (BUSD)	Mt. San Jacinto College – Disabled Student Services & Programs (DSPS)
Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC)	Murrieta Police Department
Behavioral Health and Recovery Board	Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD)
Butte County Coordinating Council (BCCC)	My Day Counts
CA Promise Project	National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD)

California Community Care Licensing
California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN)
California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY)
California Health & Wellness
California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA)
Casa Allegra
Casa Colina
Central Valley Regional Center
Central Valley Training Center
Ceres Unified School District (CUSD)
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Nurturing Project (CNP)
City Council of Fort Bragg
City of Lodi ADA Committee
Client Assistance Program (CAP)
Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)
College 2 Career
Colton Unified School District
Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC)
Community Catalysts of California
Community Employment Services
Community Homes and Services
Community Interface Services
Congreso Familiar
Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)
Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)
Deaf Community Services
Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC)
Deaf Plus Day Program of Alameda County

New Horizons
North Coastal Consortium For Special Education
Northern California Legal Aid
Oak Grove School District
Office of Clients' Rights Advocate (OCRA)
Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH)
Office of Emergency Management
Office of the Attorney General
Old Adobe Developmental Service (OADS)
Orange County Adult Achievement Center (OCAAC)
Orange County Employment Advocacy Network (OCEAN)
Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA)
Pajaro Unified School District
Palo Alto Unified School District Vocational Education
ParentsCAN
PathPoint
Patterson Unified School District (PUSD)
People First of California
People First of Concord
People First of Ukiah
People First San Luis Obispo (PFSLO)
People First Santa Barbara (PFSB)
People First Santa Maria (PFSM)
Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)
Poses Family Foundation
Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC)
Redi-Wheels Paratransit
Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)
Resources for Independence Central Valley
Richmond Police Department
Riverside County CARE (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly)

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Department of Health Care Services	Riverside County Mental Health
Department of Justice Representative	Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)
Department of Rehabilitation	Rowell Family Empowerment
Disability Collaborative	Sacramento County DD Council
Disability Rights California (DRC)	Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (SDAC)
Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN)	SanTrans (san Mateo County Transportation Agency)
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area	San Andreas Regional Center (SARC)
East Bay Center for Independent Living	San Barbara County SELPA
East Bay Legislative Coalition	San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services
East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)	San Bernardino County Behavioral Health
East Side Union High School District	San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
East Valley SELPA and Special Education Local Plan Area Board	San Bernardino County Superior Court Investigator
Easter Seals	San Bernardino Law Enforcement
Easter Seals Work First	San Diego People First
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)	San Diego Regional Center (SDRC)
Educate Advocate	San Diego Sheriff Department
Employment & Community Options	San Diego State Interwork Institute,
Employment Development Department	San Diego State University (SDSU) – Nursing Program
Episcopal Community Services	San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)
Exceptional Family Center Bakersfield	San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services
Exceptional Family Resource Center	San Joaquin County In-Home Support Services (IHSS)
Exceptional Family Resource Center Matrix Parent Network	San Joaquin County SELPA
Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)	San Jose Unified School District
Family Resource Center	San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department
Family Resource Network (FRN)	San Luis Obispo SELPA
Family Resource Network (FRN)	Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Family Resource Network of San Francisco	Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Family SOUP Family Resource Center	Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County
Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)	Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)
Fiesta Educativa Conference	Sobrato Center

Fiesta Familiar Group Los Angeles	Social Security Administration (SSA)
Fort Bragg City Council	Social Service Agency (SSA)
Fresno County Women Lawyers (FCWL)	Solano County Adult Protective Services (APS)
Friends of Children with Special Needs	Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)
Friendship Homes	Sonoma County Transition Consortium (SCTC)
Gateway (Tehachapi)	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
Gavalin College	Southern California Housing Collaborative
Glenn County Office of Education (GCOE)	Special Parents Information Network (SPIN)
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)	Stanislaus SELPA
Gone for Good Self Advocacy Group	Stockton SELPA
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center	Stockton Unified School District (SUSD)
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Bakersfield	Support for Families of Children with Special Needs
Harbor Regional Center	Supported Life Institute
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)	Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)
Home of Guiding Hands	The Call Connection
Hope Services	Toolworks
Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)	Transition Resources for Adult Community Education (TRACE) Services
Huntington Beach Union High School District	Transcend
Imperial Valley People First	Tri-Counties Regional Center
Imperial Valley SELPA	Turlock school Unified School District (TUSD)
Independence for Life Choices	UCP Work Inc.
Independent Child Advocate	Ukiah Boys & Girls Club
In-Home Support Services (IHSS)	Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH)
Inland Empire Autism Society	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
Inland Empire Small Business Development Center	University of California, Davis (UCD)
Inland Regional Center (IRC)	University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco	University of Southern California (USC)
Kingsview Metal Health - Hanford, CA	Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD)
L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)	Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC)
Lake Elsinore Police Department	Ventura County SELPA

Lanterman Regional Center (LRC)

Lincoln Training Center

Lodi SELPA

Lodi Unified School District (LUSD)

VMRC vendors

Vocational Visions

WarmLine Family Resource Center

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

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.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD staff listened to webinar training on Training Consumers for Engagement: Developing a Curriculum that Empowers Members. The purpose is to develop curriculum which will assist the Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC) members in their roles and responsibilities. The goals of the trainings are to change behavior and attitudes to bring action, instill confidence and encourage own skills for CAC members. The training strategy used is participatory, clearly identifies what councils are, gives opportunities for trainees to talk out concerns and hopes, and identifies what is effective and ineffective at meetings. Additionally, the importance of the feedback loop is encouraged.
- SCDD staff participated in the Peer Advocacy Connection planning meeting to plan for the Fall Regional PAC meeting. Themes for the next meeting were discussed, and self-advocate gave summaries of the various committees and boards they are on. This committee is made up of the chair person from each People's First Advocacy group in each of our 10-counties. Many of these individuals have the assistance of a facilitator for their group. The PAC meetings are coordinated by Ed Plon of Supported Life Institute's Self-Advocacy Project (funded by the Regional Center). Self-advocates make all major decisions related to the planning of the Regional PAC meetings. Also, 3 chapters receiving the PADSA (Pacific Alliance Grants) are frustrated about communication and lack of follow through with PADSA. No funding has been distributed yet, and the personal trainers continue to meet with various chapters to develop individual goals about healthy living. Concerns discussed regarding how to get attendees to pay in advance and show up to the Regional PAC meeting.
- SCDD staff provided technical assistance for the facilitation of the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on 7/15/15 at Alta California Regional Center in Sacramento. An update on the Waiver Process was discussed, and a presentations were given by self-advocates entitled: "My Experiences with Self-Determination;" and "How does a Fiscal Management Service support SD." A self-advocate (SA) was selected as the Chair (Cooley) and family advocate (FA) as the Vice-Chair (McNair). The next meeting was scheduled for 8/19/15. The committee requested presentations on "The Role of the Facilitator." SCDD staff developed the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. Handouts of personal stories on individuals who have participated in Self-Determination were shared with the committee. There were 3 SA, 4 FA, and 9 members of the public attended the meeting.
- SCDD staff (Executive Director and ROM) participated in the Self-Determination Statewide Stakeholder Meeting on July 20 at the Department of Developmental Services. An update on the Waiver Process was discussed. Jim Knight said there were two main questions from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS): (1) How would the settings in the SD waiver meet the new CMS requirements, and (2) How would public input happen in CA. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) plans to post the Waiver within a week and submit to CMS by mid-September. DDS is working on developing standardized training materials for the Pre-Enrollment Orientations - hopefully ready in the next few months. Additional training materials may be needed for: Person Centered Planning, Independent Facilitators, FMS, General Self-Determination Principles and Practices. The training subgroup will discuss this. DDS will send a directive to the Regional Center that all local Advisory Meetings should be open to the public. SCDD will look into expanding the link on their website which currently links to a Fact Sheet on SD into a Page with various links on SD. DDS video on SD could be posted there, as well as other information. Discussions on whether DDS should develop some guidelines or caps for fees for

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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

Facilitators or let the consumers negotiate these rates. Topic for future discussion. On July 21, SCDD staff participated in the Self-Determination Training Subcommittee meeting which is developing training materials for Regional Centers. After each meeting, staff shares an update on the Waiver and Self-Determination with the Regional Office Managers.

- SCDD staff was contacted by John Vinning of the Kingsview Mental Health in Hanford, CA; staff provided information and resources to support a client who was having issues with his eligibility as he has a dual diagnosis with Metal Health. Kingsview Metal Health was having difficulty in getting services from the Regional Center for the client. There is a reoccurring issue when clients are dual diagnosed with Mental Health. There are no clear guidelines as to what agencies are to provide which services. This must be a statewide issue as there are no statewide standards.

Quality Assurance:

- Staff provided technical assistance for members of SCDD Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting on 7/14/15, Sacramento. Staff provided a meeting room, technical setup and meeting minutes.
- Staff is collaborating with, Disability Rights California (DRC), Office of Clients Rights Advocacy (OCRA), and Becoming Independent to coordinate a regional self-advocacy meeting in September 2015. The meeting will feature a presentation by the DRC (Ne'eman) on self-advocacy, the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, and CMS settings regulations. Staff is coordinating the presentation, secured the meeting location, and is developing the meeting flyer.
- In collaboration with Imagine Services of Santa Cruz, State Council staff has agreed to partner with the manager to provide facilitator training to providers, families, and individuals who wish to support others in their self-determination plans. A meeting date and agenda has been set for 8/15/15.
- The collaboration for Statewide Self Advocacy Network, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, and SCDD SV/MB continues to support the peer to peer counseling program sponsored by SVILC began on 7/21/15. SCDD SV/MB sent out targeted emails to a variety of providers and services that have participants who may benefit from joining the group.
- Staff met with coordinators of Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC) self-advocate group to support the organizing of a group. While developing a plan to promote membership and action items, SCDD is offering technical support including use of office space for meetings.
- SCDD staff provided technical support to the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Newsletter Work Group conducted a conference call on 7/8/15 to work on their 3rd edition of their newsletter. The SSAN Chairperson made the agenda and sent info to members before the meeting.
- Staff was asked by the SSAN Newsletter Work Group Chairperson to "drop" the articles into the format for their 3rd edition of the SSAN newsletter on 7/30/15. A member of the work group had to step down from SSAN and was going to do this part for the work group. Until the work group meets again in August to discuss who can take this on, and staff was asked to help. All the articles were written by the members of the SSAN work group and staff assisted by providing pictures of the events. Their next meeting is 8/14/15.
- During the meetings this month the group finalized their power point presentation and outline for their grant presentations. Final preparations have been made regarding the presentation with the clients from Community Interface Services. Materials for distribution have been copied and collated. The group

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confirmed that the guest speakers they scheduled to present at their quarterly meeting are available A presentation on Self-Advocacy was given to 32 self-advocates at the quarterly Community Interface Services Advisory and Safety meeting and were invited to the next Community Interface Services materials for Regional Centers. After each meeting, staff shares an update on the Waiver and Self-Determination with the Regional Office Managers.

- SCDD staff was contacted by John Vinning at Kingsview Mental Health in Hanford, CA to assist a client who was having issues with his eligibility as he has a dual diagnosis with Metal Health. Kingview was having difficulty in getting services from the Regional Center for the client. There is a reoccurring issue when clients are dual diagnosed with Mental Health. There are no clear guidelines as to what agencies are to provide which services. This must be a statewide issue as there are no statewide standards.

Quality Assurance:

- Staff provided technical assistance for members of SCDD Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting on 7/14/15 in Sacramento. Staff assisted in room and technological set up and completed meeting minutes.
- Staff is collaborating with Ari Ne'eman, Disability Rights California/Office of Clients Rights Advocacy, and Becoming Independent to coordinate a regional self-advocacy meeting in September 2015. The meeting will feature a presentation by Ari Ne'eman on self-advocacy, the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, and CMS settings regulations. Staff is coordinating the presentation, secured the meeting location, and is developing the meeting flyer.
- In collaboration with Imagine Services of Santa Cruz, State Council SV/MB staff has agreed to partner with the manager to provide facilitator training to providers, families, and individuals who wish to support others in their self-determination plans. A meeting date and agenda has been set for a meeting August 15.
- The collaboration for Statewide Self Advocacy Network, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, and SCDD SV/MB continues to support the peer to peer counseling program sponsored by SVILC began on 7/21/15. SCDD SV/MB sent out targeted emails to a variety of providers and services who have participants who may benefit from joining the group.
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- 7/30/15- Staff was asked by the SSAN Newsletter Work Group chair to "drop" the articles into the format for their 3rd edition of the SSAN newsletter. A member of the work group had to step down from SSAN and was going to do this part for the work group. Until the work group meets again in August to discuss who can take this on- staff was asked to help. All the articles were written by the members of the SSAN work group. Staff was asked to provide pictures that were taken at the events. Their next meeting is August 14, 2015. This first draft is saved in the common file.

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Quality Assurance (Cont.):

- During the meetings this month the group finalized their power point presentation and outline for their grant presentations. Final preparations have been made regarding the presentation with the clients from Community Interface Services. Materials for distribution have been copied and collated. The group confirmed that the guest speakers they scheduled to present at their quarterly meeting are available. A presentation on Self-Advocacy was given to 32 self-advocates at the quarterly Community Interface Services Advisory and Safety meeting and were invited to the next Community Interface Services Advisory and Safety meeting in a different part of the county in October. The following organizations are participating in the strengthening self-advocacy collaborative: Arc San Diego, San Diego Regional Center, San Diego People First, Community Interface Services and St. Madeline's. Presentations for future trainings are currently being scheduled by a self-advocate with staff support.
- SCDD staff provided facilitation support to San Diego People First officers as they prepare for their monthly meeting and their quarterly meeting. Staff provided technical assistance and resources in helping a self-advocate put together a training on Internet Safety that was be presented at the July San Diego People First meeting. Materials from DDS Safety net website were distributed. The group also received an update on the Strengthening Self-Advocacy power point presentation and provided input. During the meeting the San Diego People First officers worked on finalizing the plans for their first quarterly meeting that will be held on October 10th, discussed and developed a policy on how to manage the People First equipment and office and provided input for workshop ideas for the next Leading the Charge Conference.

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- Staff received calls from 2 parents about 2 minors, and 1 Foster Care Social Worker requesting information and assistance related to 1 minor in placement. The 2 parents requested assistance with Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) eligibility and advocacy support for special education services in the school setting. Staff provided the parents FNRC phone number and name of Intake Specialist. Parents were also provided name and phone number for Office of Clients' Right Advocacy (OCRA) - Clients' Rights Advocate (CRA) for assistance with special education advocacy assistance. The Foster Care Social Worker expressed challenges working with FNRC Service Coordinator related to needed support services for minor in placement. Staff provided name and phone number of OCRA's CRA for advocacy and assistance with working with FNRC.
- Staff received 12 calls this month regarding Regional Center services, adult services (work and ILS), and inquiries about various rights. As appropriate, calls were referred to OCRA/DRC, UCD, and ACRC or questions were answered internally.
- Staff received 4 calls were received this month. Two regarding Special Education, one regarding San Diego Regional Center Services and one regarding generic services. Two callers were referred to their

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San Diego Regional Center Service Coordinator for assistance and to the Clients Rights Advocate at Disability Rights California. One caller was referred to a generic resource. The fourth caller was referred to a benefits specialist at Disability Rights California. Technical assistance was given over the phone and email.

- Staff provided technical assistance, training and referral to 4 family advocates seeking assistance with regional center services and eligibility and conservatorships.
- Staff provided technical assistance to 8 unique callers: 5 calls regarding regional center matters, 2 Social Security Disability questions, and one question regarding IHSS protective supervision. Two of the four regional center calls were regarding the regional center service coordinator and supervisors providing inaccurate information.
- This training, developed and presented by the Orange County SCDD staff, for the Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled (CPAD) served to train family members, self-advocates, and professionals on the various living options available for regional center consumers, including services available to people living in the family home, adult family home agency and foster family agency, supported/independent living, community care facility, and intermediate care facility options.
- Staff participated in a planning meeting to discuss guidelines for social media outreach, website and mentoring of parent co-chair for the 2016 Conference. Others in attendance were staff from San Diego Regional Center and Crimson Center for Speech and Language.
- Staff assisted 7 families: 3 calls were related to Social Security matters, 1 Regional Center - Self Determination question, 1 housing, 1 Department of Rehabilitation and 1 In-Home Supportive Services. One of the Social Security questions was regarding waivers of overpayment. Explained the process and provided link to overpayment form.
- Orange County SCDD hosted (7/8 and 7/22/15) Elder Law Attorneys from the firm McGonigle & Hunsaker, LLP, to present on "Who Needs a Special Needs Trust," which covered topics, including, but not limited to: estate planning; determining if one needs a special needs trust; and the various types of special needs trusts available.
- Orange County SCDD hosted (7/15 and 7/29/15) Certified Elder Law Attorneys from the firm McGonigle & Hunsaker, LLP, to present on "Administration & Distribution of Trust Assets," which covered topics, including, but not limited to: how to transfer assets to the special needs trust, the duties of a trustee, and trust distribution.
- SCDD staff participated in planning meeting on July 23rd at the Supported Life Institute for the 29th Annual Fall Supported Life Conference. The conference brochure has been completed and presented for mailing. Discussion about ways to increase attendance, the most effective way is by additional personal contact and word of mouth. Topic information to be included in conference packet will include new legislation regarding Self Determination and Employment First information. Committee is also seeking consumer artwork from various programs to have on display at the conference. Also, given it is the 25th anniversary of the ADA, the committee discussed how to honor that at the conference. Sign-up forms for both moderators and Planning Team members were distributed.
- Staff responded to a mother who called about respite and receiving 21 days, per year of out of home, but was unable to utilize due to lack of respite beds that son would find appropriate. She is requesting that she be allowed to utilize the 21 days as in home respite but has been denied as her respite needs

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assessment only identifies the need for 16 hours per month. She received a notice of action. Counseled mom on what to expect in the fair hearing cycle. Shared with her some strategies that might lead to success. Asked that mom review the respite needs assessment with an eye for possible errors. Told mom about banking of hours. Referred to CRA and Disability Rights of CA.

- Staff received a call from a person who believed an individual with developmental disability was being mistreated or abused in a group home. Staff asked if individual is in immediate danger and the caller said no. Staff advised that the person contact APS if an adult or CPS if a child and make a report. The caller stated they spoke with APS and nothing has happened to date. Staff referred caller to the Clients Rights Advocate, Disability Rights of California, Valley Mountain Regional Center, California Department of Developmental Services and the San Joaquin County ombudsman.
- Staff responded to a call from a mother of a 15 year old daughter who requires total care and who is medically fragile. The family lives in a remote area of Calaveras County. A state level fair hearing is scheduled for next week to decide care needs, home modifications and van conversion. The family is requesting support of a loaner van until theirs is modified. The Regional Center would prefer to nullify a previous mediation agreement re respite and discuss care needs at the upcoming hearing. The parents feel this may place them at a disadvantage in the proceedings. Staff shared with parent how the fair hearing process works and referred to the Clients Rights Advocate and Disability Rights of California. Mother related she had contacted both DRC and The CRA and was told they would not advocate for her daughter at fair hearing.
- Staff spoke an individual with developmental disabilities who shared he is having trouble having his case staffed through Supported Living Services in Stockton. He requires full time assistance in all activities of daily living. This is accomplished through a combination of SLS and IHSS services. He also shared that he would like to attend a day program for a chance to be away from his apartment and to socialize with others but the regional center denied this request. Service Coordinator stated he has changed day programs too much and his attendance is poor. Staff suggested a planning team meeting to discuss any staffing needs and day activity options. If day program is denied, staff related to individual that he may consider pursuing the issue in fair hearing. Staff referred to Clients Rights Advocate and Disability Rights of California. Staff asked that individual call again if needing assistance with appeal forms or information in regard to fair hearing procedures.
- Staff spoke an individual with a developmental disability who shared she needs assistance with utilizing hopper bus passes in addition she would like to move out currently lives with mom. Advised IPP planning team meeting to advocate for bus training and move out plan. Advised a call to Clients Rights Advocate for additional assistance.
- Staff responded to a call from a gentleman who received VMRC services and who our office has helped in the past with issues with his supported living agency. Staff provided information and resources to assist him to problem solve the issue and make a list of who he could contact for support on this latest issue. He was not happy with this type of assistance, but thanked staff for their time. Staff suggested contact with the DRC; he said he had, but "they won't help me they said." He said he feels like "the regional center listens to me better when area board 6 is in the room". Staff explained the name change and role changes of the SCDD regional office from the area board days.

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<p>Quality Assurance (Cont.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff attended the monthly FERIA Committee meeting (14 people in attendance) to plan a conference for Spanish speaking parents who have a child with special needs. The theme for the conference will be "The Voices of Latino Families: Empowering Educators and Families, Children and Youth with Special Needs." The committee spent a majority of the meeting discussing the workshop strands that will be presented at the conference. They also reviewed the mission and vision of the collaboration. The following are members of the collaborative: South County SELPA, Exceptional Family Resource Center, San Diego Regional Center, Arc San Diego, TASK, San Diego Unified School District, SDSU, Azusa Pacific College, California Southern Optimist Clubs, Parents Institute for Quality Education, Southwestern Community College, Disability Rights CA, Sweetwater Union High School District and parents. ▪ Facilitation support was provided at the July Transition Resources for Adult Community Education (TRACE) Governance meeting. Staff continued a discussion with the students in an activity that focused on the choices people make in life and the choices either small or big all impact their future. Materials on the activity were provided for all students to take back to their sites and do with their group. Updates were given by various members of the group. ▪ Staff provided technical support and training provided to individuals and families including informing and training on advocating for self-determination with regional center, advocating for daughter's placement in a mainstream class with support, changes at SCDD and strategies for system change, guardianship, homeless services, at home LVN and RN nursing services, post-secondary IEP planning and services, information on HCBS final rule regulations, and cycle 38 funding from SCDD, and fair hearing process. ▪ As part of our ongoing effort to educate the community, SCDD staff attended the Parent's Helping Parents, Parents of Adult Children with Disabilities monthly meeting and provided technical support for families on areas of systems navigation and the role of the IPP planning team in making decisions and how to best advocate for child's needs. Staff provided support to a self-advocate and her support staff during the month of July while they worked on various self-advocacy related projects. Some of the activities they worked on were to help with the implementation of the Strengthening Self Advocacy project which involved scheduling presentations, helping prepare materials/fliers for the presentations and planning for the August quarterly San Diego People First meeting. The self-advocate was also provided support in creating and implementing two trainings on self-advocacy related topics for 6 self-advocates. In addition to working on self-advocacy related projects SCDD staff connected the self-advocate to the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services of a local school district to talk about employment opportunities within the district. The self-advocate was provided with information on how to proceed and move forward with the application process and access accommodations if needed. Based on follow up communication with the Special Education Director the self-advocate has a good chance to find employment within that district especially with the support of the director. 	

Goal 3	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families express the degree to which they are satisfied with their services and the extent to which they feel their needs are being met.
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Quality Assurance and Innovation:

- Staff facilitated 5 planning sessions on July 22, 27, and 28 for the purpose of adapting person-centered-planning tools to an organization with 24 Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) staff. The sessions helped staff to identify: what was working and not working for people served, staff and agency. This exercise is part of strategic planning and program quality improvement process. Information provided by UVAH staff was compiled by SCDD staff and sent to the director to review the results of the activity with the UVAH board and all staff involved. Each program participated in the activity without supervisors. Supervisors were interviewed separately.
- Staff met with 8 program managers from Adult Protective Services (APS) to provide information on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, share resources and discuss the difficulties in serving the Acutely Vulnerable Client. They define acutely vulnerable as an individual who has severe cognitive impairments or communication deficits that prevent them from protecting themselves from maltreatment and are highly dependent upon or have regular contact with individuals who are assessed as being high risk for perpetrating abuse. The issue they are currently struggling with is the individual who is impacted so significantly by their disability they are unable to protect themselves from harm and maltreatment and do not have someone who has the legal authority to advocate and make changes to keep them from harm's way. This group meets bimonthly to discuss and identify solutions to current issues. Representatives from the group did inquire as to whether or not we can advocate for individuals and they were informed that at this time we are not able to provide individual advocacy services but would like to participate at their roundtable meetings to trouble shoot situations and identify areas where systemic change could occur.
- Staff participated in the planning meeting, in collaboration with Arc of Butte County, California Vocations, Inc., Work Training Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, Far Northern Regional Center and Butte County Coordinating Council (BCCC) to organize the 20th Annual BCCC Recognition Celebration. This year is will be held on October 15, 2015 to coincide with Disability Awareness Month. The committee identifies the tasks and assignments to each member. The first task is to establish the date, time and location. The time line of deadlines related to tasks was determined. A flyer was created and will be distributed to the community on 7/31/15.
- Staff attended the monthly Client Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting (7 people attended). The CAC chair reported he provided a report to the board of directors the chair stating: The has been reviewing the Employment First Policy during the past several months and are recommending the following: (1) that an educational presentation on the Employment First Movement be provided for the entire board of directors; and (2) that the Board of Directors consider adopting an "Employment First Policy" (approximately 13 regional centers have already adopted such a policy). The board will have an educational presentation on Employment First at the August regional center board meeting. The group also completed a survey for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) CAC on publications and trainings they would like to see created. Members on the SDRC CAC represent the San Diego Regional Center Board of Directors, San Diego People First and Imperial Valley People First.
- Staff attended the quarterly San Diego Regional Center Coordinating meeting. The group receives updates from the chairpersons of the various subcommittees that are made up of representatives from the Regional Center and local service provider agencies. The subcommittees are: services for seniors and elders; client wellness; parents with developmental disabilities; recreation and leisure;

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<p>Quality Assurance and Innovation (Cont.):</p> <p>sexual health and residential living small. Each representative provided an update on their current projects however being that it is summer the committees are not as active and often go dark for one to two months. Collaborators are San Diego Regional Center, Home of Guiding Hands, Arc San Diego, LIFE, San Diego People First and various other community organizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff participated in the foothills’ Supported Living Services (SLS) and Independent Living Services (ILS) Network meeting. Topics discussed were new dental providers in the area. Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) talked about possibly making of a new dental provider in the area a vendor of VMRC. This would be a huge support to VMRC consumers because dental services are very limited. We begin planning our next expanded network meeting for 2016. Staff facilitated the very first expanded meeting which included consumers, family and professionals from all programs. At that meeting consumers talked about what they would like to see from SLS/ILS/Day Program vendors and VMRC. There was rich discussion between professorial, family and consumers about how work together to improve support and services for all consumers. ▪ Staff coordinated and facilitated Supported Living Services (SLS) network meeting. Staff prepared agenda, arranged meeting place and facilitated discussion between vendors and regional center staff. At this meeting topics discussed were planning an emergency preparedness event for spring 2016. Educating consumers about natural disasters and how they can be better prepared. We talked about working with DDS Safety Net to be a presenter at the event. Networks members talked about getting emergency backpacks for their consumers. Some agencies have been supporting their consumers in this area, and others would like to do the same. There was also discussion about how long emergency supplies should be kept. Another topic of discussion was regarding a local pharmacy delivery company that has been showing up late to consumers’ homes and or going on the wrong days for medication deliveries. The network suggested regional center write a letter to the company. SLS network will continue to monitor this issue to ensure it’s not a systematic issue. Staff also gave an update on the progress of the National Core Institute (NCI) Quality Assurance (QA) project and encouraged vendors to talk with their consumers about participating in the project that their voices are heard. We discussed self-determination and regional center staff gave an update on how VMRC will roll this out in the near future. ▪ Staff met with representative from the Department of Rehabilitation to provide an overview on the eligibility process for regional center and provided additional information on the fifth category. ▪ Staff attended a meeting with representatives from the Registrar of Voters San Diego office to discuss their plan for special elections. San Diego is a test county for the new VBM (vote by mail) model for special elections. In San Diego they have a very comprehensive plan for how to implement the VBM model throughout the county which took into account various issues relating to accessibility on multiple levels and not only issues relating to physical access. In addition, there was a discussion on poll site accessibility and the new tool they are using to record and analyze the data from the accessibility surveys. The Assistant Registrar requested assistance from the State Council office in developing an outreach plan to help educate the community about the VBM model when they are closer to implementation. In attendance at the meeting were the Registrar of Voters and California Foundation for Independent Living Centers. 	

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<p>Quality Assurance and Innovation (Cont.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff met with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Executive Director on 7/24/15 to discuss and plan for the next self-determination advisory committee and the SCDD Self-Determination presentation staff will give to his board in October 2015. ▪ Staff was invited to participate on the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Nominations Committee to interview 5 perspective VMRC Board Members. VMRC sought input and participation at this committee meeting. VMRC did select all 5 people interviewed for the 7 open positions. Unfortunately, only one candidate was not white. Discussed ways VMRC could increase its board membership diversity. This committee was made up of two VMRC Board members, the CLASP chair, SCDD and the VMRC Executive Director. ▪ To represent needs of community and promote collaboration, SCDD staff attended the San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) Board meeting. At the meeting, staff shared the activities of the work groups and task forces as well as gave board members updates on the Self Determination Advisory Committee. Board members shared contacts and resources for issues important to both the regional center board and SCDD. ▪ SCDD staff attended the San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) Service Provider Advisory Committee meeting on 7/31/15. Staff facilitated a discussion about the delivery of Early Start home based behavioral services and the regulations, and what is needed to improve the quality of such services. <p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff distributed E-Blast to inform community Google is looking for innovative and effective ideas for how technology can expand opportunity and independence for people with disabilities. They are committing \$20 million in grant funding toward this Nonprofits and public charities are eligible to submit an idea (Note: The following entities are not eligible to submit ideas pertaining to governmental entities and organizations including, but not limited to, public schools and universities, for-profit organizations and individuals). Ideas will be evaluated on a rolling basis and will be accepted until September 30, 2015 at 2:00 pm. ▪ Staff met with Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) Design Thinking Team to brainstorm regarding technological innovations that can increase independence and opportunity for people with disabilities (in response to a recent request for proposals from Google). The team identified several main ideas and agreed to arrange focus groups of people with disabilities and families as a next step. Based on the feedback from the focus groups, GGRC's Design Thinking Team will likely submit a proposal to Google in September 2015. ▪ Staff conducted training on SB 468: Self-Determination for the members of People First of Marin County (10 self-advocates and 4 community members) on 7/24/15. The training provided an overview of the law, including real-world examples of how it will empower people with developmental disabilities and their families. 	

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

Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

- Staff attended the bi-monthly Developmental Disability Provider Network (DDPN) meeting. The DDPN is a group of about 100 various service providers, family resource network, San Diego People First (SDPF) members, who meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss and update each other on legislative issues, community opportunities/threats, common issues such as the increase in minimum wage beginning January, 2016, and other concerns. This meeting is an opportunity to share resources and information, and a great place for the SCDD to get the word out regarding our State Plan, events and trainings we are providing, membership outreach for our self-determination and regional advisory committee, etc. Agency staff is gracious to distribute information provided by SCDD to their constituents, staff and families, so it is a very beneficial partnership.
- Staff participated in the second meeting of Golden Gate Regional Center's Self-Determination Advisory Committee. During this meeting, the committee reviewed the demographic data for GGRC's population and began to develop an outreach plan, which will be used to educate all individuals/families in GGRC's area on Self-Determination. The committee also began preparing some recommendations to the Department of Developmental Services. During the next meeting on 8/26/15, the committee will finalize its recommendations.
- The local Self-Determination Advisory Committee conducted its first meeting on 7/9/15. There were 6 members present, as one member was unable to attend. In addition there was the Executive Director of the San Diego Regional Center as well as SCDD San Diego Imperial staff present. Our agenda provided a brief overview of Self-Determination, the status of the CMS application, and the timeline. Expectations of the local advisory committee were discussed, and the organization of future meetings and topics was talked about. Additionally, ways to recruit members from Imperial County was discussed, as we have had no applicants from that county. We talked about seeking a member from the rural part of San Diego county also, as that group is underrepresented as well. Continued efforts will be made to locate members, and if the travel is a problem, we can utilize the videoconferencing capabilities at the SDRC.
- At our bi-monthly Regional Advisory Committee meeting we had an outstanding presentation on the College 2 Career program in San Diego. Additionally, we had invited all the RAC applicants to attend, since it will be at least another two months before any new members are appointed. The Membership Committee had expressed an interest in getting to know the applicants, and in return, have the applicants know what they are applying for. Several of the candidates already attend meetings, but the majority of them do not. One previously unknown candidate attended, so it was a bit disappointing that more did not, but it was a terrible to travel, as Comi-Con and a One Direction concert in the general vicinity were happening, so that might have discouraged people. Fortunately, our new area representative to the State Council was able to attend, so the members had a chance to meet and welcome her. In addition to our regional advisory committee members, we had the executive director of San Diego Regional Center and two potential RAC members in attendance, as well as eight members of the community.
- Staff conducted training on SB 468: Self-Determination for the members of Regional Center of the East Bay's (RCEB) Consumer Advisory Committee (20 self-advocates and 5 community members) on 7/13/15. The training provided an overview of the law, including real-world examples of how it will empower people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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

- Staff participated in the Alliance of Services Providers (ASP) meeting on 7/13/15 for Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino Counties. The ASP meets bi-monthly to discuss issues of concern for clients and programs. Issues shared by the providers included: minimum wage increase, Legislative Special session, closures of the developmental centers. Staff informed the group of pending or new legislation and announced the Get Safe training being provided in August and Sept. in their counties and handed out the fliers for August 11th in Del Norte County and August 14th Self Advocate training at the Redwood Summer Games to facilitate registration and attendance. In case of emergency cards "ICE" will be provided to participants at Redwood Summer. There were 13 attendees.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff facilitated the setup of the Get Safe training provided by the SCDD Cycle 37 Grant. Contacted potential and committed collaborators to finalize locations to hold events; Get Safe, Eureka Police Department, and Humboldt Sheriff Department, Del Norte Rural Human Services, Inc. Training dates: August 11th in Crescent City for First Responders and August 14th for consumers in Red Crest Humboldt County. Handed out or emailed 100 fliers to RCRC, Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH), Rural Adult Program, People First and individuals. Mendocino county Emergency Services emailed the flier to their Emergency Response teams in Humboldt County, Del Norte Lake and Mendocino counties. From this email we had a response from Humboldt Emergencies Services about having workshops in Humboldt for First Responders. We are currently looking at September for a First Responder workshop in Mendocino and Lake County on 9/29/15 and Humboldt on 9/30/15.
- Staff continues to collaborate with Get Safe to arrange First Responder trainings. The first training was held in Santa Clara County on 7/13/15. Staff is working with Get Safe on marketing the trainings to the community as well as ensuring Get Safe completes and submitted all the necessary paperwork needed (liability insurance, etc.). Staff collaborated with a local vendor to provide a volunteer opportunity to students with developmental disabilities. Students assisted with directing training attendees to the correct room as well as distributing materials and handouts during the training. Staff collaborated with the regional center and arranged for Get Safe training for vendors to occur in September 2015.
- Sacramento Police Department LD-4 (Victimology) provides law enforcement academy recruits with practical interpersonal, interviewing, and tactical skills to effectively interact with those affected by violent and/or traumatic events, including at-risk populations such as people with disabilities. Recruits were able to interact and practice role-playing scenarios involving an emotionally volatile self-advocate, as well, the self-advocate spoke only Spanish and have cerebral palsy. Recruits were able to identify the risks associated with under-estimating someone with a disability, which will help to prepare them for the upcoming search/seizure, report-writing, and people with disabilities classes.
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Department LD-37 (Persons with Disabilities) is a California Commission Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified class for recruit academy cadets. This portion of the learning domain involves information and scenario training in the area of physical, sensory, developmental and cross-disabilities and the system of laws, supports/services, and officer response tactics associated with serving citizens with a range of disabilities. This class is team-taught by SCDD (civilian) staff (as the subject matter expert) and a retired detective (as the law enforcement/subject matter expert in street tactics).

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Quality Assurance:

- The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is in the process of revising the curriculum for Learning Domain 37 (LD-37 Persons with Disabilities), based on current case law, laws, and new legislation, best practices, acceptable and/or recommended law enforcement tactics, and definitions as found in the DSM V. POST has put together a team of subject matter experts, certified academy trainers (both civilian and law enforcement), staff of representative organizations, and attorneys to revise the training/testing standards and workbook materials for this topic. In identifying potential team members, POST used surveys and asked subject matter experts from academies throughout the state to participate in the revision process, which has been ongoing for the past 6 months. The team has now drafted materials, which will be edited and submitted for final team agreement, legal counsel review, and approval by the POST Commission members. Along with substantive curriculum and testing revisions, the team has made strong recommendations to greatly expand the amount of time assigned to this block of instruction and accompanying scenario training. If approved and implemented, this process will represent the largest revision, in regard to overall training time, that POST has made to LD-37 to date.

Goal 5	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff developed a list of County Office of Emergency Services for a four county catchment area. This information can be handed out and used as we provide Get Safe training during the months of August and September. Information provided by staff was compiled and sent to SCDD for their master list of emergency services for each county.
- Staff participated in collaboration with North Valley Services, We Care A Lot Foundation (WCALF), Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC), and local Self-Advocates in the Tehama County Coordinating Council (TCCC) on 7/21/15. The County Coordinating Councils on Developmental Disabilities were originally established in 1971 by County Boards of Supervisors at the request of the State Human Relations Agency as committees to help plan and coordinate local services for persons with developmental disabilities. The Councils provided grass roots input on unmet needs, program development, and helped to avoid service duplication and fragmentation. They also helped pave the way and promote the integration of persons with disabilities into the general community. Members were appointed by the Supervisors and, in some instances, Councils were provided with some financial support. As today, Councils were composed of representatives of agencies, professionals, consumers, and the general public with knowledge of and an interest in the welfare of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. With legislative changes that have occurred over the past years, the role of the local Coordinating Councils has also changed. Even though Coordinating Councils remain committees established by the Boards of Supervisors, they are no longer mandated by legislative action. There are still some specific activities for which these Councils are responsible besides their own selected or directed functions. The Councils also review issues relating to a given county and provide a public

Goal 5 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

forum for the discussion of issues relating to persons with developmental disabilities. Regarding public education and information, Councils can sponsor, conduct and participate in activities which inform the public of the goals of integrating persons with developmental disabilities into the local community. The TCCC is organizing an Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Tehama County Fair on September 25, 2015 from 10-2pm. Local service providers will sew backpacks, purchase supplies and local self-advocates will be providing demonstrations and education about what/why the supplies are needed. Each participant will have their own bag! Next planning meeting on 8/18/15.

- Staff participation in quarterly Access and Functional Needs work group meeting on 7/21/15. The purpose of this work group is to give input to the Office of Emergency Services on how to make emergency services inclusive for persons with a disability. This meeting we reviewed and made suggestions for two emergency management position job duty statements. We viewed video trainings for first responders regarding how to communicate with persons with a disability in an emergency situation. There will be a series of 8 videos. Each video will focus on a specific disability or at risk population. The participating organizations attending this meeting were the following: Office of Emergency Services, 211, local health organizations, Meals on Wheels, Aging and Independence, fire safety groups from various parts of the county, sheriff's department, local adult agencies, American Red Cross, and Sempra Utilities.
- SCDD staff contacted staff members from Resources for Independence Central Valley gathering information from a conference they held on Emergency Preparedness. Dawn has begun to collect information to create a set of curriculum for different disaster situations. Some topics may include; power outages, electrical storms (lightening/thunder), flooding, and earthquakes. Also, a copy of the front of the book that was handed out at their conference "My Life in a Box," by author Laurie Ecklund Long. Staff plans to use some of the provided information to develop new training materials.

Goal 6	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
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Education and Early Intervention:

- Staff continues to promote capacity building by coordinating a resource fair with the Vallejo Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education. The resource fair is a collaborative effort with the Vallejo City Unified School District and Vallejo transition programs. Staff has secured the location for the resource fair and is contacting agencies to have resource tables at the event.
- The Transition Coalition met 7/8/15 to finalize plans for the upcoming Living Options Panel presentation on 7/16/15. In addition to revising the schedule due to one of the presenters dropping out of the panel, the coalition also reviewed the materials to be distributed as well. Good news was shared that 31 Work Incentive Planners have been approved by Governor Brown to be added to the Department of Rehabilitation throughout the State. Planners will work to educate clients and their families about the realities about working, and dispel the myth that they will lose their benefits, if they do become employed. There is a new mantra for employment goals: \$20 per/hr. for 20 hrs. per/week by 2020. We discussed the various Workability programs, and the changes through WIOA.

Goal 6 (Cont.)	Young adults with developmental disabilities and their families get the information and support to be prepared for and experience a successful transition to adult life.
<p>Employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Disability Collaborative is beginning to plan for a Roadmaps and Transition Summit in November 2015 to discuss Transition Services. The Collaborative includes providers and educators from Santa Clara County. Planning on the summit will be directed toward parents of children at the transition age. Topics for the transition will be how to plan and prepare for transition from school, what services are needed, and resources to arrange such services. Presently, SCDD has agreed to provide training on the Roadmaps to Day and Employment Services, and Residential Services. <p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff distributed an E-Blast to inform community on information about Shasta College's new College to Career (C2C) Program (approximately 400 community members were reached). ▪ A "Living Options" Panel was offered to the community on the evening of 7/17/15, and 27 people signed and 5 people declined from signing in. The panel of presenters provided information on the various types of living options available within the San Diego community. The various level of licensed residential facilities, community care facilities, family home agencies, independent and supported living as well as independent living training in the parental homes was discussed. Additionally, we had a presenter that has lived in a supported living situation for over 15 years speak regarding his experiences. The process for obtaining these services, how the level of support is determined, what to do if you prefer an option that is not offered, as well as the pros and cons of each type of situation, was provided. Handouts regarding the Section 8 and subsidized housing programs was disseminated, options for home modifications and how to obtain these, the DRC fact sheet on Independent Living Options in the home was available, as was the Resource Guide to Living Options from the San Diego Regional Center was also provided. There was a substantial time set aside for questions and answers, but as always, it is never long enough. 	

Goal 7	Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.
<p>Informing Policymakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Along with a family member and representatives of the Alameda and Contra Costa County DD Councils, staff met with a staff person from Assembly member Susan Bonilla's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss childcare and educate the Assembly member's office on the systemic need for respite for families of "at risk" children within the Early Start program. Staffs agreed to follow-up with the Assembly member's office and provide more details (e.g. the specific relevant piece of legislation). <p>Education and Early Intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The California BioBank Community Values Panel is a large group of representatives from agencies such as the California Hospital Association, the Genetic Disease Screening Program, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition; March of Dimes, Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of CA, family advocates and others, who review materials and provide input to the CA Department of Public Health regarding the 	

Goal 7 (Cont.)	Children birth to 3 who are at risk of or have a developmental delay and their families receive the early intervention services they need to achieve their potential.
<p>Education and Early Intervention (Cont.):</p> <p>storage and use of the Newborn Screening Blood Spots. As a member of the Education Committee, I was asked to review the materials that will be provided to new parents at the hospital regarding why the blood samples are taken, what they use the samples for, how the samples are stored, etc. The information was provided in plain language. Additionally, there is educational material available for parents to opt out of this service if they so desire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In cooperation with the Disparity Task Force and noting from a task force member that the styles of outreach by the regional center and disability service system is not effective among the African American community, SCDD with the Disparity Task Force is to begin outreach to the black church and leadership community to offer materials and training to families whose children may require early start services. SCDD staff has assembled training and resource material for review and development of the task force to use and develop into training and outreach. 	

Goal 8	The State of California will adopt an Employment First policy which reflects inclusive and gainful employment as the preferred outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.
<p>Employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff met with a new member of the SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) before attending her first committee meeting, she requested an update on the previous meeting, and had several questions regarding her role and participation on this committee. ▪ Based on anecdotal reports from advocates about the quality and availability of day and employment services, SCDD staff partnered with the Autism Society of the Bay Area, Hope, Abilities United, Monarch, and Easter Seals to form a Day and Employment Workgroup. We met as a workgroup on 7/13/15, there were 14 community members were in attendance and representative of: individuals, providers, families and educators. We discussed preferred services and obstacles that inhibit access to preferred services available to people with disabilities. The group was able to identify indicators for ideal day and employment services and the obstacles toward the receipt of these services. The work group has agreed to meet in a month and will identify the key obstacles to address and pose solutions for. Staff from headquarters participated in the meeting and will be available to offer technical support on policy matters. ▪ Staff provided technical assistance the Chairperson of the Employment First Committee (EFC) to develop meeting minutes for the June 2015 EFC meeting to present to both the Self-Advocate Advisory Committee and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities meetings in July 2015. ▪ As a committee member, SCDD staff participated in the monthly planning meeting on 7/9/15 for Jobtoberfest 2015 Employment Fair. The committee discussed workshop topics, activity timelines were reviewed, and updates on completed tasks. Staff continues to collaborate with committee members: Department of Rehabilitation, Outreach Consulting Services, Mental Health Systems, Caltrans, Employment Development Department, ARC of San Diego, Episcopal Community Services, San Diego State University Interwork Institute, Jewish Family Services, Career Services, Inc. 	

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Employment (Cont.):

- The Leading the Charge planning committee met on 7/17/15 to review and select the venue for the upcoming conference. The Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley was selected for the price and location, which is directly across the street from the trolley station, to allow for more self-advocates participating. Additionally, the parking and overall location for others is good, and the hotel staff seemed willing to accommodate the needs of the conference very well. We agreed this was the best option and the contract to secure this facility will be signed by 12/3/15. Also, we discussed the possibility of giving an award to an innovative and local opportunity, such as the National Foundation for Autism Research, a local foundation that recently began a training program for transition age youth to be trained as software testers would be the recipient. Additionally, issues such as the raffle (of which the proceeds supported the People First Conference last year) were discussed and it was agreed that should be offered again. Sponsorships, registration, marketing materials, and several options for a keynote speaker were discussed and duties were assigned. The committee also decided to invite Urban Miyares of the Disabled Businessperson Association to open the event. A like last year, we will offer three strands of workshops to provide information and resources for self-advocates, families and professionals.
- SCDD staff participated in the Leading the Charge Conference planning committee meeting on 7/30/15 to review and discuss the process of identifying speakers, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, etc. The conference has a diverse and varied audience, in that we invite self-advocates, transition teachers and students, families, professionals and direct support staff. There will be three strands of sessions running simultaneously, one targeting the interests of self-advocates, one more geared for families and one for agency staff and professionals. People are encouraged to attend the free session they prefer, while it is our attempt to have something for everyone at each time. The focus of the conference is primarily employment, and all the other changes in our service system, such as: Self-Determination, Work Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act), and Employment First. We identified speakers that we will be asking to present on the above mentioned topics, and the schedule for the day was reviewed with a panel discussion on Innovative Solutions for traditional day services, as the final presentation to inspire a new ways of doing business!
- Staff facilitated a meeting on 7/16/15 with individuals (5 community members) interested in improving employment practices in the Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) catchment area. Staff provided a meeting room and technical assistance for recording meeting minutes. As a team, we discussed best practice in job development and job coaching, as well as, methods, procedures and techniques for improving VMRC's employment practices.
- Staff provided technical assistance for the Statewide Self-Advocate Network (SSAN) Employment Work Group teleconference call. The work group chair asked for assistance with recording meeting notes. The work group discussed the planning and facilitation of their upcoming webinar on Employment First in August 2015.
- SCDD staff participated in a Think Transition committee meeting where participants seek to maximize employment opportunities for adults with disabilities. The primary focus of the meeting was to review and discuss sub-committee reports to consider the formation of a business advisory committee in the Sacramento area. The committee also discussed plans for providing a transition workshop series on varied training topics in September or October 2015.

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

Employment Rights Advocacy and Training:

- SCDD staff attended a webinar on Celebrating 25 Years of the ADA: Leading the Conversation on employment and Disability Inclusion. The National Employer Policy, Research, and Technical Assistance Center for Employers provided the webinar; we learned how companies recognized as top employers for people with disabilities integrate the goal of disability inclusion to strengthen their businesses and their corporate goals and branding.
- Staff provided technical support to distribute an E-Blast to approximately 400 people in regarding the grand opening of a new project called G.C.D Fitness (Grow, Change; and Develop Fitness). It is funded by a day program and community fitness center in Shasta County and staffed by people with developmental disabilities; opening soon to the general public.
- SCDD staff coordinated and co-hosted with Irvine Unified School District to provide a presentation on "Parents' Role in Job Development," focusing on how parents can be involved in the job development process for their adult child, how to apply "filters" in job development, and how to look for a potential job for your adult child. The presenter Paul Harvey, former Corporate Senior Manager of U.S. Headquarters at Nissan North America, who started utilizing people with developmental disabilities in various job capacities over 15 years ago. He shared his unique viewpoint on job development from an employer's perspective, parent's perspective, and how parents can join in the job development process to help identify and develop creative employment solutions for their adult children.
- SCDD staff developed and co-presented on 7/23/15, a 3-parent panel discussion on "Life after High School." This workshop covered the following topics: IDEA requirements as they relate to the adult transition process, California's developmental disability service system, and how to coordinate employment, housing, and recreation programs.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD staff hosted a planning meeting for University of California, Davis - UCD Think Transition and a collaborative of 10 individuals and agencies working to develop a Business Advisory Committee in Sacramento, based on a model used in Southern California, and the goal is to hold the first meeting of the BAC in October 2015.
- Staff provided technical support to promote the upcoming National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability for Youth Conference and distributed invitations to 62 individuals on the Stanislaus County Transition Taskforce email list.
- SCDD staff attended UCD Think Transition meeting at UCD Mind Institute in Sacramento. The following topics were discussed: UCD MIND Institute's Summer Institute, Transition Workshops for the fall 2015, development of Business Advisory Committee in Sacramento, review of several websites that have searchable information and links on Transition topics. Ten people attended the meeting and a brief description of Meristem's new campus in Fair Oaks, and how will this serve teens and young adults with Autism. SCDD staff gave a brief description of SCDD's activities.
- Staff attended a forum titled "New Jobs - The Next Generation of Jobs Programs" that was organized by One San Diego and featured four panelists including San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer; Peter Callstrom, CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership; Paola Avila, International Business Affairs, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Edward Abeyta, Director of Pre-Collegiate and Career Preparations Programs at the UC San Diego Extension Program. There were presentations and a roundtable discussion of how to connect San Diegans to our innovative economy and bring economic

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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

opportunity to all neighborhoods. Also, a discussion regarding the Workforce and Economic Advisory Committee on research conducted by the San Diego Workforce Partnership showing which sectors show new good paying jobs, and boosting job skills. The need for soft skills for youth seeking jobs, and real-life experience is needed to close the gap on communication and collaboration skills. The value of internships was discussed, and the Connect 2 Careers was discussed as a key component connecting youth job seekers to jobs. Questions were raised by the audience, and when asked about the inclusion of people with disabilities, the speakers stated they were included in these potential internships and job opportunities.

- SCDD staff participated in the National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability for Youth Conference on 7/16/15; individuals discussed methods and techniques to improve employment outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Discussions focused on how to better integrate with the business community and how to use those associations to increase success of job development and job retention for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).
- Staff testified at a hearing of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on 7/16/15. The hearing focused on increasing employment outcomes for people with disabilities within San Francisco city/county government. Staff applauded the city for their efforts to prioritize this issue and offered some suggestions regarding the city's current alternative hiring process, including the recommendations of their local advisory committee. Staff offered to provide support and technical assistance to the city, as needed, in the future.

Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:

- Staff participated in the Orange County Employment Advocacy Network (OCEAN) collaborative that meets every other month to identify issues and develop solutions to the changes that are occurring with respect to employment and day services. At this meeting, the following topics were discussed changes at regional center regarding employment, day services data collection, potential job site leads, and engaging smaller businesses for job development, and potential ESA (external situation assessments) sites.
- SCDD staff attended the Employer Engagement for Postsecondary Educational Professionals Webinar on 7/16/15. This was a nationwide webinar and strategies were discussed to develop employer relationships in order to increase learning and employment opportunities for students with I/DD. The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD) for Youth has organized this as part of a webinars series for postsecondary education faculty and staff. The NCWD is a national technical assistance center supported by the US Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.
- SCDD staff continues to coordinate with TransCen, Inc., Products Services & Industries (PSI), North Bay Regional Center; (NBRC), Department of Rehabilitation, and Redwood Enterprise Industries (REI) as a collaborative effort to demonstrate new approaches to services and supports. Staff met with the Director of PSI on 7/30/15 to discuss progress on their work plan to design a "braided services" program to support clients to achieve competitive integrated employment. PSI developed their work plan with consultation from TransCen, Inc., the agency whose proposal entitled "A New Day for Day Services: Service Conversion for the North Bay," and funded by a SCDD PDF (Program Development Fund) Grant for FY 2014-2015.

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Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):

- SCDD staff along with the Deputy Director of Jobs for Best Buddies California met 7/1/15 with the staff of San Francisco Supervisor Eric Mar to discuss options for increasing the employment of persons with disabilities within San Francisco city/county government. Specifically, staff educated the Supervisor's staff on an alternative hiring program that is demonstrating significant positive outcomes in the city of Seattle, Washington. The Supervisor's staff agreed that the Seattle program has promise and agreed to investigate it further. Additionally, SCDD staff agreed to testify at an upcoming hearing of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors on strategies to increase employment and invite the Supervisor's staff on a tour of people with disabilities working in city/county jobs in Alameda County.

Goal 10	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
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Interagency Collaboration and Coordination:

- Staff participates in Regional Coalition - The Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center, Passages Area Agency on Aging, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, California Health & Wellness and Legal Services of Northern California. Staff participates in the development of monthly meetings and projects with DAN grant Manager with Disability Action Center. Discussion of 7/2/15 monthly Regional Coalition calls regarding changes to Medicaid managed care. DAN members will utilize resources to increase knowledge of changes to Medicaid managed care, specifically related to In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and California Children Services (CCS) and bring back updates to next meeting. Legal Services of Northern California is looking for individual cases with County Operated Health Care System model (COHS), specifically Partnership Health Plan of California in Northern counties. A recent case was described pertaining to transportation services that raise the issue of Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) oversight. Another case involved a request for a power wheelchair that Partnership denied, but was overturned through a hearing and new policies with DHCS. The advocacy efforts through Legal Service of Northern California allowed the individual to get their wheelchair and now a person cannot be denied a wheelchair due to lack of access in the home. California Health and Wellness (CaH&W) requested examples of transportation issues and barriers. The will provide resources and contact numbers related to transportation issues to the DAN members for outreach efforts. DAN requested a CaH&W presentation on Case Management Programs and Services for an upcoming meeting. CaH&W will accommodate request and will provide information related to the "process" of medically necessary transportation provided by the plan. DAN members are proud of the advocacy that the members provide through their agencies and networking together. DAN members were provided new brochures with the hopes that continued outreach will assist the coalition to increase membership and agency participation.
- Staff participated in a planning meeting for the Annual UCSF's Conference on health issues for people with developmental disabilities. Representatives from Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC), Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB), and the Arc of San Francisco also participated. During the meeting, participants brainstormed regarding possible topics and speakers and identified next steps.

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Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):

- SCDD staff serves as an active member and participated in a Regional Coalition monthly conference call on 7/2/15 with The SCAN Foundation, which is funded by the Regional Coalition - Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) and participates in the monthly Regional Coalition Conference calls, along with our DAN project manager. Collaborators include The SCAN Foundation and the other 18 Regional Coalitions projects that exist across the state of California and locally from Disability Action Center (formerly Independent Living Center from Northern California (ILSNC)). The call included a presentation from the Justice in Aging (Cutler), who presented the CMS proposed rule on Medicaid managed care regulations, and available online: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>. CMS released a new set of rules for Medicaid managed care and these are the first regulatory changes in more than a decade. There may not be this level of changes to the new rule for many years, it is important to focus on integration of LTSS into Medicaid managed care. The Justice in Aging created an issue brief available online: <http://www.justiceinaging.org/> for the issue brief and a recording of a recent webinar.
- SCDD staff participated in a small forum to explore what committee members are seeking from the committee and what we can bring to the committee. The purpose of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) is to assist CA Health and Wellness to meet the needs of people with disabilities to better access medical services under their plan. They also continue to see ways to network and educate the community about their services.
- Staff met the Planning and Evaluation Specialist for the Imperial County Public Health Department on 7/29/15 to provide information on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, share resources and discuss the community survey they are currently conducting to provide the framework for the Imperial Valley Community Health Improvement Plan that will be created. To ensure issues relating to individuals with disabilities are represented, SCDD staff will provide assistance with the distribution of the survey and identify potential agencies in Imperial Valley that would be willing to distribute the surveys and host a collection box. Collaborators include: the Imperial County Public Health Department, San Diego Regional Center and Arc of Imperial Valley.
- SCDD staff attended the Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee (MCDAC) meeting at First 5. About 40 agencies, medical establishments, dentists, family members, and advocates attend. Dental plans gave updates on their utilization rates. The committee discussed best practices for outreach to families with young children. Various options were discussed. Little Hoover Commission Denti-Cal Study was discussed and members were encouraged to give input. There is an upcoming Hearing scheduled at the Capitol on September 24, 2015.
- Staff provided technical support to promote the PALS Program, University of California, Irvine - UCI School of Medicine. Staff invited consumers and their families by email and provided applications to the 2015-2017 UCI School of Medicine PALS program. Every two years, the UCI School of Medicine matches children with first-year medical students in a program that is an adaptation of the Big Brother/Big Sister programs, which pairs medical students with children with disabilities ages 6 to 16 as "pals" who visit each other regularly for activities and outings, including three events and parties at UCI for the children and families per year. The PALS program allows medical students to learn firsthand about the various illnesses and behavioral diagnoses common and uncommon to the pediatric patient population. Participants not only gain a mentor, but a friend, who through progressive visits and interactions, can empathize with the impact that chronic illness has on a child's daily life. Medical

Goal 10 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities understand their options regarding health services and have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental and mental health services in their community.
<p>Interagency Collaboration and Coordination (Cont.):</p> <p>students learn how a family is affected by a chronic or life threatening illness on a day to day basis. They learn from the family how it has affected their friendships, education and many life decisions. The program runs for the first two years of their medical school experience which allows a deep connection to form, impacting how the students practice medicine and develop relationships with their patients.</p> <p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff attended an ADA conference in Grass Valley hosted by the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Nevada County. This conference celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the ADA and the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act. The purpose of the conference was to connect people (with disabilities and elderly) with long-term services and supports and safety-net services through coordination and collaboration with local partners. Local and statewide leaders provided sessions on local, statewide and national issues (see Collaborators) including: Community Living & Employment, Medi-Cal Managed Care, Transportation Travel Training, Social Security Disability, and Assistive Technology for Independent Living, Advance Health Planning, and Disability Resource connections. Nevada County has a 211 connectivity point (by phone, computer or text) for all resources in the community. The purpose of 211 is to listen, access the caller’s needs and refer to appropriate agencies and services. 211 is a hub (approved by the Board of Supervisors) that runs 24/7, 365 days a year. To date, approximately 600 calls per month are made with 1,200 contacts by the internet and email. ▪ SCDD staff continues to collaborate with Autism Insurance and Regional Center to plan a training in Monterey and San Benito Counties about the transfer of ABA services to Medi-Care from Regional Center. The group is to have a planning meeting on 8/11/15. 	

Goal 11	Individuals with developmental disabilities have access to affordable and accessible housing that provides control, choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.
<p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff responded to call from a parent and provided information for his disabled mother who needs to move from her current residence to subsidized and affordable housing in the county. Provided information on Solano County Housing Authority and Section 8 Program; IHSS, Solano County Health and Social Services Department, Older and Disabled Adult Services (ODAS). ▪ Staff responded to calls from 2 families seeking information on affordable housing; staff provided technical assistance to provided resource information and referral services for additional support. 	

Goal 12	Affordable and accessible housing units are developed in local communities to expand housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD Staff from both the North Bay and Sacramento offices attended a Public hearing on the transformation of Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) conducted by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on 7/18/15 in Sonoma. This report was developed with input from both staff. Public testimony was given from parents, siblings, senators, legislative staff, Sonoma Co. Supervisor, Sonoma Land Trust, Sonoma Coalition members, SDC Parent Hospital Association, Disability Rights California, and SCDD. DDS is summarizing the testimony for inclusion in their report to the Legislature due October 1, 2015.
- SCDD staff attended the Residential Vendor Forum at Alta Regional Center on July 6th. The Forum is to provide a constructive platform for discussion and information sharing between Vendored Residential Providers and ACRC Community Services. Approximately, 40 residential care providers and 5 ACRC staff attended. Topics of discussion at this meeting were: online CEU's for trainings, resources for sedation dentistry, maximum vendor capacity for new facilities to be in line with new CMS settings rules with no more than 4 per home, vendor rate adjustment for employee sick leave, and CMS rules, as well as, provider self-survey and on-site assessment tools, and methods for providing and documenting Behavioral Consultation and interventions.
- SCDD staff met with People First of Ukiah and Redwood Coast Regional Center staff at an Executive Committee meeting of People First to provide information on current community housing projects. Staff suggested that they may have an interest in either meeting with local project developers and or doing presentations at a RCHDC housing board meeting to inform the agency on housing needs for disabled. Staff informed the group of several housing developments in Ukiah and on the coast they may be interested in getting involved with the development by making a presentation to the housing agency committees.

Systems Design and Redesign:

- SCDD staff maintains contact with the Bay Area Housing Corporation, who is in the planning stages of building a work group to develop a statewide housing plan. Staff recommended that stakeholders recruit and shared links on current housing issues. Staff invited San Andreas Regional Center to partner with them to report to San Benito and Monterey County local government groups about the need for housing for people with developmental disability. This report is in response to SB 812 which requires county government draft elemental reports on the housing needs of special populations within the communities.

Goal 13	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff facilitated a strategic planning session on 7/8/5 for the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council. The Alameda DD Council identified their priorities for the coming year, including concrete action steps. SCDD staff will continue to work closely with them, as they move forward, and collaborate on many shared goals (e.g. increasing employment and housing opportunities, educating local law enforcement, increasing access to dental care, etc.).

Goal 13 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

- Through targeted use of our list-serve, SCDD staff informed the community about the need for Spanish speaking individuals to complete the SCDD State Plan survey, the California Legislatures convening of a special session and introduction of developmental services legislation, the formation of a peer to peer support group, the date of an autism safety fair, availability of funds from Google, and a training for air transportation for people with autism. Staff reached approximately 400 people in our catchment area.
- SCDD staff met with the leadership group of the Monterey Bay Provider Network to develop a strategy to become an organization more inclusive of advocates and families. Staff shared how it can serve as a consultant and facilitator as the group forms and takes action.
- Staff met with a service provider from San Benito County to discuss how SCDD can be a greater presence and collaborator within the county. Strategy was developed to identify Family Resource Center contacts.
- Staff facilitated a strategic planning session of the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council on 7/22/15. The Contra Costa DD Council identified their priorities for the coming year, including concrete action steps. SCDD staff will continue to work closely with them, as they move forward, and collaborate on many shared goals (e.g. increasing employment and housing opportunities, educating local law enforcement, increasing access to dental care, etc.).
- Staff provided technical support to distribute E-Blasts throughout the month of July to provide information on various trainings, events and opportunities in the community. Information included: AB1733, Birth Certificates if Homeless, National Foundation on Autism Research scholarships available for training to become a software tester, Disability Awareness event flyers, National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability, Employer Engagement from the National Council on Workforce Development, Strategies for Post-Secondary Education proficiency, an upcoming Epilepsy Conference, Google Grant opportunity, a Microbusiness Training Program, "Love and Autism" conference information, Dancing Without Limits program, a Health Fair sponsored by the Black Nurses Association, information on the lay-offs at the Haggen Grocery Stores that are effecting people with IDD.
- SCDD staff continues to co-facilitate meetings with community collaborators in July 2015 to improve access to community and recreational activities for individuals with a disability at the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC). Staff attended the People First meeting in Ukiah on 7/6/15 and explained the Open ARC activities on Fridays Nights and Sundays that provide a whole range of free recreational and socialization activities. SCDD staff handed out fliers to 16 People First attendees, 3 facilitators, 3 RCRC staff and left fliers at the RCRC front desk. The group was very excited and wanted to go as a group to visit the ARRC to have a social activity. They decided on going to the ARRC in September and would discuss and plan for the activity at the August 2015 People First meeting.
- Staff participated in an In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Advisory committee meeting. A report was presented on the 7% care provider rate reduction that has now been restored. The committee discussed how the Public Authority (PA) would be addressing question from providers. The advisory committee provided the PA with suggestions for written notification to its providers. There was also a short dialogue about the new time card system and this would be affected by the return of the 7%.
- Staff participated in a Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) Board meeting on 7/25/15; staff shared information about an upcoming Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SAC 6) meeting, and provided technical support for the SCDD Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Chairperson.

Goal 13 (Cont.)	Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to community based services and supports available to the general population (such as recreation, transportation, childcare, etc.) that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.
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Formal and Informal Community Supports (Cont.):

- Staff participation in monthly In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee meeting. A report was given by the IHSS Administrative representative. Information was given on a new Care Coordination Unit for those individuals being discharged from a care facility. Since July starts a new fiscal year, we reviewed our 2014-2015 goals and what's been accomplished and continuation of goals not met. We discussed forming a new subcommittee to develop our 2015-2016 goals to present to the full committee for discussion and approval. Those in attendance were Public Authority, In Home Supportive Services, United Domestic Workers Union, care providers and recipients of service.
- Staff attended the Board Meeting for Alta California Regional Center to collaborate and stay informed about services and supports in our 10-county catchment area. Phil Bonnet, the Executive Director, gave a summary of the State Budget update, the Self-Determination Advisory Committee, the Sonoma Developmental Center/Community Placement Planning, Residential Services, a Quarterly Dashboard Report and explained the extraordinary session of the legislature that was called by Governor Brown to address issues related to Medi-Cal and Developmental Services. A bill has been produced and authored by Senator Jim Beall (SBX2-1), which calls for an across the board increase to regional center funding of 10% for POS and OPS. There were no increases provided to rates for providers or centers in the governor's May Revise. As of May 2015, ACRC had efforts underway to add a small percentage to some categories of service. ACRC was able to hire additional Service Coordinators to bring their caseload ratios down but still have more work to be done in this area. Mr. Bonnet announced there will be a meeting for family members who have consumers living in developmental centers (DC) on 9/9/15 at 1pm. While ACRC continues to have 76 consumers living in DC's (as of June 2015), last fiscal year they exceeded their goal of 12 and transitioned 18 consumers to the community.
- Staff continues to coordinate with the Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) for the facilitation of their second Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meetings. The CVRC committee met on 7/28/15 at the Central Valley Regional Center from 5:30-7:30pm for an overview of documents on information from the June SDAC meeting and relevant topics the committee wanted to cover. In attendance were 10 of the 13 members, CRVC, DRC and SCDD. The committee decided to ask for volunteers for the positions Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. The group has agreed to meet once a month on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm at the Central Valley Regional Center.
- Staff continues to coordinate with the Kern Regional Center (KRC) for the facilitation of their second Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meetings. The Kern Regional Center Committee met by conference call on 7/28/15 from 5:00-6:45pm. The call was comprised of the same topics as the Central Valley SDAC Meeting. The Kern Committee confirmed it will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 5:00-6:30pm. SDAC members chose to wait until the next meeting in August which will be in person to elect volunteers for the positions Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

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

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- SCDD staff provided outreach and distributed E-Blasts to invite the community to save-the-date for the Bay Area's first Disability Unity Festival 2015, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the ADA and promoting a barrier-free and inclusive community #ADA25 Conference at UC Hastings Law Center on September 25-26, 2015; and the Disability Unity Parade & Festival 2015 at the Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco, 11am – 3pm Saturday, September 26th #ADA25 CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS! If you have an ADA themed presentation you think employers, people with disabilities, public servants, the public at large would be interested in, please submit your proposal now! The Disability Organizing Network (DO Network) is a statewide disability advocacy network of 28 Independent Living Centers and the communities they serve.
- Staff provided outreach and distributed E-Blasts to inform the community that “The Lanterman Coalition Urges Advocates to Visit District Offices during the Legislative Recess to Save Developmental Services in the Special Session.” The Lanterman Coalition fully supports Senator Jim Beall's SB 2X-1: Across the Board Funding Increase. The Lanterman Coalition has developed a variety of talking points from several perspectives of parents, self-advocates, and other stakeholders in the developmental services system.
- Staff provided outreach and distributed E-Blasts on 7/1/15 to approximately 400 people to inform them that California entered into an Agreement on 6/30/15, with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to continue federal financial participation for Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) for up to two years. The settlement constitutes a “stay” of termination from the Medicaid Program that resulted from the decertification of several Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) residential units at SDC which were found in violation of federal requirements late last year. Reflected in the Agreement and consistent with the 2015-16 State Budget, California has initiated closure planning for the three remaining state developmental centers, including Sonoma Developmental Center. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is committing substantial effort and resources to develop appropriate infrastructure for the transition and support of the residents of SDC. Continued federal funding is contingent upon SDC’s compliance with the Agreement. The Agreement requires the establishment of an independent consultant to monitor compliance with the Agreement, for the oversight of transition and post-transition care, and to provide regular reports to CMS and the California Department of Public Health.
- Staff used the email system “Mailchimp” to forward information about the following 4 activities. These were emailed to a total of 3,680 email addresses and opened by 919 individuals. Topics included: SCDD Needs Your Input on our State Plan Goals; The WarmLine Family Resource Center Sibling Workshop; and National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- SCDD staff was invited by the Sacramento County DD Council to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the role and responsibilities of the SCDD, as well as, the regional offices role to implement the State Plan goals and objectives for both the US (Federal Laws) and California (State Law). Sacramento County DD Council is elected by the Board of Supervisors to provide information on needs in their local area. Sacramento County DD Council board members in attendance were 2 self-advocates; 2 parents; 3 service provider professionals representative of housing, residential, DD and mental health services. Staff plans to attend subsequent Sacramento County DD Council meetings as they have guest speakers who are informative on many local issues related to SCDD State Plan goals and objectives.

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- Staff participated in meeting of the East Bay Legislative Coalition, which includes the Alameda and Contra Costa DD Councils, Regional Center of the East Bay, local service providers and self-advocates. The Coalition reviewed pending legislation and the State Budget and discussed potential advocacy strategies.
- Staff attended the Mayor's Task Force for Persons with Disabilities meeting on 7/9/15; the Taskforce met and gave committee reports regarding housing, mobility and accessibility throughout the city, Education and employment opportunities and community development. The taskforce began planning a Disability awareness fair for 2016. Staff also participated by providing input regarding the importance for accessibility at local business for people with various abilities.
- SCDD staff attended the San Diego Regional Center Vendor Advisory Committee meeting 7/20/15 and staff was invited as a community representative. This bi-monthly meeting provided updates on the status of the SDRC budget is provided, any changes or updates are provided, such as the addition of a new unit (#28) which will be added to provide service coordination services to Early Start and young children. Additionally, legislation was discussed with updates from the Developmental Disability Provider Network, and Future of Day Services. Members discussed pressing issues facing providers, the community, and self-advocates. Updates on the Self-Determination program, and other informational announcements are shared. This is a great opportunity to broadcast upcoming SCDD trainings and events, such as the upcoming People First quarterly meeting on 8/10/15, and our grantee Get Safe will provide a presentation.
- SCDD staff continues to engage in the on-going issue regarding the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Parental Fee. Staff was contacted by a parent who is unable to pay the increase in her monthly payment to DDS for her daughter's out of home placement. She will be appealing the decision and asked for information on how to proceed. Staff was contacted by an attorney dealing with this issue in the Sacramento area. Staff obtained permission from the parent to give her the attorney's contact info. She did contact the attorney and is moving forward on her appeal of the increase.
- SCDD staff maintains a Facebook page to connect with the local community and inform them of resources, trainings, legislative issues, policy changes, and various issues pertaining to people with I/DD and their families within a 10-county catchment area. Staff posted 34 articles and outreached to a total of 951 individuals with 249 followers.

**Goal
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Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.

Supporting and Educating Communities:

- Staff hosted the monthly Fiesta Conference Committee meeting on 7/16/15 to discuss the planning of the Annual Fiesta Educativa Conference which will be held on September 28, 2015 at the Anaheim Community Center. SCDD is assisting in developing the agenda and other materials for the conference. SCDD will also do a workshop on community resources.
- Staff distributed E-Blast informing community about 2015 Fiesta Educativa registrations and parent scholarship forms please distribute to families that might be interested. This conference is completely in Spanish. The conference will include the following topics: Conservatorship, Immigration, IEP, Socialization, Language, Transition to Adulthood, Overcoming Personal Challenges, Behavior, Sensory Behavior, Communication, Mental Health, Movement (Project MOVE), Employment and Educational Interventions.

Formal and Informal Community Supports:

- Staff participated in collaboration with Disability Action Center, Far Northern Regional Center and California Health & Wellness in a meeting with Butte County Hmong Elders on 7/9/15. California Health & Wellness learned of a Hmong community in South Oroville in Butte County, were getting sick from not being able to eat foods they grow because their water pump broke. A staff member at Disability Action Center, who is Hmong, informed his agency to seek assistance for this community of people. Disability Action Center is the grant manager of Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN); they provided the financial assistance and fixed their water pump. When California Health & Wellness learned of this amazing story, they wanted to build a relationship with this community and get their feedback to improve access to health care for them and other ethnic groups. On 7/9/15, 13 Hmong Elders and family came to a meeting in Chico at Disability Action Center. The feedback provided to the health plan: interpreters on staff at health providers for appointments; access to Behavioral Services (interpreters), assistance with understanding Medi-Cal managed care eligibility (Interpreter), and they want access to get eye glasses. The feedback was so powerful because it was about wanting the staffing to be able to communicate with them in their language. They expressed that they did not want to be dependent on their children for their medical appointments and transportation. California Health & Wellness will develop in their language a 1-page information sheet about Translation and Interpreter Services with a phone number to call. California Health & Wellness asked the Hmong Elders and family if they could meet with them in 3 months and continue to bring back progress and continue to gain input from them for more improvements with the health plan.
- Staff participated in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC), Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California (RFENC) and Shasta County Parent, RFENC's Multicultural Committee on 7/20/15, which upholds the RFENC mission statement, while collaborating with other culturally diverse professionals and families in identifying and improving cultural barriers throughout our communities through bridging support, education and meaningful access to families of children with diverse abilities. The committee drafted some initial goals at the 7-20-15 meeting: (1) Meaningful Access, (2) Outreach to Asian and Native American population, (3) Quarterly updates from state and federal levels, (4) Continuous discussion about best practices, and (5) Outreach to more parents of different cultures including African American, Hispanic Latino, Native American, Asian, etc. The next committee will convene on October 19, 2015.

Goal 15 (Cont.)	<p>Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have access to information and resources in ways that reflect their language and cultural preferences.</p>
<p>Formal and Informal Community Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff attended the monthly San Joaquin Behavior Health Services Consortium meetings on 7/1/15 to gather and share info. The Consortium is an open meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Interested public, consumers and family members are welcome. We strive to be a collaborative group to learn about cultural diversity and behavioral health, for improved community engagement and client outcomes. At this meeting, the Chief of San Joaquin Mental Health Services was the speaker and there was opportunity to address the issue faced by people with I/DD and mental health issues. Staff also connected with a Tribal Leader and plans to get together to see if SCDD can collaborate with her agency which provides services to Native Americans. <p>Education and Early Intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff continues to coordinate with Community Partnership for Families, Village Dental, Health Plan of San Joaquin, and Planned Parenthood to plan for the Annual Multicultural Health and Community Fair on October 10, 2015 from 10am to 2pm. Staff participated by making the flyer for the event and coordinating with local self-advocates to provide entertainment free of charge. Staff will also be MC for the event; this event is open to the public. Local health, vision and dental services will be available along with many other resources. <p>Quality Assurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCDD staff continues to hold its monthly Disparity Taskforce meeting in collaboration with Easter Seals, Hope, Parents Helping Parents, San Andreas, and Fiesta Familia, Fiesta Educativa on 7/30/15. The committee met to develop a strategy for canvassing area and solicit information and worked to create a parent group map for our four counties. The Parent Training group is identifying participants for the video production and early start outreach to African American Communities was reviewed. 	

Questions/Issues of Concern

<p align="center">North Coast Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported a minimum wage increase will affect programs ability to stay open with no increase to provider and program rates. ▪ In trying to find information on emergency services in our four county catchment areas, staff found that some county's websites were not user friendly and had poor accessibility. Many websites seemed complicated and information was in different places and/or not clear on which site to go to. Some were easier to read, basic and others were more informative but complicated. A very basic list is needed and staff sees the need to develop and simplify the new list further. ▪ Staff reported a lack of accessible housing for intellectually and developmentally disabled in the North Coast Region. People First has written a letter to RCHDC to inform them of the lack of affordable housing available. North coast staff informed them of other groups working on housing issues. ▪ People First and Special Olympics are asking for help in supporting their activities. Funding is always an issue but the collaborators involved hope to continue to get support from service clubs and foundations and continue to fundraising to support and increase activities available to disabled. The City of Ukiah program fees are too high at the ARRC so the ARC Board is raising funds to reduce fees and or no cost programs to facilitate the needs and provide new programs being requested.
<p align="center">North State Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It's essential for new service coordinators of Far Northern Regional Center to be educated and familiar with federally and state agencies and local service providers and services. ▪ Many of the committee members, including North State Office staff have been an active member of this committee for 20 years. It is evident each year that taking the time to recognize people from the community, who are making a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities, has amazing impacts on the person and our community. It reminds everyone that we all have a role in creating a positive community and it's the little things that have big impacts. ▪ California Health and Wellness (CaH&W) requested examples of transportation issues/barriers and will bring some resources/contact numbers related to transportation issues for the DAN members for outreach efforts. DAN requested of CaH&W a presentation of Case Management Programs and Services for an upcoming meeting. ▪ Staff reported the SCAN Foundation announced the new regional coalition RFP is now available and interested applicants are required to register and participate in a conference call on July 22, 2015. ▪ Staff reported a need for interpreters on staff for health provider appointments including Access to Behavioral Services (Interpreters), assistance with understanding Medi-Cal managed care eligibility (Interpreter), and access to get eye glasses. Elders from the Hmong community in Butte County expressed that they did not want to be dependent on their children for their medical appointments and transportation. ▪ Meaningful and effective access to needed services and supports remains a barrier throughout our communities. It is the intent and goal of RFENC Multicultural Committee to work together to create bridges for access for all people within our communities.

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- Viewpoints of consumers as a result of a pilot CAC training in Ohio in May. Consumers were asked the following: (1) what is their role of membership, what makes them an effective member? "We represent others" was overall agreed upon; (2) as a member, what do they have to contribute? Consumers identified their own strengths and skill sets as their contribution; (3) to be effective, what behaviors should be avoided at meetings? Smart phone use, tardiness, and being rude. There is an increasing number of consumers/self-advocates serving on boards and advisory committees throughout the State. It is important to work with self-advocates to understand their role and responsibility so they can be effective and contributing members of these organization. Some self-advocates can complete these tasks themselves, others require assistance/facilitation. It is also important for other committee members to include self-advocates in the full committee process.
- Participating in People's First Chapters is a great way for self-advocates learning about services and learn to speak up for their rights. Members in these chapters are very active and increase their knowledge and skills as the result of each training and meeting. It is exciting to work with this group of adults who are so eager to be involved and have a voice!
- The SDAC members are eager to explore a variety of topics related to Self-Determination in order to educate themselves. They recommended subcommittees form to address: (1) Individual Budget Issues, (2) Innovative Services, (3) Facilitation, and (4) Outreach and community education. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Committee members are concerned about how the community, especially in rural and underserved communities, will learn about and access Self-Determination.
- Local SD Advisory Committees have each met at least once in each Regional Center area. SDACs are informing themselves about the various aspects of SD and are planning efforts to inform their communities. They will appreciate having one set of consistent training materials, and the video created by DDS, so a consistent message is shared. It is important for individuals and agencies to understand that there is much work to do to prepare communities for the roll out of SD, even though the Waiver has not been submitted or approved. And, that there are many aspects to SD that have not been finalized yet. Some issues will be discussed and decided upon by DDS soon, other issues may take months or even years to decide on. But sharing general information to inform the communities is important. It is especially important to access communities that are rural, speak other languages/cultures, or are underserved or hard to reach.
- There continue to be many individuals contacting our office who are having challenges with the regional center and other community agencies. Since DRC will only assist a limited number of individuals, families are very frustrated and don't know where to turn for assistance with appeals and advocacy.
- There continues to be widespread issues and concerns from families trying to obtain appropriate special education services for their children. The laws are extensive and complicated and most family members are unable to comprehend the entire law and be able to advocate for themselves. Many are tired from caring for their children and do not have the time, energy, or capacity to study the law. Some increase their skills to advocate for themselves by attending trainings but many are extremely frustrated with their school districts are seeking advocacy from professionals who understand the law. Families continue to state they are disappointed we no longer provide direct advocacy and state they have nowhere else to turn. No other agency provides this support. We encourage them to contact other agencies who can provide some level of support and we continue to contact other community agencies to learn about

resources for families.

- With Employment First there is a new focus on supporting individuals with I/DD to explore competitive community based employment prior to other programming options. There is a need to reach out and work with businesses to understand what their staffing needs are and how employment agencies can train and support individuals with I/DD to become and remain employed and be a beneficial resources to businesses. The BAC is a successful model in Southern CA that we hope to replicate in Sacramento, CA.
- Employment is a serious issue that requires extensive coordination between the school districts, programs, service providers and most importantly, the business community. This group is reaching out to the business community to develop a Business Advisory Committee, beginning next month. Various employment models were discussed during this meeting in light of CMS and the goals of integrated competitive employment.
- SCDD staff attended and assisted with the conference. As a supporter, staff provided SCDD fliers and information on upcoming Supported Life Conference (October 2015) in Sacramento. Many resources and services covered interconnect with the disabled and elderly population and to ensure inclusiveness; people with disabilities within their elderly community need like services.
- There is an urgent need for an increase to the provider rates for dental services through Medi-Cal. An increase in the rates would encourage dentists to accept new patients. There is also a shortage of dentists willing to accept Medi-Cal at all and to serve children and adults with developmental disabilities. Access to anesthesia/hospital dentistry has become extremely limited in parts of the state and depending on which insurance provider you have.
- The Alta Regional Center has a shortage of residential care homes and the new rules requiring homes to have 4 or fewer residents is making it more challenging to recruit care home operators. Care providers are complaining that they lose money providing services to fewer than 5 individuals. Many care providers mentioned they could not open a care home to serve just 4 individuals. This is putting additional stress on a shortage of providers that already existed in the community.
- Over the past year, staff has attended most of the Regional Center Board Meetings. Having a visible presence at these meetings has helped to increase the collaboration with the Regional Center and other agencies that attend these meetings and work with the Regional Center. Especially with our changing role in the community, it is important to develop and support these collaborative relationships to help identify emerging issues in our community and work together to develop solutions.
- The Sacramento County DD Council requested this presentation to gain information regarding the SCDD and the change in practices from individual advocacy to systemic advocacy. The Sacramento County DD Council members commented that this presentation would be very useful to consumer groups. A self-advocate member of the council requested this for the PAC as it is an excellent explanation for self-advocates of what SCDD implements. SCDD staff provided State Plan Survey forms and explained the need for input.
- Many adults with I/DD would like to be gainfully employed. Much work continues to develop appropriate employment opportunities and to provide appropriate supports and ongoing training, and meeting the needs of businesses is an important aspect of this relationship.
- Staff reported it is helpful to examine employment success at large corporations and

	<p>try to apply these lessons at the local level to increase corporate buy-in of employing people with disabilities. Understanding the corporate goals and missions of large businesses can help gain access at the local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There continue to be many individuals contacting our office who are having challenges with the regional center and other community agencies. Since the DRC will only assist a limited number of individuals, families are very frustrated and don't know where to turn for assistance with appeals and advocacy. ▪ There continues to be a great need for education for self-advocates, family members, and professionals on a variety of topics related to people with developmental disabilities.
<p>North Bay Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This may be an issue affecting a significant number of adult clients of the NBRC. The issue being the NBRC's contention that they are prohibited from purchasing day care services listed as a need in their clients' IPP's when their clients receive Protective Supervision through IHSS. Staff will research and communicate with local advocates and OCRA as well as with SCDD colleagues. ▪ The progress is far less than expected. While NBRC approved the program design for their new program aimed at increasing the agency's capacity to provide community-based braided services and customized employment to support the achievement of volunteer and competitive integrated employment outcomes for their clients, NBRC has not approved the cost statement. The personal planning with clients that includes development of Positive Personal Profiles (PPP's) and development of personal volunteer and competitive integrated employment goals is not on target. ▪ The Regional Centers will be receiving \$46 million additional funds to develop housing options and services in the community to meet the unique, and often, intensive, needs of these residents. It will be challenging for each community to offer the expertise and level of staffing that was provided at the DC. It may be helpful, in the future, to have meetings where SDC families can meet with individuals and family members who have experienced the transition to the community. In many cases, these transitions have been very successful and their stories may give families confidence that the Regional Center is committed to making the transition of each resident successful, as much as possible.
<p>Bay Area Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-Determination materials are needed in multiple languages in order to effectively educate the diverse communities within GGRC's three counties. So far, only materials in English and Spanish are available. ▪ It will be important for future Self-Determination trainings/orientations to be customized to address the learning needs of the participants. That is, some people will need the information broken-down into simple, straightforward language, while others will benefit from more high-level, abstract discussions. Additionally, some people will need to hear/discuss the information on Self-Determination several times before it will make sense to them. ▪ In FY 09-10 California passed Trailer Bill Language, which prohibited regional centers from providing respite to families of children who are "at risk" of having a developmental disability within the Early Start program. Regional centers can only provide respite for individuals and families that have qualified for Lanterman services (Status 2) and are diagnosed with a qualifying developmental disability. ▪ San Francisco has recently taken a number of steps to increase the employment of persons with disabilities within their city and county government. For example, they recently reactivated an advisory committee that is making concrete recommendations and they have allocated funding in their 2015-2016 budget for a person designated to

increase employment outcomes. SCDD staff will continue to offer support, as San Francisco moves forward with this process.

**North Valley Hills
Office**

- Staff reported on the lack of ability to directly investigate this type of a report and insure the rights of this disabled individual are observed.
- The lack of information as to why there is a big discrepancy between respite hour conversions from out of home respite service in contrast to in home service. Mother was requesting IPP advocacy for her son and family that staff can no longer provide.
- The lack advocacy support for consumers and their families at the Department of Developmental Services fair hearings.
- Regional Center attitude that a service can be denied because a person may not have been able or willing to access a service previously identified in the IPP. Failure to conduct appropriate planning to meet individual needs due to preconceived attitudes and shared history. A lack of resources to assist this individual in the planning team process and at fair hearing.
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- The Family Resource Network need to locate suitable space for classes without costs incurred.
- Individuals without family support often feel that they are not treated as adults when dealing with issues with VMRC or one of VMRC's vendor's. Have assistance from an advocate that can be in the room is a void that occurs in California.
- Schools sometimes treat disabled students differently than non-disabled students in regard to classroom setting. In many instances the classrooms are not county owned but are county operated as is true in this case. The school feels it needs this classroom space for students it services within the school district.
- Staff reported a need to give presentations on Self-Determination across the state so people are informed of this program and determine if it is something for them or their family member.
- Staff reported difficulty for Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) to get candidates for their board with ethnic diversity.
- Staff reported on a lack of understanding of how to best support employment and successful transition of students with disabilities leaving the educational system and joining the world of adult services.
- Staff reported a lack of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and a lack of understanding and coordination between those who support employment and the business community.
- Staff continues to engage in the on-going issue regarding the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Parental Fee. Parents have reported that they are unable to pay the increase in her monthly payment to DDS for her daughter's out of home placement, and others expressed concerns regarding the mileage rate the state uses at .22 cents per mile versus the federal rate of .575 cents.
- Staff reported many individuals have a dual diagnosis of intellectual and developmental disabilities and a mental illness. Cultural diversity can compound the issue of getting service from either a regional center and/or behavior health services agency.

<p>Silicon Valley- Monterey Bay Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing core competencies for those providing facilitation in self-determination remains a priority for SCDD. ▪ There is a need to promote the development of self-advocate groups in the area. Developing this peer to peer support group and the technical assistance from SCDD staff is designed to build such groups. ▪ Family advocates have expressed a desire to learn more about conservatorships. Staff will look into arranging a formal training on this subject. ▪ As a result of surveys and anecdotal reports, families and individuals often feel they are not fully informed. There are concerns regarding the quality of interactions with regional center, school, and provider staff. Transition from school to adult services is a primary concern of many families. ▪ Information from various surveys (NCIs and Disparity Reports) and anecdotal evidence (Disparity Task Force) indicates families of transition age children are not aware of available services or how to navigate the system. The Disability Collaborative is to address this issue by designing "Roadmaps" placing them on the web and holding trainings with families on how to use these tools to better access services. The next step of the Disability Collaborative is to offer trainings to educate and help families transition. The goal for the day and the aim of the presentations is currently being decided. ▪ Staff reported on the number of students in transition and post-secondary programs are diagnosed with autism, however day and employment services are not prepared to meet the specific needs of this community. Families want to be more information on the type of services that will be available for their children as they transition to adult services. ▪ Housing is extremely limited for individuals with developmental disability and other low income communities. The Developmental Services System does not have a suitable statewide plan to attend to the housing needs of our community. SB 812 allows for organizations to promote the housing needs of particular communities. Other regional offices have offered information to local government organizations and serves as a model for SCDD. ▪ Staff reported San Benito is a rural community. The needs in the area are different than those of the other four counties served by SCDD. Staff and Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) are concentrating outreach efforts in San Benito County to better meet the needs of the community. ▪ The most recent regional center disparity report indicates those from non-white and bi-lingual communities receives purchase of services is 33% of the white community. To address the need SCDD has formed a disparity task force to review the need and develop an action plan to address the issue.
<p>Sequoia Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a reoccurring issue when clients are dual diagnosed with Mental Health. There are no clear guidelines as to what agencies are to provide which services. This must be a statewide issue as there are no statewide standards.
<p>Central Coast Office</p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>

<p>Los Angeles Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff expressed in order to “boost” one’s social media sites; these websites (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.) charge a fee. Staff has been advertising to my own network as well as sending out the information via our newsletter. It is hoped that these steps will provided growth. ▪ Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) has unilaterally closed and re-opened classrooms and services. This has caused a public outcry because many allege their programs were changed and/or terminated without their consent. As a result of these activities, SCDD staff have attended two meetings at LBUSD over the past two months and conducted outreach activities. To date, outreach resulted in SCDD staff being invited to perform additional training on “How to Do a Special Education State Compliance Complaint.”
<p>Orange County Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents and self-advocates continue to express dissatisfaction about regional center not funding for sufficient services and supports. ▪ An attendee at the “Parents’ Role in Job Development,” expressed thank you for presenting and shared that they live in Torrance and do not see much happening in the area and their job coach was not helpful, and this training was. Several people commented that supported employment vendors have been largely unsuccessful in finding job placements for their adult children with disabilities, more so for those with significant I/DD. ▪ As a result of the “Life after High School” training, a Transition Specialist from a local school district said that many parents don’t have and/or know this information, and shared ideas on how to outreach to them. She said that the information very valuable and parents need to know this information to start the adult transition process sooner. Often times, parents may know how to discuss these topics with their adult children until it is too late and the student has already graduated. ▪ Job Developers and school Workability staff continue to report that finding integrated competitive employment for those with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities is especially difficult given the fact that many Orange County employers are unwilling to job carve. There continues to be a lack of resource development at Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) and solely relying on existing vendors to meet the changing and evolving needs of consumers. ▪ Affordable housing in Orange County continues to be a significant issue. Orange County is among the top 10 least affordable metropolitan markets in the nation (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2014). When \$31.62 is the hourly wage necessary to rent a two-bedroom market-rate apartment in Orange County; however according to the 2011-12 NCI survey results: 4,505 working age regional center clients had regular jobs (integrated competitive employment) earning an average of \$9.89 per/hour (accounts for 3.1%), 5,425 working age regional center clients worked in group supported employment settings earning \$6.24 per/hour. This means that housing in Orange County for adults with I/DD tends to be out of reach unless they are able to access a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, in which the waiting lists only open up every 5-7 years and then there is another 5-7 years waiting to receive a voucher. ▪ The Annual Fiesta Educativa Conference is important for the monolingual Spanish speaking community; there is no other like this one in Orange County. The registration cost for the conference of 60.00 per participant. Fiesta Educativa offers a discounted rate for the conference and a limited amount of scholarships to help with this barrier.

<p>San Bernardino Office</p>	<p>No issues of concern reported.</p>
<p>San Diego Imperial Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff reported not all self-advocates and support staffs are aware of self-advocacy and the benefits it provides individuals. ▪ Families have expressed concern they are not made aware of the resources within the community. Parents are feeling as though they are not adequately trained on how to advocate for their child. They have also expressed concerns regarding the school assessment process for their child and they do not think they are receiving a thorough assessment in all areas of their child's disability. The parents have indicated they would like training on the assessment process and how to read assessments in the near future. A workshop is currently being coordinated to meet ▪ Individuals with a developmental disability who are accessing services from the Department of Rehabilitation are not connected to the regional center. It has been reported the clients have often been denied regional center eligibility without having an evaluation and are not aware of their right to appeal the decision.
<p>HEADQUARTERS HQ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sacramento Police Department LD-4 (Victimology) provides law enforcement academy recruits with practical interpersonal, interviewing, and tactical skills to effectively interact with those affected by violent and/or traumatic events, including at-risk populations such as people with disabilities. The self-advocate who assisted with the scenario training demonstrated very strong, adverse emotional responses to the recruits in her role as the victim, which shocked all of the recruits in class. They had (wrongly) assumed that, given her disability, use of mobility devices, and stature, she would be 'helpless' and/or 'sweet and gentle.' While they were distressed at the verbal lashing they received, it was an excellent demonstration of the range of emotions of which victims are prone, regardless of their (dis)abilities. The recruits were also able to correctly identify the possible risks for officer safety, in regard to the mobility devices (arm crutches) and discuss appropriate tactical responses for such future interactions. Although the recruits were uniformly shocked by the emotional response demonstrated by the role-player, they were all able to maintain an appropriate professional demeanor, treating the enraged subject with respect, patience, and dignity. ▪ Due to a rash of violent - and sometimes lethal - encounters between law enforcement personnel and people with disabilities, POST is in the process of revising this curriculum and expanding/updating it to conform to best practices, legal changes, and current DSM V definitions. SCDD staff is participating in this revision process, along with DRC staff counsel, seasoned law enforcement personnel, subject matter experts, and certified, practicing academy instructors throughout the state of California. ▪ There are many disparate factions associated with this particular POST Learning Domain, with points of view and political perspectives that are not always in alignment with the rest of the curriculum revision team. Because of the broad nature of the subject, the disabilities that are represented by this class include: Developmental, sensory, psychiatric, physical, age-related, neurological, and orthopedic, among others. Additionally, the pertinent state and federal laws are part of the curriculum, as are the local and state resources available to assist officers and persons with disabilities. Finally, this curriculum involves officer tactics and will include training and testing scenarios. Due to multiple, recent and sometimes lethal law enforcement

interactions with people with disabilities, these issues are complex and important to a broad range of people and agencies throughout the state of California. In addition to such volatile (political) concerns, there is the overriding reality that law enforcement (basic recruit) academies are tasked with preparing young officers for dealing with broad-based, basic enforcement-related information with the clear understanding that Field Training Officers (FTO's) will then give them more specific information once they begin Patrol training within individual enforcement agencies. There was concern from the LE officers and academy instructors that the depth of information being introduced to basic cadets was far too detailed and subject-specific to be meaningful to recruits within a basic academy environment.

SCDD Collaborative Partners

ABC Independent Living Services	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
Abilities United	Los Angeles Regional Center Transportation Group
Achieve School, Inc.	Mains'l Services Inc. 7th Street Centre for the Arts Program
Achieve Schools	Marin Center for Independent Living
Adult Protective Services (APS)	Marin Center for Independent Living (MCIL)
Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council	Marin SELPA and Workability
Alameda County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program	Matrix Parent Network
Alameda County Human Resources Department	Medi-Cal Services
Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC)	Mendocino Community College District – DSPS
Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)	Mendocino Community College District – EOPS
Alzheimer's Association	Mendocino County Sheriff Department
Anaheim Union High School District	Mendocino County Transition Partnership Program
Anthem Blue Cross	Mendocino Human Services Agency (MHSA)
Arc Imperial Valley	Mental Health Board
Arc of San Diego	Mental Health Systems
ARC of San Francisco	Mentor Program - RCRC
Arc of Ventura County	Modesto Para transit
Area 4 on Aging	Modesto Unified School District (MUSD)
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	Monterey Bay Provider Network

Asian Community Mental Health	Monterey County of Office of Education (MCOE)
Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)	Monterey County Regional Center (MCRC)
Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)	Monterey County SELPA
Banning Unified School District (BUSD)	Mt. San Jacinto College – Disabled Student Services & Programs (DSPS)
Bay Area Housing Corporation (BAHC)	Murrieta Police Department
Behavioral Health and Recovery Board	Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD)
Butte County Coordinating Council (BCCC)	My Day Counts
CA Promise Project	National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability (NCWD)
California Community Care Licensing	New Horizons
California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)	North Coastal Consortium For Special Education
California Disability Community Action Network (CDCAN)	Northern California Legal Aid
California Employment Consortium for Youth (CECY)	Oak Grove School District
California Health & Wellness	Office of Clients’ Rights Advocate (OCRA)
California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA)	Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH)
Casa Allegra	Office of Emergency Management
Casa Colina	Office of the Attorney General
Central Valley Regional Center	Old Adobe Developmental Service (OADS)
Central Valley Training Center	Orange County Adult Achievement Center (OCAAC)
Ceres Unified School District (CUSD)	Orange County Employment Advocacy Network (OCEAN)
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles	Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA)
Children’s Nurturing Project (CNP)	Pajaro Unified School District
City Council of Fort Bragg	Palo Alto Unified School District Vocational Education
City of Lodi ADA Committee	ParentsCAN
Client Assistance Program (CAP)	PathPoint
Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)	Patterson Unified School District (PUSD)
College 2 Career	People First of California
Colton Unified School District	People First of Concord
Communication Technology Education Center (CTEC)	People First of Ukiah
Community Catalysts of California	People First San Luis Obispo (PFSLO)
Community Employment Services	People First Santa Barbara (PFSB)

Community Homes and Services	People First Santa Maria (PFSM)
Community Interface Services	Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)
Congreso Familiar	Poses Family Foundation
Consumer Advocacy Committee (CAC)	Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC)
Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council	Redi-Wheels Paratransit
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)	Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)
Deaf Community Services	Resources for Independence Central Valley
Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC)	Richmond Police Department
Deaf Plus Day Program of Alameda County	Riverside County CARE (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly)
Department of Developmental Services (DDS)	Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Department of Health Care Services	Riverside County Mental Health
Department of Justice Representative	Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE)
Department of Rehabilitation	Rowell Family Empowerment
Disability Collaborative	Sacramento County DD Council
Disability Rights California (DRC)	Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (SDAC)
Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN)	SamTrans (san Mateo County Transportation Agency)
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area	San Andreas Regional Center (SARC)
East Bay Center for Independent Living	San Barbara County SELPA
East Bay Legislative Coalition	San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services
East Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)	San Bernardino County Behavioral Health
East Side Union High School District	San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office
East Valley SELPA and Special Education Local Plan Area Board	San Bernardino County Superior Court Investigator
Easter Seals	San Bernardino Law Enforcement
Easter Seals Work First	San Diego People First
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)	San Diego Regional Center (SDRC)
Educate Advocate	San Diego Sheriff Department
Employment & Community Options	San Diego State Interwork Institute,
Employment Development Department	San Diego State University (SDSU) – Nursing Program
Episcopal Community Services	San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)
Exceptional Family Center Bakersfield	San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services

Exceptional Family Resource Center	San Joaquin County In-Home Support Services (IHSS)
Exceptional Family Resource Center Matrix Parent Network	San Joaquin County SELPA
Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)	San Jose Unified School District
Family Resource Center	San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department
Family Resource Network (FRN)	San Luis Obispo SELPA
Family Resource Network (FRN)	Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Family Resource Network of San Francisco	Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Family SOUP Family Resource Center	Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County
Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)	Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)
Fiesta Educativa Conference	Sobrato Center
Fiesta Familiar Group Los Angeles	Social Security Administration (SSA)
Fort Bragg City Council	Social Service Agency (SSA)
Fresno County Women Lawyers (FCWL)	Solano County Adult Protective Services (APS)
Friends of Children with Special Needs	Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)
Friendship Homes	Sonoma County Transition Consortium (SCTC)
Gateway (Tehachapi)	South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
Gavalin College	Southern California Housing Collaborative
Glenn County Office of Education (GCOE)	Special Parents Information Network (SPIN)
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)	Stanislaus SELPA
Gone for Good Self Advocacy Group	Stockton SELPA
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Resource Center	Stockton Unified School District (SUSD)
H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection of Bakersfield	Support for Families of Children with Special Needs
Harbor Regional Center	Supported Life Institute
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)	Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK)
Home of Guiding Hands	The Call Connection
Hope Services	Toolworks
Human Services Research Institute (HSRI)	Transition Resources for Adult Community Education (TRACE) Services
Huntington Beach Union High School District	Transcend
Imperial Valley People First	Tri-Counties Regional Center
Imperial Valley SELPA	Turlock school Unified School District (TUSD)

Independence for Life Choices	UCP Work Inc.
Independent Child Advocate	Ukiah Boys & Girls Club
In-Home Support Services (IHSS)	Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH)
Inland Empire Autism Society	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
Inland Empire Small Business Development Center	University of California, Davis (UCD)
Inland Regional Center (IRC)	University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco	University of Southern California (USC)
Kingsview Metal Health - Hanford, CA	Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD)
L.A. Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)	Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC)
Lake Elsinore Police Department	Ventura County SELPA
Lanterman Regional Center (LRC)	VMRC vendors
Lincoln Training Center	Vocational Visions
Lodi SELPA	WarmLine Family Resource Center
Lodi Unified School District (LUSD)	



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Child Family Surveys to begin October/November 2015

In California, in alternating years, NCI survey questions are presented to adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), their family or guardian. All survey participants for that year are administered the same standard questions about how they feel regarding the State services and support received.

The next cycle SCDD is preparing to implement is the Child Family Surveys (CFS). This will be the second cycle these surveys will be sent to families with children under 18 living in the household. This year, it is anticipated that over 63,000 families will be mailed a

survey. With the goal of achieving a 20% return rate, SCDD will strive to gather over 12,000 surveys throughout California.

Families should expect to begin receiving surveys at the end of October or early November.



For Ault Consumer Surveys completed in the last cycle, please go to page 2.



NCI Surveys

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

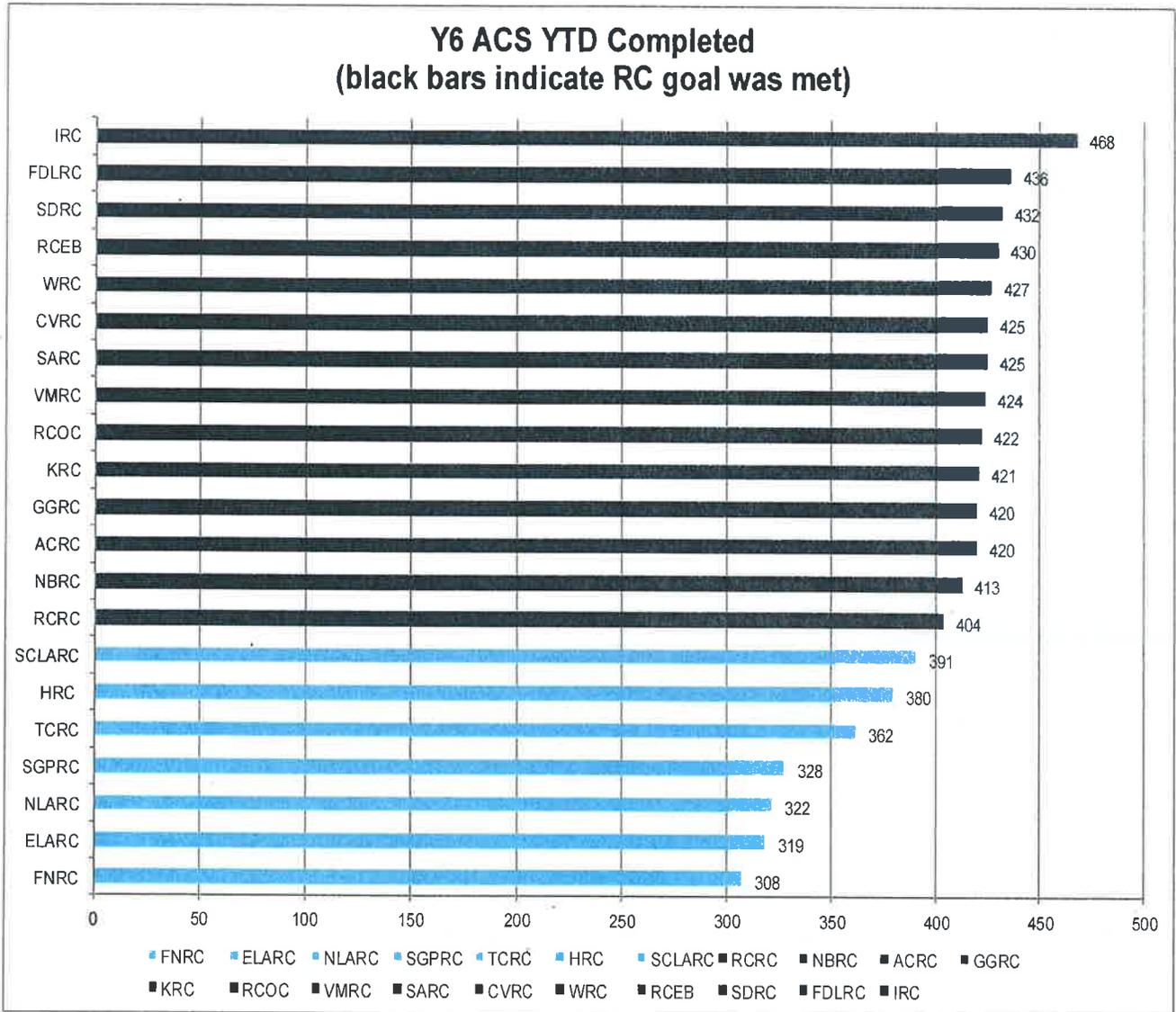
Through a contract with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), using the NCI Survey tools, collects quantitative data on consumer satisfaction, provision of services, and personal outcomes. Data collection is completed through face to face interviews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

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

For results of past surveys go to:
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QA Project by the Numbers

8,377
Adult Consumers
Interviewed



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Getting to Know
*Deborah Kindley, Quality
 Assessment Coordinator*

Hi, I am Deborah Kindley and I have to say I'm very fortunate to live on the beautiful Redwood Coast. For those of you not familiar with the area, Redwood Coast begins about an hour from Santa Rosa and

extends up to the Oregon border. We experience mild weather, ocean beaches, towering redwoods, with lakes and rivers nearby. My husband and I share our home with our quirky sheltie who has decided he is a lap dog whenever we are sitting down for any length of time. In my spare time you will find me working in the backyard, collecting agates or fishing with my husband on Ruth Lake.

I joined the Area One Board as a single parent of a child with disabilities in 1992. As a board member I volunteered to manage the Life Quality Assessment (LQA) project in the Humboldt /Del Norte area. I enrolled, during that time, at Humboldt State University and graduated with a degree in Social Work in 1999. I was hired part time for the LQA project in 2000, and was then promoted to full time Quality Assessment Coordinator in 2008.

In 2005 I was married and we combined families. I gained two additional daughters and a grandson with special needs. Wow what a

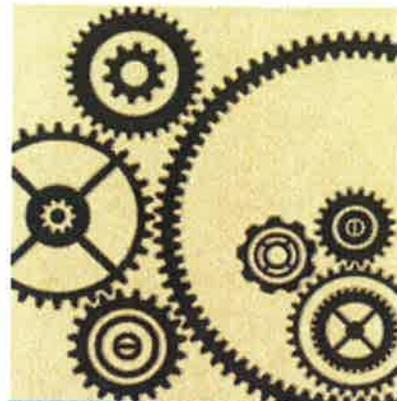
challenge! However, one of the biggest challenges in our life came a little less than five years ago when our family experienced a terrible loss of my first daughter.

Throughout this journey, I have remained passionate about advocacy and my desire to see that those with disabilities have all the rights and opportunities of anyone else.

As a QA Coordinator, I am a part of an important project designed to listen to families and consumers. I am responsible for training and supporting interviewers, coordinating assignments, reviewing and approving each survey, administering the mass mail out process and responding to families and consumers.

The variety of people I have met through this project is amazing. Seeing clients and working with the many dedicated interviewers like Kathy Johnson is a pleasure and a rewarding experience. 🍷

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Things the NCI Survey tells us

after interviewing 8,691 adults with I/DD FY 11/12

#1 Employment Rates

13% of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) who were interviewed in California say they have a job in the community.



*US results (NCI research) exclude Alaska, Hawaii, and do not include California.

#2

Where People are Working

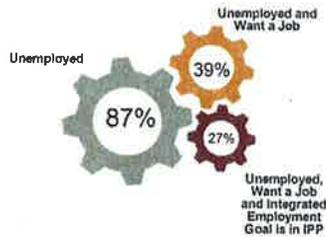
Among the 13% of those employed in 11/12, people with IDD tell us they are working in the following environments:

- 3 out of 10 are working in Competitive Integrated Jobs
- 2 out of 10 are working in Individually Supported Community
- 4 out of 10 are working in Group Supported Community

#3

Unemployed

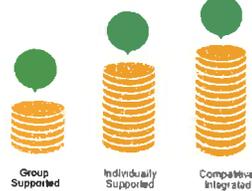
The following percentages capture what unemployed adults with I/DD are saying:



#4

Average Hourly Wage by Employment Type

Among the 13% who said they worked in the community:



#5

37%

Engages in Moderate Physical Activity

The proportion of adults telling us that they exercise at least 30 minutes a day, 3 times per week. Moderate physical activity is defined as an activity that causes some increase in breathing or heart rate.

#6

Overweight or Obese



60% of respondents were reported as being overweight or obese, meaning they have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 or more. This measurement is based on reported height and weight.

#7

52%

Chose Where They Lived

Percentage of People who tell us they chose or had some input in choosing where they lived

#8

Has friends who are not staff or family

This question could only be answered by the adult with I/DD. 5,532 people answered this question, resulting in 74% of the respondents telling us that they have friends who are not staff or family.



For More Information

- www.sccd.ca.gov/qap.htm
- www.dds.ca.gov/QA/index.cfm
- www.nationalindicators.org/

CRA / VAS

State Developmental Center Clients' Rights Advocacy and Volunteer Advocacy Services

Population

As of Sept 1, 2015

Total 1077

Fairview 263

Canyon Springs 53

Sonoma 392

Porterville 369

Project Overview

At the request of Council members, this report is dedicated to an overview of the services provided under by CRA/VAS.

SCDD provides comprehensive clients' rights advocacy services (**CRA**) and volunteer advocacy services (**VAS**) for persons with I/DD who are residents of state developmental centers and the state operated community facility through an interagency agreement with Department of Developmental Services.

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4433 requires DDS provides clients' rights advocacy services for all consumers in its service delivery system. To avoid the potential for a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict, DDS contracts with SCDD.

SCDD employs one full-time CRA and one full-time VAS Coordinator at Sonoma DC, Porterville DC, and Fairview DC. SCDD employs one full-time CRA/VAS staff person at Canyon Springs Community Facility.

The **CRA** asserts and protects the civil and services rights of the residents of the DC/CF by: initiating and/or representing residents in informal and formal fair hearings, due process hearings, and legal restrictions; reviewing all denial of rights, reporting and investigating alleged or suspected rights violations, reviewing and/or initiating incident reports; consulting with and assisting residents and families; provide training on clients' rights issues to DC/CF employees and services; act as a liaison with service agencies such as the Regional Center, Regional Project, community service providers, court officials, and outside legal counsel; and provide at least two trainings per year to residents.

The **VAS** Coordinator provides individualized advocacy to residents of the DC/CF who have no legally appointed representative to assist them in making choices and decisions. The VAS Coordinator recruits, screens, trains, and monitors the activities of volunteer advocates assigned to the residents. The VAS advocate attends IPPs, special team meetings, visits potential community placements and continues to provide advocacy services to the resident for six months upon moving into the community.

MTARS/AIDD UPDATE

AIDD/MTARS - Compliance Status- At a Glance – As of 8/7/15

CAP ITEM	Task Description	Date of Submission	Status
A-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
A-2	Executive Director Job Description	7/1/15	MET Compliance
B-1	Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance- additional clarification requested
B-2	Membership Committee meeting minutes & report to Council, list of organizations on distribution list, recruitment materials.	4/1/15	MET Compliance
C-1	Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
C-2	Demographic analysis of Governor's appointees to the Council	12/1/14	Compliance NOT MET – requires continuous monitoring
D-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
D-2	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-1	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
E-2	Council roster showing membership and changes for 2015		
F-1	Bylaws, administrative procedure	12/1/14	MET Compliance
F-2	Membership Committee reports to Council	4/1/15	MET Compliance
G-1a.	Orientation binder, welcome letter	1/1/15	MET Compliance
G-1b.	Annual Councilmember training	4/1/15	MET Compliance
G-2	Welcome letter for agency reps	7/1/15	MET Compliance
G-3a.	Facilitation Policy	1/1/15	MET Compliance
G-3b.	SAAC packets and materials for 2015, evidence of facilitator attendance for 2015		
H-1a.	State Plan development process		
H-1b.	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state		

CAP ITEM	Task Description	Date of Submission	Status
H-2	Documentation of public outreach, meetings, surveys, use of available data sources (NCI, ICI, CDER, etc). Copies of staff products submitted to committees and Council to support integration of data and public input. Various other documents showing committee work and council review and revisions of state plan.		
I-1	MOU		Submitted July 1, 2015
I-2	MOU		Submitted July 1, 2015
I-3	DSS Invoices	2/1/15	MET Compliance
I-4	DSS Invoices	2/1/15	MET Compliance
I-5	AB 1595, Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance
I-6	Bylaws, Form 700, Gov't Codes 1090 and 87100	1/1/15	MET Compliance
I-7	Bylaws	12/1/14	MET Compliance- additional clarification requested
I-8	Breakdown of staff by funding source, training materials, staff orientation binder	7/1/15	MET Compliance
I-9	See A (Staff), H (Five Year State Plan), and M (Fiscal Requirement)		
J-1a.	State Plan work plan		
J-1b.	Evidence of periodic meetings and joint activities.	7/1/15	Compliance NOT Met
J-2	Amended plan and supporting documentation.	4/1/15	MET Compliance
J-3	Approval of new state plan.		
J-4	PPR		
K-1	Documentation of TA received and products based on TA		
K-2	Evaluation plan		
K-3	PPR		
L-1	State accounting policies, budget development directives	7/1/15	MET Compliance
L-2	Month's expenditures by object code for entire budget	7/1/15	MET Compliance
M-1	State accounting policies, budget development directives	7/1/15	MET Compliance
M-2	AB 1595	12/1/14	MET Compliance

CAP ITEM	Task Description	Date of Submission	Status
M-3	Council reviews of monthly budget projections, Council votes on resource allocation, including cost-reductions	7/1/15	MET Compliance
N-1	Contract Manual	12/1/14	MET Compliance
N-2	RFP, Overview of RFP process, summary pages of selected vendor		
O-1	State Accounting policies	2/1/15	MET Compliance
O-2	DSA Annual Evaluation	7/1/15	MET Compliance

SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) is applying to SCDD for sponsorship the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by producing the California #ADA25 Conference to be held in San Francisco, CA on September 25 and 26, 2015.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$999.00

BACKGROUND: The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) 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: This two-day the conference will begin by reflecting on past ADA successes then explore current issues and technology that provides access and finish with the young professional's view of the ADA for the next generation.

The conference theme "Access, Availability, Advocacy and Civil Rights!" reflects a multi-generational view of disability justice. "Access" is the equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of everyday life. "Availability" is having options and choices which increase independence and freedom. "Advocacy" is our history, the courageous actions of leaders that led to today's inclusion. And "Civil Rights" is just their claim to equal citizenship.

This event will host approximately 30 workshop with presenters organizations such as Anthem, Inc., the National Council on Independent Living, California association of Public Authorities, Immigration Equality, State Center Community College District, World Institute on Disability, Disability Rights education and Defense Fund, California Department of Education, Disability Rights California, RespectAbility, University of California Hastings Law School, Los Angeles Unified School District, Alzheimer's Association of Northern CA & Northern NV and many more.

A donation of \$999.00 from SCDD will help fund scholarships for low-income people with disabilities to participate fully in the conference.

The support will also allow them to attend the Disability Unity Festival after the conference and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA with their fellow community members.

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 2015-16, the Council has awarded \$999 for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Award funding to California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

ATTACHMENTS(S): California Foundation for Independent Living Centers request for sponsorship request for sponsorship.

PREPARED: Kristie Allensworth, August 31, 2015



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August 5, 2015
Aaron Carruthers
Executive Director

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
1507 21st Street, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Aaron,

The Disability Organizing Network (DONetwork) is marking the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by producing the **California #ADA25 Conference**. This two-day conference will bring together Californians with disabilities and presenters from across the nation. We will begin by reflecting on past ADA successes then explore current issues and technology that provide access and finish with the young professional's view of the ADA for the next generation. **It is our pleasure to invite the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to take a leadership role at this event as a valued sponsor.**

The conference will take place on September 25 and 26, 2015 at the University of California Hastings – the College of Law in San Francisco, CA. The conference has been endorsed by The UC Hastings Disability Resource Program and the UC Hastings Center for State and Local Government Law.

A gracious donation of \$999.00 from the SCDD will help us fund scholarships for low-income people with disabilities to participate fully in the conference. Your support will also allow them to attend the Disability Unity Festival after the conference and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA with their fellow community members.

The conference theme "**Access, Availability, Advocacy and Civil Rights!**" reflects a multi-generational view of disability justice. "**Access**" is the equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of everyday life. "**Availability**" is having options and choices which increase independence and freedom.

"**Advocacy**" is our history, the courageous actions of leaders that led to today's inclusion. And "**Civil Rights**" is our just claim to equal citizenship.

We expect 180 participants from around the state, and some from as far away as Washington, D.C. These folks include people with disabilities, non-profit and DOnetwork partner organization staff, parents, teachers and school administrators, care providers, consumer advocates and many more. We are continuing to conduct outreach through Independent Living Centers and partner organizations, but our largest outreach effort is through our membership list. This list includes many people with disabilities and their family and care providers who have attended other DOnetwork events and trainings.

This event will host approximately 30 workshop with presenters organizations such as Anthem, Inc., the National Council on Independent Living, California association of Public Authorities, Immigration Equality, State Center Community College District, World Institute on Disability, Disability Rights education and Defense Fund, California Department of Education, Disability Rights California, RespectAbility, University of California Hastings Law School, Los Angeles Unified School District, Alzheimer's Association of Northern CA & Northern NV and many more.

Invited speakers include: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla; Kathy Martinez, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, Yomi Wrong, Sutter Health, Paul Grossman, retired U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights; **and we have confirmed that former Rep. Tony Coelho, ADA Congressional author, will be joining us!**

Conference sponsors will enjoy a variety of benefits:

- Recognition on the website registration page, post event photo gallery, e-communications
- 2 Tickets to the VIP Reception
- Recognition on all collateral materials
- Ad space in the program
- 2 Conference tickets

A little bit about the DOnetwork...

The DOnetwork is a program of California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC). Our goal is to provide resources and support for disability organizers and volunteers for developing "Access Now" campaigns that create change on a grassroots level. We like to say that we organize for accessible communities where ever people with disabilities live, work, learn, shop, play and vote!

Recent advocacy successes of our network include; collaborating with advocacy partners to increase accessibility on the California Online Voter Registration (OVR) – just rated the only completely accessible OVR system in the nation by the ACLU; and the redesign of the new Bay Area Rapid Transit train cars for increased access and oversight. For more information about the DOnetwork, please visit our website at www.DisabilityOrganizing.net.

Can we count on the SCDD's partnership to help many volunteer disability advocates participate in the conference and celebrate this benchmark anniversary of the ADA?

CFILC is very thankful for the SCDD's support of Disability Capitol Action Day in 2013 (\$4,999.00) and 2015 (\$2,999.00) and we hope to continue our partnership. Your tax deductible donation check may be made payable to *California Foundation for Independent*; and mailed to *CFILC, ATTN: Ted Jackson, DOnetwork Conference, 1234 H Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95815*.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require additional information, my contacts are listed below. Thank you for taking the time to consider this invitation to partner with CFILC and the DOnetwork to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Respectfully,



Ted Jackson

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Member, California Secretary of State's Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee

Member, Statewide Self Advocacy Network-State Council on Developmental Disabilities

*Member, National Council on Independent Living Voting Rights Subcommittee
Chair, National Council on Independent Living Queer Caucus*

California #ADA25 Conference Budget

<i>Conference Expenses (Budgeted for 180 Participants)</i>	<i>Expense Budget</i>
Travel Scholarships	
30 Scholarships	10,000.00
Conference Planning Meetings	
Travel	500
Food and Beverage	
Box Lunches - 200QTY (\$15 per): Onsite Catering	2,700.00
Bottled Water - 300QTY	100
Soft Drinks: Onsite Catering	250.00
Morning Coffee and Snacks: Onsite Catering	250.00
Saturday Continental Breakfast: Onsite Catering (100 ppl)	800.00
Location Rental	
Louie B. Mayor Hall	2500
Breakout Rooms	2000
Audio Visual (Microphones)	1000
Accommodations	
ASL Interpreters	2500
Simultaneous Translation	1,000.00
Captioners	2,500.00
Braille	500.00
Program & Promotional	
Program Printing	1000
Program Translation: Spanish and Chinese	700
Materials: Flip Charts, Supplies, Etc	250
Signage	250
Postage and Shipping	500
Videography Services	1000
Collateral	
Lanyards	300.00
Badges	300.00
Bags	600.00
Staff	
Travel and Accommodations	2,300.00
Contingency	1000
Total	34,800.00



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8/27/15

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write this letter of recommendation for the DO Network (DONET). I have been serving on the DONET advisory council for approximately 2 years. The work and goals that they have accomplished within the past two years has truly been amazing. The DO Network focuses on advocating in different areas of an individual's life, such as, voter education, transportation, housing, among many others. They exceed all expectations in all the focus areas. The attention and involvement towards each topic is exceptional. The staff members are experts in the areas and topics they advocate for and are extremely knowledgeable about each. They work on multiple projects with precision and detailed understanding.

In conclusion, I highly recommend the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to sponsor the upcoming 25th Anniversary ADA conference as it will provide many opportunities in educating and advocating the disabled community at large.

Sincerely,

Jack Darakjian
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COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Exceptional Family Center is applying to SCDD for sponsorship concerning the Celebracion de Familias Spanish Speaking Conference to be held in Bakersfield, CA on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$999.00

BACKGROUND: The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) 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: The conference is dedicated to the empowerment of parents who have children with developmental disabilities. During this time, families will have the opportunity to attend a variety of educational workshops, visit vendor booths, and hear and engage with outstanding experts from the field of developmental disabilities. Respectively, community members of Inyo/Mono County will be able to partake in our 9th Annual Spanish Conference via teleconference.

They are expecting 350-450 attendees. The attendees will consist of children and parents of children with developmental disabilities. Majority of the attendees will be consumers and family members, with the lesser portion of attendees consisting of media members, community partners, and other sponsors that will make the event possible.

They are requesting a total of \$999.00 for publicity support, which will help relieve the high cost of printing/photocopying, along with postage. Additionally, funds will be utilized to purchase a banner and tablecloth for the event along with any costs associated with advertisement for the event.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Decline the sponsorship request because it is did not meet all of the requirements by not submitting a letter of recommendation from a consumer and/or family organization. Also, the funds are being used for administrative costs and do not directly benefit the consumers.

ATTACHMENTS(S): Exceptional Family Center's request for sponsorship request for sponsorship.

PREPARED: Kristie Allensworth, September 1, 2015



Exceptional Family Center-

*A Center for Families of Children with Developmental Disabilities
A 501 (c) 3 Not-for-Profit Charitable Organization 46-3106938*

June 15, 2015

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
1507 21st Street, Suite 210
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(916) 322-8481

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you to ask for assistance for our upcoming *Celebración de Familias Spanish Speaking Conference* being held Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bakersfield, California. Our hope is that The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities will partner with us and help make our 9th Annual Spanish Conference a successful and memorable event.

Exceptional Family Center was founded in 2007 by a group of parents and professionals, who recognized the need for a center that is culturally sensitive to the unique needs of our diverse community. Our center was created to provide families of children with developmental disabilities with the tools and resources that they need to help their children succeed. What began as an annual conference soon turned in to a center that, today, assists over 300 families.

Our conference is dedicated to the empowerment of parents who have children with developmental disabilities. During this time, families will have the opportunity to attend a variety of educational workshops, visit vendor booths, and hear and engage with outstanding experts from the field of developmental disabilities. Respectively, community members of Inyo/Mono County will be able to partake in our 9th Annual Spanish Conference via teleconference.

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Corresponding with the beliefs of The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Exceptional Family Center seeks to empower individuals and families by providing much needed support to the community. Exceptional Family Center's strives to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families get the support they need.

Included with this letter is the total event budget and letter of recommendation, as required in your guidelines. Thank you for taking the time to consider this sponsorship request. Grace Huerta, President of Exceptional Family Center, will be happy to respond to any questions you may have. You may call her at (661) 873-4973.

Sincerely,



**Grace Huerta
President
Exceptional Family Center**



Exceptional Family Center

Presents
9th Annual
Celebración de Familias Conference

Celebrating the success of families and their children with a developmental disability

Keynote speaker: Dr. Grover Bravo, MFT—Executive Director of Grupo Crecer

Guest speaker: David Solis—Senior Coordinator with Disability Rights California's Peer Self-Advocacy Unit

Saturday
September 19th, 2015

Location: California State University - Bakersfield
9001 Stockdale Hwy. Bakersfield, CA 93311
7:00 am—4:00 pm

There will be educational workshops and vendor information tables

For more information, and to register, please call our office:
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9h Annual Conference

Revenues/Expenses Comparison

Site	Revenues	Expenses
Room and hall fees		\$13,772.56
Equipment		\$661.14
Total	\$0.00	\$14,433.70

Decorations	Revenues	Expenses
Flowers		\$183.00
Totes		\$18.68
Pictures		\$13.63
Total		\$215.31

Publicity	Revenues	Expenses
Banner and Tablecloth		\$460.10
Photocopying/Printing		\$259.60
Postage		\$300.00
Total	\$0.00	\$1,019.70

Registration/ POS	Revenues	Expenses
KRC Attendees	\$26,190.00	
KRC personnel	\$1,080.00	
CVRC attendees	\$4,500.00	
Scholarships		\$1,080.00
Vendors	\$1,865.00	
Total	\$31,770.00	\$1,080.00

Reception	Revenues	Expenses
Food		\$600.00
Drinks		\$50.00
Chairs/Linens		\$70.00
Entertainment		\$100.00
Decorations		\$100.00
Total	\$0.00	\$920.00

Program	Revenues	Expenses
Translator		\$240.00
Speakers		\$250.00
Hotel		\$250.00
Total	\$0.00	\$740.00

Prizes	Revenues	Expenses
Baskets		\$29.03
Baskets		\$46.03
Raffle bags & tickets		\$60.95
Gifts		\$397.48
Raffles	\$709.00	
Total	\$709.00	\$533.49

Total Expenses	Revenues	Expenses
	\$32,479.00	\$18,942.20
Net Income		\$13,536.80

SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Statement: Closure of Sonoma Developmental Center

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has a role in ensuring that individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports needed to be fully integrated into the community. As in the case for developmental centers there should be a detailed, concise and holistic transition plan for clients leaving institutional settings going into community living.

On July 14, 2015 the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) had a presentation from Director of Developmental Disabilities Services, Santi Rogers. At this meeting plans were discussed for the closure of Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC), one of California's remaining institutions.

SCDD has recommendations for the closure of the Sonoma Developmental Center, a detailed plan of how the closure of Sonoma Developmental Center will be monitored is required to ensure proper procedures are followed. The clients from Sonoma must have access to health care and other supports available before and after the transition to community living, The Department of Developmental services must have affordable housing, including an array of housing options available to meet their clients' needs, providing informed choice. The goal of informed choice is a full complete understanding of all options available for transition into community living. The SCDD Clients' Rights Advocate inside the DC will continue to protect and advocate for the rights of people transitioning into the community from SDC. The SCDD Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS) project advocates for SDC residents without involved families or conservators both during SDC residency and six months post community placement. The VAS project should extend beyond a year post placement to assure continuity of care and successful community transition.

Upon the closure of the Sonoma Developmental Center, SCDD recommends outreach to the local community informing them of key changes. Seeking the community's cooperation is essential to an inclusive outreach strategy. A clear process should be set forth in the disposition of the land and other assets at Sonoma once the shutdown is complete. Clear guidelines must be developed for the use of money saved from the closure of the Sonoma Developmental Center. These funds must be a long-term investment in the future of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities for living in their communities.

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities poses these recommendations to ensure that fair and equitable supports exist for Sonoma clients as they transition into community living.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Regional Center Conflict of Interest (COI)

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

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

The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing SCDD criteria and interim process approved by the Council. This interim approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

FACTS - CVRC Board Member Tracy Blair: Tracy Blair is a member of the governing board of the Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC). She is also employed by Valley Children's Hospital (VCH) as VCH's Executive Director of Legal Services and Deputy General Counsel. In the past 24 months, CVRC has paid Purchase of Service funds to VCH for speech therapy services and for medical services and supplies in an amount less than \$4,000. CVRC states that VCH is a vendor for CVRC.

DISCUSSION:

Conflict of Interest: Under the statutory authority of W&I Code Section 4627, DDS Regulation 54520 provides that a conflict of interest exists when a regional center board member holds any of the below positions for business entity, entity, or provider:

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

A “business entity, entity or provider” means

Any individual, business venture, or state or local governmental entity from whom or from which the regional center purchases, obtains, or secures goods or services to conduct its operations.

(17 Cal. Code 54505(b).)

A “business entity, entity or provider” expressly includes a hospital for purposes of these conflict of interest regulations. (17 Cal. Code 54505(b).)

Pursuant to Regulations 54505(b), VCH is a “business entity, entity, or provider.” Because Ms. Blair is an employee of such an entity, she has a conflict of interest under Regulation 54520(a)(10).

Note: CVRC states that CVRC does not have any contracts with VCH. Additionally, CVRC states that Purchase of Service funds paid to VCH are *de minimus*. Regulation 54520 does not provide for an exception based on these factors.

Resolution Plan: If a regional center board member has a present or potential conflict of interest, W&I Code Section 4626(l) requires the regional center board to submit a conflict of interest resolution plan to mitigate (alleviate) the conflict of interest.

Regulation 54533 (a) further specifies that when a present or potential conflict of interest is identified for a regional center board member, the present or potential conflict shall be either eliminated or mitigated and managed through a Conflict Resolution Plan, or the individual shall resign his or her position with the regional center or regional center governing board.

The Central Valley Regional Center has submitted a Resolution Plan proposing the following:

1. As a governing CVRC board member, Ms. Blair will not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter involving VCH;
2. CVRC governing board and management staff will be informed of the Plan and will be informed of the need to ensure that Ms. Blair does not participate in any discussion or vote on any issue relating to VCH;
3. The Executive Committee of the CVRC board has been informed of and has approved the submission of this proposed Plan.
4. CVRC Board of Directors itself will be responsible for ensuring that the Plan and limitations are applied and monitored.

W&I Code Requirements: In addition to the requirements of Regulations 54520 and 54533, W&I Code Section 4622(k) says that no member of a board who is an employee of a provider from which the regional center purchases client services shall do any of the following:

- (1) Serve as an officer of the board;
- (2) Vote on any fiscal matter affecting the purchase of services from any regional center provider;
- (3) Vote on any issue in which the member has a financial interest under Government Code section 87103 and determined by the regional center board.

Since CVRC makes POS payments to VCH for speech therapy services, any acceptable Resolution Plan addressing Mr. Blair's employment with VCH must include compliance with Section 4622's requirements.

Staff Recommendation: The proposed Plan does not specifically address the requirements of Section 4622. Therefore, the staff recommendation is to approve Ms. Blair's waiver request provided she additionally complies with requirements of W&I Code Section 4622(k). This staff recommendation is based on the following factors:

- CVRC utilizes a public recruitment process when filling board vacancies;
- CVRC's proposed Plan appears to mitigate potential conflicts of interest by requiring recusal;
- Ms. Blair meets criteria of W&I Code Sections 4622(a), 4622(b) and 4622(e); and
- CVRC has not requested a waiver on this individual in the past.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: None

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY: n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommendation is to approve Ms. Blair's waiver request provided she complies with requirements of W&I Code Section 4622(k).

ATTACHMENT: Blair COI reporting statement and resolution plan.

PREPARED BY: Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra, September 1, 2015.

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August 2, 2015

Santi J. Rogers, Director
Department of Developmental Services
PO Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

Re: Request for Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest – Tracy Blair

Dear Director Rogers:

This letter is to present a request by Heather Flores, Central Valley Regional Center's (CVRC) Executive Director and CVRC, pursuant to Section 54523 of title 17, California Code of Regulations, for a waiver of a potential conflict of interest for CVRC Board Member Tracy Blair.

Enclosed please find the following as part of the request the following:

1. A copy of Ms. Blair's Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement;
2. A Disclosure Conflict of Interest, Request for Waiver and Plan of Action

The limitations proposed by CVRC are set forth in the plan of action and no other limitations are proposed. Ms. Blair is also presenting the information to the Valley Children's Hospital conflict committee for review.

This waiver packet is also being served upon Sequoia Regional Office and the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) as required by Title 17.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you with regard to this Waiver Request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Bahr', is written over a light-colored background.

Matthew Bahr
General Counsel

cc: Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director, SCDD
Joseph Bowling, Program Manager, Sequoia Regional Office, SCDD
Tracy Blair, CVRC Board Director
Randy Tellalian, CVRC Board President

Law concerning Governing Board Member Conflict of Interest

The prohibition against a Regional Center governing board member having a conflict of interest is derived from Welfare and Institutions Code section 4626(a). The conflict of interest definition is set forth in more detail in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17.

Title 17 section 54520 (a) "A conflict of interest exists when a regional center governing board member...or a family member of such a person is any of the following for a business entity, entity, or provider as defined in section 54505 of these regulations, except to the **extent such position is permitted by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4622 and 4626.**" (emphasis added)

Welfare and Institutions ("W&I") Code section 4622(e) "A minimum of 50 percent of the members of the governing board shall be persons with developmental disabilities or their parents or legal guardians. No less than 25 percent of the board shall be persons with developmental disabilities."

Welfare and Institutions ("W&I") Code section 4622(b) "The membership of the governing board shall include persons with legal, management, public relations, and developmental disability program skills."

Section 54520 concludes: "(b) No regional center governing board member who has a conflict of interest shall continue to serve as a board member in violation of these provisions unless the board member has eliminated the conflict of interest **or obtained a waiver pursuant to these regulations.**" (emphasis added)

Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest for Ms. Tracy Blair

Potential or Actual Conflict of Interest

Potential Conflict of Interest with Valley Children's Hospital.

Valley Children's Hospital (VCH) is a non-profit state-of-the-art children's hospital with a medical staff of more than 550 physicians. Tracy Blair is a CVRC Board Member and an attorney and recently was hired at VCH as Executive Director of Legal Services and Deputy General Counsel.

In California, VCH treated more inpatient cases than any pediatric hospital north of San Diego. With 356 licensed beds, VCH is one of the largest hospitals of its type in the nation. VCH's service area covers 45,000 square miles. VCH has an annual income of more than \$500,000,000.

VCH is a vendor, however, a very minor one for CVRC. In the last 24 months, CVRC has paid less than \$4,000 in vendor payments to VCH for only two types of services; Speech Therapy and Medical Services and Supplies, like Pedialyte.

CVRC does not, and cannot, make medical referrals to VCH, only a treating physician or insurance company can. The Purchase of Service funds paid to VCH is de minimis. CVRC has no contracts or MOU's with VCH.

Request for Waiver of Conflict of Interest

Although this appears to be a definitional conflict of interest (Board Member employed by a vendor), there is no influence possible to be asserted by Ms. Blair to benefit VCH from her membership as a CVRC Board Member. If there were to arise any issue presented to the CVRC Board concerning VCH, Ms. Blair would, of course, recuse herself from any discussion or involvement.

For the reasons that follow, pursuant to Title 17, section 54523, CVRC requests a Waiver of any potential or actual conflict of interest given that:

- (a) Ms. Blair fulfills CVRC's compliance requirements under W&I section 4622(a);
- (b) Ms. Blair fulfills CVRC's compliance requirements under W&I section 4622(b);
- (c) Ms. Blair fulfills CVRC's compliance requirements under W&I section 4622 (e);
- (d) CVRC does not have any contracts with VCH;

Proposed Plan of Action

CVRC's suggested plan of action for resolving this "conflict of interest" is as follows:

1. As a Governing CVRC Board Member, Ms. Blair will not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter involving VCH;
2. CVRC governing board and management staff will be informed of this Plan of Action and will be informed of the need to ensure that Ms. Blair does not participate in any discussion or vote on any issue relating to VCH.
3. The Executive Committee of the CVRC Board has been informed of and has approved the submission of this Proposed Plan of Action for Waiver of Conflict of Interest.
4. CVRC Board of Directors itself will be responsible for ensuring that the above plan and limitations are applied and monitored.
5. This Request for Waiver packet is also being served on the Sequoia Regional Office, State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities as required by Title 17, section 54523.

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



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

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

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

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

A. INFORMATION OF REPORTING INDIVIDUAL

Name: Tracy Blair Regional Center: Central Valley Regional Center

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 Status¹

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

New job at Valley Children's Hospital

1. Please list your job title and describe your job duties at the regional center.

Board member And parliamentarian

¹ Change of status includes a previously unreported activity that should have been reported, change in the circumstance of a previously reported activity, change in financial interest, familial relationship, legal commitment, change in regional center position or duties, change in regional center, or change to outside position or duties. See California Code of Regulations, title 17, sections 54531(d) and 54532(d).

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

2. Do you or a family member² work for any entity or organization that is a regional center provider or contractor?
 yes no -- If yes, provide the name of the entity or organization and describe what services it provides for the regional center or regional center consumers. If the provider or contractor is a state or local governmental entity, provide the specific name of the state or local governmental entity and describe your job duties at the state or local governmental entity.

Not sure if Valley Children's is a vendor.

3. Do you or a family member own or hold a position³ in an entity or organization that is a regional center provider or contractor? yes no -- If yes, provide the name of the entity or organization, describe what services it provides for the regional center or regional center consumers, and describe your or your family member's financial interest.

See above

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.

See above

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.

Contracts were \$250,000, but have been told no conflict with Children's Hospital.

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

³ 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.

- Governing Board Member
- Vendor Advisory on Board
- Executive Director
- 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 member⁴? [Note: Governing board members do not have to answer "yes" to this question if the financial benefit would be available to regional center consumers or their families generally].
 yes no – If yes, please explain.

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

Contracts over \$250,000

8. Do you have a financial interest in any contract⁶ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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

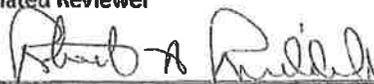
I, Tracy Blair (print name) HEREBY CONFIRM that I have read and understand the regional center's Conflict of Interest Policy and that my responses to the questions in this Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement are complete, true, and correct to the best of my information and belief. I agree that if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

Signature  Date 6/22/15

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Date this Statement was received by Reviewer:

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

Signature of Designated Reviewer <u></u>	Date Review Completed <u>6.29.15</u>
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2015**

Attending Members

April Lopez (FA)
Kecia Weller (SA)
Nancy Clyde (SA)
Ning Yang (SA)
Sandra Smith (FA)

Members Absent

David Forderer (SA)
Janelle Lewis (FA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Natalie Bocanegra
Robin Maitino
Sandra Aldana
Sonya Bingaman

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ning Yang (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. and established a quorum.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Members and others introduced themselves.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of June 23 and 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

It was moved/seconded (Smith [FA]/Clyde [SA]) and carried to approve the June 23 and June 24, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

(Unanimous: Lopez [FA], Weller [SA], Clyde [SA], Yang [SA], Smith [FA])

5. AIDD/MTARS Update

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided an update on the Council's compliance task progress, stating that 72% of the MTARS deliverables have been submitted and the Council is 67% in compliance. The September 1, 2015 deliverable is being prepared now and consists of one (1) item, the State Plan work plan. Director Carruthers will be submitting a detailed summary with the September submission in order to demonstrate evidence of progress since being put on high risk status in 2013.

6. **Budge Update**

Executive Director Carruthers provided an overview of the year-end monthly budget projections for fiscal year 2014-15 stating that the total-year balance amount will change as more expenditures come in. Prior year unspent funds of approximately \$1.1 million will be used to bridge the structural deficit leaving the Council with approximately \$800k of prior year funds.

Director Carruthers also provided an update on the Second Extraordinary Legislative Session stating that on August 18th he provided testimony to the Assembly at the Supporting and Enhancing California's Developmental Services Programs hearing and on August 19th he attended the hearing on Supporting and Enhancing California's Medi-Cal Program. Director Carruthers also attended and provided an update on the Managed Care Organization Tax Options and Issues Senate hearing on August 18th.

7. **Self-Determination Waiver**

Council staff Sonya Bingaman provided a detail sheet on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) Waiver application status stating that on August 7th new language was added describing how homes and settings where SDP participants will reside and receive services meet the requirements of the federal home and community-based settings rules that became effective in March 2014. As a result, DDS is required to repost for 30 days. Due to this 30-day time constraint, the Committee took the below action to ensure Council input by the September 7, 2015 deadline.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez [FA]/Smith [FA]) and carried that each individual Executive Committee member send input to the Executive Director who will draft comments on the Self-Determination Waiver during the public comment period. (Unanimous: Lopez [FA], Weller [SA], Clyde [SA], Yang [SA], Smith [FA])

8. **Conflict of Inter Waiver Request (COI) and Interim Process**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra updated the Committee on the COI Waiver request interim process stating that SCDD staff is currently in communication with DDS on how to appropriately address issues with the current language in the regulations and the current waiver process. She

also noted that there may be a need for regulatory action and will provide additional information once Council staff have met with DDS.

The Committee directed staff to work with DDS on obtaining a timeline in order to address these concerns.

9. **Executive Director Evaluation**

Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra updated the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation. She reported that AIDD approves beginning the evaluation period July 2015, to coincide with the new Executive Director Carruthers's appointment. Therefore, the evaluation of the former Interim Executive Director is not necessary. Legal Counsel reported that at the July 15th Council meeting, the Council acted to direct the Executive Committee to work on the evaluation process with regard to performance standards and criteria. Legal Counsel pointed out that much of this work may already be completed since the current evaluation materials include a 360 degree evaluation covering multiple performance areas.

10. **Establish September Council Agenda**

The following items, if applicable will be included on the September Council agenda:

- Committee Reports
- Staff Reports
- AIDD Update
- Budget Update
- Sponsorship Requests
- Sonoma Developmental Center Closure
- Conflict of Interest Waiver Request

11. **Future Meeting Dates**

The remaining 2015 dates were scheduled as follows:

- October 13, 2015 from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- December 8, 2015 from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

12. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Yang (SA) adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
 FY 2014-2015 EXPENDITURES

Based on Expenditures through June 2015

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

Projected Year-End Budget	Through June 2015	Through May 2015
BSG Current Staffing	(\$353,148)	(\$725)

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

Projected without vacancies

FUNDING SOURCE	ANNUAL BUDGET			SPENDING TO DATE			CURRENT BALANCE			PROJECTED YEAR-END BALANCE			
	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	Personal Svc.	OE&E	Total	%
Grants & Contracts	\$5,131,546	\$1,247,454	\$6,809,000	\$4,677,341	\$1,422,903	\$6,100,244	\$454,205	(\$175,449)	\$708,756	\$454,205	(\$807,352)	(\$353,148)	-5%
BSG													
QA	\$1,616,399	\$850,124	\$2,466,523	\$1,563,039	\$662,528	\$2,225,566	\$53,360	\$187,596	\$240,957	\$53,360	\$29,463	\$82,823	3%
CRA/VAS	\$1,322,055	\$557,945	\$1,880,000	\$1,305,990	\$197,243	\$1,503,234	\$16,065	\$360,702	\$376,766	\$16,065	\$282,705	\$298,770	16%
TOTAL	\$8,070,000	\$2,655,523	\$11,155,523	\$7,546,371	\$2,282,674	\$9,829,045	\$523,629	\$372,849	\$1,326,478	\$523,629	(\$495,185)	\$28,445	0%

Projected with filled vacancies

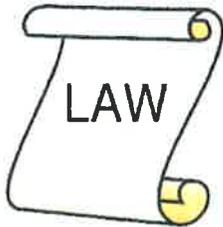
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Notes:

NUMBER OF MONTHS REMAINING		
Current	State	Federal
Month		
June 2015	0	3

*Tables based on State Fiscal Year

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

BILL: AB 2x 4 (Levine) Managed Care Organization Tax

ISSUE: In 2011 the California legislature passed AB 97 which implemented a 10% provider payment reduction to most categories of services in Medi-Cal. In 2013 Gov. Brown issued an 8% cut in IHSS hours in response to a federal court ruling including is 7% cut the following year.

AB 2x 4 would create a flat managed-care tax of \$7.88 per person per month to generate 1.878 billion in annual revenue. This tax would be paid by the plan, not the enrollee.

SUMMARY: AB 2x 4 is aimed at addressing the budget cuts imposed by AB 97 in 2011 and subsequent budget cuts made in 2013 to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. This bill would fully fund the 1.1 billion needed for Medi-Cal, restore medical rates to pre-AB 97 levels. This bill would also reinstate IHSS service hours and increase developmental services funding.

BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS: Existing law imposes a sales tax on providers of support services for the privilege of selling support services. Existing law also imposes a sales tax on sellers of Medi-Cal managed care plans. This bill would repeal the support services sales tax and would establish a new managed care organization provider tax. It would require the Department of Health Care Services to request approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as necessary to implement the bill.

AB2x 4 establish the Health and Human Services Special Fund in the State Treasury, into which all revenues, in which all revenues will be deposited. The remaining moneys in the fund would be available to the department for the purpose of funding the nonfederal share of Medi-Cal managed care rates.

RECOMMENDATION: Support AB 2x 4 (Levine)

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal# 10: Health.

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

ATTACHMENTS: None.

PREPARED: Nelly Nieblas

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2015

Members Present

April Lopez (chair, FA)
Sandra Smith (FA)
David Forderer (SA)
Charles Hornenutt (SA)
Thomas Forderer (SA)

Members Absent

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Bob Phillips
Thomas Johnson
Natalie Bocanegra
Sarah May

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chairperson April Lopez called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF June 24, 2015 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith(FA)/Forderer(SA)) and carried to approve the June 24, 2015 Membership Committee minutes, with revisions to reflect that Aaron Carruthers was the *acting director* during the June meeting. Moreover, under item #9, it was recommended that the committee add its discussion about individuals in expired terms will have to reapply in order to continue serving. Councilmembers Lopez (FA), Forderer (SA), and Smith (FA) voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or 'abstentions'.

5. **AUTHORIZE REGIONAL OFFICE APPOINTMENTS TO RC SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The committee reviewed the Regional Advisory Committee Membership Roster. This form can be found at the following hyperlink:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Membership%20Committee/2015/MC%20ORAC%20Roster.pdf>

It was recommended that the committee codify this list of individuals.

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Hornenutt) and carried to approve the recommendation that this list of members to the regional advisory boards for self-determination committee. Councilmembers Lopez (FA), Smith (FA), Forderer (SA), and Hornenutt (SA) voted 'aye'. There were no 'nays' or abstentions.

6. **APPOINTMENT AND TRACKING FORM**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the appointment and tracking form, which is now up to date reflecting the correct term dates for members and vacancies that need to be filled. A copy of this form can be accessed at the following hyperlink:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Membership%20Committee/2015/MC%20Appointee%20Chart-Demographic%20and%20Tracking.pdf>

7. **DEMOGRAPHIC MAP**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the Demographic Map. This map reflects demographic changes due to recent appointments. This map will continue to serve as the primary reference point for the committee while they analyze candidate applications. A copy of this map can be found on page ten of the Membership Committee packet:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Membership%20Committee/2015/HQ-%20MC%20Packet%208.24.15%20-Part%201.pdf>

8. GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Natalie Bocanegra, SCDD Legal Counsel, presented a handout titled “governmental ethics, conflict of interest”. The purpose of this presentation was to educate the committee about conflict of interest issues and statutes to aid the committee in their review of candidate applications. A copy of this presentation can be accessed at the following hyperlink:

<http://scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Membership%20Committee/2015/MC%20Govt.%20Ethics%20COI.pdf>

9. REVIEW COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The committee reviewed applications for Orange County and At Large vacancies.

For the Orange County vacancy, code #'s 10, 39, 40, 64, 92, 94, and 101 were reviewed.

For the At Large vacancy, application code #'s 037, 038, 042, 044, 045, 049, 051, 052, 058, 061, 063, 067, 071, 073, and 077 were reviewed.

No recommendations were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATES

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next Membership Committee meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE



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Employment First Committee (EFC) Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2015

Members Present

Daniel Boomer
Lisa Cooley (SA) (Vice)
Wilda Benamati (for
Denyse Curtright)
Rick Hodgkins (SA)
Connie Lapin (FA)
Rebecca Martinez
Bill Moore
Andrew Mudryk
David Mulvey
Olivia Raynor
Steve Ruder
Robert Taylor (SA)
Kecia Weller (SA)
(Chair)
Vanda Yung (FA)
Amy Westling
Barbara Wheeler

Members Absent

Tony Anderson
Dale Dutton
David Mayer
Debbie Sarmento
Denyse Curtright

Others Attending

Bob Giovati
Nelly Nieblas
Mary Ellen Stives
Michael Brett
Vickie Vining
Lisa Fisher
Carole Watilo
Sylvia Hoggatt
Stormy Miller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kecia Weller (SA), Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She also stated employers have important views regarding employment. Today there will be various presentations on different programs that help individuals with developmental disabilities on employment.

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2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Weller (SA), members of the committee, staff, and guests gave introductions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2015 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Hodgkins (SA)) (Lapin (FA)). All in favor of approving the April 14, 2015 Minutes except for two abstentions from Raynor and Martinez.

(See member list for voting)

6. MEMBER REPORTS

The following individuals gave member reports:

Rick Hodgkins (SA), committee member, discussed various acts/bills like the Time Act and SB 644.

Connie Lapin (FA), committee member, gave an update on Self Determination. She stated that the Department of Developmental Services sent a Letter to the Regional Centers and Regional Offices directing them to start Local Advisory Committees by July 1, 2015. These committees consist of consumers and family members who will watch, supervise, and support on the implementation of Self Determination.

Robert Taylor (SA), committee member, discussed that he is part of the North Coast Regional Self Determination Advisory Committee and held their first teleconference call on June 26, 2015. They plan to have a

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video conference with Willie West, who is a self-advocate, at the North Coast Regional Office on August 21, 2015. Also said to remember the anniversary of the America's Disabilities Act taking place on July 26, 2015.

Lisa Cooley (SA), Vice Chair, mentioned that she is part of Sacramento's Regional Office Self-Determination Advisory Committee. She also said that she will be going to the local area Chamber of Commerce/businesses/organizations on hiring persons with disabilities.

7. CONGRATS: LISA COOLEY, VICE CHAIR

Chairperson Weller (SA) announced to the committee that Lisa Cooley (SA) has been appointed the Vice Chair for the EFC. All gave accolades.

8. NEW MEMBER: Dr. Rebecca Martinez

Chairperson Weller (SA) and the committee gave a warm welcome to the newest member of the EFC, Dr. Rebecca Martinez. She is an Independent Enterprising Disabled Worker Consultant running her own consulting firm by the name of Disability Transition Solutions and one of her clients, for the past 13 years, is CVS Health. She works with their Workforce Initiatives Department which she represents nationally. Dr. Martinez gave a brief description of her professional background along with numerous EFC members asking questions regarding her expertise.

Nelly Nieblas, staff, welcomed new members, committee and reviewed the goals and laws from the Welfare and Institution codes on what is required of committee members within the EFC. Ms. Nieblas opened the floor for questions:

- Recommendation: Olivia Raynor, committee member and UCEDD from the University of California, stated: as we go ahead, the activities should connect with our goals so the committee understands where we are going. The agendas should reflect this along with making sure activities/discussions are following our outcomes/functions concerning

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the by-laws. Ms. Nieblas remarked in agreement that this agenda today gives an introductory overview of the players within the arena. This shows where we are, what we have done, and it will focus on the key law elements.

- Andrew Mudryk, Disability Rights California and committee member, suggested discussing the mandates. Committee members continued to discuss this issue. For instance, our mission and goals should show how it works with the Workforce Intervention Opportunity Act in regards to competitive intergraded employment, limitations on subminimum wage, focus on servicing youth, and changes to supportive employment. Ms. Nieblas continued to state that procedures are in the works like getting in touch with the Finance Tax Board and the Department of Rehabilitation.
- Recommendation: Several years ago goals and priorities were written in various reports. It is recommended that these reports be brought to the next meeting to remind committee members what has been done so the EFC can get on track. Staff responded by stating that we have gone over previous EFC reports and asked the committee if they would like to see these goals outlined in bullet points on what has been done and what to build upon. This would give the committee a starting point of where to go.
- Recommendation: Committee suggested to create a memo before the next meeting and state what we have done, where we are, and where we should go. Staff has agreed to accomplish this memo.
- Mr. Mudryk gave the committee a file of work for the committee to look at and is willing to go over the information.

9. BLUEPRINT UPDATE

Mr. Mudryk gave this briefing which goes over the Memo of Understanding (MOU). Disability Rights of California is working with the Department of Developmental Services, Department of Rehabilitation, and Department of Education to agree to a process to develop the Integrated Developmental Employment Blueprint. This blueprint

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contains items which can be seen at the following website:
www.chhs.ca.gov. The MOU can also be found on this website.

It was suggested by committee member Robert Taylor (SA), who had spoken with committee member, Denyse Curtright from DDS, to develop a Survey Monkey so committee members can give their opinions on the blueprint. Ms. Curtright took this into consideration and is going to get with other departments. Chairperson Weller (SA) and Mr. Taylor (SA) attended the May 2015 Self Advocates Advisory Committee where Ms. Curtright gave a presentation on the blueprint and discussed the above procedure.

10. PROMISE GRANT UPDATE

Sylvia Hoggatt from the Department of Rehabilitation gave a PowerPoint presentation to the committee on the Promise Grant. This grant is promoting the readiness of Minors in supplemental security income which stands for PROMISE. This briefing consisted of the following areas:

- Who does PROMISE serve
- Challenges
- Goals
- Partners
- Organization
- Service Areas
- Enrollment
- Different areas dealing with demographics
- Services
- Different areas dealing with Person-Centered Planning

The full PowerPoint presentation can be seen at the following website:
http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2015/Presentation%202.pdf

Committee held a discussion over this presentation with Ms. Hoggatt.

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11. JAY NOLAN GRANT UPDATE

The next presentation of the day was a PowerPoint Presentation and video given by Lisa Fisher and Vickie Vining from Jay Nolan Community Services.

Some of the history of this grant is the State Council gave \$750,000.00 to Jay Nolan who is in Los Angeles and partnering with Easter Seals who is in San Diego. They served 76 young adults between the ages of 13 and 30 by using customized employment techniques. The grant cycle started in January 2012 and ended in March 2015. The committee then held a question and answer session with Jay Nolan.

If interested in seeing this PowerPoint Presentation by Jay Nolan, please go to the following link on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2015/Presentation%201.pdf

12. COLLEGE TO CAREER PRESENTATION ADULTHOOD TO WORK

The next presentation was given by Stormy Miller from the San Diego Community College District explaining that community colleges also have initiatives that deal with workforce change. The California Community College Chancellor's Office has adopted initiatives on doing work that matters. It is great and important that the EFC begins to understand and identify with the community college initiatives. Ms. Miller works with the College to Career Program.

This presentation went over the following areas:

- What colleges and campuses are included in SDCCD.
- Disability in higher education.
- SDCCD C2C staffing and program design.
- Enrollment period.
- C2C Courses for 3 years.

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- Academic progress for spring 2015.
- Success stories.
- Collaboration and collaboration with employment.
- Business partnership.

To view this PowerPoint presentation, please go the following link on the SCDD Website:

http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/Employment_First/2015/Presentation%203.pdf

Committee held a discussion over this presentation with Ms. Miller.

13. CAROLE WATILO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: PROGRESSIVE EMPLOYMENT CONCEPTS

The final presentation was given by Carole Watilo who is the Executive Director for Progress Employment Concepts which is a non-profit organization to help individuals find gainful employment. They also do job coaching which is mostly referred by the DOR. Also, Ms. Watilo discussed some of the monetary challenges with the DOR. She goes on to explain the successes they have achieved. This non-profit's mission has brought opportunities to all communities that promote dignity, respect, and inclusion with employers, families, and supervisors alike. They are funded thru the Regional Center, DOR, and under the Community Intergraded Work Training.

The committee then held a question and answer session with this non-profit organization.

14. EFC & CECY PARTNERSHIP

This agenda item is being moved to the next committee meeting.

15. PENDING QUESTIONS

Chairperson Weller (SA) recapped the presentations to open up the next agenda item by stating that common themes were presented today.

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Like coordination between different agencies, customized employment and career to college. She opened the floor for discussion:

- Services are possible in the current system but it is not happening on a wide basis. What is the policy fix? How do we get training/providers to do this work, and get the regional centers to move in this direction?
- Due to past budget cuts, funding issues were brought up.
- Mentioned the Lanterman Act regarding transition and Trailer Bill Language.
- Committee asked about the EFC Report for 2014. Chairperson Weller (SA) stated that it will be presented to the members at the next meeting.

16. NEXT MEETING ITEMS AND DATE

The following items were discussed by the committee to place on the next agenda for the September 29, 2015 meeting

- Self Determination.
- What the mandate is and what we already have done and what we need to do on future goals.
- What do we need to do from the top down regarding the mandate?
- Items summary should be provided to the committee members.
- It was also mentioned that a policy decision around these customized themes should be discussed.
- Funding screens.
- Person centered planning/management.
- Customized employment.
- Collaboration.
- Up front support.
- Networking.
- Training.
- Career to college.

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- Barriers due to exchanging information and budget cuts.

17. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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STATE PLAN COMMITTEE



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State Plan Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jonathan Clarkson
Nancy Clyde
Janelle Lewis
Rebecca Donabed
Sandra Smith
Sandra Aldana

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Hansen
Carmela Garnica

OTHERS PRESENT

Janet Fernandez
Michael Brett
Susan Eastman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Nancy Clyde (SA) called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Clyde (SA) started the introductions.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2015 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Smith)(FA), (Donabed) (SA) and carried to approve the June 22, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. (All in favor, with no abstentions. See attendance list for voting members.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. DISCUSSION OF SURVEY

a. Current Results

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Chairperson Clyde (SA) reported on the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) conference. AIDD expects the following components to be considered in the development of State Plans: Capacity-building, systems change, advocacy, cultural competency, outreach to unserved/underserved populations, and support for self-advocacy. The Committee continued to discuss the conference

Janet Fernandez, staff, provided a handout (below) on the survey responses, giving an overview of the survey totals.

Total Responses: Who are you?							
	Regional Meetings		English Survey Monkey		Spanish Survey Monkey		Total
Family Member/Advocate	464		867		11		1,342
Someone with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability	177	500	62	84	2	2	586
Self-Advocate	323		22		0		
Service Provider/Vendor	140		237		0		377
Other	44		105		3		152
Regional Center - Staff	34		131		0		165
Educational Service Provider	28		115		0		143
Community Advocate	53		50		2		105
Community Member	26		24		0		50
Total	1,289		1,613		18		2,920

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Total Responses: Service Areas				
	Regional Meetings (59)	English Survey Monkey	Spanish Survey Monkey	Total
Child Care	111	119	5	235
Education & Early Intervention	263	620	11	894
Employment	427	811	7	1,245
Formal and Informal Community Supports	247	869	9	1,125
Health	326	291	9	626
Housing	343	643	8	994
Quality Assurance	112	427	8	547
Recreation	225	259	6	490
Safety/Abuse Prevention	186	264	6	456
Self-Determination	211	398	7	616
Transportation	297	269	6	572
Other	11	0	0	11

During this discussion, staff was asked to do the following:

- To make sure a footnote is placed in the State Plan narrative to explain that different languages (in addition to Spanish) were represented during Regional Office meetings and that these languages have been identified in the reporting of meeting results.
- In addressing housing Issues, it was suggested that this Committee invite representatives from other agencies to discuss issues of concern, as identified through the State Plan survey process, so that the SPC can collect information and build consensus with its state collaborative and Council member organizations.

For more detailed information on the surveys, please go to the following links on the SCDD Website, located on pages 7-9:

SPC Packet

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/SPC%20Packet%208.24.15.pdf>

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b. Survey Analysis

Throughout the meeting, the State Plan survey was discussed by the Committee. The following areas were also addressed:

- Hard numbers for the analysis
- A report from DDS based on age
- Making one of our goals underserved populations
- Fact Book, titled "Age Group of Consumers Served by DDS, January 2004 to 2015 (combined)," which describes the population served, age, and other demographic information. This report can be found on the DDS Website.

Most of the data received through Survey Monkey has been in response to the English survey, with very limited responses in Spanish. The survey has now been translated into 13 additional languages and will be converted to Survey Monkey, with links that will be posted on the SCDD website.

Chairperson Clyde asked staff about how long the survey should remain open. Staff reported that this should, in part, be determined by the data processing of survey responses to be completed by Sandra Aldana, through the University of California, Santa Barbara. Once the bulk of the (English/Spanish) responses have been processed, there should be results from the surveys translated into the other 13 languages. This data may not substantively change the results of the processed data, but will be valuable information regarding the needs of underserved, non-English-speaking residents of California.

Committee member Sandra Aldana mentioned that this data can be placed in batches, with a theme by language group. Ms. Aldana will be working with a team of students at USB to process the survey response data. Her team will be using nVivo. Data sets will be created and the groups start from birth through old age. Due to the Internal Review Board (IRB) process, which is conducted by the University, the

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survey processing has not yet begun. The Committee continued to have further discussion.

The Committee suggested that part of the overall analysis may show how fast or slow responses have come in for each language set. Slower response rates may be an indication about how well individual populations are being reached.

c. Translating the Survey into Other Languages

Mrs. Fernandez briefed the Committee about the survey questions and a short introduction that has now been translated into 13 languages used most commonly throughout California. The survey was already translated into Spanish, for a total of 14 threshold languages. SPC members asked about how staff will let people know survey translations are available through the Council website. Mrs. Fernandez stated that staff in the Council's Regional Offices are experts in their communities and will play a large part in getting the word out to local non-English-speaking ethnic and cultural communities.

The list of these 13 threshold languages can be seen in the SCDD Packet on page 10 or through the following link:

<http://www.sccd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/SPC%20Packet%208.24.15.pdf>

Janelle Lewis, committee member, mentioned that the DDS Fact Book includes information about the percentage of languages in California, as well as other demographic information. The Committee would like staff to send this link to Committee members via email.

d. Holding the Survey Open

Staff asked if the committee would like to hold the survey open for English, as well as for all of the other threshold languages. After discussion, it was determined to leave the survey open through the

end of the calendar year. Mrs. Fernandez stated that all survey information gathered through Council efforts during the course of the next 5-year State Plan will be reported through the Performance Review Reports and will also inform staff on how well objectives are being met throughout the state.

7. GOAL DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

The Committee held a lengthy discussion on information gathering for goal development. It was determined that staff would make phone calls and send an invitation to invite representatives of state agencies to speak about broad goal areas. Once this has been accomplished and it has been confirmed, staff will divide scheduled speakers between the next meeting, taking place on October 5, 2015, and the following meeting, scheduled for November 9, 2015.

Below are the leading areas of interest, per current survey results, along with state and other agencies that staff will contact, to assist the SPC in working on goal development for the next 5-year State Plan:

Goal	Agency	Remarks
Transportation	Caltrans	Recommendation to encourage equal access to transportation
Employment	DDS, DOR, EDD	
Formal and Informal Community Supports	DDS, Parks and Rec	
Housing	HCD, HUD, SILCs	
Education Early Intervention	DDS, DOE, Regional Centers	Suggest to contact Dr. Daniel Boomer
Health	Medical providers, DHHS, DHCS	Suggestion to contact Kristopher Kent

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The Committee asked staff to group survey responses from Survey Monkey and share with personnel from the above visiting agencies.

Mrs. Fernandez gave an overview of the required State Plan components for submission to AIDD:

- Goals: Broad, overarching direction about the kind of work that the Council intends to do throughout the state over the next 5 years
- Objectives: More specific areas and outcomes within each goal area
- Logic Model: A visual diagram of the goals, objectives, and planned types of activity, with intended outputs, deliverables and outcomes
- Work Plan: Specific work and/or activities that will fulfill the State Plan goals and objectives
- Work of the Committee: To develop goals and objectives
- Work of staff: To develop a Logic Model and Work Plan with Regional Office staff support and direction from the SPC

8. TIMELINE DISCUSSION

- Discussion took place about the survey analysis, in regard to the State Plan timeline
- The Committee will develop the State Plan, completing the drafted Plan by December 2015 and sending it to the full State Council for review and approval
- Discussion took place on the 45-day public comment period, which will be held between January and March 2016
- The State Plan timeline, which is located on page 16 of the SPC Packet, can be reviewed through the following link:

<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/res/docs/pdf/State%20Plan/2015/SPC%20Packet%208.24.15.pdf>

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9. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

It was decided that meetings will be scheduled on a monthly basis, instead of a bi-monthly basis, and will be working lunches. The following meeting dates and times have been confirmed by the Committee:

October 5, 2015: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 9, 2015: noon to 4:00 p.m.

December 7, 2015: noon to 4:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

SSAN REPORT



SSAN Report to SCDD by David Forderer
September 15, 2015

- The last SSAN meeting was on June 24-25, 2015 and was reported on at the July 2015 Council meeting.
- The next SSAN meeting is on September 23-24, 2015 in Sacramento.
- Since the last Council meeting 4 SSAN members attended a Leadership Training in Seattle, Washington. The members were nominated by the SSAN Chair and staff as potential candidates for the training. The highlights of this training are:
 - DD Policy and Medicaid
 - Fundraising
 - State Plan Group Session – S.M.A.R.T. Goals
 - Community Organizing
 - Direct Action
 - Staying in Charge in Your Self-Advocacy Group
 - Managing a Self Advocacy Organization
 - Advocacy in Social Media

SSAN Members who attended the PADSAs Training:
Charles Horne-Nutt, David Forderer, Robert Levy,
and Rebecca Donabed

