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**Council Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2017**

**Members Present**

Alfredo Rubalcava  
Andrea Vergne (FA)  
April Lopez (FA)  
Barbara Wheeler  
Catherine Blakemore  
Charles Nutt (SA)  
Dan Boomer  
David Forderer (SA)  
Elena Gomez  
Eric Gelber  
Francis Lau (FA)  
Jacqueline Nguyen (FA)  
Janelle Lewis (FA)  
Julie Austin (FA)  
Kecia Weller (SA)  
Kerstin Williams (SA)  
Kris Kent  
Max Duley (FA)  
Michele Villados  
Ning Yang (SA)

**Members Present (continued)**

Pete Sanchez (FA)  
Rebecca Donabed (SA)  
Robert Taylor (SA)  
Robin Hansen  
Sandra Aldana (SA)  
Sandra Smith (FA)  
Wilbert Francis

**Members Absent**

Carmela Garnica (FA)  
Jay Lytton (SA)  
Chisorom Okwuosa  
(Michelle Enchill)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Angela Lewis  
Bob Giovati  
Christine Lannon  
Dena Hernandez

**Others Attending (continued)**

Gabriel Rogin  
Holly Bins  
Joseph Hernandez  
Michael Brett  
Natalie Bocanegra  
Robin Maitino  
Sarah May  
Sonya Bingaman  
Riana Hardin  
Vicki Smith  
Wayne Glusker

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Chair Lopez (FA) established a quorum.

**3. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers administered the oath to Councilmember Andrea Vergne.

**4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councilmembers and others in attendance introduced themselves.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Council took the below action to approve the November 29, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Correction(s)/revision(s) are noted below.

**Action 1**

It was moved/seconded (Weller [SA]/Donabed [SA]) and carried to approve the November 29, 2016 Council meeting minutes as amended. (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

**Amendment**

Insert "(FA)" after Julie Austin's name under "Members Present" on page one of the minutes.

7. **CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Lopez (FA) provided a brief report on activities since the November Council meeting including an update on ABLE Act board activities; the appointment of Sarah Isaacs to the Council's Employment First Committee; and information on an event she attended with many of the California legislature.

Chair Lopez also acknowledged January 23<sup>rd</sup> as Ed Roberts day, stating that Roberts was the first individual with a severe disability to attend the University of California Berkeley. Roberts later went on to become the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation before co-founding the World Institute on Disability.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided an overview of his written report which can be found on page 13 of the Council packet.

Director Carruthers also reported on the Federal landscape, acknowledging council member concerns and questions surrounding the new administration. He reported that little is known at this point and there is much uncertainty with what will happen with the Affordable Care Act and/or Medicaid. Director Carruthers will continue to keep the Council informed on federal current affairs which relate to the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports were included in the packet starting on page 14.

10. **2017-18 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

Councilmembers Kristopher Kent and Eric Gelber provided an overview to the Governor's January Proposed Budget as it relates to persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

This overview highlighted community service programs; developmental centers; and DDS headquarters support. A detailed breakdown of these budget highlights can be found at: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/Budget/Home.cfm>.

11. **2016 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PPR)**

Executive Director Carruthers provided a detailed presentation of the work reported throughout the state that was captured in the 2016 PPR. The presentation included information on statewide systemic change, the number of ways in which self-advocate voices have invoked change and been heard in their communities throughout the state, and compared the growing number of individuals from 2011 to now.

12. **CYCLE 40 GRANT**

Councilmember Sandra Smith presented the proposed Grant Cycle 40 process outline and timeline to the Council for consideration. The presentation beginning on page 83 of the packet, outlines in great detail what the Council's responsibilities are as well as the process used in awarding a grant.

**Action 2**

It was moved/seconded (Nutt [SA]/ Forderer [SA]) and carried to approve the funding priorities, process and timeline as presented. (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

13. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Councilmembers David Forderer, Rebecca Donabed, and Kecia Weller presented the draft MOU between SCDD and SSAN to the Council for consideration. The purpose of this MOU is to define the relationship between SSAN and SCDD.

Councilmembers' Forderer, Donabed, and Weller provided background on SSAN as well as their mission. The presentation detailed SSAN and SCDD's roles and responsibilities including reporting and support requirements.

### **Action 3**

It was moved/seconded (Lewis [FA]/Francis [FA]) and carried to adopt the draft Memorandum of Understanding between SCDD and SSAN as presented. (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

#### **14. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST**

Cal-TASH is requesting that the Council sponsor their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference taking place March 3-4, 2017 in San Diego, California. This is a two-day conference that includes keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and a town hall focused on the HCBS Ruling. If awarded, the funds would be used to offset the cost of the conference and offer participants additional opportunities.

### **Action 4**

It was moved/seconded (Nutt [SA]/ Nguyen [FA]) and carried to award \$950 in sponsorship funding to Cal-TASH for their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Cal-TASH Conference on March 3-4, 2017 in San Diego. (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

#### **15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) WAIVER REQUEST – CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER (CVRC)**

Staff Counsel Natalie Bocanegra presented CVRC board member Tracy Blair's COI waiver request to the Council for consideration. Ms. Blair is employed by Valley Children's Hospital (VCH) as Executive Director of Legal Services and Deputy General Counsel. VCH is has occasionally been a vendor for CVRC. After careful consideration, the Council took the below action to approved Tracy Blair's request for a COI waiver.

### **Action 5**

It was moved/seconded (Nutt [SA]/Forderer [SA]) and carried to approve Tracy Blair's waiver request, provided she additionally complies with the requirements of W&I Code Section 4622(k). (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

## 16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. State Plan Committee – Committee Chair Sandra Smith (FA) provided a summary of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. Legislative and Public Policy Committee – Committee Chair Janelle Lewis (FA) provided a summary of the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting stating that the Committee considered three bills (AB 15, SB 2, and SB 3). However, after careful consideration, the Committee acted to recommend that the Council support AB 15 as introduced.

### **Action 6**

It was moved/seconded (Forderer [SA]/Nutt [SA]) and carried to support AB 15 (Maienschein) – Denti-Cal program reimbursement rates as introduced. (See page 7 for the voting record of member's present.)

- c. Executive Committee – Committee Chair Jenny Yang (SA) provided a summary of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- d. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee – Committee Chair David Forderer (SA) provided a summary of the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 17. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Name	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4	Action 5	Action 6
Aldana, Sandra	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For
Austin, Julie	For	For	For	For	For	For
Blakemore, Catherine	For	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Boomer, Daniel	For	For	For	For	For	For
Donabed, Rebecca	For	For	For	For	For	Not Present
Duley, Max	Abstain	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	For
Forderer, David	For	For	For	For	For	For
Francis, Wilbert	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Gelber, Eric	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain
Gomez, Elena	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain
Hansen, Robin	For	For	For	For	For	For
Kent, Kris	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain
Lau, Francis	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Lewis, Janelle	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lopez, April	For	For	For	For	For	For
Nguyen, Jacqueline	Abstain	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Nutt, Charles	For	For	For	For	For	For
Rubalcaba, Alfredo	For	For	For	For	For	For
Sanchez, Pete	For	For	For	For	For	For
Smith, Sandra	For	For	For	For	For	For
Taylor, Robert	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For
Vergne, Andrea	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	Abstain	For
Villados, Michele	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain
Weller, Kecia	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Wheeler, Barbara	Abstain	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Willams, Kerstin	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For
Yang, Ning (Jenny)	For	For	For	For	For	For
Enchill, Michelle	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Not Present