



STATE PLAN ACTIVITIES

November 2016

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- BARO staff participated and advised RCEB Quality Assurance Committee. The committee shared outreach info and scope of information dissemination. We spoke at length on the DDS Workgroup and the status of the waiver. The new email address for the interest list is up and running now and we have finalized the calendar for meeting dates in 2017. The chair updated the committee on the SCDD Statewide SDAC meeting, and where this local committee falls in terms of action and engagement. Discussion regarding inviting other chairs and local committee members, as well as developing what additional trainings or topics or guests this committee would like to see in the coming calendar year. The final version of the brochure is in development. SCDD staff walked this committee through the recruitment process and our timeline for recruiting two additional members. (People Active 3 SA/ 8 FA/ 7 OTH – ORGS 3 SA/ 8 FA/ 7 OTH)
- BARO staff participated and advised the Golden Gate Regional Center's Self-Determination Advisory Meeting. Several members, including SCDD staff, reported the latest outreach activities for the last month in self-determination, as well as what events were coming up where outreach is needed. Discussion about the continued delay in the DDS Workgroup modules, and discussion re SCDD staff partnering with GGRC ED to do some second-stage training of various GGRC units at unit meetings (not waiting for the modules). The new web address for GGRC's interest list is up and running and we will need to update flyers accordingly. Now, this committee has flyers in English, Vietnamese, Chinese and Spanish. Outreach activities for the last month have included conferences, parent groups, provider agencies and some general population. (People Active 3 SA/ 2 FA/ 7 OTH – ORGS 6 OTH)
- CCRO facilitated the monthly Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting held this month San Andreas Regional Center. At the meeting the calendar for 2017 was agreed on, and the members were informed of the presentation being offered at the upcoming Autism Society conference on 12/3. (ORGS 1 SA/ 2 OTH)
- CCRO met with and planned with the co-presenters for the Self Determination training to be given at the upcoming SF Bay Area Autism Society conference on December 3rd. The presentation format and logistics were reviewed. The power point presentation finalized as well as questions to be provided to the panel. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 SA/ 3 OTH)
- CCRO staff wrote an article entitled "If my child is considered "high functioning" on the autism spectrum, does that disqualify him from services?" for the "Ask the

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Advocate" monthly column in the November Special Kids Crusade Newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to 838 individuals. (Members of Public Reached 838 FA – ORGS 1 OTH)

- HQ: Riana Hardin opened and supported a workgroup call for the Statewide Self Advocacy Network on Self-Determination. (PM 1.1 – 10 SA/6 OTH)
- LARO staff attended a meeting of the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Self-Determination Advisory Committee. The focus of the first part of the meeting was a panel presentation about financial management services and how they are likely to work. The second part included an update on the waiver application and the outreach being done by ELARC. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA/ 15 FA/ 3 OTH)
- LARO staff attended a meeting of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center Self-Determination Advisory Committee. SCDD LA staff participated in a panel presentation on the role of facilitation in self-determination. The committee also discussed the status of the waiver and has decided to work through the waiver application so they have a good understanding of CMS' questions and DDS' answers. This will occur over time; the first several questions were discussed. (ORGS 4 OTH)
- LARO staff attended a meeting of the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Only one SDAC member was present therefore no business was conducted. After conferring with the co-chair, SCDD LA staff offered to provide an overview of self-determination for the members of the public that were there so that their time would be put to good use. (People Trained 1 SA/ 7 FA/ 3 OTH)
- LARO staff attended the Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center (FDLRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on November 3, 2016. The FDLRC SDAC members reviewed the notes from the SDP Workgroup meetings held on September 26, and on October 26, 2016, and discussed the status of the CMS SDP Waiver Application. Howard McBroom updated the members on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee that met on October 27, 2016 in Sacramento. The next meeting of the FDLRC SDAC will be held on January 5, 2017. (ORGS 3 OTH)
- LARO staff attended the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on November 1, 2016. The SGPRC SDAC members reviewed the notes from the SDP Workgroup meetings

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held on September 26, and on October 26, 2016. SDAC Chairperson Bruce Wasson updated the members on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) meeting held on October 27, 2016 in Sacramento. Bruce shared that the SGPRC SDAC had conducted more community outreach efforts than most of the other SDACs. The committee discussed having a participant from the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) Self-Determination Pilot Project come to the next meeting to share his/her experiences. SCDD L.A. Office staff will follow up. The committee also discussed having Victor Lira from Premier Healthcare Services come to the next meeting to update members on Financial Management Services (FMS). SCDD L.A. Office staff will follow up. The next meeting of the SGPRC SDAC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017. (ORGS 3 OTH)

- LARO staff continued collaborating with the Inclusion Institute on planning for an all-day conference to be held on March 2, 2017. Imminent changes to the developmental services system will be highlighted, including self-determination, self-advocacy, Person-Centered Planning, HCBS rule, and WIOA. Staff developed a Save-the-Date flyer which was also translated into Spanish. It was distributed via SCDD's website, SCDD L.A.'s newsletter and at a variety of community meetings and presentations. Research into travel arrangements for speakers also began and wording for the final registration flyer was finalized. (Members of Public Reached 500 SA/ 500 FA/ 1000 OTH)
- LARO staff provided support to the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), monitored the meeting on 11/16/16, and provided technical assistance as needed. Updates were provided pertaining to the DDS SD Workgroup and other local self-determination advisory committees, although there is little progress to speak of. Extensive outreach was conducted in the past few months to encourage Spanish-speakers attendance on an ongoing basis. The WRC SDAC reviewed proposed plain language presentations on self-determination and suggested language to ensure the presentation can be understood by as many people as possible. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: services regional centers can provide, the new Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 13 SA/ 15 FA/ 9 OTH – ORGS 6 OTH)

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- LARO staff, in conjunction with the Inclusion Institute, developed an information and registration form for the conference to be held on March 2, 2017. It will be translated in to Spanish prior to distribution. (ORGS 2 OTH)
- NBRO staff met with family advocates on 11-07-2016, and provided training on the Self-Determination Program including the concepts of Person-Centered Planning, Individual Budget, Independent Facilitator, and Fiscal Management Services. Information/application was also provided on the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Participants were provided with a copy of the Self-Determination fact sheet, a Self-Determination Now pin button, and the Consumer's Guide to the Lanterman Act. (People Trained in Leadership 3 FA – ORGS 2 OTH)
- NBRO staff met with family advocates of transition youth on 11-17-2016, and provided training on the Self-Determination Program which is a different way for self-advocates receiving services. Families were also provided with information on IPP steps, making goals, and the IPP Buddy System. Information/application was also provided on the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Participants were provided with a copy of the Self-Determination fact sheet, a Self-Determination Now pin button, and the Consumer's Guide to the Lanterman Act. Families were also provided a copy of Self-Determination the Big Picture, a transition planning checklist, and a sample IPP. (People Trained in Leadership 7 FA – ORGS 1 OTH)
- NCRO staff coordinated travel arrangements for members to attend the Leadership Institute, Self-Advocate Advisory Committee, and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities meetings. Coordination included: member transportation, flight/train reservations, and submitting travel advances. Staff reconciled travel expense claims submitted by members. (People Active 7 SA/ 2 FA/ 5 OTH)
- NSRO staff on November 15, 2016 collaborated with FNRC by providing outreach and education about adulthood and transition with an emphasis on self-determination and person centered planning. The Focus Film Festival has historically been an excellent way to educate the community but had not taken place this year. The North State region embraces person centered thinking and educating community members on some of the challenges transition aged teens face today. This project gave the community a creative approach to understand some of the difficulties teenagers on the autistic spectrum face when stepping out of the box to transition to adulthood. The movie "How to Dance in Ohio" was

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shown and discussion with a question and answer session was included in the project regarding the challenges that individuals can face in adolescence and early adulthood. This event focused on developing people skills and how important person center thinking and planning is when working with changing society's perception of individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly those with higher functioning forms of Autistic Spectrum Disorders. (People Trained 50 SA/ 40 FA/ 60 OTH)

- NVHRC staff provided technical support and provided training on Self Determination at the November 4, Area of Self Advocates meeting in Stanislaus County. Nearly 180 self-advocates and 20 staff and VMRC service Coordinators attended the event. The technical supported provided was typing up the agenda and script given to staff by SAC6 members. Staff put the power point together for the meeting to include the presentation on the Self Determination Program. SCDD staff presented along with the VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee chair, Claire Lazaro and Self Advocacy Council 6 member, Jayme Florez. SCDD staff put the handouts together and provided in-kind copies of the materials. The SAC6 gave a certificate of appreciation to the soon to be retired VMRC ED- Paul Billodeau. He has been a supporter of the SAC6 since it began! (People Trained in Leadership 180 SA/ 20 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)
- NVHRO staff assisted the chair of the VMRC Self Determination Advisory Committee to put the agenda and meeting packet together. Staff had it posted on the VMRC and SCDD website. Staff confirmed the speaker and asked what technical support was needed. Staff made copies for the presenter. 11/30/16- staff attended the VMRC SDAC meeting and provided technical support to the chair and self-advocate member who called into the meeting. The group reviewed their minutes from the last meeting, had a presentation on Fiscal Management Services from Joe Hernandez from Premier Health Care, discussed the SCDD Statewide Self Determination meeting, developed next steps and reviewed the flyer two committee members developed. SCDD was asked for input to the flyer. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA/ 4 FA/ 7 OTH)
- OCRO developed a PowerPoint on "Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities," to train consumers on their rights under WIC 4502, their rights living in a licensed residential care WIC 4503, and their responsibilities. The training will take place for the consumers of the Rosie Hall Small Family Home facilities (4 facilities) on November 17, 2016. (People Active 1 OTH)

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- OCRO staff presented on Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities on November 17th, 2016 to a group of 10 consumers and 5 staff. The focus of the training was an overview of Consumer Rights including the rights in a licensed facility (W&I 4503) highlighting the consumer's responsibilities in exercising their rights. (People Trained in Leadership 10 SA/ 5 OTH)
- SACRO provided training on the Self-Determination Program on November 30th to 3 self-advocates and 5 staff at Supported Living Services agency in Roseville. Self-Determination flyers and brochures for SCDD were distributed. The SCDD Self-Determination PowerPoint was shown and discussed. (People Trained 3 SA/ 1 FA/ 4 OTH)
- SACRO staff hosted and participated in the Peer Advocacy Connection (PAC) meeting on November 9, 2016. The PAC meets monthly for planning purposes for semi-annual regional meetings. The topics discussed were a review of the 10/29/16 Regional Workshop, reports on People's First Chapter activities, reports on other committees members sit on, and a discussion of suggested topics for the next Regional Meeting based on the session evaluation comments. SACRO suggested a presentation on how HCBS Settings Rules will affect program and residential options/settings for youth and adult self-advocates. Funded by Alta California Regional Center, the PAC advances People First and peer advocacy in the ten-county area served by Alta Regional Center. The People First groups represent chapters in the following areas: Auburn, Sacramento, Galt, Marysville, Nevada County, Placerville, Roseville, South Sacramento, Capitol, Elk Grove, South Lake Tahoe, and Yolo county. In addition, SSAN-Sacramento and Breaking Out of the Disability Box are also involved with the PAC. SCDD staff shared information about our December 6th Regional Advisory Committee meeting and presentations and encouraged PAC members to attend. (People Active 15 SA/ 5 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)
- SACRO staff participated in Alta CA Regional Center's (ACRC) Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at ACRC. Topics of discussion were: The new mission and vision statement at ACRC, election results and propositions that passed in the recent election, outreach idea discussion, and the recap of a successful Lanterman 50 Celebration. Updates were presented by self-advocates regarding their various boards including: SCDD's Regional Advisory Committee, Association of Regional Center Agencies Consumer Advisory Committee, Peer Advocacy Committee, and Alta California Board of Directors. SCDD staff shared

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information on the upcoming Self-Advocacy Conference which SCDD SACRO is co-sponsoring! (People Active 11 SA/ 6 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)

- SBRO collaborated with the Inland Regional Center (IRC) and Disability Rights California (DRC) through the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) to assist with promoting the Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting held in Riverside within Riverside County. The meeting was called to order, quorum was established and the meeting and phone-line was open to public comments. There was no participation on the 1-800 number for the meeting from the public, and there was no participation from the public at the meeting location. The chair of the SDAC gave an update to the members regarding the Statewide SDAC meeting held on 10/27/2016. The chair felt the biggest issue is getting the word out about self-determination. Some suggestions were to contact all Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) offices within both Riverside and San Bernardino Office to schedule presentations at the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. OCRA offered to present 2 or 3 times in Spanish. SCDD supports the SDAC meeting in order to increase knowledge about self-determination and person-centered planning by monitoring, supporting and actively engaging in the implementation of the Self-Determination Program. (ORGS 1 SA/ 5 FA/ 5 OTH)
- SBRO participated in the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Fall Family Fun Festival in the city and county of San Bernardino, to support the community we both serve and to disseminate resource materials to all who attended. Information was handed out in both English and Spanish to increase the knowledge about self-determination and person-centered planning by monitoring, supporting and actively engaging in the implementation of the Self-Determination Program. Materials handed out: SCDD "What is Self-Determination?" (24) English & Spanish. (Members of Public Reached 10 SA/ 14 FA)
- SDIRO staff, on 11/5/2016 in San Diego, gave training on Self Determination to an audience of 10 at a conference for people whose primary language is Spanish. The training material was written in Spanish and English and each person received a copy of the power point presentation. Spanish was the primary language for 7 of the people in the audience and three were fluent in both Spanish and English. Those in attendance were: parents, person with a disability and a teacher. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA/ 8 FA/ 1 OTH)
- SEQRO staff attended and provided feedback on the CVRC SDAC meeting in

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Fresno. Six committee members were present. SCDD provided update, the new Self-Determination Program Manager was introduced and there were talks about the new training material and how we can use it at our upcoming trainings. In addition, Eliza who is the new Program Manager and SCDD staff have tentatively scheduled a date to discuss coordination of all upcoming Self-Determination events. (People Trained in Leadership 2 SA/ 4 FA/ 4 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
Voting rights information, SCDD and DRC	200	16	40
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Application	11	20	265
SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: Plan Future Training Survey	600	650	620

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	"Other"
F	Provided resources & brochure to a SA who was interested in what SCDD does.	1	0	0
F	Provided resources to an SA who was interested in voting	1	0	0
E	Technical assistance provided on self-determination & self-advocacy training	1	1	0
T	Provided information and resources regarding Supported Living Services/Person Centered Planning	0	2	0
T	Provided TA to parent of child served by HRC regarding the status of the Self-Determination Program.	0	1	0
F	SA with concerns about voting.	1	0	0
T	Technical assistance provided on self-determination	0	0	1
T	Spoke with family advocate regarding potential concerns re: the waiver status and self-	0	1	0

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	determination. Provided information regarding upcoming SDAC meeting.			
T	Call from Chris Hickey, FamilySOUP asking for an update on SDAC and whether one of her staff should attend December meeting. Gave update and encouraged attendance at meeting.	0	0	1
T	Provided TA to parent of adult child served by WRC regarding the status of the Self-Determination Program.	0	1	0
E	Provided information regarding the upcoming Supported Living Orientation done at the San Diego Regional Center for a gentleman with a 41 year old daughter that is not interested in group home placement. This information was not provided by the service coordinator, so information was provided on how to request a new SC if he did not feel his or his daughters requests for information were being addressed.	1	1	0
T	Provided TA to parent of child served by FNRC regarding the role of the facilitator in the Self-Determination Program.	0	1	0
T	Provided information to a self-advocate on the procedures he needed to follow to request a new service coordinator from the San Diego regional center	1	0	0
T	SA called about reports for a committee he is on.	1	0	0
T	A parent and his adult daughter, who has cerebral palsy- called our office on the advice of a provider in their county. The young lady would like to receive supported living in a different county and has not received the support/information or support from VMRC. Gave her information on contacting DRC/OCRA VMRC, and the VMRC Program Manager's supervisor to see if having a Person Centered Planning team meeting would help them in their search. I mailed them information about Self Determination and the VMRC advisory committee as it might be an option for her once it is an available option. Invited them to the Self Determination meeting as well as the Self Advocacy Council 6 upcoming meeting.	1	1	0
T, F	Technical Support offered to parent requesting information and training regarding Self Determination.	0	1	0

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- BARO staff facilitated a meeting in Oakland to assist a board member of People First of California to prepare his report for the upcoming regional advisory committee meeting. The staff and board member discussed upcoming trainings and meetings surrounding self-determination and the statewide gathering in Sacramento next year. Staff continues to assist this board member to schedule visits to other People First chapters in our region. Staff is assisting this board member to establish regional networks through the People First chapters. (People Trained 1 SA/ 1 OTH)
- BARO staff facilitated a meeting in San Francisco between the advisor and president of the Northern Alameda People First chapter. The agenda covered the group's upcoming meeting and training for next month. The advisor is putting together a consumer rights training for the group. Another item on the agenda was collaborating on the report the president was going to read at the upcoming regional advisory committee meeting in Oakland the next day. Finally, our group called another People First member to discuss appropriate social behavior during meetings and conversations with peers and advisors for the group. (People Trained 3 SA/ 1 OTH)
- BARO staff met with an officer of the PANDH SF parent advocacy group and the president of SF Autism Society in SF on 11.8.16. Meeting involved sharing what SCDD's role is in the state post-transition, what trending all three parties are seeing on housing, service quality and HCBS progression for CA. The president of SF Autism Society would like to see SCDD take 'a stronger stand' on the perceived risks and limitations the federal rule may place on families developing housing and services that meet their children's needs (the updates w WIOA, CIE, and HCBS specifically). Staff discussed the appreciation for the differences in approaches of advocacy and policy work, and sought to share current projects and initiatives. The common ground, for this meeting, was on data. Staff planned to network SF Autism Society with others re data collection projects that are or can be statewide and are or can be used for legislative work. Specifically, staff will start by introducing this team to the ED of Manos Home Care, who is working on a statewide provider data project. (People Active 2 FA/ 1 OTH – ORGS 2 FA)
- BARO staff presented and disseminated info re HCBS, housing, CMS, regional center services and self-determination to the Alameda County Parent Advocacy group on 11/19/16 in Union City. Provided TA during Q & A, and shared info about

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- SCDD and our role since the transition in 2015. (People Active 31 FA/ 1 OTH)
- BARO: This RAC meeting was held on 11/30 in Oakland. Packet material included a follow up summary re POS Disparities. Main focus of this RAC was covering housing needs, barriers and efforts in this area. Lanterman Housing Alliance presented on the background of the alliance, their current work, public policy, local and state legislation and projects like legacy homes. A vigorous discussion developed, and we ended the discussion reviewing advocacy efforts and ways to get involved. Following the housing discussion, this RAC covered reports from the RCs, the local county DD Councils, and two reports from People First. Due to a restriction on time, the ROM sent out a regional office update after the meeting, covering the major activities, outputs and outcomes of the last two months, since the RAC last met. This RAC may be interested in following up at least semi-annually on housing barriers, projects and developments, which was encouraged by staff and the Lanterman Housing Alliance as well. (ORGS 4 SA/ 12 FA/ 7 OTH)
 - CCRO staff held the monthly meetings of the Self Determination Facilitation Learning Community. One meeting was held at the SCDD offices in San Jose, the other was held at the Imagine offices in Santa Cruz. At the training an update was provided on Self Determination roll-out in California. (People Trained in Leadership 2 OTH)
 - HQ Staff attended APSE Regional Conference held at the Crowne Plaza North East. Attended workshops related to employment, self-determination and community integration. Networked with Self-Advocacy Coordinator from Oregon and Self-Advocate from the Oregon Self Advocacy Network. (PM 1.1/1.2 – 30 SA/30 Public Reached)
 - HQ Staff coordinated the November Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee. A wide range of topics were discussed.(PM 1.1 – 8 SA/8 OTH)
 - HQ Staff mailed out meeting materials to self-advocates on the Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee (PM 2.2.3 – 8 SA/8 OTH)
 - HQ Staff met with Cheryl Hewitt and David Forderer at Central Coast Regional Office in Order to review the MOU between the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. (PM 2.2.3 – 2 SA/4 OTH)
 - HQ Staff moderated a call between the leadership team of the Statewide Self Advocacy Network in order to plan for the December 2016 SSAN meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento. (PM 2.2.3 – 2 SA/3 OTH)

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- HQ Staff opened and supported a workgroup call for the SSAN Leadership Workgroup. Topic of discussion was the SSAN December meeting. (PM 2.2.3 – 2 SA/2 OTH)
- HQ Staff opened and supported a workgroup call for the SSAN Legislative Workgroup. David, Workgroup Chair, emailed out the members of the legislative workgroup information about the legislation being supported by the Council. (PM 2.2.3 – 4 SA/3 OTH)
- HQ Staff participated on a call to review the MOU between SCDD and SSAN. Feedback was given over the phone and then a written feedback page was emailed to SCDD HQ by deadline. Staff was also asked to participate on the call with SSAN Leadership to review the DRAFT of the MOU. Input was received and emailed to the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator to compile and finalize the DRAFT. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 3 SA/ 1 FA/ 5 OTH)
- HQ Staff provided support to the SCDD liaison to SSAN regarding his membership report for the upcoming Council meeting at the end of the month. (PM 2.2.1 – 1 SA/2 OTH)
- HQ staff provided technical assistance to the SSAN leadership and the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator by calling into their meeting to plan the December 7-8, 2016 meeting in Sacramento. (People Active 3 SA/ 1 OTH)
- LARO staff assisted SABLAC with their November meeting. The primary focus of this meeting was to follow up on the work they have done in reaching out to grocery store managers to fulfill the grant requirement. Many members have completed or are well on their way to completing their obligation. They reported that managers were very receptive to them. The remainder of the time was spent celebrating the upcoming holidays. (People Trained in Leadership 12 SA)
- NBRO staff met with self-advocates on 11-07-2016, and provided training on who is a self-advocate, and ways in which people speak up, voice their opinion, and take responsibility for being equal within society. Examples were given to self-advocate on ways to support themselves with self-advocacy and how to become a better self-advocate. There was a short Question and Answer session during this time. SCDD provided information on statewide organizations such as Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and People First. A list of the People First chapters in the Region 4 area was provided to the participants. (People Trained in Leadership 41 SA/ 7 OTH – ORGS 1 OTH)

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- NCRO facilitated a discussion with People First members in Ukiah CA to review the Halloween party held in November. Collaborators included: Redwood Coast Regional Center, parents, facilitators, SA's, Rotary. There were over 20 participants that attended for the discussion. Many wanted to do an activity in December and use some of the funds raised to have a dinner and or dance. It was suggested that they open the party up to the community as it was such a success and to find other community volunteers to help with organizing. They raised over \$600 from the Halloween Party for their activities budget to help fund future activities that people can attend and socialize. The group brainstormed what they wanted to do rather than having monthly meetings that are all business. (People Trained in Leadership 10 SA/ 5 FA/ 5 OTH)
- NCRO staff provided facilitation and technical support to the local self-advocate attending the 11-9-2016 Olmstead Advisory Committee Meeting by teleconference from the local Council office. Staff subsequently worked with the individual to ensure that a report of the topics discussed at the meeting would be included in the report to community groups and other committees that will benefit from the information that was presented at the Olmstead meeting including: updates from the Health and Human Services Agency and Departments including: information about long-term services and supports (LTSS) in California, Whole Person Care Pilot, the 2025 Statewide Housing Plan, and updates regarding Competitive Integrated Employment and the Legislation Watch List. (People Active 1 SA)
- NCRO: At the October Regional Advisory Committee meeting self-advocate members voiced a desire to join other advisory groups in their communities. SCDD staff is facilitating, supporting and providing technical assistance to these committee members so they are empowered to become members of those groups. One member had indicated an interest in joining the county transportation authority. As part of the participation with the group they will be asked to weigh in on matters (Attachment 1.2 HTA) that will become part of policy and procedure and help the transit authority efforts to improve service to the community. (People Attained Membership 1 SA – People Active 1 SA/ 1 FA – Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH)
- NSRO staff assisted SSAN Representative to prepare to start doing presentations at day programs and schools with the Strengthening Self Advocacy Power Point created by San Diego People First. SSAN Rep and staff role played and practiced

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reviewing presentation tips and what to expect as possible challenges that can come up when presenting. Preparation also included reviewing leadership tips and discussing professional dress code, behavior, and communication when presenting to an audience and in leadership roles. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA)

- NSRO staff on November 2, 2016 assisted a self-advocate to apply to be a member of the SCDD North State Regional Office Regional Advisory Committee. Facilitation support included completing application, discussing sharing leadership experience, and supporting her interest in being a representative to share and educate other self-advocates on the developmental services system. The Self-Advocate applicant currently serves as the RAC Chair and provides assistance to other self-advocates by guiding them on tips to become better leaders by her presence and contributions during the meetings. Applicant is an active member of Shasta County People First and uses the resources and materials from the RAC meetings to share with her peers at chapter meetings. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA)
- NSRO staff provided support and technical assistance as needed throughout the month to the new SA Coordinator to prepare for the upcoming SAAC and SSAN meetings and finalize the draft SSAN Annual Report. Staff provided consultation support and contributed work needed for portions of the draft SSAN Annual Report. (People Trained in Leadership 2 SA)
- NSRO staff provided support to North State SSAN Representative by assisting with preparing her member report attachments for the December 7-8, 2016 SSAN meeting. The attachments include "How to Find out Who Your Local Legislators Are in California" and "3 Resources in Region 2 - North State Office." (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA)
- NSRO Staff provided support to SCDD Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) on 11-28-16 in Sacramento. Support included taking notes and producing draft minutes, providing technical assistance to members and SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator. NSRO Staff is assigned to SAAC for support and assistance as needed. (People Active 9 SA/ 5 OTH)
- NVHRO staff met over the phone with the DDS CAC Coordinator - Nicole Patterson to discuss a new vendor from our catchment area who was going to be touring DDS. Nicole asked if staff could send any resources/information on things

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going on in our area such as the VMRC Micro Business Fair, Self-Advocacy Council 6 events and CHOICES Institute materials. Staff emailed these items. After their tour- Nicole contacted our office and said she made copies and gave to the people on the tour which included 10 people with intellectual/ developmental disabilities and 5 staff. (Members of Public Reached 10 SA/ 5 OTH)

- NVHRO staff traveled to SSAN member day program to prepare notes for legislative call. Staff supported self-advocate in reviewing bills that are of interest that SCDD council is watching and/or supporting. Staff provided facilitation to SSAN member to participate on the SSAN legislative work-group call. Staff assisted member to chair group and supported him in facilitating discussion during the call. Review of the ABLE ACT webinar and materials was discussed. (People Active 3 SA/ 3 OTH)
- OCRO staff facilitated the Integrity Cottages Self-Advocacy Group on Friday, November 18, 2016. Due to conflicting work schedules and core members feeling ill, only 4 people attended the meeting. The planned presentation on Healthy Relationships by Planned Parenthood was unable to take place and will be rescheduled, per their request, as a group of ten people is needed to facilitate the best discussion within the group without it getting too personal. Several of the core self-advocates were not feeling well and preferred not to attend in favor of staying home. The varying work schedules of the self-advocates also contribute to the decline in membership, which was discussed at length at this meeting among the 4 members present - how to increase participation and membership. One suggestion was to change the time/date or to vary it for future meetings. (People Trained in Leadership 4 SA)
- OCRO staff met with the O.C. SSAN Representative to discuss his involvement and participation in SSAN and to help him understand his role in the network. Due to recent personal challenges, he has been unable to fully commit, but has reported that he is now in a better place to devote more time and efforts to fulfill his responsibilities. He reported that he will be able to help facilitate for the Santa Ana self-advocacy group as well as participate in one other advocacy activity per month. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA)
- SBRO collaborated with Canyon Springs State Developmental Center (SDC) Client Rights' Advocate (CRA) to co-facilitate a Self-Advocacy & Client Council group at the SDC facility located in Cathedral City within Riverside County. The

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group meets monthly and focuses on all types of self-advocacy skills to assist the attendees at the SDC with appropriate communication and to better understand what it means to be a self-advocate and how to best advocate for themselves. This month, the group was given a self-advocacy craft activity. The self-advocates were encouraged to describe what self-advocacy means to them. The self-advocates traced their hands upon colored card stock paper and they used colored pens to write words they felt best represented self-advocacy to them. SBRO staff, the CRA, Volunteer Advocates, Canyon Springs staff along with students from the local college assisted the self-advocates by reading aloud self-advocacy "lingo" and the description of each word as it related to being a self-advocate. Each self-advocate created a colorful collage using the self-advocacy terminology they individually chose to write within and around their outlined hand. Then the group held their Client Council where each self-advocate was able to utilize the skills discussed during the craft activity to advocate for change at the SDC. All with the goal to promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks through the strengthening of a statewide self-advocacy organization and by supporting self-advocates within disability leadership coalitions and in training to become leaders. (People Trained in Leadership 15 SA/ 15 OTH)

- SBRO collaborated with Desert ARC staff to facilitate a Self-Advocacy group at the Desert ARC facility located in Palm Desert within Riverside County. The group meets monthly and focuses on all types of self-advocacy skills to assist the attendees of the work activity program to better understand what it means to be a self-advocate and how to best advocate for themselves. This month, the group was given a craft activity, where the self-advocates were encouraged to utilize terminology that best describes what self-advocacy means to them. First, the self-advocates traced their hands upon colored card stock paper and they used colored pens to write words they felt best represented self-advocacy to them. SBRO staff assisted by reading aloud self-advocacy "lingo" and the description of each word as it related to being a self-advocate. Each self-advocate created a colorful collage using the self-advocacy terminology within and around their outlined hand. All with the goal to promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks through the strengthening of a statewide self-advocacy organization and by supporting self-advocates within disability leadership coalitions and in training to become leaders. (People Trained in Leadership 7 SA/

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- SBRO staff coordinated with Peppermint Ridge staff to facilitate a self-advocacy group meeting at their facility located in Corona within Riverside County. The group is designed to promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks through strengthening of a statewide self-advocacy organization and by supporting self-advocates within cross-disability leadership coalitions and in training other self-advocates to become leaders. The group meets on a monthly basis and this month, the group was given a self-advocacy craft activity, where the self-advocates were encouraged to describe what self-advocacy means to them. The self-advocates traced their hands upon colored card stock paper and they used colored pens to write words they felt best represented self-advocacy to them. Each self-advocate created a colorful collage using the self-advocacy terminology they individually chose to write within and around their outlined hand. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2017. (People Trained in Leadership 17 SA/ 5 OTH)
- SDIRO staff, on 11/14/16 in San Diego provided facilitation support at the San Diego People First Quarterly Regional Meeting. The officers welcomed the audience, did introductions and gave their officer reports. There were 3 workshops given on the following topics: Relationships and Emotional Health During the Holidays, Budgeting During the Holidays and Community Activities During the Holidays. Those in attendance: Consumers, professionals (People Active 7 SA/ 5 OTH)
- SEQRO staff was approached by three self-advocates who are interested in starting their own People First Chapter. They knew what city they wanted to start their People First Chapter in and needed some guidance on exactly who they should speak with and what paperwork they would need to fill out. Sequoia Regional Office was able to provide them with people first support staff e-mail, address and phone number information. They were told that on the People First website there is a tool box of books. The one that these self-advocate needed to follow is "Welcome to People First" a guide to starting a chapter. Suggestion was made that they receive training by PFCA for the advocates and the helpers who will be working with them to start the group. (People Trained in Leadership 3 SA)

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Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
ArCreations & Holiday Raffle	100	50	25
SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: Training Announcement	600	650	620
SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: Regional Center/School Districts: How to Give Testimony and Influence Public Policy	600	650	620
Announcement for upcoming People First meeting in San Diego	5	380	100
CHOICES T-shirt Contest Info	200	100	100

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	"Other"
F	Provided an unhappy SA information who is concerned about People First activities and facilitators who interact with the SA at People First	1	0	0
T	Information regarding fair Hearing Process	1	0	0
T/F	Referred 2 Self-Advocates to We Care A Lot Foundation to get involved in People First Chapters in their community. Staff provided information and contact numbers of the Chapter Presidents so they can find out more and when the meetings are.	2	0	0
T	Agency called to use SCDD space for conference call for committee member	0	0	1
T	SA checking in needing materials copied for conference call at SCDD	1	0	0
E	Confirmation given to professional on self-determination presentation	0	0	1
F	SA concerned about People First activities	1	0	0
E	Emailed self-advocacy flyer	0	0	1
T	SA called with questions regarding Regional Representative position at State Council.	1	0	0
T	Provided information and referral to SA regarding complaint process with DDS	0	1	0
T	Discussed training on Anatomy, Nutrition, Planned Parenthood with Integrity House	0	0	5

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T	Provided information and referral to SA called about being evicted from her house in Lake County. Gave her Indian legal aid services information	1	0	0
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- BARO staff took a call with the Cisco VP contact on 11.8.16 to discuss state and national projects around employment, and specifically involving projects matching employers with a qualified candidate pool better than what we have been able to do through CA's DOR database and district teams for the Lifechanger project. It was determined that a national focus for this parent advocate and VP would be best suited to his interests and needs. Discussed data projects starting or continuing in CA, and noted some of the national advocacy groups and employment services orgs that may be interested in partnering. Next steps include looking at additional existing models and seeing if any, with tweaking, would be scalable with success. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 2 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- CCRO arranged and was approved as a presenter for the Service Provider Advisory Committee, and SCDD CC collaboration. This partnership will host a Best Practices in Day and Employment Seminar for providers. The aim of such a meeting is to introduce HCBS and Community Integrated Employment. At the meeting informed members that a presenter has been identified and agreed to participate in spring training. (ORGS 3 OTH)
- CCRO staff resumed offering vocational training for a Workability student. The student is working at the office completing work on a website for the Disability Coalition Support. With the job coach, staff provided student with a performance review and gave instruction on web design. The review was offered as part of his vocational training to reinforce business practice and the importance of being on time. (ORGS 1 SA/ 2 OTH)
- CCRO staff offered Spanish interpretation, gave training on Day and Employment Services Navigation for a group of parents attending the Fiesta Soledad conference in Soledad, CA. Informational videos were completed in collaboration with members of the task force and self-advocates. The Self-Advocates both acted in and produced the videos. (People Trained 8 FA/ 2 OTH)
- HQ: Denyse Curtright, Chief from the Department of Developmental Services provided the Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee of the State Council with a briefing on the Competitive Integrated Blueprint which aims to increase access to employment for individuals with I/DD. (PM 1.1 – 8 SA/8 OTH/2 ORG)
- LARO staff met with Associate Director, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with USC UCEDD, and Employment Program Director with Ability 1st to provide the needed support and seek further collaboration to enhance competitive

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integrated employment (CIE). This is a follow-up meeting to discuss and update on developing a Project SEARCH like programs with various industries in LA County. Ability 1st reported that they have connected with Kaiser Permanente in Irwindale and Long Beach, as well as the Glendale Adventist Medical Center. A follow-up update will be provided at the next meeting. SCDD LA Regional Office also provided handout materials to enhance future collaboration with meeting attendees. Handouts include "SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office: What We Do/Training & Event Calendar", "Self Determination Information Sheet", "Why Work is Better" brochure, and "AIDD Fact Sheet". A follow-up meeting is scheduled after the New Year. (ORGS 3 OTH)

- NCRO staff participated at the Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) monthly meeting to assist in reviewing the agency report for the Board of Directors and members. Collaborators include: Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation, board parents, agencies, and individuals with IDD. Participants were invited to participate in the meeting, comment on the direction of the agency and on the programs being provided. UVAH provides a variety of programs that include employment in the community, job coaching and training, the Bridge Program, Rural Adult Day Services, and Mayacama Industries. Discussion included looking into the future and changes to services that reflect the Home and Community Based Services rules and how the agency is moving in the direction to reflect the changes. The annual report was reviewed and the community made only a few comments but were very happy about services provided. (Members of Public Reached 2 SA/ 5 FA/ 5 OTH)
- NCRO staff participated in a meeting with local artists to assist the recreation center in designing the Tile Wall Project that is an ongoing fund raiser for the center. Funds used from this project will go towards funding activities and Open ARRC at the recreation center for individuals with IDD, autism or other disabilities. Collaborators include: Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center Board, ARRC Director, Community Members, and Community Transition Program. The artist worked for the State Council for many years before retiring but is still very passionate about seeing people with disabilities integrated into community activities. One possibility explored is to hire the transition age WorkAbility students to make some of the tiles for the wall, including the small tiles that go in between the larger already made tiles. The students have been selling stepping stones at annual fund-raisers for years and this would be another lucrative and creative activity for them to pursue.

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WorkAbility provides comprehensive pre-employment training, work experience placement and follow-up for high school students in special education who are making the transition from school to work, independent living, and postsecondary education or training. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH – ORGS 5 OTH)

- NCRO staff participated in a succession planning activity for the Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation. The succession plan is crucial for the agency as the director may retire in 3 years and they need a plan to give the board direction when this happens. Collaborators: Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation, board members, agencies, and individuals with IDD. The Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) provides a variety of programs that include employment in the community and job coaching and training, the Bridge Program, Rural Adult Day Services, and Mayacama Industries. Discussion included future leadership, employment programs, and written procedures to follow. They will continue to meet until they have a written plan for succession. (Members of Public Reached 2 SA/ 5 FA/ 5 OTH)
- NCRO: WorkAbility I is a competitive grant administered by the CA Department of Education and implemented by Local Education Agencies that provides comprehensive pre-employment training, work experience placement and follow-up for high school students in special education who are making the transition from school to work, independent living, and postsecondary education or training. The Workability program is seen as a significant part of the Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint. SCDD staff is collaborating with Special Education Local Plan Area WorkAbility I & Transition Partnership Program to develop strategies to sustain and increase funding through additional collaborative partners in order to ensure that students will be able to maximize the number of participation hours. Locally the Workability I program has been vital to local students in learning job skills and developing a connection to local employers in competitive integrated settings while earning minimum wage for an average of 5-8 hours per week. Due to the increase in minimum wage and no corresponding increase in the grant funding SCDD and the Local Education Agency are working together to identify alternative income sources to the program to maintain and maximize the number of hours that students will have paid work experience. (People Active 2 OTH)
- NSRO participated and facilitated the 11-10-16 Butte Glenn Partners in Transition (BGPiT) meeting in collaboration with Glenn County Office of Education, Mains'l

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Services, Butte County Office of Education, Work Training Center, Butte Community College and Far Northern Regional Center. Agencies provided updates on developments related to supporting students and adults with I/DD with Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) opportunities. Discussion also included progress with Far Northern Regional Center's training of providers on Person Centered Thinking/Planning (PCP). It is the goal to have all providers trained on PCP to implement a new way of supporting people and their goals. This will assist in the changes to meet the new Federal Rules by 2019. Stories were shared about the positive impacts of PCP has on supporting consumers. NSRO staff provided updates about State Council on Developmental Disabilities and shared new resources including: Department of Rehabilitation developed Employer Fact Sheet and Career Counseling PowerPoint, APSE Regional Institute and the success of self-advocate presenting at the conference in November. Far Northern Regional Center shared information on the Paid Internship Program and CIE Incentive Bonus Program. Butte Glenn Partners in Transition members discussed projects that the committee can begin working on. Ideas include developing an employer information resource guide, organizing employment fairs, PSA's about hiring people with developmental disabilities and creating a logo for the group that information can be distributed to employers from the committee. (People Active 1 SA/ 1 FA/ 7 OTH – ORGS 7 OTH)

- NSRO staff is building collaborative relationships in the North State Region to increase and promote strategies and resources to increase the employment opportunities for people with I/DD. Staff promoted and participated in a Youth Employment Services Forum working with other professionals to educate others on opportunities. Staff is also involved with a future project designed to let the local business community know what is being done to prepare transition age youth, including individuals with I/DD, for employment. This future event expects to reach 1000 individuals. (ORGS 25 OTH)
- NSRO staff participated in the 11-30-16 celebration of the completion of the SSA Disability and Work Incentives Program videos produced in collaboration with Glenn County Office of Education, Far Northern Regional Center, Mains'l Services and Social Security Administration staff. The event included sharing with the community the project development, the agencies involved and their role in the project and showing the 2 produced videos (1 in Spanish and 1 in English). The project involved interviewing two (2) experts from Chico Social Security

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Administration office to discuss Social Security's disability programs and how their employment supports can assist students, transitioning youth and/or adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in obtaining and maintaining competitive integrated employment (CIE). The videos included adults with developmental disabilities and were paid minimum wage for their hours spent on the project. The celebration was a collaborative sharing of ideas and resources that went into the making of the videos. The videos are now hosted and available on the Glenn County Office of Education's website: www.glenncoe.org. (Members of Public Reached 6 SA/ 10 FA/ 8 OTH – Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH – ORGS 5 OTH)

- NSRO staff participated in the 11-9-16 State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) along with other SCDD staff from regional offices and headquarters office. NSRO staff serves as Acting Chair of the SCDD DAC and is committed to working collaboratively with the committee to meet the goals established. During the 11-9-16 meeting, the committee determined through discussion that current membership is at an optimal level. OCRO member provided update on research of whether or not 2/3 membership must be individuals with a disability and if that criteria is required according to GC 19795: “(b) (1) Each state agency shall establish a separate committee of employees who are individuals with a disability, or who have an interest in disability issues, to advise the head of the agency on issues of concern to employees with disabilities, and matters relating to the formulation and implementation of the plan to overcome and correct any underrepresentation determined pursuant to Section 19234.” The committee decided that a good faith effort will be made by the committee to recruit employees with disabilities for the SCDD DAC. OCRA member reported on research of other California State agencies and other states DAC websites. It was discovered that most post their agendas and minutes and California State agencies comply with Bagley-Keene requirements. Committee requested that Acting Chair follow up with SCDD Attorney to determine if SCDD DAC is required to comply with Bagley-Keene requirements. The Committee plans to update the website including posting minutes, agendas and other relevant information. Annual survey was discussed and recognized as one of the Goals for DAC for this year. LARO member was able to locate the information about disability representation within departments from the Cal-HR website and shared the link with the committee. HQ-Personnel

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Staff member will research the website and contact Cal-HR to obtain the process to distribute survey to SCDD employees. Updates will be reported at the next DAC meeting. (People Active 3 SA/ 3 OTH)

- NSRO Staff provided facilitation to a self-advocate to prepare a presentation for the 11-2-16 APSE 2016 Regional Conference in Sacramento. The preparation included practicing the responses to questions provided by the APSE Conference planners. NSRO staff and self-advocate met every Wednesday for 5 weeks reviewing the questions and supporting his responses that reflected his work experiences. John participated in a panel of employees with disabilities who transitioned to community employment from segregated employment. The session provided testimonials from 3 individuals with disabilities who transitioned from segregated employment to integrated and community based employment. The panelists shared their personal stories and information about their current jobs, what they do, how long they have been employed and tips to others seeking community employment. 17 people attended the session. (Members of Public Reached 2 SA/ 4 FA/ 11 OTH)
- NVHRO staff facilitated and participated in a meeting of the Employment Network where changes in law and regulations affecting individuals served through the regional center system were discussed. The team reviewed provisions of the Work Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and changes in Medicaid waiver regulations and how these changes will direct activities at regional centers and with their vendors. Staff crafted notes from the meeting and distributed via email to the group. (People Active 6 OTH)
- NVHRO: The transition students were sorting paperwork and collating November Regional Advisory Committee Information packets to be distributed to RAC members. Staff discussed with them the importance of being very thorough with what they were doing. The two students are new to office work and learning many new skills each week they come to our office. (People Trained 2 SA/ 1 OTH)
- OCRO staff met with DRC's Client Assistance Program Attorney, Rebecca Hoyt, to discuss the upcoming CIE clinics that will provide training and technical assistance over the course 8 months. Each clinic is designed to provide adults with I/DD the knowledge and self-advocacy skills to obtain competitive integrated employment. This is a pilot project that hoped to be replicated in other geographic areas if successful. The clinics are designed for those adults over age 22 who are not current DOR clients and who are interested in working for the first time or want a

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better job, and for those who are presently in non-CIE activities such as work activity programs, subminimum wage groups, and day programs. (People Active 2 OTH)

- OCRO staff participated in the Department of Rehabilitation Work Services Meeting on November 14, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to inform DOR supported employment vendors and providers about new legislation, information, and any employment-related updates. The group reviewed the following items: The Employment/Work Training Readiness Scale form; Employment/Work Training Terms & Legislation form; Regional Center/DOR/Adult Program Employment Rating Referral Summary Chart form; Regional Center of Orange County Paid Internship program and CIE Incentives; the new process/procedure for Supported Employment Program Group job coaching authorizations; and Career Counseling & Information and Referral (CC&IR) updates. The group reviewed and discussed the forms and provided comments about the overall process. The forms were well-received and the vendors/providers seemed to appreciate the clarity on the regional center role and services offered. SCDD Orange County Staff provided an update on its role with respect to FLSA Rule 71 (unpaid internships) and how it is affecting school district workability programs and work-based learning opportunities for adult transition students. Staff also provided information on upcoming office events, including the Assurance Wireless free cell phone event and information on Cycle 39 Grantee, Project Independence and IRI's collaboration on "Employment For All," a series of employment based workshops on how benefits affect employment and effective job coaching/development. (People Active 35 OTH – ORGS 15 OTH)
- OCRO staff serves as a Vice-Chair and Secretary for 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: (1) DOR updates; (2) RCOC Updates; (3) Health and Safety Exemptions for consumers who need a higher level of care than 1:1. SCDD Orange County staff provided information on the health and safety exemption and how vendors can work with consumers to request such from the regional center. In addition to these topics, we also discussed OCEAN's goals for next year, as the current chair is resigning and the Employment Conference was not able to take place this year due to competing events. As vice-chair, staff helped to facilitate for

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this collaborative and encourage discussion on topics. Staff also suggested we send out a SurveyMonkey to all non-active OCEAN collaborative members to see what interests they have in order to boost attendance/participation. OCEAN, established in 1991, is a professional association that assists members and employers in creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. (ORGS 5 OTH)

- SACRO staff met with the vice-president of Pride Industries in Roseville on November 15, 2016 to discuss Prides' plan to transition services to comply with HCBS Settings Rules by 2019. Pride is one of the nation's largest employers of people with disabilities and operates throughout California and 14 states. They employ more than 5,600 people including 2,900 people with disabilities. Pride operates manufacturing facilities where individuals are paid by productivity where the average wage is \$5. They support over 400 individuals in group settings at community businesses where the average wage is \$10.37, and support individual competitive integrated jobs in over 220 businesses. In the past year they have changed their focus toward more community placement and are restructuring their programs to provide more training and support toward the goal of competitive employment. They are exploring vendorization for Tailored Day Services and other program options for individuals not interested in community placement. They employ 17 job developers. Pride serves 1,200 individuals in "workshops" compared with 22,000 served statewide. They are working to adapt to WIOA, Employment First, and HCBS Setting Rules as well as comply with increased minimum wage and increasing restrictions from Dept. of Rehabilitation on group settings and productivity wages. SACRO staff offered technical assistance during this transition with the goal of supporting all individuals without some losing their programming. (ORGS 1 OTH)
- SACRO staffed an Information Table at the Association of People Supporting Employment First Conference held in Sacramento, November 1-2, 2016. At the table, information was shared about Employment First, Employment Resources, IPP Process, Emergency Preparedness, SCDD Brochure, future conferences and special projects. 16 people requested to join SCDD's email list. 50 people visited the table and gathered various handouts. Over 200 attended the conference. (Members of Public Reached 50 OTH)
- SBRO collaborated with OPARC/Diversified Industries Work Activity Program staff to facilitate a training presentation at their facility located in Montclair within San

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Bernardino County. The training presentation was provided to the facility case managers so that they can have a better understanding of how social security benefits are affected by wages so they will be able to assist self-advocates with demystify the process of how employment incentives can help individuals obtain competitive employment without the fear of losing public benefits. SBRO presented in plain language on social security and work incentives to increase and promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive integrated employment for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Handout materials are as follows; SCDD Employment Advisory Committee "Employment Incentives" power point presentation, SCDD color brochure, SCDD "Why Work is Better" booklet. (People Trained 3 FA/ 7 OTH)

- SBRO met with Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, so that she could present to the staff and chair of the San Bernardino Regional Advisory Committee on the training that DOR will be providing to providers in the community on their collaboration with Inland Regional Center on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). The DOR counselor presented to the group on the Career Counseling and Information Referral program that they are required to provide to vendors regarding their employment of individuals in a sub-minimum wages setting. Vendors will need to attend the CC&IR training and complete a verification form (DR397A) to show that they were informed about the referral service, of the self-advocacy, self-determination, and peer mentoring training opportunities available in the immediate geographic areas, and that training cannot be provided by entities that currently participate in a waiver program under the Fair Labor Standards Act to waive the minimum wage requirement. The presentation outlined the assessment, discovery, person-centered planning, and other employment and training options available to vendors as they transition their programs. In order to promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of people with I/DD, the SBRO requested that as they develop curriculum it be accessible in a plain language format for self-advocates and their families. This information and clarity is not only needed by the vendors, but the self-advocates and families that receive their services. The DOR counselor agreed, and stated that she will share this information with their department, so that if they need to collaborate for a "People First" friendly version of the training materials, it can be developed. (ORGS 1 FA/ 4 OTH)
- SBRO staff collaborated with the Colton, Redlands, Yucaipa Regional

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Occupational Program (CRY-ROP) coordinator to provide a training on "Soft Skills" to (3) Transition Partnership Program (TPP) classes at Yucaipa High School located within San Bernardino County. The training was designed with the goal to increase and promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitated competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The presentation was designed to assist the students with identifying their own person gifts and personality traits and how to transfer those into valuable Soft Skills that employers are looking for within new hire employees. All with the goal to increase and promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive integrated employment (CIE) of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Materials handed out were; (5) U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policies "Talent Has No Boundaries" poster. (People Trained 25 SA/ 2 FA/ 7 OTH)

- SBRO: Employment Collaborative Meeting, SBRO Manager met with ASIE to discuss the development of an employment collaborative that will focus on increasing and promoting culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of people with I/DD within the Inland Empire. During the meeting we discussed collaborating with stakeholders in the community to develop a training and outreach resources to be utilized by all of the partners to outline the employment services currently provided, map the community resource paths for families with/without regional center services, and assist in filling the gaps in resources for the area. The curriculum would focus on self-advocacy, financial literacy, reasonable accommodations, inclusion in the workplace, person centered planning, relationship building, SSI and work incentives and employer training. The goal of the collaborative would be to develop the curriculum that can be used for self-advocates at all levels of functionality, parents, and professionals. The formats of the curriculum would be the utilization of PowerPoints and other media formats. The first meetings for this collaborative are being established for the beginning of the year and will involve stakeholders in both public agencies and in the community. An additional meeting has been coordinated between Inland Regional Center and the SBRO for Monday 11/14/2016. (ORGS 1 FA/ 1 OTH)
- SBRO: Employment Collaborative Meeting, SBRO Manager met with IRC to discuss the development of an employment collaborative that will focus on increasing and promoting culturally competent strategies and resources that

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facilitate competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of people with I/DD within the Inland Empire. During the meeting we discussed collaborating with stakeholders in the community to develop a training and outreach resources to be utilized by all of the partners to outline the employment services currently provided, map the community resource paths for families with/without regional center services, and assist in filling the gaps in resources for the area. Currently IRC is collaborating with stakeholders under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) for training opportunities on Self Determination, Peer Mentoring, and self-advocacy. IRC will also work with SBRO develop collaborative partnerships with the schools and the Department of Rehabilitation to develop the curriculum that can be used for self-advocates at all levels of functionality, parents, and professionals. The formats of the curriculum would be the utilization of PowerPoints and other media formats. The first meetings for this collaborative are being established for the beginning of the year and will involve stakeholders in both public agencies and in the community. (ORGS 1 FA/ 1 OTH)

- SDIRO attended the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) Conference in Sacramento on October 21 through November 2nd, 2016. The conference offered a variety of outstanding workshops, and an array of excellent speakers. There were numerous opportunities to speak to both presenters, as well as people throughout the state regarding the various barrier, challenges and opportunities regarding employment for people with IDD. In addition to becoming better informed, learning about other programs and ideas that were presented will assist me to include these topics, programs, speakers, etc. in the various events and conferences locally. The issue of poverty was dealt with in a very compelling manner, and the information provided can be used repeatedly when making the case for promoting competitive integrated employment in our area. Since planning has begun on our People First Conference, some ideas of possible presentations and presenters has been shared. (Program/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH)
- SDIRO staff, on 11/10/16 in San Diego, participated in a wrap up meeting for the Jobtoberfest Employment Fair for people with disabilities. This job fair is one of the activities of the San Diego Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. The group discussed what worked well, what areas need improvement and other ways we can reach out to employers on why they should hire people with disabilities. Those in attendance: San Diego Regional Center, Episcopal Community Services, Department of Rehabilitation, Job Options,

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Employment Development Department, Goodwill Industries, Cal Trans, San Diego Futures Foundation, Towards Maximum Independence. (People Active 12 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
Application Deadline for Video Classes	5	380	100
Employment Vacancies at the SCDD Headquarters office	0	0	112
VMRC Micro Business Flyer	200	100	200
National Apprenticeship Week	600	650	620
Subject: Stakeholder Update: California Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint	30	68	129
Speak to California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint	30	68	129
CHOICES Micro Business Fair info	25	25	100
Staff shared meeting notes from Employment Network with team members/RO6	0	0	23

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	"Other"
T	Provided TA to SA served by ELARC regarding issues with ILS and employment.	1	0	0
E	Provided information on the OCEAN employment conference	0	1	1
T/E	RC client requested information about supported employment	1	0	0
T	Staff from SETA called inquiring about how to assist a client in finding a job. She was denied services from the Dept. of Rehabilitation and Alta California Regional Center. SCDD referred her to	0	0	1
E	Joel Welsh 1021joelicatherine@gmail.com contacted our office asking how she can get a job with us. Added her to email list. Referred to LEAP and OT exam.	1	0	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding employment and appropriate supports. Appropriate	0	1	0

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	referrals and resources were provided.			
E	Provided technical assistance on WIOA and subminimum wage	0	0	1
T	Consumer called in requesting a state job. SCDD staff referred the consumer to his ACRC service Coordinator, suggesting an IPP meeting be convened to discuss his wishes.	1	0	0
T	SA wants to change work programs. Referred to IRC CSC & OCRA.	1	0	0
F	Provided information and referral to a group needing Community Transition Program for a potential work project	0	0	4
E	Provided technical assistance regarding employment and appropriate supports. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
E & F	Local employment services provider looking for feedback and input on their new website to promote their new ES initiatives and to attract employers and press. ROM provided input and followed up with a brief meeting accordingly.	0	0	1

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- LARO staff met with the Chief Operational Officer, Community Director, and Program Director of New Horizons to provide the needed support and seek collaboration to help enhance Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and promote financial capability for individuals with disabilities. New Horizons approached SCDD to seek support to help with transition workers from sheltered workshops to CIE. Many family members and the sheltered workshops clients have questions and fear about the transition. SCDD LA Office will help facilitate the needed training on Disability Benefit Counseling (including section 8 housing impact), CalABLE Act, Why Work Is Better, and Work & Saving Incentives. The projected target audience ranges from 200 to 400 participants. New Horizons will secure training locations and schedule while SCDD LA Office will reach out to DOR, SSA, Cal Department of Fair Employment & Housing, and CalABLE Board to seek collaboration to jointly support the I/DD community in LA County. A follow-up meeting is scheduled in early January. (ORGS 2 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
Increase CIE for PWD	600	650	620
DOJ issued guidance about the application of Title II and Olmstead to employment	317	810	230
CIE Blueprint public comment period	100	250	150
"CalABLE December Board Meeting Materials Now Posted"	35	135	250
"DOnetwork News: Department of Rehabilitation Invites You to Attend Stakeholders Discussion About the California Competitive Integrated Employment Blueprint"	35	135	250
Speak to California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint Stakeholder Meeting Announcement	317	810	230
CIE Blueprint for Review	5	392	100
National Certificate Training (ACRE) and Transformational Leadership	0	0	100

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F	Man was referred to us from Rob Bonta's office. He is disabled and he is dealing with a workers comp issue and needed to fax documents regarding these issues. Faxed the documents for him.	1	0	0

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The Council will work with housing entities to increase the development and/or provision of community housing for people with I/DD.

- LARO staff met with Housing Coordinator with ELARC to discuss approaches to identify housing issues facing by individuals with I/DD and formulate effective solutions and options to address these issues in LA County. The discussion was centered & based on "Housing California 2017 Annual Conference Workshop Tracks" as attached. SCDD LA Office will work with community housing advocacy organizations to provide training and information to consumers & families on how they can participate in their city's development of the housing element. The housing elements that have been approved by California Housing and Community Development can be accessed at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/housing-policy-development/>. Each city/jurisdiction is supposed to review and update annually and a public outreach process is required. SCDD LA Office will also work with partner agencies to train SA and FA to testify at the public hearing to advocate any support to meet their housing needs. One of the tracks points out the close connection between housing & health. SCDD LA Office will include Medi-Cal billing 101 into its Facilitator training curriculum to enhance affordable housing. (ORGS 2 OTH)
- NCRO staff continued to facilitate meeting for Redwood Coast Regional center clients by finding housing resources available in the community and referring the supportive living agency and Regional Center to the rental agency. Collaborators were Regional Center, the care agency and SCDD staff. The clients have been living in a motel for one year and need appropriate housing to meet their needs. Disability Rights California has been participating in the collaborative in order to keep informed if the access is related to client rights and has been advising the supported living agency regarding the application process. SCDD staff through inquiries found housing but leads were not followed up. In speaking with the rental agency no calls were made to them from the agencies responsible for the two clients. Staff continues to follow up with the two agencies involved and contact was finally made with the rental agency. The agency was willing to renovate if the owner allows it. Regional Center is having an occupational assessment done to make sure the apartments or home will be accessible.
- NCRO staff met with the Behavioral Health and Recovery Board, Community Stakeholders & housing committee members to discuss the HUD housing project and progress on developing sites to be approved by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. Collaborators included 22 participants: Behavioral Health and Recovery Board, Community Stakeholders, HUD Housing Developers. (Public Policymakers Educated 3 OTH – ORGS 10 FA/ 9 OTH)

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- NCRO staff participated in a housing meeting in November 2016 with 44 Collaborating agencies including: Del Norte Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Del Norte Veterans Services (VFW), Rural Human Services (RHS), Board of Realtors, Church groups, Breakfast Club, Del Norte Board of Supervisors, Betty Kwan Chinn, Health Care District, and Concerned Community members. Betty Kwan Chinn gave a presentation on her homeless outreach program in Humboldt County, what has worked for them, and gave suggestions for Del Norte. Staff assisted self-advocate in participation. Self-advocate volunteered to be part of the annual count of homeless individuals in Del Norte coming up in a few months. She has experienced homelessness herself and because of this has gained acceptance among the population. With her assistance agencies may be able to access those who have been reluctant to participate in the past. Our SCDD brochures were handed out by the self-advocate. We also made available 45 “personal medication cards” to those in attendance. Most found the cards to be very helpful to those that do not often know the names and/or amounts of prescriptions they take. Many asked to use our agency as a resource in the future. Maryanne Fallman presented on her research into mobile showers. She hopes to work with local businesses to modify a travel trailer to feature 2 private showers that can be accessed anywhere in town. Funding for this project has begun. Board of Realtors presented on properties close to services that might be rented or purchased. This presentation was held during the regular Session of the Homeless Evaluation Liaison Program (HELP). Rural Human Services also talked about Safe Areas/Lockers and the need for folks to have the ability to lock up their valuables for the day. Example used being; “Bike storage boxes” that are available in many parking garages in the city to help keep belongings safe. (Members of Public Reached 44 OTH – ORGS 3 SA/ 41 OTH)
- OCRO staff attended a meeting hosted by Jamboree Housing Corporation, Innovative Housing Opportunities (IHO), the City of Anaheim, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the OC Health Care Agency, and others at the newly opened Rockwood Apartments on November 1st, 2016, in the City of Anaheim. This meeting was to acknowledge the newest OCHA project-based housing option in the City of Anaheim. A family with two children shared about their 11 year homeless journey, which began when the parents were injured on the job and had medical problems; their homeless plight ended when Rockwood Apartments opened. (ORGS 15 OTH)
- SBRO staff participated in the public comment portion of the Human Rights

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Commission meeting for the City of Palm Springs. SBRO staff spoke on the housing crisis and how it directly impacts persons with a disability in the Coachella Valley area. The Executive Directory of the CVHC presented at the meeting on homelessness and how they are working with the community to develop affordable housing opportunities. She also discussed a variety of affordable housing options available to persons with a disability, which are income based and accessible in the community. They offer assistance in financial counseling, home ownership workshops, rental homes, and community outreach services for the community. They also work with housing developers to build new affordable homes for persons on fixed or limited incomes. SBRO staff expressed an interest in viewing these homes, and also the development of new opportunities for persons with I/DD in terms of affordability, accessibility, and accommodations within new units developed. The Department of Behavioral Health also spoke about their outreach program on homelessness, and how they are assisting in transition from homelessness to affordable housing. Their outreach coordinators are not only employees, but in many cases they used to be clients who were homeless. For this reason, their outreach has been successful in placing individuals in stable homes in the community. SBRO staff met with both entities and has reached out to both departments to coordinate future collaboration to address affordable housing options for the community, outreach, training, and support their efforts to educate the I/DD community on their services. (ORGS 2 SA/ 3 FA/ 11 OTH)

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N/A			

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N/A				

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- BARO staff participated in and testified at the 11.8.16 Marin County Fair Housing / Affordable Housing Public Hearing regarding the anti-discrimination housing ordinance prohibiting landlords from specifically screening out section 8 and VASH subsidies-holding seniors, PWD and veterans. See attachments for more data. The county Board of Supervisors successfully passed the ordinance and thanked SCDD staff for testifying. Others testifying included a rep from CIL, and members of the public and members of the landlord community in the county. (People Active 4 SA/ 30 OTH – Programs/Policies Created/Improved 30 OTH – Public Policy makers Educated 7 OTH)
- CCRO staff met with a sub-group of the Disparity Task force concentrating on outreach to the African American medical professional community to discuss the importance of early identification of developmental delays and the importance of making referrals and encouraging follow through of Early Start Services. (ORGS 1 OTH)
- CCRO staff met with members of a provider community wanting to offer housing and day services in Santa Cruz County. Staff advised providers on HCBS regulations and best methods to support community integration to assure the provider is compliant with future regulations. (People Trained 4 FA/ Programs/Policies Created/Improved 4 FA)
- OCRO staff presented on the Medicaid HCBS Final Settings Rule on November 30th, 2016 to a group of 9 professionals at My Day Counts, a vocational vendor of the Regional Center of Orange County. The focus of the training was an overview of the HCBS Waiver including Intent of the Final Rule; HCBS Requirements; HCBS Requirements for Provider-Owned or Controlled Residential Settings; Settings that are not Home and Community-Based; Settings that are presumed not to be Home and Community-Based; Settings that are presumed not to be Home and Community-Based-Heightened Scrutiny; the 1915 (i) State Plan HCBS Benefit; and 1915 (i) State Plan HCBS Benefit-Provider Qualifications Requirements. (People Trained 10 OTH)

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Affordable & Accessible Housing	25	25	25
Housing Access – Housing Rights and HUD and Justice Q&A Letter	30	68	129
Announcement of “Vamos a Platucar”, a six week series that will be conducted entirely in Spanish. This is for parents of children with disabilities to share their experiences and to learn about their child’s diagnosis and needs and how to help them achieve their potential	50	200	26

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
T	Provided information on HCBS waiver	0	4	0
T	Consultation on affordable housing issues	0	5	1
F	Face to face meeting to discuss affordable housing options for non-section 8 voucher holder	1	0	0
T	Spoke with Self Advocate about wanting to change housing.	1	0	0
T	Woman called. She is disabled and she has to move and needs help with getting out of where she is and into where she wants to go. Referred her to Housing Authority of Contra Costa County.	0	0	1
F	Referred SA to new senior housing complex as his current building is old and landlord is difficult.	1	0	0

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- N/A

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
Affordable and Accessible Housing	600	650	620
Disability Scoop: Housing Development Looks To Fill Gap For Adults With Disabilities	35	135	250
Voting on Housing Bills in LA County	600	650	620

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	"Other"
T	Pittsburg/Contra Costa County, being evicted in 90 days. Disabled. Living in Section 8 housing. Arthritis, ADHD, High Blood Pressure, Hyper Tension, cannot drive due to medication. Landlord wants to renovate and charge more for the apartment. Seasons Sharing. Housing Authority said to call landlord back and that the Housing Authority is giving more money. This is not enough to have the landlord allow the tenant to stay. Recommended Disability Rights of California and to call Housing Authority again.	0	0	1
T/E	FM, Requesting information on Housing & Living options training materials. SA whom is High Functioning with Autism. Lives in Riverside. Emailed Housing and Living training materials and referred to Autism Society.	0	1	0

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- CCRO staff met with a sub-group of the Disparity Task force concentrating on outreach to the African American medical professional community to discuss the importance of early identification of developmental delays and the importance of making referrals and encouraging follow through of Early Start Services. (People Active 3 FA/ 5 OTH)
- CCRO: With staff assistance, SSAN chair held fourth Patient Advisory Subcommittee for Valley Medical Center and Stanford Health Care. Committee members finalized a work plan to carry on the work of the committee. Key areas of interest is methods to communicate individual patient needs through use of a Patient Fact sheet, and effective method to inform PAC chair to present concerns to medical community, and continued work on consent to release information and patient confidentiality. (People Active 5 FA)
- HQ: Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee members received information from David Monderine, Advocacy and Training Specialist with Get Safe on helping first responders understand persons with autism and other persons with developmental disabilities. The presentation was an interactive exercise and gave members an opportunity to experience training techniques that is provided to law enforcement to increase knowledge and awareness of interactions with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. GET SAFE received a grant from the State Council and agreed to have SAAC review the training and provide feedback. (PM 1.1 – 8 SA/8 OTH)
- LARO staff attended the monthly meeting of the Los Angeles County Disability Access and Functional Needs Committee, part of the overall Emergency Operations Center. The primary focus of this meeting was a presentation from the Red Cross about lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The Red Cross provided 3.5 million overnight stays in shelters, 68 million meals and snacks, and emergency financial assistance to 1.4 million families. Lessons learned are the need for individuals and families to plan for all contingencies and the need for more trained volunteers. There are now pre-positioned relief supplies, thousands more potential shelters in the database, more agreements with food partners, 320 Emergency Response Vehicles available, advances in apps for communication via mobile devices, and legislative changes in place. The generosity of volunteers is the backbone of the Red Cross' efforts. The remaining discussion time centered around creating an appropriate mission statement for the "charter" organization that this committee will transition into. (ORGS 20 OTH)

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- NVHRO staff met with Brain Health committee to continue planning the 3rd annual Brain Health 5K. SCDD staff arranged meeting place and sent out meeting reminders. Staff will continue to seek input/participation from local self-advocates and or service providers in regards to the 5K. (ORGS 1 FA/ 5 OTH)
- NVHRO staff will serve as co-chair for the second year on the planning committee. SCDD staff arranged meeting place for Brain Walk committee. Staff sent out meeting reminders and minutes from the prior meeting. Staff facilitated meeting and agenda topics. Staff will reach out to local self-advocates to be part of planning team and continue coordination with other community partners to bring another health educating event related to brain health to the Stockton and surrounding communities. (ORGS 1 FA/ 8 OTH)
- OCRO staff facilitated the Integrity House Self-Advocacy Group on Wednesday, November 16th, 2016. The Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties presented on Anatomy and Physiology; there were 18 self-advocates and 5 professionals who participated fully in the presentation and discussion about the topic. The training covered female and male reproductive systems (including pregnancy) as well as related cancer screenings and risk factors. (People Trained 18 SA/ 5 OTH)
- SACRO provided training on November 30th to 3 self-advocates and 5 staff at Supported Living Services in Roseville. A total of 10 Get Safe Be Safe, Safely Out Bags, fire prevention brochures, and Go Kit lists were distributed to those present and extras taken for those who could not attend. The 2016 Emergency Preparedness PowerPoint was shown (People Trained 3 SA/ 1 FA/ 4 OTH)
- SBRO staff participated in the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Fall Family Fun Festival in the city and county of San Bernardino, to support the community we both serve and to disseminate resource materials to all who attended. All to increase the knowledge and awareness for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families about the availability of and access to health and public safety-related services and supports. (General Public Reached 21 SA)
- SDIRO staff on 11/17/2016 in San Diego. The San Diego and surrounding areas Law Enforcement agencies have a PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team) training and resource fair every quarter. SCDD San Diego-Imperial office attended and "manned" a resource table. Spoke to approximately 50 people about our services. (General Public Reached 50 OTH)

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Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	“Other”
Caregivers Conference	200	200	100
IHSS Hearing in Los Angeles	0	380	0
Info on Transportation to Medical Appointments by Managed Care Organizations	5	398	112
League of Women Voters' Lunch & Learn	35	135	250
CalOES Active Shooter Awareness Guide	100	100	100
4 Important Reminders about DD/ID and Sexuality Ed	35	135	250
Covered CA Info	100	100	100
Santa Ana Self-Advocacy Meeting featuring Planned Parenthood on Anatomy/Physiology	317	810	230
Anaheim Self-Advocacy mtg featuring Planned Parenthood on Healthy Relationships	317	810	230
Medi-Cal Monthly Enrollment Fast Facts	11	20	264
USC UCEDD Webinar: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	13	541	497

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F	Met and spoke with the program manager and admin staff at Changing Tides Family Services in Eureka. Provided fliers and applications for DD population that is served by the agency (respite for children age 3-18). Proposed that the agency include our ICE card application when sending out her next mailing.	0	0	2
E	Provided electronic copies of ICE Flier and Application form that can be sent out to agency contacts not only the parents and clients, but workers as well.	0	0	1
T	Professional from SB County School, called on behalf of Spanish Speaking FM re: SA whom is unable to walk. Insurance denied funding a wheelchair for the SA. Wanted to know protocol for requesting IRC to fund. SBRO provided technical assistance; put request in writing include	0	0	1

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	denial letter.			
T	Provided information for Downs Syndrome Association as well as suggested caller speak to service coordinator, doctor and dentist regarding sister with newly developed "behaviors"	1	1	1
T	TC from parent of a 10yr. old son (non-RC client) who was upset as her son has been taken to a discipline room at times and had his arms held behind his back, leading to him complaining of shoulder pain. Parent has contacted law enforcement and discussed this with the school district safety police. SCDD gave her DRC contact information.	0	1	0
T	Man called looking for Mental Health Services. Referred him to Alameda County Behavioral Health Services and West Oakland Mental Health	1	0	0
T	Parent called regarding crisis intervention placement/resources for her son	0	1	0
T	Agency called regarding more free cookbooks for SCDD on healthy eating on \$4 per day	0	0	1
T	Provided technical assistance regarding health care issues. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
E	Agency regarding monthly Partnership for Healthy Babies meeting date and agenda	0	0	1
T	Eva Simpson-Dill, Public Health Nurse, Adult Protective Services. Simpson-dille@saccounty.net 916-876-8683. Concerned about adults with I/DD living with their families and being neglected and possibly abused. What are their rights, what is the role of the Regional Center, can anything be done to remove them from their family's home? Can RC step in to request to become conservator? Sent email to Alfonso Carmona, Phil Bonnet at ACRC.	0	0	1
E	Follow-up to request from agency for information of Behavior Health Services in county	0	0	1
T	Woman called. Her neighbor is on a waiting list with University of the Pacific and the wait is over 2 years. She needs resources. Gave her the phone number for Denti-Cal so she could call them and get a list of providers.	1	0	0
T	Provided information to assist a parent with an adult daughter who needs Nursing Respite	1	2	0
E	Informed CA and FA on ABA funding, services and training	0	2	2
T/E	Referred local ILC agency Director to FNRC Supervisor to identify consumers interested in participating in a focus groups of various disability constituencies that Butte County Public Health is conducting. They want to learn how to communicate more effectively with the broader disability community and underserved communities in general.	0	0	1
T	Provided technical assistance regarding conservatorships, alternatives to conservatorships. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding health care issues. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Spoke with Family Advocate regarding housing for son who has been assaulting parents, called police, and needs to move into own residence.	0	2	0
E	Karen Mulvany regarding respite workers being able to administer life-saving medications. RC currently prohibits it. Provided name and number for Elizabeth Mard Elizabeth.mard@dds.ca.gov 916-654-2198 liaison from DDS to ACRC to discuss further.	0	1	0
E	Karen Mulvany informed that ACRC is looking into respite workers ability to provide respite at a camp location.	0	1	0
E	Discussed collaboration with Alinea Medical Imaging to offer free mammography	0	0	1

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The Council, its federal partners, and self-advocates will increase information and training to law enforcement, court personnel, health care providers, and/or other care professionals about disability-related health and safety issues.

- HQ: Janet Fernandez fielded a call from & provided technical assistance to a detective about a case involving human trafficking of a 14-yr (juvenile) subject. Responding officers had reason to believe that the teenager (who has an IEP and appeared to have cognitive &/or social-adaptive deficits and was being pimped out by a neuro-typical 16-yr old 'peer') may, in fact, have I/DD. In making contact with the local RC to obtain basic service (under exigent/emergent circumstances), officers were rebuffed by staff, who refused to disclose 'whether or not the individual was a client of the RC' due to 'HIPAA restrictions' regarding personal/private health information (PHI). Federal (DHHS) guidelines offer wide latitude in LE investigations – especially in the presence of exigent circumstances and upon LE reassurance(s) regarding the safety of the subject/victim in question (see below link for further information/clarification). <http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/505/what-does-the-privacy-rule-allow-covered-entities-to-disclose-to-law-enforcement-officials/index.html> Case disposition at the patrol level would conceivably have been very different for a victim with I/DD (e.g. protective supervision options, etc.), had officers been given information that the subject was an RC client. The detective reported that the responding officers and assigned detective were extremely dissatisfied with what they believed was unnecessary 'stonewalling' in their attempt(s) to respond effectively to an especially vulnerable juvenile victim. I also asked the detective to refer back to the department's existing General Orders to obtain clarification on existing departmental positions on RC/HIPAA limitations. (Members of Public Reached 3 OTH – ORGS 1 OTH)
- HQ: Received an email from an APS social worker (on behalf of an APS PHN), wanting assistance information, etc. in regard to two cases involving victims with I/DD. One victim is a client of the RC; one is not. Victim #1 has been physically neglected (although family receives IHSS hours/monies), resulting in injuries, infections, and other health-related issues. APS has sought the RC's assistance in finding a day activity program (staffed with mandated reporters), but the RC has not been helpful in responding to requests for conservatorship or day program referrals. The RC reportedly lost a conservatorship case involving family and is unwilling to engage in another such effort. The County Public Guardian/Conservator will not take cases involving RC clients. APS filed IHSS fraud complaints, which allegedly went 'nowhere.' The family is uncooperative and the PHN has been directed to close the case. The second victim is nonverbal, is not an RC client, and was referred by a PCP to the hospital for treatment of

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wounds that (reasonably, in the physicians' professional opinions) appeared to be from the use of restraints, although no physician was willing to go on the record or testify, and LE was called. LE took a report and documented the injuries and the hospital promptly discharged the victim back into the suspect's custody, which prompted law enforcement to close the criminal case (based on lack of cooperation/professional dx by medical personnel and the fact that the hospital discharged the patient back into the care/custody of the suspect[s]). Because the victim is nonverbal, family (which provides direct care) makes decisions and has not opted to seek/accept RC services. (ORGS 2 OTH – People Active 7 OTH – Member of Public Reached 4 OTH)

- NCRO: The Partnership for Healthy Babies is a collaborative of Mendocino County community non-profit agencies, health care providers and individuals. SCDD North Coast staff has been working with the group to develop new and innovative ways to reach a broader population of women of childbearing age through the PHB Digital Project. At the meeting, the attendees which included public health staff and agency representatives viewed the site and made recommendations regarding format and content. Additional public awareness efforts: community events, radio psa's and the training series were discussed as part of the planning calendar for 2017 events and trainings was reviewed. Once edits/additions are made this will be added to the digital project which has been facilitated by SCDD-North Coast. Collaborative partners include: Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health, Social Services, Partnership Health Plan of California, FIRST5, Mendocino College Child Development Center, Foster and Kinship Care program, Substance Use Disorders Treatment, Opioid Coalition, Ukiah Valley Medical Center, Mendocino Coast Clinics. (People Active 2 FA/ 8 OTH – ORGS 12 OTH)
- NSRO staff assisted with the outreach and panel presentation with discussion of changes in health care and implications for beneficiaries. Purpose is to educate the community on what is new for beneficiaries in 2017 and beyond. Discussed funding for hospitals and how California is the 2nd lowest paid Medicaid state in the country (VT is #1). Primary Care services has changed and become more bureaucratic; specialty care has become the emphasis and there is a lack of providers. Recruitment for medical professionals is challenging and requires long term strategic planning and building relationships. Work is being done to create a seamless delivery system with medical records and remains a work in process due to HIPPA. Attendees were educated on how the population is aging and

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physicians can't keep up with the demand of patients. Physicians are also not as productive coming out of residency. Prior generations required physicians in residency programs working excessive amount of hours but the new generation isn't willing to work as hard and want to spend more time with their families. Hours of experience through residency programs used to be around 3000, now they are about 500 coming out of residency programs. Butte County and surrounding areas are lacking in resources available for low income individuals including those with developmental disabilities. Attendees were also educated on Medi-Care changes coming in 2017 and provided the booklet - "Medicare & You 2017" produced by Centers for MEDICARE & MEDICAID Services for Northern California. Preventative medicine is critical. It is important to look at how the doctors are educating their patients. SCDD NSRO remains an active member of a local regional health coalition that is committed to ensuring that all citizens with disabilities have access to quality health care. (Members of Public Reached 8 SA/ 20 FA/ 21 OTH)

- OCRO staff participated in the CalOptima Community Alliances Forum Planning Committee, designed to develop, strengthen, and sustain positive relationships with community-based organizations and stakeholders that care about community health to ensure access to quality health care. Today's meeting consisted of finalizing the agenda, presenters, and content for the forum on 12/14/2016. There will be 6 speakers/presenters to discuss the findings of the 2016 Orange County Community Indicators that focuses on three pivot points: affordable housing solutions, the opportunity gap for Latino students, and the coordination and prevention for children's health and well-being. The Community Indicators report is co-produced by CalOptima and the Children and Families Commission of Orange County to highlight areas in which the county is performing well and making progress, as well as those where improvement is needed and where community efforts may positively influence Orange County's future. Kim Goll, Executive Director from the Children & Families Commission; Carla Vargas, Senior Vice President of the Orange County United Way; Jeff Hittenberger, Chief Academic Officer for the Orange County Department of Education; Heather Stratman, Chief Executive Officer for the Association of California Cities in Orange County; and Michael Ruane, Executive VP for National Community Renaissance will be presenting at this forum to not only discuss the problem and solution and how we can build partnerships regarding solving these community health issues.

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(People Active 17 OTH)

- OCRO staff presented on Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities on November 7th, 2016 to a group of 13 professionals. The focus of the training was an overview of Consumer Rights including the rights in a licensed facility (W&I 4503), good cause denial of rights (W&I 4504), "the ten commandments of resident care," and additional principles and practices aimed at staff development and conduct in a group home. (People Trained 13 OTH)
- OCRO: At the request of a local Community Care Facility (CCF) Provider, SCDD Orange County Office developed a PowerPoint on "Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities," which will be presented to CCF staff on November 7, 2016. The PowerPoint includes an overview of Consumer Rights including the rights in a licensed facility (W&I 4503), good cause denial of rights (W&I 4504), "the ten commandments of resident care," and additional principals aimed at staff development and conduct in a group home. (People Active 1 OTH)
- SACRO staff participated in Anthem Blue Cross' Community Advisory Committee at FREED Center for Independent Living in Grass Valley with 15 other community representatives. Anthem provided an overview of their managed care involvement in the rural counties and encouraged any issues or problems of accessing care to be shared with the Plan so improvements could be made. Each agency/representative had time to share what they do in the community and what issues they see with access to health care. Issues include: gaps in services, transportation, access to specialty healthcare, long distances to access services (including having to go to Sacramento, Stanford, or San Francisco), lack of understanding of benefits under managed care and how to access those benefits, long delays to get medical appointments, areas with no or few providers, I/DD population experiencing "aging" health issues and developing chronic diseases, Sonoma Developmental Center closing and impacting community health care and resources, Advanced Directives/Supported Decision making, and Conservatorship - related to right to consent for treatment, lack of home health care staffing, shortage of physical therapists, accessing primary care vs. hospital ER, shortage of dental resources, 2 local DME (Durable Medical) providers closed - must now go to Sacramento for equipment. All in attendance agreed that regular meetings would be helpful to identify issues and increase access to care. Next meeting planned for January 2017 in Grass Valley. (People Attained Membership 15 OTH – ORGS 12 OTH)

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Request for Proposal: Forensic Support Services resource development		30	68	129

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
T	Consulted with FA and CA on the death of a consumer in the community	0	1	0
E	Consultation re: ABA denial	0	1	0

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- CCRO staff, with a member of the public, attended the Department of Developmental Services Direct Service Provider Task Force meeting at Tri-Counties Regional Center in Atascadero. At the meeting, staff presented a letter encouraging the departments have added to the DSP curricula, self-care, stress and anger management strategies for staff as a means of supporting the behavioral health of those being served. The DDS staff welcomed the suggestion and stated they will be reviewing the request. An email was received from DDS a few days later stating that our request has been accepted and DDS will begin the process of investigating the best means to add the material to DSP curricula when it is to be reviewed and adjusted in Spring of 2017. (People Active 2 FA/ 10 OTH – Program/Policies Created/Improved 2 FA/ 10 OTH)
- OCRO staff attended the CalOptima Member Advisory Committee on November 10th, 2016 as the representative for Persons with Special Needs (2 year term). SCDD Orange County staff presented an overview of SCDD to the group at the request of the MAC. Additionally, the committee received the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Medical Officer, and Chief Operating Officers' reports; received updated information about the Intergovernmental Transfer Expenditure and the Strategic Plan; and received presentations regarding the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Federal and State Legislative and Budget update. There was a quorum at this MAC. Then next meeting will be on January 12th, 2016. (People Attained Membership 27 OTH)
- OCRO staff attended the WE CAN Individual Prevention Task Force on November 3rd, 2016 led by the Medical Officer of the Orange County Department of Education. This task force is developing a community resource "tool kit" to help prevent child abuse in Orange County. This particular meeting was spent discussing the work plan/logic model (and making modifications); data captured from OC Links and 211/Help Me Grow; and data conclusions from the UCI Childhood survey. The target groups of the task force are children who have been suspended from day care due to unceasing or severe behaviors. A great many of those children have Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities or may have an undiagnosed I/DD, which means the family is likely not well supported in managing their child's behaviors. These children are at a much greater risk for abuse. The next meeting for WE CAN Individual Prevention Task Force will be in January 2017, date and time TBD. (People Active 9 OTH)

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Covered California	600	650	620
Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide transportation services	317	810	230
SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: LA Care Annual Anniversary Announcement	600	650	620
USC UCEDD Webinar: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	5	392	100

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	"Other"
F	Robert Rogers, Self-Advocate, Yuba County, stated he needs assistance to access appropriate dental care. His dentist wants to pull his front teeth. He is meeting with his Service Coordinator on Monday to discuss his options and what assistance might be available.	1	0	0

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- BARO staff gave the opening comments / speech at the First Helping Hands East Bay Empowering Asian Families Conference. Speech focused on advocacy, systems change, program development based on culturally competent and linguistically competent needs of the community, and collaboration. (Conference on November 5, 2016 for Empowering Asian Families Conference #1) The conference was given simultaneously in 5 different languages, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese and English. The workshops given in the morning were on Early Start, IEP Process, Behavioral Intervention, and Siblings Workshops. The afternoon sessions were on Accessing Regional Center Services and Community Resources. There was also a Resource Fair, lunch and Raffle provided for all those who attended. There was positive feedback from the participants. Along with SCDD being one of the co-sponsors, SCDD also had a table at the resource fair providing families with information on our services and the supports we provide to consumers and/or families. (People Trained 31 FA/ 34 OTH – ORGS 7 OTH)
- BARO staff met with the director of the Family Resource Network in San Leandro. Discussed the impact of her program and the overextension of her staff and volunteers, and the lack of support and collaboration she described as getting from RCEB. Discussed the need for a Family Empowerment Center in Alameda County, other funding, and the particularly strong data that Alameda County collects and tracks regarding First Five and Help Me Grow programs and their developmental screenings and kindergarten readiness. Many counties in CA do not do as well a job of the data and outcomes tracking, and yet this county has not been able to leverage this for FEC funding or additional assistance. See attached data. Discussed previous conversations SCDD staff have had with Children Now and with GGRC regarding a potential funding road-mapping process for these outputs, to look for better ways to reach more children for these screenings and related services to families. Both staff agreed to increase their networking together and to look for ways to promote best practice in these areas and to seek additional funding opportunities for these counties. (ORGS Involved in Coalition 2 OTH – ORGS Involved in Change 2 OTH)
- BARO: Star Conference planning committee held the wrap up meeting for the Star Conference that took place on October 22, 2016, in Pleasant Hill. We brainstorm on how to improve our next conference. It was decided that we will move the conference from the month of October back to April because October is somewhat

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difficult to advertise to the different (Wrap up planning meeting on November 17, 2016 for the Autism Star Conference continues) school districts because of school holidays and April is Autism Awareness Month. So the next conference will be in April 2018. We are schedule to start meeting again until June 2017. We talked about ways to increase the number of participants. Some of the ideals we will discuss at our first planning meeting will be if it would be possible to provide on site daycare for families. We have noticed that it has been difficult in the past for families to attend because day care is an issue even though we provide a stipend for families to pay for daycare. Also from the past evaluation, many of the parents missed the tabletop sharing that was offered at previous conferences. Spectrum is a possible place for our next conference even though it is not convenient for BART riders. The last time it was held at Spectrum, bus services were provided at a very costly rate and only 2 people utilized the service. We discuss applying for grant money from SCDD to help pay for the cost of the facility. We discussed different options for the lunches because we had such terrible problems with the Corner Bakery who provided lunches this last time. Overall, the reviews were good and we all look forward to planning the next Autism Star Conference in April 2018. (ORGS 3 FA/ 4 OTH)

- BARO: The Helping Hands East Bay was given a grant for \$20,000 from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to do 3 conferences on assisting Asian families with accessing services through the regional center and other generic services. The first of the conferences took place on November 5, 2016. This conference was unique and the first of its kind because it was (Conference on November 5, 2016 for Empowering Asian Families Conference #1) designed to reach Asian families. The conference was given simultaneously in 5 different languages, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese beside English. The workshops given in the morning were on Early Start, IEP Process, Behavioral Intervention, and Siblings Workshops. The afternoon sessions were on Accessing Regional Center Services and Community Resources. There was also a Resource Fair, lunch and Raffle provided for all those who attended. For this first conference a total of 65 was in attendance representing 5 languages, English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese. There was positive feedback from the participants. Along with being one of the co-sponsors, we also had a table at the resource fair providing families with information on our services and the supports we provide to consumers and/or families. (People Active 31 FA/ 34

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OTH – ORGS 7 OTH)

- LARO staff met telephonically with staff of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles to make arrangements to train, in English and Spanish, families and staff who are members of the Alliance regarding topics such as IEP strategy, understanding evaluations, and how to file state compliance complaints. Because the initial training was scheduled for November, there were many contacts made to coordinate the date, time, location, content of training, and other logistics related to conducting the training. Unfortunately, the initial training could not occur, but it is expected that training will begin in December. (ORGS 1 OTH)
- LARO staff provided a two hour training entitled, "Special Education Evaluations: How to Understand Them & Get Services for Your Child" to 10 attendees. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed fliers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 5 FA/ 5 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- NCRO staff facilitated two meetings for the County Child Care Planning Council in November at the SCDD North Coast office and at the County Office of Education. The 11 Collaborating agencies included: Child Care Planning Council, Head Start, State Preschool, County Office of Education, North Coast Opportunities, Mendocino College Child Development Program, and local child care programs . The group discussed the progress of new bills & legislative issues and future goals for the 2016-2017 year. The group also discussed working on gathering data for the child care needs assessment to ascertain unmet needs of families and gaps in service for children with disabilities. The agencies discussed statewide issues and legislation effecting general child care, early education and intervention services. The issues discussed and data and information collected would affect children's services to families in all four counties in our service area. (ORGS 1 FA/ 10 OTH)
- NCRO: The Partnership for Healthy Babies is a collaborative of Mendocino County community non-profit agencies, health care providers and individuals which includes: Medical/Health providers (MD, RN, PHN, MSW, PhD, RD) , Child Welfare social workers, School personnel (teachers, psychologists, etc.), child care providers, foster and adoptive parents, attorneys & judges with dependency court and juvenile justice court, Administrators all working together to address

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perinatal substance use and its affect on children. The guiding principles of the group maintain: the importance of the health and well-being of children and families, the effectiveness of their care providers and other professionals and the responsible allocation and oversight of resources so as to enhance the quality of life for mothers, children and families in Mendocino County. In the past, the group has relied on print media to reach the public. The reality is that the most effective way to reach constituents of childbearing age is not solely through print media. Consequently, SCDD North Coast staff, as a lead member of the Partnership, is facilitating the resource project to insure that the organization develops an on-line/digital presence to reach more women (and family members) in the target population. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)

- OCRO staff collaborated with Help Me Grow Orange County to meet the needs of Orange County families and connect them to developmental services and resources to enhance the development, behavior, and learning of children birth through five years. Help Me Grow Orange County is part of Children's Hospital Orange County & UC Irvine Early Developmental Services (EDS) that provides a continuum of developmental services for children and families, from when a parent first has concerns about their child's development or behavior to full diagnosis and intervention for those children with developmental delays. Today, SCDD Orange County staff met with four parents who are new to navigating the service delivery system to help them with IEP and Early Start (appeals) questions and help to make sense of the California service delivery system and what agency service/supports their children may be entitled to receive. This advocacy clinic entitled "Special Education and Regional Center Advocacy Clinic - Ask an Advocate" served 4 families face-to-face and unfortunately one parent who confirmed did not attend. The goal of this collaboration and advocacy clinic is to try to garner national support for other Help Me Grow organizations nationwide to replicate. (People Trained 4 FA)
- SACRO staff attended and participated in Alta California Regional Center's (ACRC) Early Intervention Vendor Forum on November 9, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to have discussion regarding possible solutions and/or ideas to attract additional providers and to expand current vendor services. Additionally, ACRC informed and educated the provider community of the "Treadmill Study", a home-based treadmill training for children with or at risk for cerebral palsy. The "Take a Minute" video was presented. Community Services and Supports provided

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an update on the low number of Request For Proposal applications for Early Intervention Therapies, included are physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language. ACRC realizes the need and states they will be talking to the Department of Developmental Services about flexibility in agreements. Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties are in the greatest need. What vendors say they want: (1) They prefer working at the schools, the family is likely not to cancel appointments. (2) Want a list of Service Coordinators and the area they cover. (People Active 40 OTH – ORGS 5 OTH)

- SBRO collaborated with the Program Manager of Inland Regional Center; Early Start Family Resource Network (ESFRN) to attend the final session of the Family Advocate Leadership Project as a guest speaker on behalf of SCDD. The event was held in the city of and County of San Bernardino. SBRO staff sat on a guest panel with the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) and Autism Society on the Inland Empire (ASIE). Each organization was asked to provide an informational overview of their agency, tips for being an effective public policy advocate, opportunities for health care advocacy within the community and concrete examples of successful advocacy related to children with special health care needs and intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition, the guest speakers worked in small groups with the Project Leadership Family Advocates to assist in completion of an assigned Action Plan that identifies issues and by exploring ways to eliminate barriers will ultimately have a systems-wide impact. SBRO staff provided training about early identification, intervention for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities as well as, cross-disabilities, support/services resources for family advocates and Early Start professionals. (People Trained in Leadership 11 FA/ 3 OTH)

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Foster and Kinship Care Education Program -Responding to Families in Cultural Sensitive	30	68	129

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Ways - key concepts and the importance of consistence of a child's home culture and Language				
CCS Webinar and Toolkits		600	650	620
Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
	E Discussed Advocacy Clinic with Help Me Grow	0	0	1
	E Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
	T Provided technical assistance regarding Early Start, due process, IFSP strategy. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0

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- CCRO staff, in collaboration with staff from Easter Seals, provided training with Spanish interpretation on How to Negotiate at [IEP] Meetings for a group of parents attending the Fiesta Soledad conference in Soledad, CA. This training is the result of work by the Disability Collaborative and included use of videos produced by the committee designed to improve the negotiating styles of families when attending meetings. The videos were completed in collaboration with members of the task force as well as self-advocates. The SAs acted in and produced the videos. (People Trained 8 FA/ 2 OTH)
- CCRO staff provided training to families at the Parents Helping Parents Family Resource Center in Atascadero on Inclusion. Presenting with staff were representatives from the local SELPA. The training reviewed laws and practice regarding the importance of inclusion for special education students. (People Trained in Leadership 25 FA – ORGS 3 OTH)
- CCRO staff provided an IEP basics training to a group of Special Education Parents who attended Orinder Elementary School. The training was arranged in collaboration with a speech therapist from the school who invited SCDD to give the training after participating in a similar training at the district office the previous month. This is the first of three trainings that has been arranged for the school. The training was interpreted in Spanish for the non-English speaking families. (People Trained 8 FA/ 4 OTH)
- LARO Regional Manager met with the CalPROMISE Grant Program Director at CSULA. Many transitional aged students and their families in LA County have faced difficulties and challenges to successfully transition to adulthood due to lack of resources and knowledge in accessing the needed support. The CalPROMISE program at CSULA has helped youths ages 14-16 to effectively transition to work and/or secondary schools. The Rehabilitation Counseling program with CSULA also develops a similar model to work with youths with I/DD to provide the needed transition support. The transition support needs and the pursuit of launching a Project SEARCH or a similar internship training program modeling Cincinnati based Project SEARCH at CHLA were discussed. SCDD LA Regional Manager will facilitate referrals to connect CSULA with CHLA as the next step. SCDD LA Regional Office also provided handout materials to enhance future collaboration with meeting attendees. Handouts include "SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office: What We Do/Training & Event Calendar", "Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County" brochure, and "AIDD Fact Sheet". (ORGS 2 OTH)

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- LARO staff provided a two-hour training on how to write a special education state compliance complaint for 19 attendees at the Los Angeles Regional Office. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 4 FA/ 15 OTH – ORGs 2 OTH)
- LARO staff members were invited to provide a training for Padres Unidos por Autismo (PUPA), a Spanish-speaking parent support group. SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office staff therefore provided a training in Spanish entitled, "IEP Meetings: How They Work and How to Get What You Need, Parts I and II" to 42 attendees. Content included topics such as IEP strategy, the different sections of the IEP, multiple strategies on resolving disagreements with the school district, understanding school evaluations, asking questions as a strategy to get services and prepare for due process, preparing for due process so one can avoid due process, how to respond to school staff as a strong advocate while maintaining a positive relationship, stay put, informed consent, compensatory education, and other issues related to the IEP planning process. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 42 FA)
- NBRO staff met with self-advocates and family-advocates of Vallejo, on 11-23-2016, and presented information on the special education complaint process. Points of discussion included who may file a complaint, why file a complaint, parent rights, written notice, parental consent, due process, and alternative dispute resolution. Materials distributed were a copy of the special education complaint form, hints when requesting direct state intervention handout, and an OCRA brochure. (People Trained 1 SA/ 2 FA)
- NBRO staff met with self-advocates and family-advocates of Vallejo, on 11-21-2016, and presented information on IDEA. Points of discussion included purpose of IDEA, how to access services, the IEP, role of the Parents, how to

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communication with your child's teacher(s) and school district employee(s), and special education complaint process. Materials distributed were a copy of the educational benefit checklist, special education complaint form, OCRA brochure. (People Trained 3 FA)

- NVHRO staff members participated in outreach at a Amador County SELPA Community Advisory Committee. Staff shared information on the duties and responsibilities of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). Distributed 7 State Council Brochures located in the common drive. (Members of Public Reached 5 FA/ 2 OTH)
- NVHRO staff collaborated with Family Resource Center and UCP Stanislaus to provide training on basic IEP information in Turlock (Stanislaus County). The training covered information pertaining to assessment, eligibility for special education services, creation of the IEP and resolution of conflict. Distributed 2 State Council brochures located in common drive. (People Trained 1 FA/ 1 OTH – Members of Public Reached 1 FA/ 1 OTH)
- NVHRO staff participated in a webinar on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) where the group gathered information and shared thoughts on what is ESSA and how it differs from No Child Left Behind and how the law affects students with developmental disabilities and IEPs. The act also provides some direction on post-secondary education and employment. The materials were then shared with our local Family Resource Network who shared with their team. Staff will also be sharing this information at the next Transition Task Force. (Member of Public Reached 5 OTH)
- OCRO & SBRO collaborated to provide an overview of the special education process and how parents can effectively prepare for their IEP meeting for 24 individuals at Peppermint Ridge in Corona (hosting site). A combination of families from the North Orange County and Riverside County attended this training, which covered eligibility and assessment, independent educational evaluations, SMART goals, how to prepare for the meeting itself, tips and tricks, accommodations and modifications, FAPE, LRE, and procedural safeguards. (People Trained 13 FA/ 11 OTH)
- OCRO staff attended the Education Work Group of the Orange County Adult Transition Task Force (OCATTF) at the Capistrano Unified School District on November 3, 2016. SCDD staff provided an update on the FLSA Rule 71 and the following other topics were discussed at this meeting: TPP grant changes,

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RCOC/DOR pilot documents on work-based learning, developing effective ITPs, and the Public Affairs Specialist from SSA did a presentation on Social Security Disability Benefits. (ORGS 15 OTH)

- OCRO staff attended the regular meeting of the Orange County Adult Transition Task Force (OCATTF) at the Capistrano Unified School District on 11/03/2016. OCATTF is a collaboration where leaders from education, business, service agencies and family advocacy groups come together to share resources and address programming concerns specific to the successful transition of individuals with disabilities from school to work and community living. At this meeting, the following topics were discussed: 1. Review of the education work group subcommittee and particular discussion about ensuring school district's document how they are supporting and promoting students' post-secondary future through vendor nights, helping them complete SSI applications, connecting them with community partners, etc. 2. WIOA Young Adult Program focusing on youth aged 17-24 and out of school (although they can attend adult education) with at least one risk factor, which includes youth with disabilities. 3. Presentation by the Founder/Executive Director of the Goin Native Therapeutic Garden, providing horticultural education, support emotional and physical well-being, and develop practical life-skills while promoting environmental sustainability and community resource stewardship for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The next meeting will take place in January 2017 at Coastline Community College. (People Active 27 OTH)
- OCRO staff provided IEP training to 20 family members and 2 professionals on Saturday, November 5th, 2016 at Love 2 Learn in Huntington Beach, CA. The training covered Special Education Eligibility, Suspected Disability & Assessments; Individualized Education Plan Planning & Components; Related Services; Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE); Least Restrictive Environment (LRE); Accommodations versus Modifications; and Safeguards. (People Trained 20 FA/ 2 OTH)
- SACRO hosted and provided a Special Education Rights and Responsibilities Training on November 7, 2016 to 2 parents, 1 student and 9 teachers/professionals in collaboration with Disability Rights of California. The purpose of this training was to increase the knowledge and awareness for families about the availability of and access to inclusive educational services. (People Trained 1 SA/ 2 FA/ 9 OTH – People Active 4 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)

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- SACRO staff attended and participated in Folsom-Cordova Unified School Districts Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of informing them of the role of the SCDD, in efforts to increase awareness and knowledge for parents about the importance and access to inclusive educational services. SCDD staff also provided information on Individual Program Planning (IPP), Individual Education Plan (IEP), Employment First, the Workforce and Innovation Act (WIOA), Paid Internship Program, the ABLE Act, Transition Basics, and notice on the upcoming Self-Advocacy Conference. SCDD staff answered questions about options for students post-high school and referred them to Alta California Regional Center for services. There were 28 people at the meeting representing school district employees and parents who received the information. A presentation on Transition was provided at the meeting and resources and contact information for parents to refer to as they navigate the transition process. An Individual Transition Plan (ITP) template was provided as well as the PPT itself. The Folsom-Cordova SELPA Director urged parents to have a transition plan developed for their child before their 16th birthday. The district will hold a Transition Fair on February 28, 2016. (People Active 20 FA/ 8 OTH – ORGS 3 OTH)
- SACRO staff attended and participated in Sacramento City Unified School Districts Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of informing them of the role of the SCDD, in an effort to increase awareness and knowledge for parents about the importance and access to inclusive educational services. SCDD staff also provided information on Individual Program Planning (IPP), Individual Education Plan (IEP), Employment First, the Workforce and Innovation Act (WIOA), Paid Internship Program, the ABLE Act, Self-Determination, Transition Basics, and notice on the 2017 Self-Advocacy Conference. SCDD staff answered questions about options for students post-high school and referred them to Alta California Regional Center for services. Sac City USD staff are in the process of completing the vendorization with Alta California Regional Center to provide the Paid Internship Program. A presentation on Transition was provided at the meeting and resources and contact information for parents to refer to as they navigate the transition process. In addition, information about Workability 1 was provided. It was shared that students participating in paid work experience are more likely to be engaged in post-school employment and more likely to live independently. There were 29 people at the

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meeting representing school district employees, school board members, parents and students who received the SCDD and Sac City USD information. Real time translation in Spanish was provided to 6 of the parents attending. (People Active 2 SA/ 23 FA/ 4 OTH – ORGS 3 OTH)

- SACRO staff attended and participated in the Placer County Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of informing them of the role of the SCDD and provided information on Individual Program Planning (IPP), Individual Educational Planning (IEP), Employment First, the Workforce and Innovation Act (WIOA), Paid Internship Program, Transition Basics, and notice on the upcoming Self-Advocacy Conference. SCDD staff answered questions about options for students post-high school and referred them to Alta California Regional Center for services. The SELPA has decided to hold their meetings in different community locations throughout the year, offering better access to parents and staff. A spring parent outreach event is being planned and suggestions for topics were entertained and bullying is the topic parents and staff chose today. 6 consumers who are in the Workability 1 Program at Placer High School presented their micro enterprise, "BARKERY", a bakery where they make dog biscuits and sell them in the community. They shared their processes of shopping for the ingredients, baking the biscuits, packaging them and peddling them for sale. The sales exchanges and bookkeeping is also a large part of their work. Profits from the sales are split between them to provide entertainment opportunities. A presentation from "Nurtured Heart" shared it's mission: "The ultimate goals as parents, educators, counselors and human beings is to build inner wealth to transform what children believe about themselves and give them abundant evidence that they are valuable, good, competent and able to cope and succeed in life. To helping others honor their own greatness and the greatness of the lives they touch." (People Active 6 SA/ 10 FA/ 6 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)
- SACRO staff attended and participated in the San Juan Unified School Districts Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of informing them of the role of the SCDD, in efforts to increase awareness and knowledge for parents about the importance and access to inclusive educational services. SCDD staff also provided information on the ABLE Act and the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process with the regional center. In addition, information was provided regarding current trainings the

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SCDD Sacramento Regional office will be hosting in collaboration with Disability Rights California and information on other activities that will be happening in the Sacramento area. There were 20 people at the meeting representing school district employees and parents. (People Active 15 FA/ 5 OTH – ORGS 3 OTH)

- SACRO staff attended and participated in the University California Davis' Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities event titled "Down Syndrome 101 for Educators" on November 3, 2016. Jennifer Cooper, Director of Education and Support Services of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area (DSCBA) spoke about the mission to break down barriers, advocate for acceptance and provide opportunities for everyone to thrive. Her son, Eli Cooper, Ability Awareness Advocate was also presenting and says he spreads the word about me and other people with disabilities so we have a part in this world. SCDD staff presented information on the role of the SCDD in advocacy for inclusion and IEP advocacy. DSCBA's mission is to empower, inspire and support people with Down syndrome, their families and the community that serves them, while fostering awareness and acceptance in all areas of life. Ms. Cooper shared many of her contributions about individuals who advance while in inclusive education and the importance of equitable opportunities for students, particularly those with disabilities and support needs. Understanding the unique learning profile of students and how you can most effectively include, educate and enjoy your student was covered as well as the following topics: Common medical issues related to Down syndrome - Ways to adapt the curriculum - Communication issues and strategies for success - Peer presentations to increase friendships - How to improve social skills - Behavior intervention strategies - Processing time and memory issues - Preferred teaching methods - Benefits of inclusive education - Environmental issues which can hamper success (People Active 2 SA/ 12 FA/ 120 OTH – ORGS 6 OTH – Members of Public Reached 12 OTH)
- SACRO staff attended and participated in the Yolo County Special Education Local Plan Area's (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of providing information on the role of the SCDD, the California ABLE Act, Self-Determination and information on Transition. Team Davis Special Olympics was a featured topic and a parent, Robin Dewey, presented and noted she is actively recruiting members to join in one or more of their 10 sporting events. In addition, Team Davis has formed a "Parent to Parent" group for the purpose of having parents with older adults meet up with parents of school age children to

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discuss the resources and services ahead during the transition years. Team Davis has 150 participants and promotes both active lifestyles and nutrition health education as well. Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) is aware of the local and statewide teacher shortage so they are applying to be a site for a teacher intern program. If this is a possibility for YCOE, they will better serve the students of Yolo County. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is comprised of parents of students (general education and special education) enrolled in public, county, or private schools within the County SELPA; teachers, pupils, administrators, and agencies who are willing to serve on the CAC. (People Active 10 FA/ 6 OTH – ORGs 3 OTH)

- SACRO staff coordinated and hosted a meeting on November 28th, 2016 with representatives of Sac City Unified School District's CAC and the Peer Advocacy Connection of Supported Life Institute. The CAC chair sees a need for more empowerment activities among students with disabilities. This could be activities directly with students with disabilities, with all students, with staff, or with family members. A local middle school principal is interested in hosting an Empowerment Group at Sam Brannan School in Land Park. A Touch of Understanding, Warmlines' Teen Cafe, YoDisabled and Proud's programs, and Anti-Bullying Presentations by Capital People's First were all discussed. Each participant agreed to look into options and report back at a meeting in January. (ORGS 3 OTH)
- SDIRO: The SDUSD Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC) has formed an ad hoc committee to look into the disparities, if any, in discipline/suspensions/expulsions of students that are enrolled in special education within the district. The CAC executive committee invited staff of the San Diego Imperial SCDD office, employees, (both current and former), community members, parents, and any interested parties to their first meeting on 10/27/16 to:
 1. Determine if there is a consensus that this is an area that needs attention, and
 2. If the answer is yes, what plan of action should the committee take? After a round table discussion, it was decided that a letter would be drafted to the superintendent to request the following information: 1. Redacted data on all disciplinary action within the district (suspensions, expulsions, "blue slips", etc.) 2. Draft of procedures that are to be approved in early December, more specifically, the proposed new procedures involving special education 3. All professional development bulletins, circulars, trainings, etc., to include the Principal's Page and

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any specific information regarding special education trainings, procedures, and changes 4. The 2016 SDEA study from Dr. Vernon Moore that states that discipline within the district is not disproportionate (regular ed. vs. special ed.). This study was presented, but the written study has not been shared/distributed. Staff engaged in discussion regarding what information parents need to know when their child is sent home from school due to a behavioral issue - i.e. does the 10 days start immediately, etc.? The ad hoc committee will meet again on November 17, 2017. There were 5 committee members and 6 community members present. In addition to the current attendees, there will be an invitation to students in the SDUSD special education program. (ORGS 6 OTH)

- SDIRO staff, on 11/15/16 in San Diego participated in the monthly planning meeting for the 34th Annual Involved Exceptional Parents Day Conference. Committee members discussed workshop topics and speakers, keynote speakers and updates from subcommittees were given. Those in attendance: San Diego Regional Center, parents, Exceptional Family Member Program-Military, Team of Advocates for Special Kids and Home of Guiding Hands. (People Active 3 FA/ 6 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
SJCOE Nov-Dec Workshop Trainings	0	100	25
WarmLine Family Resource Centers Special Education Newsletter	8	200	30
"USC UCEDD Webinar: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)"	35	135	250
USC UCEDD Webinar ESSA	25	100	25
USC UCEDD Webinar: Every Student Succeeds Act	13	540	501
USC UCEDD Webinar: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)	5	218	175
Special Education Law and Advocacy Series at University of San Diego	0	380	0
Conference Educativa Del Sur del Condado	13	540	501
Special Education and Regional Center Rights Training – Two free training sessions on IEP and IPP rights. Collaboration with San Bernardino Regional Office	317	810	230
U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in case on service dog and special education	317	810	230

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Endrew v. Douglas County School District US Supreme Court must decide on level of “benefit” special education must provide	317	810	230
FamilySOUP Family Resource Center information on Spanish IEP Groups in Yuba City	30	170	76
Ed Collaborative Update Email- AT Event	0	5	12
Staff shared meeting notes with Stanislaus Transition Task Force team	0	0	45

Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Provided assistance regarding IEP concerns	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	5	0
E	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Parent seeking assistance with IEP for 10 yo son in Sac County. Referred to Warmline, emailed Resource List, Flyer for IEP training this Monday, and IEP information flyer. Crystal.baham@sos.ca.gov	0	1	0
E	Jany & Jackie Saengsawad-Vang jsaengsawad@gmail.com inquired about IEP training Saturday.	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	8	0
T	Aurelia Lucero Aurelia.lucero@yahoo.com, 7 yo son with ADHD in Elk Grove District. Issues with school wanting to move him from regular ed class to ED class. Answered her questions and referred her to Warmline and DRC. Emailed Resource List and added to email list.	0	1	0
F	Gentleman came into the office looking for assistance for his adult, autistic son who attends an adult day school. He thought our office provided direct services. Staff explained what our office does and gave suggestions on where to look for the services he was interested in.	0	1	0
T	Information provided on homeschooling child with disability	0	1	0

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T/E	Referred 1 Family Advocate to OCRA for assistance with their child's IEP and alleged denial of services. Provided IDEA information and OCRA Brochure	0	1	0
T	Call from Heather Grimes 530-507-3065, 530-681-7069 c, about IEP process for son. LM	0	1	0
T	Mother has multiple issues with both RC and School; discussed strategies for dealing with each	0	1	0
T	Through Language Line, able to offer technical support for family regarding IEP rights regarding evaluation/assessment, agreement to plan, quality of education, and strategies to advocate.	0	2	0
T/e	Provided assistance regarding regional center concerns	0	1	0
E	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	2	0
E	Discussed workshop on inclusive educational services	0	0	2
T/E	Provided assistance regarding IEP concerns	0	1	0
T	Heather Grimes, 530-507-3065, Esparto, Yolo County, 11 year old son with ADHD getting frequent suspensions and school wants him to leave. She's had 4 IEPs in a month. Looking for advocate. Suggested she get everything in writing. Emailed Resource List, added to email list, recommended she call Warmline or DRC for advice and council over the phone.	0	1	0
T	Provided CVRC service coordinator information on transportation for the student to and from school when written into the students IEP.	0	0	1
E	Provided information on special education resources/issues	0	6	0
E	Consultation provided on IEP issues	0	5	1
T	TC from parent frustrated at the school district ON not providing inclusive education for her child. SCDD referred parent to the WarmLine and to Disability Rights California.	0	1	0
T	Provided information on resolving IEP disagreements to SA and FA	1	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	3	0
T	Consultation provided on IEP issues	0	1	0
T	Provided assistance regarding school bullying concerns	0	1	0
E	Provided information on special education resources/issues	0	3	0
T/E	Provided assistance regarding IEP eligibility concerns	0	1	0
T	Technical Support offered to parent of Early Start student and rights associated with evaluation/ assessment, IEP development, rights, and advocacy	0	1	0
T/E	Provided assistance IEP concerns	0	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Provided information on special education resources/issues	0	2	0
T	Kerra kerrac@gmail.com about assistance to file a "stay put" with Placer County, Roseville school for 14 yo son, not RC consumer. Referred to Warmline, shared Resource List.	0	1	0

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T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T/E	Mother has issues with IEP; discussed use of compliance complaint process to address them	0	1	0
E	AnnaLangen langena2005@gmail.com requested to be notified of future special ed trainings	0	1	0
T	Staff assisted mother of 18 y.o. who had questions about Newman school districts actions in regard to her son's IEP. LEA wants to end educational program without IEP. Staff referred to Disability Rights of CA, Clients Rights Advocate, CA Department of Education and Stanislaus SELPA. RO6	0	1	0
T/E	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0

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- BARO staff participated in the post conference meeting for the College with a Disability Conference held at the CARE Parent Network offices in Martinez. This conference is an opportunity for students with disabilities, aged 14 and up, and their families to learn about the array of resources and supports available at the college level. This meeting was scheduled to discuss what worked and what could have been better at conference. Planning members discussed the evaluation forms that were filled out at the day of the conference. There were a lot of positive comments about the event, but a lot of suggestions about the location of the event. The planning members discussed the plans and reservations for next year's conference. Overall, the collaborating agencies were pleased with the turnout and the positive feedback received from this year's conference. (People Active 8 OTH)
- CCRO staff chaired the Disability Collaborative meeting on Transition and assisted with planning a Summit on financial planning. Planning includes choosing a date and organizing the panel. Review of program format completed, date of summit selected, and panel discussion speakers identified. (ORGS 8 OTH)
- LARO staff provided technical assistance and participated in a meeting of the Los Angeles Special Education Taskforce. The Taskforce is a collaboration of special education attorneys and advocates who meet monthly to share resources, new laws, current events, emerging issues and promising practices. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 2 FA/ 12 OTH – ORGS Involved in Coalitions 12 OTH – ORGS Involved in Change 7 OTH)
- NBRO staff met with self-advocates and family-advocates of youth in transition, on 11-22-2016, and presented information on the alternatives to conservatorship. Discussion included client rights and general alternatives. The Disability Rights California publication, a 2-page handout and an OCRA North Bay brochure, was provided to each participant. (People Trained 2 SA/ 1 FA)
- NCRO staff convenes and facilitates the meeting which includes a coalition of Special Education transition program staff, Redwood Coast Regional Center,

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Mendocino College, Department of Rehabilitation, Supported Employment Agencies, and Supportive Living Service Agencies. As part of the meeting, the group welcomed representatives from the organization Creating Behavioral Educational Momentum which was recently vendorized by the regional center to work with individuals and families to provide crisis stabilization services, coordinated through RCRC referral. Given the challenges and changes that occur during transition, it is noted that approximately ½ of their current case load is transition age youth. The agency provides 24/7 crisis line support, face-to-face support M-F during normal work hours. They establish short term stabilization goals which may include behavior goals, works with entire circle of supports. 1 hr./wk., services fade after 3-6 months. They do offer a weekly drop in for clients. Currently they are seeking qualified staff to serve more clients. (ORGS 8 OTH)

- NVHRO staff met with consultant for Walton School regarding Transition Training. The consultant is a parent of an adult with an intellectual/developmental disability and the training is for parents whose children have spent the majority of their education at Walton. Walton is for children with severe and medically fragile disabilities. Staff gave the consultant a handout and business cards to let the group know that SCDD is available to provide a variety of trainings should they need/want that. Since this is the first attempt at the training- it is geared for parents by parents. (People Trained 1 FA)
- NVHRO staff participated in and facilitated a meeting of the Stanislaus Transition task force. The team discussed WIOA and changes in Medicaid waiver requirements that will affect how regional centers and their vendors operate in relationship to the CA department of Rehabilitation. Staff crafted notes from the meeting and distributed via email to the group. (People Active 12 OTH)
- SACRO staff attended and participated in the transition fair Planning Committee with staff from the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE), Yolo County School District, the Supported Life Institute, Alta California Regional Center and Workability. The transition fair is designed for 120 students from Woodland, Davis, Esparto, Winters, and West Sacramento who are in their Junior or Senior year of high school and will take place at the YCOE on February 27, 2017. This planning team is also planning a transition fair designed for parents which will take place on another date TBD. (People Active 3 FA/ 14 OTH – ORGS 6 OTH)

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- SACRO staff attended and participated in the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Transition planning meeting for the upcoming Transition Fair for all Yolo County School District students and parents. SCDD will collaborate with educators, parents and students to increase information and technical assistance to prepare and empower students, parents, and professional educators in developing individualized transition plans. The Transition Fair will be held in the spring and serve students ages 14-22 throughout Yolo County. The format will be a vendor fair and panel discussions, for student/parent focus will include information on Regional Center Services, work, college education, independent/supported living and other options, community living/recreation, rights, and self-advocacy. In addition, information on Self-Determination, Paid Internships, ABLE Act and In-Home Support Services (IHSS) will be offered. Students will be transported to the event on Regional Transit, a public transportation system from their school site to ensure participation. SCDD staff prepared an outline of all the information on services and support identified at past transition fairs as an outline for this meeting. (People Active 2 FA/ 10 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)
- SBRO met with the Special Education Director in Bishop regarding how SCDD could collaborate and provide support regarding the transition of self-advocates from school into work or community based settings. SCDD has received several calls from parents and teachers stating that they have been advised that they cannot ask for assessments for their children in special education programs at the school. SBRO sought clarification for these concerns from the Special Education Director. It was determined that training was needed for both the parents and the teachers at the school. The Special education director stated that SCDD could do the trainings in the future to clarify the roles and responsibilities of both the schools and the families. SBRO also encouraged collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) who visited the area in October as part of a collaborative effort to develop services for both Bishop and the Mammoth Lakes communities. The Special Education director expressed an interest to also develop services for self-advocates and their families, and to collaborate with DOR on any efforts to develop new opportunities for the area. As part of this collaborative effort, the Special Education Director for Bishop would like to work with SCDD, DOR, and the

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schools in the area to host an employment summit in the spring of 2017. SCDD agreed to coordinate this effort with DOR and other stakeholders in the community so that this collaborate event could develop additional transition services through training and outreach, and assist employers in connecting with the community. (ORGS 3 OTH)

- SBRO met with the Superintendent of the SELPA in Bishop regarding how SCDD could collaborate and provide support regarding the transition of self-advocates from school into work or community based settings. SCDD has received several calls concerning students being forced to exit at the age of 18 without parental consent, which has resulted in those students not working or going to school and sitting at home. In addition, self-advocates and their families have voiced their concerns over the lack of community based supports for employment options and how the schools rely on the (1) work program to provide services for persons with a disability in the community. SBRO encouraged collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) who visited the area in October as part of a collaborative effort to develop services for both Bishop and the Mammoth Lakes communities. The SELPA expressed an interest to also develop services for self-advocates and their families, and to collaborate with DOR on any efforts to develop new opportunities for the area. As part of this collaborative effort, the SELPA would like to work with SCDD, DOR, and the schools in the area to host an employment summit in the spring of 2017. SCDD agreed to coordinate this effort with DOR and other stakeholders in the community so that this collaborate event could develop additional transition services through training and outreach, and assist employers in connecting with the community. (ORGS 4 OTH)
- SBRO participated in the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Fall Family Fun Festival in the city and county of San Bernardino, to support the community we both serve and to disseminate resource materials to all who attended. In consultation with federal partners and in collaboration with educators and stakeholders, will increase information and technical assistance to prepare and empower students, families and professionals in developing individualized transition plans that lead to employment, post-secondary education and/or independent living options and opportunities. (Members of Public Reached 80 SA)
- SBRO provided community outreach training by collaborating with the Inyo Mono

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Association for Handicapped (IMA to utilize their location free of charge to present information regarding the Individual Education Plan (IEP) so that attendees would better understand their Special Education Rights and Responsibilities. Bishop self-advocates and their families had requested the training to increase their awareness and knowledge about the availability of and access to services which support an inclusive education. SBRO provided information for filing a compliance complaint with the California Department of Education and/or filing for Due Process when there is a disagreement with a decision made by the school district. Present at the training was the Special Education Director, a teacher, and family members of self-advocates. Materials that were disseminated were as follows; SCDD "IEP Basics" (English & Spanish) and OAH "Solving Special Education Disputes between Parents and School Districts" (English & Spanish) (People Trained 4 SA/ 19 FA/ 3 OTH)

- SBRO provided community outreach training by collaborating with the Inyo Mono Association for Handicapped (IMAH) to utilize their location free of charge to present information regarding the Individual Education Plan (IEP) so that attendees would better understand their Special Education Rights and Responsibilities. Bishop self-advocates and their families had requested the training to increase their awareness and knowledge about the availability of and access to services which support an inclusive education. SBRO provided information for filing a compliance complaint with the California Department of Education and/or filing for Due Process when there is a disagreement with a decision made by the school district. (People Trained 8 SA/ 16 FA/ 1 OTH)
- SEQRO staff visited with the Program Manager of Family Builders Foster Care WRAP Services in Kings County to provide him with information on trainings and services that our office provides. Family Builders Foster Care WRAP Services are designed to meet the identified needs of caregivers and siblings and to address a range of life areas. Wraparound also aims to develop the problem-solving skills, and coping skills of the young people and family members. There is an emphasis on integrating the youth into the community and building the family's social support network. Services and supports provided, should be individualized, family driven, culturally competent, and community based. The process should increase the "natural support" available to a family by strengthening interpersonal relationships

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and utilizing other resources that are available in the family's network of social and community relationships. The outcome was good as we were able to set up an IEP training for approximately 16-20 Foster Care parents in January 2017. (ORGS 1 OTH)

- SEQRO: Quarterly meeting of Agency Representatives to discuss Adult Transition in a Community Meeting Forum. Meetings are to provide educational tools that support adults with disabilities as they contribute to a productive workplace, exercise self-direction and positively impact the community. Representatives give updates on current transition projects and any relevant Legislative updates. This meeting included a panel of experts to discuss the impact of HCBS in the Central Valley. The panel was made up of a CVRC Representative, a Day Program Representative and a Family Vendorized Provider. We talked about Competitive Integrated Employment, Cal Able, Community Winter Formal and Ca. Workforce Association Conference. (ORGS 10 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
School to Work Specialist vacancy notice	30	68	129
"Butte County SELPA Transition Fair"	35	135	250
Life After High School Training	317	810	230

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T	Provided technical assistance regarding transition to adulthood, which included a discussion of appropriate and available services. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	3	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	2	0
T	Provided technical assistance on Title 1 schools and transfer options; Adult Transition	0	7	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	6	0
E	Provided technical assistance on Title 1 schools and transfer options; Adult Transition	1	0	1
T, E	Consultation provided on Life College as PSE option.	1	1	1
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Special Education, IEP strategy, due process, independent educational evaluations, and placement. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
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- SDIRO: Project College Committee meeting to confirm dates for 2017 session. Discussed marketing strategies, started compiling lists of what schools/agencies we should reach out to, finalized changes to brochure. (ORGS 5 OTH)

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Disability Scoop: Segregated Employment, Day Programs May Violate ADA	35	135	250
Rowell Family Empowerment is Hosting Special Training	35	135	250

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T	SC called because one of her clients was suspended without proper documentation at Clovis USD. Provided her with input on how to handle suspension cases.	0	0	1
T	FA called regarding her grandsons 504 accommodations. She did not feel that they were written clearly and wanted to clarify if she could call a 504 meeting at any time to request some clarification on existing accommodations and request adding a few more. Sequoia Regional staff provided her with 504 information.	0	1	0
T	Referred FA living in Huntington Beach to Orange County office. Needed help with school placement vs. home schooling.	0	1	0
T	FM Re: Non RC SA in High School currently in the 11th grader whom is wheelchair bound. Having issues with public school with not having the proper wheelchair ramp access (too narrow), FM feels 1 on 1 aid is bullying SA and stated FM has made numerous complaints to the principal and school requesting a new aid, but nothing is being done. SA is attitude towards the school has changed and doesn't want to go anymore. Gave message to CPS II to follow-up.	0	1	0

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T	Returned call from FM, Re: Non RC SA in High School currently in the 11th grader whom is wheelchair bound. Having issues with public school with not having the proper wheelchair ramp access (too narrow), FM feels 1 on 1 aid is bullying SA and FM stated that they have made numerous complaints to the principal and school requesting a new aid, but nothing is being done. SA's attitude towards the school has changed and doesn't want to go anymore. Gave message to CPS II to follow-up. Requested Spanish interpreter.	0	1	0
E	Technical support to SELPA CAC director regarding duty to find and other policy issues for schools to identify students needing special education services.	0	1	1
E	School district SELPA director requesting more info about Paid internship program. Forwarded info.	0	0	1

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- BARO staff participated and contributed to the Diversity and Equity meeting held in San Leandro on 11.7.16. Discussions included updates regarding the recent outreach to the Mien population re RC services and collaboration as well as the updates on Farsi and Dari outreach planning, starting with a conference call with community leaders and with those providers or professionals that have demonstrated strong outreach in this area. A Farsi-focused case manager attended this meeting and shared the challenges w outreach and with service follow through, due to the cultural competency and the needs this community has that our system struggles to meet. Additionally, this committee reviewed the updated job description that RCEB will use to recruit a diversity specialist. (People Active 5 FA/ 10 OTH – ORGS 6 OTH)
- BARO staff participated in and provided an update at the RCEB's BOD meeting on 11.28.16 in San Leandro. ED Jim Burton announced his retirement planned for Feb 2017. At that time, he will drop to no more than a week per month, or less, while Santi Rogers steps in as the interim ED of RCEB, while the board will start the recruitment and search process for a new ED. Jim asked that the board and attendees give him some time to notify others before going public with this news. Other agenda items included updates from SCDD staff, county council staff, and discussion re the state budget and RCEB budget. Update on Sonoma Developmental Center closure progress, and an update on ABX 2 1 disparity reduction funding. There are currently about 32 vacant positions at RCEB, down from 40. New funding will have covered approximately 200 new case manager positions statewide, and 20 of them are for RCEB. CAC report covered the concern around the decrease in SSP funds, negating the small increase in SSDI funds. (People Active 5 FA/ 16 OTH)
- BARO staff participated in this month's DDC meeting which focused on the Alameda County Transportation Commission Needs and Assessment on 11.9.16 in Oakland. The county is aware that 13% of the population is over 65 years of age, 19% are living in poverty, 10% are disabled and 12% are seniors. (DDC meeting 11/2/16 continues) They are looking ahead to see where the needs are with the extra funding they were through Measure BB. They were requesting our feedback on how best to use these extra dollars. We were also given an update

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concerning the Long's grant that was given to 3 of the programs in the regional center, which are East Bay Innovation, Futures Explored, and Contra Costa ARC. They were given a grant of \$2,000,000 for over 3 years to develop a jobs with a direct and clear path to not just having a job but having a career. Through Project Search, consumers are being trained in different careers to seek gainful employment. They are also developing internships and partnering with adult schools. There are also other supported employment agencies such as Helping Hands of the East Bay and FRN who are waiting to be vendorized through the regional center to also provide these type of services. The election results were also discussed with Pam Willow from the Legislative Council Chair from the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency. SCDD staff announced the state plan passed and the Feds were pleased with our report. I also updated the council on the NCI project and what target population we are planning to survey for this fiscal year. Cal Office of Emergency Services has updated its active shooter response guidance report and our next RAC meeting will be on November 30, 2016 in Oakland. (People Active 6 SA/ 10 FA/ 35 OTH – ORGS 6 SA/ 10 FA/ 35 OTH)

- BARO: The regional center gave a report concerning the hearing staff attended at Sonoma concerning the closure and making sure the deadline to move everyone is on track for completion. Ronke wasn't sure of the number of people RCEB has to move into the community. She also stressed to the vendors who will be providing services on the holiday to please let the Accounting (PVAC Meeting 11/18/2016) Department know so they can pay accordingly. RCEB received a diversity grant of \$650,000. from DDS for training, start up funds for day services especially targeting Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mien populations. Currently, RCEB is hiring for a support employment specialist, HCBS specialist to assists with helping vendors to come into compliance with the new ruling, and a diversity specialist. The Self Determination committee is currently recruiting for 2 new members to fill vacancies on the committee. The regional center will choose someone to fill one of the vacancies and state council will fill the other one. SDCC staff announced the state plan has been approved by the federal government. Also discussed the upcoming NCI survey project and the continuing of the MLS

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study. Also informed PVAC that Cal OES has updated its active shooter response guidance report. DDC representative stated the Town Hall meeting is set for February 10, 2016 at the state building, the topic being "Unfinish Business - Keeping the Promise" Since the February meeting for PVAC is the same day as the Town Hall meeting, the February meeting for PVAC will be to attend the Town Hall meeting. The Alameda County Transition Fair has not confirmed a date for 2017 yet but the CCC Transition Conference will take place on January 20, 2017. The conference is titled "Adulthood". Other agencies gave updates and reports concerning their programs. RCEB board member stated that RCEB received a clean report with no discrepancies on their recent audit. This meeting took place on 11.18.16 at San Leandro. (ORGS 33 OTH)

- BARO: This month's Alameda County DD Council Executive team meeting was short and the only agenda item discussed was the executive committee top priority with finalizing the By-Laws and getting the board in compliance with the Alameda County Public Health Guidelines. The current by-laws mandate the majority of seats be filled by consumers or family members. (DD Executive Meeting 11-17-2016) The remaining at large seat will include service providers, public agency representatives and community representatives. The terms of appointments is where the council and be out of compliance. The new term consists of directors may serve up to four 3 year consecutive terms. Terms will run consecutively with the program year, from July 1 through June 30. Partial year service may be prorated. There is no limit on the number of terms that can be served, but when the maximum twelve years is reached, a Director must step down for a least one year. Currently, we have 10 Directors who have served beyond the 12 years and 3 more to reach that number by June 30, 2017. The total number of directors on the board is 30, so to lose 10 members at one time would be detrimental to the continuing function of the board. We are hoping to have the by-laws completed and ready for the board to vote on them by January 2017. This meeting took place on 11.17.16 in Oakland. (People Active 5 OTH – ORGS 5 OTH)
- CCRO staff participated on the planning committee for an annual conference for Spanish speaking parents of children with special needs. Conference to be held in January 2017. In addition to attending a monthly planning meeting, committee

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members collaborated via email and phone regarding conference details as well. (ORGS 5 OTH)

- NSRO staff participated in the continued planning of a multicultural conference titled "Exploring Cultural Diversity in Rural Communities, Everyone Matters" in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center and Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California. The conference will be February 16, 2017 at Rolling Hills Casino in Corning California from 9-4pm. The conference will focus on information and celebration about culture and people with diverse-abilities. The conference is part of a grant to Far Northern Regional Center provided by California Department of Developmental Services. ABX 2 1 provided dollars to communities to assist in reducing expenditure disparities. Conference planning has involved securing speakers, coordinating registration process using Eventbrite, developing marketing flyer and conference details, establishing contract with facility and other set up details. (People Active 2 FA/ 3 OTH – ORGS 3 OTH)
- SEQRO: Continuation of cases involving suspensions. Sequoia Regional Office is in the process of developing a systems suspension and expulsion survey. We are waiting to hear back from Disability Rights California. (ORGS 2 OTH)

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N/A				

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- LARO staff participated in a two and a half hour panel presentation in English for the Foothill Autism Alliance pertaining to community options for consumers who are at risk for out-of-home/crisis home/developmental center placement. There were 23 attendees. Information provided by SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office staff covered topics such as the role of SCDD; the principles of the Lanterman Act; how to ask for regional center services; how to conduct an appeal for regional center services; educationally-related technical assistance; and self-determination. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 1 SA/ 22 FA – ORGS 3 OTH)
- SEQRO: Community Winter Formal Committee Meeting for 2016 was held to discuss reservation of flowers and transporting them to the event, confirmation of food ordered, tablecloths and pitchers purchased coordination of volunteers, decorations and supplies. It was confirmed that the DJ has been booked and dinner entertainment will be provided by the Creative Center. Clovis Keys program will provide cupcakes. There will be a photographer change this year. ARC Fresno has a connection with a photographer that they are currently working with for the night of the winter formal. Committee may have to provide a back drop. Every year there are approximately 400 consumers that attend this community event. We will have a final committee meeting on November 29, 2016. (ORGS 1 SA/ 6 OTH)
- SEQRO: Winter Formal Committee Meeting for 2016 was held to discuss the final details of the winter formal that will take place on December 9, 2016. Confirmation of photographer and back drop, food, ticket sales, decorations, volunteers, time to start decorating and time to be back to serve our consumers at their winter formal. The committee decided to raffle each centerpiece which means there will be 50 lucky winners. Finalized supplies to be purchased and setting up a craft table making picture frames. This is especially nice for those consumers who do not want to dance. Every year there are approximately 400 consumers that attend this community event. (ORGS 1 SA/ 6 OTH)

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SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: QA Interviewer Recruitment		600	650	620

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T	SA, message for CPS II no CB# given. Re: Living in Riverside County, will be homeless after tomorrow. SA stated that they have contacted the numbers given but no one seems to be willing to help. Gave message to CPS II to Follow-up.	1	0	0
T	FM RE: Applied to IRC for eligibility was denied. Referred to OCRA, & DRC.	0	1	0

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- BARO staff met with Magical Bridge Foundation founder Olenka Villarreal. Discussed how Magical Bridge Palo Alto has progressed with community connections and engagement around inclusion, anti-bullying, health, and community building initiatives. Also discussed progress with developing Redwood City project. Also, discussed updates regarding new projects for East Bay cities and other peninsula cities that are in early development. Staff shared updates on other projects of interest (public private partnerships for public inclusionary spaces for play, community meeting space, etc.). Discussed data projects and legislative work happening at state level, and ways to get involved and to collaborate with the furthering of comprehensive data projects for our service system. Introduced Olenka to the ED of Manos Home Care, who has been working on a data project of interest. Agreement to stay connected to monitor progress on the Magical Bridge project developments, statewide data collection projects and other statewide legislative and public policy movements that can affect Magical Bridge Foundations work with local cities and counties. (Orgs Involved in Coalitions 2 OTH – Orgs Engaged in Change 2 OTH)
- BARO staff met with Steve and Jennifer (Head Attorneys) for the Dale Law Firm in Pacheco on 11.21.16. Discussions included looking at trending in the region, and statewide legislative efforts in areas of ABLE Act, Special Needs Trusts, alternatives to conservatorships, and Medi-Cal recovery liens. Both agencies shared their focuses, their outreach to the community, and their use of media. The Dale Law Firm has a YouTube channel and posts many custom videos for outreach and education for our community. The firm and SCDD staff discussed what collaborations might be of benefit, and what issues they would track regarding their shared areas of interest. (People Active 2 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- BARO staff met with the ED and Associate ED of Cedars of Marin to discuss their programs, to tour some of their day programs and housing programs, and to discuss needs for their upcoming Board of Directors strategic planning meeting. Additionally, SCDD staff discussed ways to support this agency ongoing with the shifts they will likely need to take to move to more self-directed services that meet HCBS and SDP needs in CA. This agency has many strong skills and attributes, and is in a good position to make changes, despite being a legacy organization of 97 years old. Staff will customize materials for this BOD. (ORGS 2 OTH)
- BARO staff participated in GGRC's Service Provider Advisory Committee on

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11.8.16 in SF. Discussion included some providers who were seeing an improvement in outcomes once their hired contracted recruiters to address staff shortages. Discussed median rate historical information, and the best ways to discuss this with policy makers. Agenda items also included an update on ABLE Act in CA, Supported Decision Making, and update on transportation issues and contracts, and updates in CPP funding and how CPP work is moving along in these three counties. SCDD staff also shared info about Cal OES and the updated active shooter recommendations. (ORGS 19 OTH)

- BARO staff presented an HCBS, SDP, WIOA, and other systems change presentation to the Board of Directors for the Cedars of Marin on 11.12.16 in Ross. The goals for this were to educate the board as to the critical changes happening and the need for them to lead their agency in shifting to meet the needs of HCBS and SDP, among other needs. Most of the board had limited understanding of our system, its funding, and the federal and state shifts happening. Staff will continue to provide information as appropriate, and will assist their senior team as requested with info, support with strategy, etc. The Cedars of Marin has several programs that will fall in the heightened scrutiny process for HCBS final rule. Their senior services and health services, however, would be excellent a la carte services for CA's SDP. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 3 OTH)
- BARO: Presentation took place on 11.28.16 in Fremont. SCDD Staff presented / was a guest teacher at Mission High School for a senior Gov't and Econ class, discussing disability rights, SCDD and the funding structure for both SCDD's work and our service system. Discussed generic supports and civil rights issues around access and equity for PWD. Answered questions and provided contact information for further info. Ensured the students had some clear action items- things they can do and ways for them to engage in meaningful decision making and participation in rights work and Gov't on a local and state level. Provided the Instructor with additional info around Lanterman Act and CA's entitlement state status, in relation to system funding. (Members of Public Reached 30 OTH)
- BARO: The Legislative Coalition committee, including SCDD staff, discussed the 2017 EBLC Town Hall meeting scheduled for February 10, 2017. Nancy Bargmann from the department is scheduled to speak on the Lanterman Act in general, evolving expectations and focusing on the future, and new initiatives in the proposed budget. (EBLC meeting on 11/2/16 continues)The days event has

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been divided into 4 Segments. Some of the topics will be on children 0-5 and difficulty obtaining services, transition age youth and employment and internship opportunities, and adults and the housing crisis. We also discussed what to call this year's town hall meeting and some of the titles discussed were "Protecting the Promise" "Unfinished Business" and "A Time of Transition" just to name a few. As a team, we were to send in our top favorites for a final vote. There are no new updates concerning the state budget at this time. Everyone is waiting on the election because there are a lot of Initiatives on the ballot so we are in a "wait and see" what happens after the election. Closures of Fairview, Sonoma, and Porterville Developmental Centers will be the first priorities. The governor's budget is due out on January 10, 2017. We are working with all stakeholders to protect and expand the Lanterman Act, eliminating barriers to full access and integration for people with developmental disabilities. We also discussed and changed are statement of purpose and legislative priorities. This meeting took place on 11.02.16 in Oakland. (People Active 2 SA/ 1 FA/ 14 OTH – ORGS 2 SA/ 1 FA/ 14 OTH)

- BARO: This meeting with DRC and OCRA took place in Oakland on 11.23.16. This was the second meeting for this collaborative group of DRC, OCRA and SCDD Bay Area office staff, with the purpose of quarterly meetings to evaluate areas of need, trends, barriers and concerns from the Bay Area and Sacramento areas. SCDD staff reported trending as well as issues in areas of: Quality assurance with regional center service providers associated with RCEB, Denti-Cal provider expansion needs, ABLE Act education, etc. Group also touched on follow up / status of last meeting's focuses, which included early start services at GGRC and voting rights. (People Active 4 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- CCRO staff attended and gave updates on Council activities at the San Andreas Regional Center Board Meeting. Included in the report were updates on Self Determination and the Day and Employment Best Practices Forum. (Public Policymakers Educated 18 OTH)
- CCRO staff attended the public hearing meeting for the Valley Transit Authority regarding potential changes to routing and schedules. Staff offered public testimony requesting that as decisions are being made, the needs of those with disabilities, and those dependent on para-transit services be considered in the decision making. A particular concern is for weekend routes that might be

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curtailed and therefore limiting the possibility of riders with disability being able to receive transportation services on Saturday and Sunday. (Public Policymakers Educated 45 OTH)

- CCRO staff met with and reviewed activities with the Executive Director of the Tri-Counties Regional Center. Topics of discussion included Self Determination, policy needs, HCBS, and recent Council activities. (Public Policymakers Educated 5 OTH)
- CCRO: At the invitation of a Regional Advisory Committee member, staff met with the Consulate General and staff of the Mexico for the Central Coast region. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Consulate of the State Council and its purpose and areas of interest where our organizations may collaborate, particularly on outreach to the Mexican community in the area. (Public Policymakers Educated 5 OTH)
- LARO Manager attended the APSE Conference and met with the Executive Director with NDI to discuss the possibility of bringing the Financial Inclusion Summit to California to best support the I/DD community in California. A similar event at Columbus, Ohio can be accessed at <http://www.realeconomicimpact.org/news/?id=1626>. (ORGS 2 OTH)
- LARO staff attempted to attend the board meeting of South Central Los Angeles Regional Center based on information on the website about the date and location. Upon arrival, two families were there as well waiting to attend the board meeting based on the same information. We were informed by Executive Director, Dexter Henderson, that there was no meeting that evening and was surprised to see us there. In response, SCDD LA staff sent a letter to Mr. Henderson requesting that we be notified of board meetings in advance as required by the Lanterman Act and encouraged SCLARC to post their meeting agenda on their website seven days in advance as a best practice. This is to ensure that community members have the opportunity to attend and give public comment. (Programs/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH)
- LARO staff attended a meeting of the Westside Regional Center (WRC) Board of Directors on 11/2/16. Staff monitored board activity for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies. SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office staff provided input on an agenda item regarding the approval of a WRC employment first policy, which the board subsequently discussed and approved. Additionally, SCDD staff

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announced: a one-day conference sponsored by SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office will be held on March 2, 2017; SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office released a new publication, "Adults Get Bullied Too: What People with Disabilities and the People Who Support Them Can Do about It"; and, SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office updated fliers for common services provided by regional centers for children and adults in both English and Spanish. Copies of the Adult Bullying booklet and the four different fliers on common regional center services were distributed at the Board of Directors meeting. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed fliers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, services regional centers can provide, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (Members of the Public Reached 33 SA/ 16 FA/ 28 OTH)

- LARO staff attended the strategic planning meeting of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center. The bulk of the time was spent discussing the ARCA Strategic Plan. SCDD LA Staff requested clarification on several points, however the ARCA plan has been approved therefore is no longer open for comment. The primary concern of SCDD LA staff is the lack of focus on the new HCBS rules which will have a significant impact on services in the next few years. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA/ 15 FA/ 3 OTH)
- LARO staff conducted training on Bullying for Lanterman Regional Center's (LRC) "Padres Unidos" parent support group. This was planned as training about Adult Bullying. However, all 4 parents in attendance have school-aged kids. Therefore, the focus switched to children, using SCDD L.A.'s booklet, "Enough is Enough - Anti Bullying Strategies for Students with Disabilities, Their Parents and Their Schools" (and titled "Ya Basta" in Spanish). Emphasis was on using the IEP to maximum benefit, implementing Bystander Training Programs, helping children practice responses to bullying and other strategies. This training was translated into Spanish by an LRC staff. (Members of Public Reached 4 FA/ 1 OTH)
- LARO staff participated in the monthly teleconference call of the Paratransit Riders' Coalition (PRC). The three main topics of discussion were: 1) review of last month's meeting with north county's subcontractor, 2) dispatch issues, and 3) developing a strategy that addresses the perception that Access Services uses the

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ADA against riders, i.e. just because paratransit systems are allowed to have a trip length twice what it would be on fixed route buses, doesn't mean it's right or the spirit/intent of the law. There was much discussion about this, with the group agreeing that addressing it from a usability, functionality, and efficiency perspective would be stronger than addressing it as a quality of life issue in this context. Discussion to be continued at next meeting. (ORGS 4 SA/ 3 OTH)

- LARO staff provided 60-minute training in English on regional center services to a parent support group (for parents of 4-9 year olds with a regional center case) at Progressive Resources, a service provider. There were 12 attendees and topics included a summary of the principles of the Lanterman Act, how to ask for services from the regional center, what services are generally available from the regional center, the racial and linguistic disparities in how regional centers provide services, the fair hearing appeal process, and answered questions. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 2 SA/ 9 FA/ 1 OTH – ORG 1 OTH)
- LARO staff provided a 60-minute training in English on regional center services to a parent support group (for parents of 7-13 year olds with a regional center case) at Progressive Resources, a service provider. There were 17 attendees and topics included a summary of the principles of the Lanterman Act, how to ask for services from the regional center, what services are generally available from the regional center, the racial and linguistic disparities in how regional centers provide services, the fair hearing appeal process, and answered questions. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 1 SA/ 15 FA/ 1 OTH – ORGS 1 OTH)
- LARO staff provided 60-minute training in Spanish on regional center services to a parent support group (for parents of 7-13 year olds with a regional center case) at Progressive Resources, a service provider. There were 14 attendees and topics included a summary of the principles of the Lanterman Act, how to ask for services

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- LARO staff provided 75-minute training in English on regional center services to a parent support group (for parents of 12-18 year olds with a regional center case) at Progressive Resources, a service provider. There were 21 attendees and topics included a summary of the principles of the Lanterman Act, how to ask for services from the regional center, what services are generally available from the regional center, the racial and linguistic disparities in how regional centers provide services, the fair hearing appeal process, and answered questions. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 20 FA/ 1 OTH – ORGS 1 OTH)
 - LARO staff provided 75-minute training in Spanish on regional center services to a parent support group (for parents of 11-25 year olds with a regional center case) at Progressive Resources, a service provider. There were 11 attendees and topics included a summary of the principles of the Lanterman Act, how to ask for services from the regional center, what services are generally available from the regional center, the racial and linguistic disparities in how regional centers provide services, the fair hearing appeal process, and answered questions. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, the Wednesday training series at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 10 FA/ 1 OTH – ORGS 1 OTH)
 - LARO staff reached out to CalABLE staff and several local family and vendor organizations to facilitate presentations by CalABLE in the Los Angeles area.

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CalABLE indicated that they are doing presentations with the area regional centers already. Adding presentations through family groups and vendors should broaden their reach. At this time two presentations have tentatively been scheduled in January. One should yield several hundred attendees in the San Fernando Valley (New Horizons). The other will be coordinated with the Chinese Parent group (CPAD) working with several other Asian family groups and a self-advocacy group to combine their efforts. It is hoped that at least one more presentation can be arranged. (ORGS 5 OTH)

- NBRO staff met with self-advocates and family-advocates of Solano County, on 11-18-2016, and presented information on IPP Basics. Points of discussion included what is an IPP, Person Centered Planning, what information should be included in an IPP, effective communication with your service coordinator, and the basics of addressing IPP disagreements. Materials distributed were a copy of the power point presentation, a sample IPP, Introduction to Regional Center Services, Get Ready for Your Child's IPP/IFSP Meeting, Letter to Ask for an IPP Meeting, and Fair Hearing Flow Chart. (People Trained 2 SA/ 2 FA/ 1 OTH)
- NCRO staff continued to facilitate meetings with community collaborators on November 7th and 18th, 2016 to improve access to community and recreational activities for individuals with a disability at the "ARRC" Center. Collaborators include: ARRC Recreation Center, City of Ukiah, Adult Behavior Consultants, Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation, First 5, People First, Special Olympics, and community individuals. Agencies continue to work with the community to facilitate the development of new programs at the facility. The Gym was built large enough to accommodate multiple users at the same time. A new curtain that was donated to the center will increase usage for the community. Day programs will have new options for daily programming activities especially when it is raining. (Program/Policies Created/Improved 1 OTH – ORGS 1 FA/ 8 OTH)
- NCRO staff facilitated collaborations with the local Tri-County Independent Living partner agencies to expand a self-advocate citizen coalition to assist Del Norte County to build an In Home Support Services Advisory Board. Collaborators at the November meeting were: Del Norte DHHS Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Del Norte Veterans Services (VFW) Rural Human Services, Del Norte Health Care District. SCDD staff passed out agency business cards and IHSS Advisory Board brochures to several people who were interested

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- in being on the newly formed advisory board which SCDD is one of the convening partners. Social Services and Rural Human Services were really receptive to becoming members of the advisory board. (ORGS 6 OTH)
- NCRO staff was contacted by a supported living services provider agency that serves medically fragile adults. The issue was that the agency needed to obtain support from the Regional Center to access needed medical/dental services on behalf of a client but they were facing multiple challenges and SCDD staff was able to facilitate a meeting to help to clarify the regional center rights/responsibilities as it relates clients that are similarly situated. The meeting was helpful to identify potential broader systemic issues which will be discussed further to gather additional information and to develop strategies and tools that can be used for all clients in the community who may encounter similar. (People Active 1 FA/ 4 OTH – ORGS 3 OTH)
 - NCRO staff, a member of the Behavioral Health Board, participated in a forum provided by the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Cultural Diversity Committee. Collaborators included: CalWorks, Tapestry Services, Sherwood and Potter Valley Tribal Elders, Redwood Children's Services, Behavioral Health Staff, Board Members and presenters. The purpose of the meeting is to hear feedback from community members, consumers of Behavioral Health services, providers of services and other community stakeholders. This was an opportunity to have dialogue between service providers and consumer/community members. Much of the discussion centered around, employment, education, housing, health care, law enforcement training and navigating multiple agency services and coordination. (Members of Public Reached 2 FA/ 2 OTH – Orgs Involved in Coalitions 7 OTH – Orgs Engaged in Change 2 FA/ 7 OTH)
 - NCRO: As part of staff involvement with the IHSS Advisory Committee in Humboldt County, staff was honored to participate in the proclamation ceremony honoring the people that are critical to our service system. The proclamation acknowledges: “family members, friends, and professional homecare workers (who) devote themselves to providing in-home care to keep families and communities strong...In-home caregivers have an immeasurable impact on the lives of those they care for...their hours are long and their work is hard. Many caregivers are unpaid and most home care professionals receive modest compensation. They often put their own lives on hold, sometimes sacrificing more

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lucrative careers and other life opportunities because they are dedicated.” The document noted that, “in-home caregivers are a vital pillar of our nation's long-term care system enabling millions of seniors and people with disabilities to continue living with dignity and self-determination in their own homes.” Additionally, the program – “saves taxpayer dollars and prevents more costly hospitalization or institutionalization.” The strength of California's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) IHSS program is and will be imperative as we move to the future of community based settings for more Californians. Currently for the program serves nearly 500,000 clients statewide. (Members of Public Reached 3 FA/ 40 OTH – Public Policymakers Educated 7 OTH)

- NSRO staff attended and participated in the 11-8-16 Butte County In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee. NSRO staff serves as the Chairperson, per elected by the Advisory Committee members and is a member, appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors. Staff works with Vice Chair, Public Authority IHSS Supervisor and Butte County Department of Employment Services (who oversees numerous programs including IHSS) and IHSS Advisory Committee Facilitator to plan, organize and facilitate all Butte County IHSS Program issues that fall under the responsibility of the advisory committee. During the 11-8-16 advisory committee meeting, business included recommendations for renewing 4 IHSS Advisory Committee Memberships to Butte County Board of Supervisor's December meeting for action; Approval for proposed IHSS Advisory Committee 2017 Meeting Schedule that includes quarterly meetings on February 14, May 9, August 8 and November 14, 2017 from 10:30am-12:30pm; State and Local Updates from Department of Employment and Social Services (D.E.S.S) Program Manager, Adult Services Division (A.S.D.) which included staffing changes and meeting new Program Manager, A.S.D. and IHSS Social Worker staff updates. The Required Payroll Enrollment Form has new deadlines, now due 4-29-17. If not received provider will be found ineligible and there is a process of being reinstated. If provider is found ineligible, they can still submit by 7-2017. It was reported that Butte County is down 6 social worker positions and they through their recruitment efforts, they are currently interviewing. They are hopeful to hire from the recruitment candidate pool. Report from IHSS Public Authority included IHSS Registry updates. Registry information was reported and currently have 262 providers for Butte County. They will continue to recruit and are including insert

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mailers with paychecks as a new recruitment strategy, in addition to their other recruitment efforts. NSRO Staff provided update on California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA) and advocated that members participate in CICA's Consumer and Provider Survey to help CICA increase understanding of the needs. The information from the survey will be shared with the State IHSS Statewide Advisory Committee. (People Attained Membership 3 SA/ 3 FA/ 3 OTH – ORGS 5 OTH)

- NSRO staff participated in the 11-15-16 Tehama County Coordinating Council Meeting (TCCC) and provided information on the following: SCDD North State Office is organizing a Multicultural Conference in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center and Rowell Family Empowerment; support was provided to a self-advocate who presented at the ASPE 2016 Regional conference on 11-2-16; Collaborated effort to educate the community on Social Security Disability Programs and Employment Supports. There are 2 videos, one in English and one in Spanish. Staff also updated members on the upcoming Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) meeting and the NSRO SSAN representative will be presenting a power point presentation at the Arc Paradise Program in December. Staff provided members with the SCDD State Plan for 2017-2021. Staff typed up draft bylaws for the group to consider and they will be shared with members at the next meeting per the acting Chair. The group just completed the Circle of Champions Dinner and will now be working on organizing an Emergency Preparedness Fair. (People Active 4 SA/ 1 FA/ 6 OTH)
- NSRO Staff participated in the 11-18-16 Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) Board meeting in Anderson, California in collaboration with Department of Developmental Services representative, community members and FNRC staff and members. NSRO Staff provided report on Multicultural Conference Planning, APSE Regional Conference and success of self-advocate presenting at breakout session, State Council on Developmental Disabilities 2017-2021 State Plan approved for 5 years and positive feedback from AIDD, SSA Disability Programs and Work Incentive Programs videos project with Glenn County Office of Education, Mains'l Services, Far Northern Regional Center and SCDD North State Office. The viewing of the videos and presentation of the project will occur on 11-30-16 in Orland. (People Active 8 SA/ 7 FA/ 15 OTH – ORGS 4 OTH)
- NSRO staff participated in the 11-21-16 Butte County Coordinating Council and

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provided facilitation support to BCCC Chair. Discussion focused on gathering ideas from BCCC members on training ideas for 2017. Members provided suggestions including: How is SSA shifting to support minimum wage requirements?, Housing Updates on Affordable and Accessible Housing, Law Enforcement/Disability Awareness, Voter Education, Hoarding Intervention, Health Care Options, In Home Supportive Services, Preparing Students for Competitive Integrated Employment, Department of Rehabilitation and WIOA, Breaking Through Communication, Transition Related Services and Updates. NSRO Staff services on Executive Officer team and will collaborate with Chair and Vice Chair to coordinate the requested trainings through 2017 for BCCC meetings. (People Active 3 SA/ 8 OTH)

- NVHRO Attended the VMRC Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Advisory Committee. This committee meets twice a year. At this meeting- SCDD staff reviewed the surveys from the October Presentation given at the Foster Grandparents Training. The feedback was very positive and ideas for next years presentation were discussed. (Members of Public Reached 10 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- NVHRO is a member of the VMRC Nomination Committee in the recruitment, interview and selection of new Board members. On 11/14/16- the new chair of the Nomination Committee held a meeting to discuss the vacancies and ideas on getting the word out so people will apply. Currently, VMRC has 3 vacancies and need family or self-advocates. The chair made a list of all the ideas and will send to the committee as well as to VMRC staff to update the VMRC website with an easier way for people to find the info and application on the website. The committee is ad-hoc and therefore the next meeting wasn't scheduled at this time. (People Active 2 SA/ 2 FA/ 4 OTH)
- NVHRO staff attends the monthly VMRC Board Meetings. At public comment, staff shared the following information: the new SCDD Brochure and explained that there are now 12 regional office opposed to 13, gave a handout of the approved State Plan for 2017-2021 and shared that AIDD said it was "stellar". Went over the 6 goals and encouraged collaboration on the goals with MRC continue, thanked Claire Lazaro for her help on the Self Determination Training given to self-advocates on Nov 4, and then handouts of DDS Safety Net and the Arc Creations fund-raising event. As a member of the search committee-I was contacted by the

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Board chair about the special meeting. VMRC Special Meeting- this meeting was held so the board could determine its next executive director. They went into Executive Session (closed session) and in open session shared that they had chosen their next Executive Director, Tony Anderson- he will begin January 3, 2017. (Members of Public Reached 5 SA/ 5 FA/ 12 OTH)

- NVHRO staff attends the monthly VMRC Consumer Services meeting at VMRC. The agenda comprised of Public Comment which SCDD staff shared handouts on upcoming event in our catchment area and an NCI update. The handouts given were the new SCDD Brochure, the DDS Safety Net and the Arc Creations December 3, 2016 Holiday event. Staff shared that the Quality Assurance coordinator, George Lewis will now be completing Quality Assurance Surveys for VMRC, Central Valley Regional Center and Kern Regional Center. Staff shared that George has done a great job meeting the number of interviews for this cycle. Staff said she will share the full report of the QA across the state once the report becomes available. The remainder of the agenda items were from the Clinical Department and the final approval on the Service Standard for Autism Services. The other notable item at this meeting was from the VMRC Quality Assurance- SCDD staff had requested that the ALERTS handed out at the meeting have more of an explanation when the alert is marked "Other". The VMRC staff did an explanation page attached to the ALERTS for this meeting. SCDD staff expressed gratitude for this information as did the board members. (People Active 5 SA/ 1 FA/ 12 OTH)
- NVHRO staff participated and hosted the CHOICES Institute 30th Conference planning meeting at our office. SCDD staff was responsible to complete the Micro Business Fair invitation letter and Seller's Permit information- DRAFT was shared with the committee who approved it for distribution. It was email out after the meeting to members to share far and wide. It was placed on the CHOICES website. Speakers were confirmed except one- and SCDD staff was asked to contact DDS to make the request for Nicole Patterson to participate as a moderator and have an info table at the conference. Staff emailed DDS the request. The committee wanted clarification on the SCDD Sponsorship Policy as CHOICES would like to apply for the \$999 as done in 2015. SCDD staff said she would get clarification and share with the committee once received. The SCDD policy is contradictory in regards to using the funds for registration for people with

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intellectual/developmental disabilities. Lastly- the group decided on the theme layout for the T-shirt contest. SCDD staff put the template and info letter together. This information was then sent out via email and posted on the CHOICES website. (ORGS 1 SA/ 1 FA/ 17 OTH)

- NVHRO Staff participated on planning committee for event. In the weeks prior to event staff disseminated information to VMRC and other community partners about the free event. Staff provided technical assistance which included set up and break down of event. Staff also assisted in recruiting volunteers for event. During the event staff disseminated SCDD brochures and spoke briefly about SCDD and the QA project. (ORGS 30 SA/ 25 FA/ 100 OTH)
- NVHRO: CLASP is a VMRC vendor organization. SCDD is on their agenda each month to share information that would be relevant to the providers to foster better or improved services to people they serve. The group decided to meet quarterly opposed to monthly. Staff shared the same information that was shared at the VMRC Board meeting on 11/14/16. Let the group know about our Regional Advisory Committee opening in Calaveras County, our next meeting, Self Determination materials and the new SCDD Brochure. (People Active 22 OTH)
- OCRO staff arranged a tour of My Day Counts, a vocational vendor with both DOR and the Regional Center of Orange County. The Director of Intake & Assessment introduced staff to some of their newest projects aimed at compliance with the Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver requirements, including the My Cup Counts (coffee packaging) and My Job Counts (supported employment) programs. The facility is undergoing renovation to add classrooms (and classes such as resume writing, hygiene/grooming, interview skills, etc) in order to better prepare consumers currently in the habilitation workshop to find competitive integrated employment (CIE) in the near future. (ORGS 2 OTH)
- OCRO Staff attended the regular monthly meeting of the Regional Center of Orange County Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016. The following topics were discussed: Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) deemed 67 adults and 49 Early Start consumers eligible for regional center services in October 2016. - A total of 360 consumers (both children/adult and Early Start) have been deemed eligible for RCOC services in FY17 thus far - The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) reviewed some of the glitches with the newest route changes effective 10/9/16 (elimination of some

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southern Orange County routes). They want to ensure that consumers' transportation needs are being met in spite of the modified routes/schedules. They also announced their 240 para-transit vehicles log over 100,000 miles per month, so they will be receiving about 100 new vehicles for para-transit services soon - The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) chairperson will be providing a Person-Centered Planning training at an upcoming self-advocacy meeting and mentioned the ABLE act "going live" in MI. The VAC is comprised of service providers who volunteer their time to attend meetings where service provider needs, issues and concerns are shared and discussed with RCOC. The VAC members serve a vital function as representatives of the service provider community as a whole, providing advice and counsel to the Board. (ORGS 20 OTH)

- OCRO staff collaborated with Cecilia Mercado, Fiesta Educativa Orange County, regarding the upcoming Destellos de Angeles Holiday Party serving monolingual Spanish-speaking families and self-advocates. This was a planning meeting to discuss details and logistics for the event that will take place on 12/10/2016. It will feature a posada and offer monolingual Spanish-speaking families and self-advocates an enjoyable afternoon gathering including disability-related resources and information, and watch a live performance. (People Trained 3 SA/ 7 FA/ 9 OTH)
- OCRO staff collaborated with Cecilia Mercado, Fiesta Educativa Orange County, regarding the upcoming Destellos de Angeles Holiday Party serving monolingual Spanish-speaking families and self-advocates. This was the last planning meeting and work day to discuss details and logistics for the event that will take place on 12/10/2016. This event will primarily serve monolingual Spanish-speaking families and self-advocates an afternoon gathering which will include disability-related resources and information, and watch a live performance. Two of the three pre-registration dates have passed and thus far, and a total of approximately 700 people are confirmed to attend. (People Trained 3 FA/ 2 OTH)
- SACRO staff attended and presented at the City of Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) on November 17, 2016. There are 8 Commissioners and 3 members of the public attended. There was a presentation by Kirk Thompson, Associate Architect, Public Works Department, on the accessible features of a plan to reconstruct the Old Sacramento Boardwalk and Barge ramps. The committee gave input on features that would be helpful to people with a variety of

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functional and access issues. There was a presentation by Jeff Dorso, Pioneer Law Group, on the plans to build a new soccer stadium at the Railyard for the Sacramento Republic Soccer Team. Issues of accessibility were discussed and the commissioners gave input, particularly to have an area in the stadium that would be designed for people with sensory issues. During Public Comment, SACRO staff presented a summary of HCBS Settings Rules, WIOA, Employment First, Dept. of Labor Rulings on wages, and the CalABLE Act and shared a handout summarizing the highlights of these. I encouraged the Commission to think about taking a position of supporting or encouraging the City of Sacramento and any contractors working on special projects, to consider hiring people with ID/DD. I explained that Federal regulations will be guiding services to give all individuals equal access to the community, with a focus on access to competitive integrated employment. One Commissioner stated that they appreciated the idea of the DAC encouraging employment of people with disabilities and wished the two presenters were still in attendance to hear SACRO's presentation. (People Active 4 SA/ 3 FA/ 1 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)

- SACRO staff collaborated with OCRA to put on training on the IPP and Accessing Regional Center Services on Saturday 11/5/16 at DDSO Short Center North. Both the DDSO North and South Programs were invited, as well as family members and care providers. 3 self-advocates, 4 family members, 2 program staff, and 3 advocates attended. The presentation covered client rights regarding the IPP, appeals, Notice of Action, how to request services from the regional center, Person Centered Planning and how it differs from the IPP process, and Employment First and community based services. This training was organized to give information to family members about the IPP Process since 2 of DDSO's day programs are scheduled to close December 31, 2016. There has already been one meeting with family members/care providers and the Director of DDSO asked DRC and SCDD to lead a training on the IPP so they would know their rights. This training was scheduled on Saturday in hopes that more family members would be able to attend. Even though attendance was small, the family members who attended appreciated the presentation, discussion, and information and appreciated receiving contact information for staff at DRC and SCDD for future information and support. These family members did not know where else to turn to seek more information about available services and supports other than to their

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Service Coordinator. Due to high turnover, they often do not have strong relationships with their Service Coordinator. Families raised issues about estate planning, wills, residential options and supports when they are no longer able to care for their family member. These issues were discussed and family members were encouraged to continue these discussions with their Service Coordinators. SCDD staff also had the opportunity to have a discussion with the Executive Director of DDSO and the manager of CIP (Community Integration Program) about the transition of programs statewide to "community based" per the HCBS Settings Rules. Information and resources were shared with these staff. Staff took 20 packets of SCDD information to share with other family members who were unable to attend this training. (People Trained 3 SA/ 4 FA/ 5 OTH – Members of Public Reached 20 FA – ORGS 3 OTH)

- SACRO staff participated in a meeting on November 29th, 2016 with 35 agencies serving Placer County. The purpose was to complete a SWOT assessment to determine the need for the development of an ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center). It was coordinated by a local Steering Committee. Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to services in Placer County were explored and discussed. A report will be compiled and shared in the coming months. (ORGS 35 OTH)
- SACRO staff participated in a planning meeting for the Supported Life Conference in Sacramento on November 15, 2016 to review this year's conference held October 2016. SCDD is a co-sponsor of the conference. The planning team is a combination of self-advocates, family advocates, teacher/school district staff, providers, agency representatives. Time was spent discussing what worked and didn't work at the conference. The evaluations were reviewed of each session, keynote speakers, the hotel/food, etc. (People Active 2 SA/ 2 FA/ 4 OTH)
- SACRO staffed an Information Table at the Down Syndrome Information Alliance 5K Walk and Information Fair held in Sacramento, November 5, 2016. At the table, information was shared about IEP Process, Transition, Employment First, Emergency Preparedness, SCDD Brochure, future conferences, trainings and special projects. 13 people requested to join SCDD's email list. 50 people visited the table and gathered various handouts. Over 300 attended the event. (Members of Public Reached 5 SA/ 35 FA/ 10 OTH)
- SBRO attended the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Board of Directors meeting

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within the city & county of San Bernardino. The meeting was called to order and the vice-chair established a quorum and the minutes were approved. The meeting was open for public comments, several family advocates voiced concerns regarding lapse in service delivery by vendors. SBRO staff greeted the Board and the audience and gave SCDD SBRO updates on upcoming training collaborations such as: Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) on Ca Promise and services offered by the Work Incentive Planners to promote Competitive Integrated Employment, Workforce Development Boards (WDB) to ensure the individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are factored in on the efforts to move forward with Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA), Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) to provide training to transition age students on preparing for the workforce or post-secondary education, several day program and work activity programs who have requested training for staff and consumers on Employment Incentives and how Social Security Benefits are affected by wages to better prepare for HCBS regulations, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) on providing trainings regarding the highly requested topic of Alternatives to Conservatorship as well as IRC regarding upcoming Self-Determination Program training within the near future. All designed to meet the goal to increase outreach, training, and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services, including but not limited to Regional Centers, education, transportation, public benefits, childcare, and recreation for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. (Members of Public Reached 12 SA/ 21 FA/ 23 OTH)

- SBRO collaborated with Inyo Mono Association for the Handicapped (IMAH) to provide the local community with informational training and community outreach regarding Regional Center services and supports through the Individual Program Plan (IPP) process. All with the goal to increase outreach, training and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services, including Regional Centers, education, transportation, public benefits, child care and recreation for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families. (People Trained 8 SA/ 16 FA/ 1 OTH)
- SBRO hosted a Bishop Town Hall meeting with KRC Interim Director for the community. This meeting was a collaborative effort with IMAH to allow self-advocates and their families to discuss concerns over the lack of services provided by Kern Regional Center throughout the catchment area. KRC Interim Director

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discussed the operational budget concerns for KRC and emphasized that the operational budget and the Purchase of Service (POS) budget were not tied together, so the impact to services would not be affected. Several members of the community advocated that service development is needed for the area, and some expressed their experiences with denials of service, traveling distances over 4 hours or more for services, and the need for resources in the community. All with the goal to increase outreach, training and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services, including Regional Centers, education, transportation, public benefits, child care and recreation for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families. (People Trained 3 SA/ 5 FA/ 10 OTH)

- SBRO hosted a Bishop Town Hall meeting with KRC Interim Director for the community. This meeting was a collaborative effort with IMAH to allow self-advocates and their families to discuss concerns over the lack of services provided by Kern Regional Center throughout the catchment area. KRC Interim Director discussed the operational budget concerns for KRC and emphasized that the operational budget and the Purchase of Service (POS) budget were not tied together, so the impact to services would not be affected. Several members of the community advocated that service development is needed for the area, and some expressed their experiences with denials of service, traveling distances over 4 hours or more for services, and the need for resources in the community. The Interim Director stated that Regional Center employees have been advised to follow the regulations in regards to providing services, and that KRC has plans to offer additional Requests for proposals (RFP) to the public to encourage development for this rural area. He also stated that the purchase of services through utilization of the operations budget, and seeking reimbursement of POS funds will no longer be allowed. This will allow them to become more in line with the other 21 regional centers throughout the state. Several members of the community offered to collect data on the services available for the catchment area vs. what is not available, but needed for both Bishop and Mammoth. They plan to share the results with SCDD and KRC from this focus group so that KRC can strategically plan on how to assist this community with service development. KRC also will look into more community events, sharing information, and also assisting the local office in their direct services to the community. This forum was designed

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- to increase information for self-advocates and provide them with technical assistance to improve the quality and access to services provided by Kern Regional Center. Kern Interim Director agreed to meet with the families on 11/8/16 to discuss their concerns in a community forum, so that their concerns could be addressed. (People Trained 4 SA/ 19 FA/ 3 OTH)
- SBRO in collaboration with IMAH provided to the community of Bishop regarding Regional Center Individual Program Plan (IPP) process, service rights and the appeal protocol. Several of the self-advocates and their families had concerns over the lack of services provided by Kern Regional Center throughout the catchment area, and wanted to know about their rights and responsibilities in regards to their services. The training on the process of Fair Hearings is designed to increase information for self-advocates and provide them with technical assistance to improve the quality and access to services provided by Kern Regional Center. Kern Interim Director agreed to meet with the families on 11/8/16 to discuss their concerns in a community forum, so that their concerns could be addressed. (People Trained 4 SA/ 19 FA/ 3 OTH)
 - SBRO participated in the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Fall Family Fun Festival in the city and county of San Bernardino, to support the community we both serve and to disseminate resource materials to all who attended. All to increase outreach, training and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services including but not limited to Regional Centers education, transportation, public benefits, child care and recreation for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families. (Members of Public Reached 168 SA)
 - SBRO staff collaborated with the Inland Regional Center (IRC) to attend the intake assessment process with a family advocate and their child who were requesting IRC eligibility and has been repeatedly denied via phone without a face to face assessment. SBRO has received multiple calls from community member with complaints regarding the IRC eligibility process. SBRO staff attended the assessment to increase outreach, training and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services, including but not limited to Regional Center service, education, transportation, public benefits, childcare, and recreation for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families. During the assessment process, the family advocate discussed difficulties his child was having at school and his frustration with the school districts offer of FAPE. SBRO

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- followed up with a phone call and provided email resources regarding Special Education Rights and Responsibilities to the Family Advocate. Materials sent were; SCDD "IEP Basics", Disability Rights California "18 Tips for Getting Quality Special Education for your Child", Office of Administrative Hearings, "Solving Special Education Disputes between Families and School Districts", and emailed the link www.disabilityrightsca.org and recommended the publication "Special Education Rights and Responsibilities. (People Trained in Leadership 1 SA/ 1 FA/ 2 OTH)
- SBRO staff met with the Education Resource Specialist of Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) in order to collaborate on future IEP, employment, and positive behavior trainings for the Inland Empire. EPU agreed to provide trainings for the IEP in January, March and May of 2017 as part of a collaborative effort to provide information throughout the catchment area. In addition, EPU has agreed to partner on an employment workshop that focuses on employment trainings for transition aged youth in the area. The first trainings are scheduled as follows: IEP - January 17, 2017; Positive Behavior Training - February 21, 2017; IEP - March 28, 2017; and IEP - May 9, 2017. Other topics on the transition aged youth employment workshops are being established with other partners for a summit that will be announced later for the spring months of 2017. (People Active 1 FA/ 1 OTH)
 - SBRO staff provided an overview of services for the Coachella Valley Autism Society family support group on the role of SCDD, assistance provided by our agency, trainings offered, and other advocacy services. The presentation focused on providing families with increased information and supports, so that the participants could better access services in the community. (People Trained 7 SA/ 1 OTH)
 - SDIRO staff, on 11/4/16 in San Diego, chaired the In Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee meeting. Reports were given by the liaison for the following organizations: Aging and Independence Services, In Home Supportive Services, Public Authority and the California In Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance. A presentation on Mental Health First Aid was given by a speaker from Mental Health America of San Diego County. Those in attendance were: Consumers, providers, In Home Supportive Services, Public Authority. (People Active 3 SA/ 1 FA/ 8 OTH)
 - SDIRO staff, on 11/5/2016 in San Diego coordinated the resource fair for the 2nd

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Annual FERIA Partnership Conference 2016 Supporting Latino Families' Culture & Language: Building Bridges to the Future. This conference was for families whose primary language is Spanish. There were about 150 people in attendance who walked through the resource fair area. Our State Council had a table and distributed 65 State Council brochures. Those vendors in attendance: Park and Recreation services, San Diego Regional Center, Disability Rights California, Molina Health Insurance, local adult agencies, Legal Aid Society, mental health organizations, Team of Advocates for Special Kids, Exceptional Family Resource Center, Catholic Charities, life insurance agencies, Adaptive Computer Empowerment Services and Bonita Family Dental. (Members of Public Reached 65 FA)

- SDIRO: For the third annual Leading the Charge Conference (many hours were spent planning the program, identifying speakers, gathering materials to put on the flash drives that were provided to the attendees, etc. The intention of the event was to again provide information to local self-advocates, family members, transition age youth and transition teachers, service providers and staff, regional center staff and others on the many changes in the service system. This year's event had two keynote speakers Skyped in from Washington D.C, Serena Lowe from the Administration on Community Living, and Madeline Will, from the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination. A historical perspective of the IDD system was provided, and then the focus shifted to the Home and Community Based Service Rules. Following the keynote, there was a State perspective provided on these topics by the Executive Director of the State Council, along with a panel of local service providers and the San Diego Regional Center, to provide the local perspective regarding the challenges and opportunities these rules pose. There were also breakout sessions on Assistive Technology across home, school and employment; a presentation designed more specifically for self-advocates regarding how the new rules will change services and supports for them. Following lunch, there was a leadership award given to a local self-advocate who is in competitive integrated work, and off all benefits. The afternoon panel consisted of presentations of Promising Practices, which included CAPromise, CalABLE, Person Driven Planning, Essential Step to Self-Determination, and a presentation on WIOA (Work Innovation Opportunity Act) and the Employment First Blueprint. The afternoon finished with the Dream Wall Video running in the

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background, while our panel moderator, Susan Madison, posed the question to the audience "Where Do We Go From Here"? for San Diego. Are the services and education being provided matching the dreams of the people? There were opportunities for audience participation, and discussion. (Members of Public Reached 75 SA/ 50 FA/ 75 OTH)

- SDIRO: Leadership Institute on Developmental Disabilities - during the week of November 13th through November 18th, staff attended the CA Leadership Institute on Developmental Disabilities run by the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities. The Institute was an outstanding week of informational sessions on the past history to the future of the system of supports for people with Developmental Disabilities in our country. With all of the changes coming to this system, it was enlightening to learn of new techniques that other parts of the country have employed to successfully transition to community based services exclusively. The leadership challenge was a great opportunity to focus on one area of need, and have the opportunity to glean information from some of the best and the brightest! (ORGS 1 OTH)
- SDIRO: Regional Advisory Committee Meeting of the San Diego Imperial office of the SCDD took place the evening of November 10, 2016. In spite of the fire very close to the office, a quorum was present, so the September meeting minutes were approved and staff provided a presentation on Self-Determination. Following the presentation and the report from the Management. The round table addressed issues of a local group home that requires the families take their family member home every other weekend, which does not seem as though it should be allowed. There were issues of inclusion (or the lack there of) in the San Diego Unified School District, and no inclusion at all in pre-schools. It was suggested to reach out to KIT (Kids Included Together) who will do training for staff at sites struggling to include people with IDD. Another issue was brought to the attention of the RAC that was very disturbing. One of the local districts is not having students in special education have senior pictures taken, nor are they in the yearbook. Staff will follow-up on this issues, and if it is as presented, the RAC will draft and sign a letter to send to the school. The meeting schedule was reviewed for 2017, but the membership requested the meetings take place earlier in the day, from 4:00 to 6:00. This time will not be a problem, unless we need to go back to the regional center to utilize their videoconference equipment to have people in the Imperial

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County attend via the video. Since there are currently no members from that location, the meeting for January will remain as scheduled, January 12th from 4:00 to 6:00. (People Active 3 SA/ 6 FA/ 1 OTH)

- SDIRO: The Developmental Disability Provider Network meeting was held at the San Diego Imperial office of the SCDD on November 10, 2016. Staff provided an update on the program being finalized for the Leading the Charge Conference scheduled for November 30, 2016. There are still ticket sales coming in, and the DDPN has received \$9610.00 in sponsorship so far, so with the \$5,000 from the DDPN, and hopefully the \$1,000 from the SCDD, we should be close to the needed \$22,000 the conference will cost. There will not be any fees charged to self-advocates, students, or the staff/family member that bring them. There was a financial report provided on the DDPN as a whole, a regional center update by the vendor representative member, officer elections, a Lanterman Coalition update and legislative suggestions for the upcoming year. As always, agencies provided announcements and information. Of interest, The audit on respite services on the DDS website is inaccurate, because several agency reps present stated they were listed as being non-responsive, when they were never asked for information. The Annual Board Meeting for the San Diego Regional Center is scheduled for January 10, 2017, and Nancy Bargeman, Director of the Department of Developmental Services will be speaking. There was a lot of conversation about the minimum wage in San Diego going up to \$11.50/hour, and the ripple effect this is having on agencies. The Lanterman Coalition is trying to craft a message so they do not sound like "whiners", since there was a rate increase this past year. It was also discussed that now is the time to reach out to newly elected officials, and introduce ourselves when we congratulate them. The Legislative Forum - typically done in late April or early May - was brought up, and a chair and co-chair need to be identified. There is a competitive, integrated employment available at the Kensington Art Gallery, so the job announcement was distributed, since they would prefer to fill this vacancy with a self-advocate. There is also a new video production program opened to educate and train people with IDD. This is a 20 week program, and runs for 5 hours per day, with assistance in locating employment when completed. (ORGS 1 SA/ 1 FA/ 10 OTH)
- SEQRO staff attended and provided a brief presentation on upcoming events, state plan goals and current collaborations at the Central Valley Regional Center

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(CVRC) board meeting. There were 30 people in attendance, 12 Board Members and the rest were members of the general public. CVRC Staff presented on the DC closure, financials and introduced everyone to new Program Manager heading up the Self-Determination project. (Members of Public Reached 5 SA/ 25 OTH)

- SEQRO staff met with the Program Manager at Break the Barriers in Fresno for a tour of their facility and to get a better understanding of their services. Sequoia Regional Office left a brochure and discussed our trainings with her. We talked about providing trainings to interested parents of students that attend Break the Barriers. Break the Barriers provides inclusive programs through ability awareness, outreach and education via performances, assemblies, conferences workshops and clinics promoting integrated sports, performing arts, aquatics, and health and fitness programs. SCDD staff provided information on the trainings that the Sequoia Office is able to do. (ORGS 1 OTH)
- SEQRO: The Vendor Advisory Committee meets every other month to discuss issues that might arise for vendors of the Central Valley Regional Center. The vendors shared information and concern about their perspective organizations. There was a large amount of conversation regarding employment and consumers. Central Valley Regional Center provided Executive Directors Report, Budget Report, and an update on Self-Determination. Sequoia Regional Office shared information on the activities and trainings we recently provided in the seven counties we serve. (ORGS 22 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
Workshop on Adolescence and Puberty Challenges for Families of Children with Special Needs	6	219	208
AT Funding Workshop Reminder	19	52	103
"Making Voting Accessible for all"	35	135	250
How EvoLibri May Offer Supplemental Support for Your Clients	6	219	208
Parents Advocating Together Flyer for November Meeting	0	321	0

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Voter Information	30	68	129
CalABLE Webinar by CA Treasury Secretary	30	68	129
Leading the Charge Con info	5	5	25
Upcoming Trainings – Nov-Feb	0	0	3
Request for meeting spaces – Merced/Mariposa/Kings and Madera	19	52	104
Secure Choice Retirement Savings Act meeting in Sacramento-CA employers with 5 or more workers must sponsor a retirement plan or automatically enroll employees into the state-sponsored retirement savings program.	0	0	40
Nov 7 Arc MMM	25	25	25
Top Ten Reasons You Should Attend the SC Warriors Game to Benefit LEO's Haven Nov. 25	6	219	208
November 14 CalABLE Stakeholder Agenda	19	52	104
Best Practices in Bed Bug Control	100	100	100
"FNRC Diversity Grant/Promotoras"	35	135	250
CalABLE Stakeholder Conference Agenda	317	810	230
Parents Advocating Together Meeting Schedule and Speakers for 2017	0	392	0
CAPS Poinsettia Fundraiser	25	25	25
SCDD LA ENewsletter Vol 64: Essential Insurance Legal Financial for Special Needs Families	600	650	620
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Packet	11	20	265
Autism Forum Save the Date	25	25	25
Nov 14 Arc MMM	25	25	25
Nov 21 Arc MMM	25	25	25
CalABLE potential participants/beneficiaries survey	300	1500	500
CalABLE December Board Meeting Materials Now Posted	11	20	264
Sibshop for Military Kids	0	380	0
EFMP Events for Military Families	0	380	0
Rainbow Connection Family Resource Ctr Toy Drive Amazon Wish List 2016	7	321	293
Implementing California's ABL Program Webinar	5	392	100
*Free Training, Inland Regional Center sent out mass email on behalf of SCDD San Bernardino Office through their Electronic Listing. SCDD offers FREE trainings on many different topics relevant to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The information collected will help SCDD best serve our community.	0	0	2500
SCDD announcement of all activities participating in throughout the 10 county area and extended offer to provide trainings and/or partnerships.	75	100	100
FNRC Event & Training Notifications	35	135	250
New VMRC Ed Announced	25	25	25
Benefits Training Info SSI	5	25	25

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Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
T/F	Referred 12 people to State Disability Insurance (SDI) for assistance related to their disability, application process, claim, and payment issue.	2	2	8
E	RC staff requested information on free or low cost cell phones for regional center clients. Referred to California Telephone Access Svc and Lifeline Program	0	0	1
E	Discussed POS disparity with community advocate	0	0	1
T	Agency called to discuss activities at the Recreation center and B&G club and how to facilitate better interaction with all parties to improve programs	0	0	1
T	An IHSS worker called about a possible rights denial. A consumer who lives in an assisted living arrangement was receiving meal service delivery directly to her apartment and they are now saying she has to eat in the dining room. She is physically capable of this but is very anxious which has prevented her from doing so in the past. SCDD staff referred to DRC for follow-up.	0	0	1
T	Referral to State Disability INS	0	0	1
F	Provided technical assistance regarding conservatorships, alternatives to conservatorships. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	1
T	Caller was referred by 411 had asked for SB DPSS. SBRO gave caller the correct number.	0	0	1
T	Provided FA list of private advocate/attorney (OAH list) and local neuropsychologists	0	2	0
T	FM of SA w/IRC. Had called OCRA and had not received a return call in 2 days. Had questions re: IRC Appeal form and needed to submit appeal form for aide paid pending. SBRO provided technical assistance.	0	1	0
T	FM re: info on SDP. SBRO provided technical assistance with how to req. SDP, amend the IPP and req. 12 months of POS to understand IB	0	1	0
T	Technical Support regarding obtaining an Independent Evaluation/Assessment	0	1	0
E	Provided resources and video link to MSW student regarding Olmstead and Self-Determination	0	0	1
T	Agency called to discuss strategic planning meeting at SCDD	0	0	1
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	2	0
T	FA wanted to know if we had any suggestions on how the family could receive a medical alert dog for her son with a seizure disorder. Sequoia Regional staff provided her with Make a Wish Foundation and Regional Center information about contacting her child’s service coordinator.	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	5	0

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T	411 call requesting SB Cal-fresh. Referred to (877) 410-8829	0	0	1
T	411 call requesting SB Cal-fresh. Referred to (909) 475-2074.	0	0	1
T	Technical Support regarding IPP rights, data collection, and service provision from residential provider. Quality assurance and maintaining a healthy and safe environment	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	8	0
T	Information provided to FA on regional center appeals	0	1	0
E	Request for a copy of the Lanterman Act booklet	0	2	0
T	Communicated role and services of SCDD	0	0	4
T	Provided information on immigration support and services to Vendor and FA	0	1	1
T	FA called wanting an advocate for her child with autism and speech delay. Stated that she wanted to appeal regional centers eligibility decision. Referred parent to Disability Rights CA	0	1	0
T	Provided TA to parent of adult child served by SCLARC regarding cancellation of services without proper notice. Forwarded link to RULA and DRC Fair Hearing packet.	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
E	Information given to FA on group home referrals	0	0	1
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	4	0
T	Provided TA to parent of adult child found ineligible for services by FDLRC. Forwarded links to RULA and DRC Fair Hearing packet.	0	1	0
E	Information given about Assurance Wireless	1	0	0
T	Social Services called about recreation activities for clients at recreation center, days & times	0	0	1
F	Offered technical support to parent regarding housing, generic services, and advocating with Tri County Regional Center	0	1	0
F	SCDD staff attended a meeting regarding recreation activities for IDD and continuing activities for programs at recreation center	0	0	4
T	SA needed information on clothes closet, gave info and number	1	0	0
F	Eldon Luce invited our office to participate in Placer County ADRC SWOT meeting on November 29th.	0	1	0
T	SA Mental Health Client, lives at room & board in Redlands. SA father is on Hospice, SA stated that FM's are forcing/bullying them (SA) to live in with father until he passes. This has caused SA to miss two medical appointments. Stated that it is crucial to attend these appointments because that is how SA receives medication. Gave information to CPS II for assistance.	1	0	0
E	Inquiry about CPDG	0	0	1
T	Information given about Assurance Wireless	0	1	0
E	Request to be added to email list serve	0	6	1
T/E	Provided Technical Assistance in response to 4 Service Providers concerned that the FNRC Disparity Grant did not provide enough time to meet deadline because it was distributed to the community with 8 days before deadline. Through Staff's advocacy with FNRC, the Grant deadline was extended 2 weeks longer.	0	0	4

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T	Agency called wanting to sign up eight people for an SSI training that Sequoia Regional is providing and she needed help navigating EventBrite program.	0	0	1
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	211 phone, requesting SB welfare office. Referred to SB office (909) 475-2074	0	0	1
E	Emailed back and forth with Education and Outreach Contact from San Diego Alzheimers to begin planning for a conference in the spring	0	0	1
E	Provided technical assistance on RCOC eligibility	0	0	5
E	Contact Special Olympics regarding use of recreation center and forms for scholarship	0	0	1
T	Message from Marice, 951-850-3950 Jackson, Amador County, 13 yo daughter with CP recently dropped from benefits and they appealed. Looking for assistance. Sent message to North Valley Hills SCDD Office requesting they call Marice.	0	1	0
F	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	3	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	Provided information on IHSS and SSI to FA	0	2	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding transition to adulthood, which included a discussion of appropriate and available services. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	211 phone call, requesting DSS SB Office. Gave phone #(909) 475-2074	0	0	1
T	Provided assistance regarding disability concerns	1	0	0
F	The man who came in on 11-14 returned and needed to fax more documents. Faxed the documents for him.	0	0	1
T, E	Technical support offered to family needing to find to obtain services for older sibling without a case open at regional center. Discussed regional center intake process, and generic services that may be available for individual.	0	2	0
F	Referred SA to IHSS service coordinator to help him get transportation vouchers	1	0	0
T	Communicated information on IHSS	0	3	0
F, T	Technical Support offered to parent regarding participation/attendance at a regional center board meeting.	0	1	0
F	Referred SA to get reduced rate phone service as his bill is too high. Gave him information to give to support service.	1	0	0
E	Referred Special Olympics Coach to city to get forms filled out for scholarship to use the Recreation center gym for free	0	1	0
F	Met with group to facilitate funding for services at the recreation center for people with IDD and autism to use space for free	0	0	4
T	Provided FA with information on IHSS and respite services. Referred to local regional center.	0	1	0
F	Met with local family advocate and professional in the field to discuss her experience with poor quality of services provided by RCEB vendors; in particular, a day services provider who called multiple families including her and asked for 12k loan for a month. This RO reported this formally to RCEB and to OCRA and asked for follow up. RCEB is starting an investigation accordingly.	0	1	0
	Staff spoke with an employee of Society for Disabilities in Stanislaus County. She inquired as	0	0	1

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T	to grant availability. Staff referred to the Sacramento headquarters of the State Council. She shared she had called there first and was referred to the Stockton office and was told that the district office would have the information. RO6			
T	211 phone call, requesting welfare office. Gave (909) 475-2074	0	0	1
T	Call from a parent who is thinking about relocating to the Sacramento area and wanted to know what services would be available to her adult son. I contacted the SAC Regional Office to say this parent wanted info and I contacted DDS employee and self-advocate who knows the area well. The information was given to the parent. The parent is a retired professional and as a courtesy- I called the two contacts and gave her their contact info should she actually move.	0	1	0
F	Provided information and referral to an individual with mental illness who came in looking for local resources.	1	0	0
T	Provided information and referral to SA needing information on a specific program for services	1	0	0
T	Provided FA with information on IHSS and respite services. Referred FA to NBRC	0	1	0
T	Provided TA to parent of child served by SGPRC regarding denial of swimming therapy. Forwarded links to RULA and DRC Fair Hearing packet.	0	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	2	0
E	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
F	Provided information and referral to an agency needing diverse board members for the Child Care Planning Council to the Education Center at the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians	0	0	1
E	Provided SA/FA with information on 211, transportation, SLS, ILC, NBRC services. FA referred to OCRA and NBRC	2	1	0
T	Staff assisted mother of 22 y.o. who needed resources for locating and pursuing employment. Staff referred to DRAIL and CA Department of Rehabilitation. RO6	0	1	0
T	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0
T	FA had a variety of questions about SCDD/RAC membership, the QA Project Interviewer positions, upcoming trainings, and CIE. Answered her questions and emailed her additional information.	0	1	0
E	Technical assistance provided on denial of SSI benefits	2	3	0
T	Technical Support offered to advocate and parent regarding son. Discussed regional center intake process, and generic services that may be available for individual. Also discussed advocacy strategies.	1	1	0
T	Provided assistance regarding regional center concerns	0	1	0
F	Provided FA with information on Vallejo community resources including OCRA, Transportation, SELPA, NBRC, FRCN.	0	2	0
E	Provided technical assistance regarding Regional Center issues, IPP strategy, fair hearing. Appropriate referrals and resources were provided.	0	1	0

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- LARO staff attended and participated in a meeting of the Westside Regional Center's (WRC) Political Action and Outreach Committee (PAOC). Many issues were discussed pertaining to the federal election and possible implications for the regional center system, effective strategies pertaining to national issues, and how best approach these issues with local representative. SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office staff answered questions during the meeting and provided technical assistance so the committee could make informed decisions. SCDD Los Angeles staff also distributed flyers promoting upcoming events and information: a one day conference sponsored by the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office, SCDD training opportunities for groups, and an announcement seeking interviewers for the Quality Assurance Project. (People Trained 3 SA/ 3 FA/ 4 OTH – ORGS 2 OTH)
- LARO staff attended the Senate Human Services Committee's Oversight Hearing on the IHSS Payroll System and Problems titled "The Check is in the Mail" held in Los Angeles. Chaired by Senator Mike McGuire and also attended by Senators Leyva and Ross, the agenda included personal impact statements by 2 invited IHSS recipients and 4 providers. Also invited were speakers from the LAO's office, 2 labor unions representing providers, the Personal Assistance Services Council on L.A., and a Chief Deputy and Deputy Director of California Department of Social Services. Following the invited speakers was public comment from 18 audience members. SCDD L.A staff created a summary of the speakers' comments including the primary issues repeatedly identified, the effects on consumers, the effects on providers, and suggested solutions. The document was distributed to selected individuals. An audit by the State Auditor is expected in February with hearings to follow. CDSS is also being asked for an Improvement Plan. A lawsuit alleging ADA violations was also announced by some IHSS recipients. (People Active 50 SA/ 25 FA/ 50 OTH – Public Policymakers Educated 3 OTH)
- NSRO staff participated in the 11-16-16 FNRC Service Provider Advisory Committee in collaboration with Far Northern Regional Center's Service Providers, Office Of Clients' Rights Advocacy and Far Northern Regional Center Director and Director of Community Services. Topics included California Learning Institute, consultants that Far Northern Regional Center contracted with to support service providers in transforming their programs and services to meet the Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS). Far Northern will be contracting with the

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Learning Institute for 15 months and will offer intensive support for providers. State issues discussed including the 9 proposals from 5 providers for HCBS monies for opportunities to assist their programs to meet new settings. Proposals included ideas related to transportation to training ideas. Department of Developmental Services makes final selections and hundreds of proposals were submitted from regional centers statewide. Other topics included Self-Determination update status, funding of FNRC efforts to reduce Difference in POS Funding to minority groups. NSRO Staff provided update on multicultural conference planning and provided date, location and informed providers that a save the date flyer will be distributed soon. The 2017 minimum wage; rate increase and wage pass through calculations was reviewed. NSRO provided information on trainings that will be coordinated in collaboration with Rural Education Institute (REI) in 2017. (People Active 3 FA/ 15 OTH)

- NVHRO Manager was asked to participate on the VMRC Executive Director Search Committee as the current ED is retiring in December 2016. In November there was one conference call and one full day of interviews. The work on the call involved was crafting questions. SCDD staff was asked to craft a question on POS Disparity which was completed and accepted by the committee. The committee is made up of the Chair of the VMRC Board (FA), vice chair of the VMRC Board (SA), treasurer of the VMRC Board (FA), a Vendor representative (CLASP), a VMRC employee representative, Self-Advocacy Council 6 (SA), a past VMRC Board member (FA) and SCDD regional manager. There was a full day on Saturday, November 12 to interview the top 3 candidates. The committee chose the top candidate and it is now up to the VMRC full Board of Directors to make the decision. The soon to be retired VMRC ED and the VMRC Board chair asked directly for the SCDD/NVH manager to be a part of this committee to add insight and input to the recommendation of the new ED to the VMRC Board. It was an honor to do so. (People Active 2 SA/ 3 FA/ 6 OTH)
- NVHRO staff is part of IHSS advisory committee. At this meeting discussion took place and members voted to remove members who have missed more than 3 consecutive meetings. There was also a discussion about how there was a larger recipient participation when the Public Authority was located on Harding Way, transportation could be an issue. IHSS public Authority (PA) Executive Director G. McHugh mentioned how transportation can be provided and also any type of

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reimbursements are given to cover costs. Committee members including SCDD staff will reach out to known recipients including those using regional center services about being on the committee. SCDD Staff will contact community partners and agencies like VMRC about consumers being on committee. Update From G McHugh- Members received a growth projection chart that demonstrates how IHSS hours would look like in three scenarios, faster growth equals decline in hours. Currently the IHSS for San Joaquin is on track for a 10 percent growth. Cases going up 10-20 per month while 450 pending applications are per month. We are Working on creating an Advisory Committee web page where a form will be available to ask questions. All members of the Committee would have their own log in and access to all documents. Public authority staff will be working on getting the website updated so that Providers can see the status of their time-sheets & checks and also be able to see if their time-sheets has been rejected. In relation to the new IHSS time card rules mentioned in previous activity reports. The IHSS Payroll department has done a great job with keeping violations at a minimum, so far there has been only 3. At the next meeting staff will give a presentation on SCDD. (People Active 1 SA/ 1 FA/ 6 OTH)

Title of Eblast	Self-Advocates	Family Advocates	"Other"
IHSS Hearing in LA County	600	650	620
Leading the Charge – Registration has Opened	5	398	112
Disability + Voting = Power	13	540	501
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Announcement of the Regional Advisory Committee Meeting on December 6, 2016	23	250	20
CalABLE Training Info	600	650	620
SCDD information sharing about the WarmLine Family Resource Center, El Dorado County Disabled Access consumer survey and the upcoming CalABLE presentation at SCDD	60	200	39
Implementing California's ABLE Program Webinar Now Available	13	541	497

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Telephone (T), Email (E), or Face-to-Face (F)	<u>Type of Technical Assistance</u>	Self – Advocate	Family Advocate	“Other”
T	Technical Support offered to parent regarding confidentiality and release of information.	0	1	0
F	Spoke with SA about para-transit and new restrictions on services which appear unfair. Called to inquire about policies requiring 24 hour notice.	1	0	0
E	Provided contact information to our Riverside office to a service provider that is having difficulty being vendorized in that area, thus denying those constituents that service.	0	0	1

Collaborative Partners

1.1

- Alta California Regional Center Consumer Representatives
- Alta California Regional Center Peer Advisory Committee Representative
- Breaking Out of the Disability Box
- California Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Central Valley Regional Center
- Central Valley Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- Disability Rights California
- Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center, Clients Rights Advocates
- Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- Far Northern Regional Center
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, Office of Client Rights Advocacy
- Golden Gate Regional Center
- Inclusion Institute
- Inland Regional Center
- Inland Regional Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy
- Matrix Parents
- North Bay Regional Center
- North Los Angeles County Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- North Los Angeles County Regional Center, Office of Client Rights Advocacy
- People First, Auburn
- People First, Capitol
- People First, Elk Grove
- People First, Galt
- People First, Marysville
- People First, Nevada County
- People First, Placerville
- People First, Roseville

Collaborative Partners

- People First, Sacramento
- People First, South Lake Tahoe
- People First, South Sacramento
- People First, Yolo
- Phil Bonnet, Executive Director, Alta California Regional Center
- Premier HealthCare
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- Rosie Hall Family Home
- San Andreas Regional Center, Self Determination Advisory Committee
- San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
- San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center, Office of Client Rights Advocacy
- Self-Advocacy Council 6
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- Special Kids Crusade [Monterey Family Resource Center]
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network, Sacramento
- Supported Living Services Agency
- Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Valley Mountain Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- Valley Mountain Regional Center, Office of Client Rights Advocacy
- Westside Regional Center, Self-Determination Advisory Committee

1.2

- Alameda County Parent Advocacy Group
- Alameda Developmental Disabilities Council
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Statewide Self-Advocacy
- Canyon Springs State Developmental Center
- Compass Service
- Desert ARC
- Golden Gate Regional Center

Collaborative Partners

- Imagine Supported Living Services
- Integrity Cottages
- Napa Valley Support Services
- Parent Advocates for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Housing in San Francisco
- People First, San Diego
- Peppermint Ridge [Inland Regional Center]
- Redwood Coast Regional Center
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- Self-Advocacy Board of LA County
- SF Autism Society

2.1

- Ability 1st
- Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center
- Alliance for Workforce Development
- Alta California Regional Center
- Autism Society of Inland Empire (ASIE)
- Butte County Office of Education,
- California Conservation Corps (CCC)
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- California Department of Transportation
- California Employment Development Department
- Chaparosa
- Cisco
- Colton – Redlands – Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program
- Disability Rights California
- Disability Rights California, Client Assistance Program
- Discovery ChalleNGe Academy
- Easter Seals
- Edison High School

Collaborative Partners

- Episcopal Community Services
- Far Northern Regional Center
- Fiesta Soledad
- Glenn County Office of Education
- Goodwill Industries
- Goodwill Orange County
- Integrated Resources Institute
- Job Options
- Mains'I Services
- OPARC/Diversified Industries
- Palo Alto Unified School District
- Pride Industries
- San Andreas Regional Center
- San Diego Futures Foundation
- San Diego Regional Center
- Social Security Administration
- Stockton Unified School District (SUSD)
- The ARC
- The Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC)
- Towards Maximum Independence.
- Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation
- University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, USC
- Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Work Training Center
- Workability
- Yucaipa High School Transition Partnership Program

2.2

- New Horizons: Serving Individuals with Special Needs

3.1

Collaborative Partners

- Behavioral Health and Recovery Board
- Chance for Change
- City of Anaheim
- City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission
- Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC)
- Del Norte Board of Supervisors, Betty Kwan Chinn
- Del Norte Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Del Norte Veterans Services (VFW)
- Health Care District, County of Del Norte
- Housing Development Unit with Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)
- HUD Housing Developers
- Innovative Housing Opportunities
- Jamboree Housing Corporation
- OC Health Care Agency
- Redwood Coast Regional Center
- Riverside County Mental Health Department
- Rural Human Services (RHS)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development

3.2

- Costonoa Common
- Marin County Board of Supervisors
- My Day Counts
- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

3.3

- N/A

4.1

- California Department of Developmental Services

Collaborative Partners

- California Department of Rehabilitation
- Childcare Alliance
- City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department
- Dignity Health (St Josephs Hospital)
- Disparity Task Force, African American Outreach
- Healings in Motion
- Inland Regional Center (IRC)
- Integrity House
- Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
- Los Angeles County of Department of Mental Health
- Los Angeles Fire Department
- PERT
- Planned Parenthood of Orange County
- Planned Parenthood of San Bernardino County
- Red Cross
- San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network
- Supported Living Services, Roseville
- University Of the Pacific (UOP)

4.2

- Alinea
- Anthem Blue Cross
- Behavioral Health
- Butte Community Coordinating Council (BCCC)
- California Department of Health and Human Services
- California Department of Public Health
- California Department of Social Services
- CalOptima
- Casa de la Familia
- Children's Health Initiative of Orange County
- Children's Hospital of Orange County

Collaborative Partners

- Enloe Medical Center
- Far Northern Region
- FIRST5
- Foster and Kinship Care program
- FREED
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)
- League of Women Voters
- Mendocino Coast Clinics
- Mendocino College Child Development Center
- Nevada County Public Authority/IHSS
- Opioid Coalition
- Partnership Health Plan of California
- Passages
- Placer Older Adult Advisory Commission
- Rosie Hall Family Home
- Sacramento County Adult Protective Services
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
- Substance Use Disorders Treatment
- Sutter County RN
- Ukiah Valley Medical Center
- Western Sierra Health

4.3

- California Department of Developmental Disabilities
- CalOptima
- Center for Autism
- Children and Families Commission
- Children's Cause OC
- Orange County Department of Education, Medical Officer
- Regional Center of Orange County (Comfort Connection)
- Tri-County Regional Center

Collaborative Partners

5.1

- Administrators
- Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council
- Alta California Regional Center (ACRC), Community Services
- Alta California Regional Center (ACRC), Early Intervention
- Attorneys
- California Department of Developmental Disabilities
- California Department of Developmental Services
- Care Parent Network
- Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
- Child Care Planning Council
- Child Care Providers
- Costra Costa Counties Developmental Disabilities Council
- CPS social workers, School personnel (teachers, psychologists, etc.)
- Disability Rights California
- Family Resource Network ED
- Foster and Adoptive parents
- Head Start
- Help Me Grow Orange County
- Helping Hands East Bay
- Inland Regional Center, Early Start Family Resource Network
- Judges
- La Familia
- Medical/Health providers (MD, RN, PHN, MSW, PhD, RD)
- Mendocino College Child Development
- Mendocino County Office of Education
- North Coast Opportunities
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- State Preschool

5.2

- Amador County, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

Collaborative Partners

- Cal State University Los Angeles (CSULA)
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- Chaparosa
- Disability Rights California
- Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area (DSCBA)
- Easter Seals
- Exceptional Family Member Program, Military
- Family Resource Network
- Fiesta Soledad
- Folsom-Cordova Unified School District, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Garden Grove Unified School District
- Home of Guiding Hands
- Irvine Unified School District
- Love 2 Learn
- Orinder School Special Education
- Padres Unidos por Autismo (PUPA)
- Parents Helping Parents, Atascadero
- Peppermint Ridge
- Placer County Office of Education, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Regional Center of Orange County
- Sacramento City Unified School District, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- San Diego Regional Center
- San Diego Unified School District
- San Juan Unified School District, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- San Luis Obispo Special Education Local Planning Area
- Team of Advocates for Special Kids
- UCP Stanislaus
- University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- Yolo County Office of Education , Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

Collaborative Partners

5.3

- Alliance for Children's Rights
- Alta California Regional Center
- ARC, Fresno
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- Central Valley Regional Center
- Ceres Unified School District
- City of Bishop Special Education, Director
- City of Bishop Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), Superintendent
- Clovis Unified School District
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Disability Rights California
- Employment and Community Options
- EPU Children's Center
- Fresno City College
- Fresno Diagnostic Center
- Greater Opportunities
- Housing Choices Coalition
- Inland Regional Center (IRC)
- Inyo Mono Association for Handicapped (IMAH)
- Kids Alliance
- Kings County Behavioral Health Family Builders Foster Care WRAP Services
- Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office
- Mendocino College
- Modesto Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Parents Helping Parents
- Redwood Coast Regional Center
- Resource Teachers
- Resources for Independence, Central Valley
- Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Collaborative Partners

- Stanislaus Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Supported Employment Agencies
- Supported Life Institute
- Supportive Living Service Agencies
- Turlock Unified School District
- Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Walton School of Stockton Unified School District
- WarmLine
- Wayfinders
- Work Ability
- Workability
- Yolo County Office of Education
- Yolo County School District

5.4

- University of San Diego
- United Cerebral Palsy San Diego
- San Diego Community College, C2C

6.1

- Alameda County CHDP
- Alameda County Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council
- Algeria Community Living
- Asian Community Mental Health
- Bay Area Support Services
- California Department of Developmental Services
- Community Resources for Independent Living
- Costra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council
- Easter Seals
- Encompass

Collaborative Partners

- Far Northern Regional Center
- Housing Consortium of the East Bay
- La Familia
- Pajaro Valley Unified School District
- Regional Center of the East Bay
- Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California
- San Andreas Regional Central
- San Leandro School District
- Special Parents Information Network (SPIN)
- The Cerebral Palsy Center
- Toolworks

6.2

- Aktion Club - Kiwanis Program for Adults with Disabilities
- ARC Fresno/Madera
- California Department of Developmental Services
- Central Valley Regional Center
- City of Clovis Unified School District,
- Crisis Response Project
- EPU Children's Center
- Foothill Autism Alliance
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
- Patch Farm

6.3

- A Better Life Together
- Adaptive Computer Empowerment Services
- Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council
- Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center
- Alta California Regional Center
- ARC, San Diego

Collaborative Partners

- Association of Regional Centers Agencies (ARCA)
- Autism Society of San Gabriel Valley and Long Beach
- Autism Spectrum Interventions
- Bonita Family Dental
- Break the Barriers
- Butte County Coordinating Council
- Butte County Public Authority's IHSS Program
- California Department of Aging
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
- California Department of Social Services, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- California Department on Aging
- California Health and Wellness
- CalWorks
- Cecilia Mercado
- Cedars of Marin Board of Directors,
- Cedars of Marin Senior Leadership Team
- Center for Visually Impaired Adults
- Central Valley Regional Center
- Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled
- City of Sacramento, Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)
- Coachella Valley Autism Society (CVSA)
- Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)
- Community Center for the Blind
- Community Individuals
- Community Interface Services, Inc.
- Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council
- Counsel of Mexico, Central Coast
- Dale Law Firm
- Del Norte Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Del Norte Mental Health
- Del Norte Veterans (VFW) Rural Human Services

Collaborative Partners

- Department of Developmental Services
- Developmental Disabilities Service Organization (DDSO) Short Center North
- Disability Rights California
- Disability Rights California, Oakland
- Easter Seals
- Easter Seals, Autism Spectrum Interventions
- Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
- EC&O
- Exceptional Family Resource Center
- Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU)
- Far Northern Regional Center
- Fiesta Educativa
- First 5
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
- Golden Gate Regional Center
- Health Care District
- Home of Guiding Hands
- Independence for Life Choices
- Independent Living Center of Southern California
- Independent Options
- Inland Regional Center (IRC)
- Inyo Mono Association for Handicapped (IMAH)
- Japanese Speaking Parents Association of Children with Challenges
- Kern Regional Center (KRC)
- Legal Aid Society
- Lighthouse Living Services Inc.
- Living Independently is For Everyone
- Magical Bridge Foundation
- MARSTE
- Mission High School, Government and Economics Department
- Molina Health Insurance, local adult agencies
- Music Therapy
- My Day Counts

Collaborative Partners

- My Day Counts
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- National Disability Institute (NDI)
- New Horizons
- North Los Angeles County Regional Center
- North Valley Catholic Services
- Northern California Adaptive Living Center
- Office of Clients' Rights, Oakland
- People First
- Peoples Care
- People's Care
- Placer County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
- Placer County Board of Supervisors
- Placer Independent Services
- Premier FMS
- Premier Healthcare
- Progressive Resources
- Project Ride
- Redwood Children's Services
- Redwood Coast Regional Center
- Regional Center of Orange County
- Regional Center of the East Bay,
- River Arena
- Sacramento City Unified School District
- San Andreas Regional Center
- San Diego Park and Recreation
- San Diego Regional Center
- San Diego, People First
- Self-Advocacy Council 6
- Sherwood and Potter Valley Tribal Elders
- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
- Special Olympics
- St. Madeline Sophie Center

Collaborative Partners

- Tapestry Services
- Team of Advocates for Special Kids
- The ARC
- Tri-Counties Regional Center
- Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation,
- United Cerebral Palsy
- US Department of Veterans Administration
- Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Valley Mountain Regional Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy
- Valley Transit Authority
- WarmLine Family Resource Center
- We Care A Lot
- Western Sierra Medical Clinic
- Westside Regional Center

6.4

- California Department of Developmental Services
- CLASP
- Delta College
- Department on Aging (HSA)
- Far Northern Regional Center
- Far Northern Regional Center, Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy
- Region 2 Service Providers
- Self-Advocacy Council 6
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Drail
- Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Westside Regional Center
- Westside Regional Center, Political Action and Outreach Committee

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- (BARO) With this meeting being the second meeting of this kind between SCDD Bay Area office, OCRA and DRC, it was interesting to note that the issues of concern in one office was not a known issue in the other office. This validated the need for these two agencies to meet on this region level, and to explore why some issues would be segregated to this degree.
- (CCRO) Based on a survey sent out by SCDD CC it is found that most of the community is not aware of upcoming changes to regulations. One area of concern mentioned to SCDD from community members is how day and employment services will adjust their service delivery to meet the new requirements.
- (CCRO) In Santa Clara county, Para-transit services failed a recent audit, and in November, were closed by the FBI. The County of Santa Clara responded and has put in place an alternate provider. Although there were reports of no or late pickups, for the most part, para-transit services were able to continue. However, as Santa Clara Transit is beginning to update its transit services, it's important to make sure the needs of those requiring para-transit services are to be attended to.
- (HQ) 1) The IHSS investigative unit has not acted on allegations of fraud, despite clear physical evidence of neglect/abuse, so family members continue to receive payment for neglectful treatment 2) A county agency (Probate/Conservator's Office) is unilaterally refusing to serve people with I/DD who are RC clients 3) The local RC is allegedly unwilling to pursue (protective) conservatorship when family members (who may also be suspects) are actively involved in the victim's care/decision-making (even though that individual may be non-verbal or unable to self-advocate or effectively report abuse/neglect) 4) Due to concerns about personal/professional liability, many physicians are unwilling to go on the record with opinions of neglect/abuse, beyond fulfilling basic mandated reporting responsibilities 5) When public &/or private agencies or professionals are unwilling to step forward and 'own/support' information or testimony or professional opinions concerning abuse, &/or when hospitals discharge patients back into the care/custody of identified suspects, law enforcement is unable to make a case 'stick' and drops criminal investigative efforts 6) The current system is complex and fragmented and, in the absence of a victim advocate trained/experienced in working criminal cases involving victims with I/DD, there appears to be no central case worker able to advocate systemically/effectively.
- (HQ) There is no infrastructure between SCDD and SSAN to continue a strong and

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effective working relationship- therefore the development of a MOU was needed.

- (HQ) Without accurate, timely information about a subject with I/DD, responding officers may not have the legal options necessary to implement enhanced protective measures on behalf of that victim. Regional Centers throughout the state apparently display inconsistent levels of cooperation with local law enforcement. LE officers (mistakenly) believe that RCs will provide emergency relocation &/or supports/services to victims in the immediate aftermath of criminal victimization, trauma, etc. In the absence of MOUs, outlining cooperative agreements between enforcement and social support agencies (such as RCs), RC staff's denial of services to clients, intake delays for vulnerable citizens, and/or lack of information exchange (especially under exigent circumstances) can become serious public safety barriers for people with I/DD.
- (LARO) A lot of frustration has been expressed at the pace of the Medicaid waiver application process. SCDD LA staff encouraged people to express their concerns to DDS.
- (LARO) Affordable and accessible housing in Los Angeles has been a major issue facing by many adults with developmental disabilities. The new Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) setting will place a greater demand on accessible and affordable housings in the near future. This is an urgent and immediate need.
- (LARO) HCBS, WIOA, and Employment 1st have all shared the new focus on "real work for real pay in the real world". Set the limitations on sheltered work programs and sub-minimum wages will be the future trends. Engaging all stakeholders early on to advocate competitive integrated employment (CIE) will be critical for an effective transition and implementation on CIE.
- (LARO) In past Westside Regional Center board meetings and other public forums of WRC, numerous individuals complained that there weren't sufficient marketing materials from the regional center that described the services they may provide. Because of the common complaint, SCDD Los Angeles Office staff distributed four updated flyers at the board meeting, "Common Regional Center Services for Adults" and "Common Regional Center Funded Services for Children Ages 3-18 and Their Families". Additionally, because individuals have complained about a lack of trainings available from WRC, SCDD Los Angeles staff distributed flyers about the trainings that can be provided to the public free of charge by SCDD staff and the new Wednesday training series occurring at the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office.
- (LARO) Many advocates and attorneys, while being aware of regional centers and their role, are often unaware of the prevailing trends impacting adults. Given the changes to

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the HCBS new rules, WIOA (Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act), and self-determination, this Special Education Task Force has sought guidance and training from the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office.

- (LARO) Many complaints continue to be voiced monthly concerning the excessive wait time for DDS to submit the waiver application to CMS and the fact that DDS has never met any of the deadlines it has set for itself to do so.
- (LARO) Technical assistance calls to the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office typically include numerous questions centering around the failure of school districts to implement the IEP as written, conduct evaluations, or pay for independent education evaluations or alternatively take the family to due process to defend their evaluations. These problems, as well as others, are frequently resolved through state compliance complaints. It has therefore been determined that training on this topic is necessary in order to fulfill the needs of the community surrounding the SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office.
- (LARO) The fear of losing SSI and medical benefits has posed a great employment barrier. Understanding of different work incentives can help address these concerns.
- (LARO) The lack of financial knowledge and skills of individuals with disabilities has created barriers that prevent their full participation in the economic mainstream.
- (LARO) There is an unmet need for transitional aged youths and their families to access transition support & services from special education, regional center services, and vocational rehabilitation programs.
- (LARO) Throughout the training, attendees expressed frustration with the regional centers because they alleged that their regional center service coordinators failed to return their calls and emails, intentionally misled them, lied to them, or failed to provide them with information about what services regional centers may provide. This training was developed because these sentiments have been expressed by many individuals in many different contexts and is part of an ongoing effort to reduce regional center disparities in how services are provided to individuals.
- (NBRO) Due to local Regional Center high rate of staff turnover, SA/FA are not familiar with who their service coordinator is or the service coordinator lacks experience, which in turns often times causes delays in, or denials of, service needs.
- (NBRO) Family-Advocates were unaware of self-determination, many said that this is the first time they heard about the Self-Determination Program. SCDD and local regional center will continue to educate North Bay community regarding SDP and Person Centered Planning.

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- (NBRO) Special Education teacher shortage. Most schools have Special Ed. openings for teachers thus these positions are currently being staffed temporarily which can lead to teachers not being familiar with a child's IEP/behaviors/needs/etc. Children's progress is being affected.
- (NCRO) An emerging issue is the lack of after school care in programs for children with disabilities. Lack of care for respite and recreation are an ongoing problem for parents in order for them to go to work or engage in other activities.
- (NCRO) As of the date of this report, several issues need to be resolved before the project can move forward. A decision from the Board of Supervisors on what sites they prefer for one 30-40 unit project, or one or more smaller projects (total 8-12 units). Also, whether the project will be a single or mixed use, the sites available, and timing for use of existing funds. Funds must be designated by March 2017.
- (NCRO) Behavior health in the county, throughout the state and nation struggles to serve clients with Intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- (NCRO) Due to agency and organization staff turnover, recruitment and member retention can be challenging.
- (NCRO) Members felt that not enough recreational activities being organized by the membership. It was felt that funds are being raised by SA's but not being used for members benefit. A discussion around the event lead to a broader discussion of member responsibilities and the groups purpose and focus. As the group brainstormed what they wanted to do with funds raised, the meeting discussion moved from the event debrief to a broader conversation as participants discussed options for activities that provide more social/community activities. Some voiced concern that members suggestions or abilities to organize events and try new avenues for member participation was not fully supported by the People First facilitators. Additionally, many members are tired after working and feel the regular meetings should be shorter and more relevant to members needs and requests. Members expressed a need to branch out and not meet at the Regional Center as often and no one wants to attend a business meeting every month. Some individuals shared that they are losing members because the meetings are boring because the meeting materials are the same each month and because the meetings are too long.
- (NCRO) Minimal or no accessible housing is available in Mendocino County to rent and housing prices (to purchase) have been on the rise in recent months.
- (NCRO) Some agencies and facilitators only want to do activities during the day with their consumers and not on evenings and weekends.

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- (NCRO) staff coordinating with Butte County IHSS Program staff to distribute CICA Survey to all members in the form in which they need. Some members need survey enlarged and mailed to them, some need assistance to complete and others need it emailed. Also, self-addressed stamped envelope will be provided to members who need it mailed to them. This will support them to return survey in a timely manner with ease.
- (NCRO) Supported living service providers that serve individuals are encountering issues with local medical providers as individuals are questioning the patient's capacity to provide medical consent. State Council staff is convening a meeting with the agencies involved and Disability Rights California to develop a strategy or tool to assist community providers to better understand clients rights of individuals who are not conserved and do not have a legal guardian.
- (NCRO) The concern is that without additional funds or being able to access the DDS internship funds the number of hours that students will be able to engage in paid work experience will decrease which will be counterproductive to encouraging the students to participate as fully as they would like.
- (NCRO) The strength of California's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) IHSS program is and will be imperative as we move to the future of home and community based services (HCBS) for more Californians.
- (NCRO) The tribal elders talked about still living in substandard housing, lack of family centered treatment, how many reservations are far away from treatment sites with minimal transportation, and minimal funding to get to services. The Elders talked about lack of respect amongst their youth and their use of drugs and alcohol to compensate for continued bullying and discrimination from the community at large.
- (NSRO) A website link to Cal-HR Statewide Disability Advisory Council was provided to committee members for reference and guidance. Members agreed to review the link and discuss at the December DAC meeting for resources and project ideas.
<http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/statewide-disability-advisory-committee.aspx>
- (NSRO) As we work toward building cross disability relationships many barriers and assumptions are made about individuals with I/DD. The relationship building process takes time as other professionals often tend to assume people with I/DD automatically can't qualify for opportunities when in fact they can. The process involves a lot of education, not just to the public but to professionals and businesses as well. This process will continue to take a lot of time and effort.

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- (NSRO) Barrier - Applicant needed assistance with the online application process. Staff assisted in removing the barrier by sending information ahead of time on the application questions so she had time to formulate her answers before completing the application. Staff typed her answers as she provided them into the online application and submitted the application during the meeting process.
- (NSRO) Committee would like to develop an Employer Information I/DD Resource Guide and PSA marketing approach to educating community and employers about hiring people with I/DD.
- (NSRO) Coordinating translators and ASL interpreters for conference participants.
- (NSRO) Educators, students, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities need more education and information on Social Security Disability and Work Incentives Programs. The videos are an attempt to support this issue but more work is needed. In order for people to be motivated to work, they need to understand that working doesn't mean they will lose their benefits. NSRO discussed and distributed information about the final draft teleconference on the CIE Blueprint project.
- (NSRO) FNRC discussed many emerging issues including: safety changes are a priority for FNRC and they are modifying the offices and installing keyless locks throughout the buildings; Closure of Sonoma Developmental Center and development of residential placements through Community Placement Plan; Transformation of services through employment.
- (NSRO) Many changes for providers and more to come with HCBS final rule effective 2019. Far Northern Regional Center continues to provide training and support to providers to transform programs and services.
- (NSRO) Members requested pertinent trainings that reflect the changing themes of the system and will benefit from trainings organized on the topics for meetings throughout 2017.
- (NSRO) North State SSAN Representative has a lot of ideas of what she wants to present and benefits from assistance with typing and preparing documentation.
- (NSRO) SSAN Representative benefited from practicing and role playing since she has not done many presentations in public. SSAN Representative will need further practice that will come over time once presentations take place. SSAN Rep will practice more on her own in front her husband to prepare for the upcoming December presentation. The presentation was created by Self Advocates and SCDD received permission to use it with the understanding it would be presented by a self-advocate.

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- NSRO: Staff was unable to finish draft annual report earlier as other information was needed from SSAN Chair.
- NSRO: The I/DD service system is changing in response to the support needs of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The percentage of people ASD is increasing and reshaping services. This is an educational transformation for professionals, families and mostly importantly people with ASD. Person Centered thinking/Planning offers the best support approaches and planning of services.
- NSRO: The North State Region has a high poverty rate and it is difficult to recruit health care providers to the area. Long term planning is necessary and this will take time to educate our communities. Enloe Hospital trauma center is one of two left in California that are independent. This creates a challenge making it difficult to transfer patients from Enloe to other hospitals for continued health care services and follow up. SCDD NSRO will be providing education to the community on tips to avoid fraud such as protecting your personal information from telemarketing calls, checking medical service statements for accuracy, etc. Projects also include advocating for affordable health care and education on healthy living.
- NSRO: The panel of employees with disabilities expressed how important it is to learn about options available while still in high school. They shared that when they graduated, no options were offered but the sheltered workshops. They also discussed the importance of family or other types of support.
- NSRO: The Tehama County Coordinating Council (TCCC) did not meet on a regular basis when SCDD staff was unable to support the project. Several members are no longer in attendance and in order to get it better organized, the TCCC is in the process of reviewing new bylaws and there will be officer elections in a future meeting. The group is working on recruiting more self-advocates and organizing an Emergency Preparedness Fair for 2017 to educate the community on services and supports available in the local area.
- NVHRO: From our October 2016 Report "Regarding the ALERTS- this has been an on-going question and hopefully at the next meeting- it will be resolved after the SCDD/NVH request". ISSUE UPDATE- this has been resolved at the November meeting
- NVHRO: Lack of understanding of educators, students, parents and the general public re how ESSA may affect students' educational plans and outcomes.
- NVHRO: Lack of understanding of parents and the general public regarding special education laws and procedures.
- NVHRO: Lack of understanding of the public regarding the role and function of SCDD.

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- NVHRO: Lack of understanding of the regional centers and the public regarding the nature and scope of changes brought about by WIOA and new Medicaid waiver regulations.
- NVHRO: POS Disparity issue was brought up by SCDD staff again (reported in September 2016 report)
- NVHRO: The current leadership of SSAN is only two members due to illness of one member. Hopefully, in December, the vice chair will be able to resume her duties.
- NVHRO: The need to adapt regional center activities and policy to reflect mandated change brought about by changes in law and regulation.
- NVHRO: The Self Determination Program is not well known in our 5 counties as VMRC did not have a pilot of this program. There are still many questions about it and the roll out. VMRC is just now getting into spreading the word in the 5 counties with SCDD support and assistance.
- NVHRO: There is a lack of awareness regarding Stroke prevention/Brain Health and or, what people should do if they or someone they know are having signs/symptoms of stroke.
- NVHRO: Walton School is a very sheltered environment and there are kids that attend from Early Start through Transition age.
- OCRO: The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Rule #71 essentially restricts unpaid internships for students to non-profit agencies. In the past, school districts were able to place in a variety of settings where the interests/skills of the student and the needs of the company were matched. Rule #71 has reduced the number of students who will have an opportunity to gain work experience as non-profit opportunities are limited in many districts throughout Orange County.
- OCRO: The Orange County Housing Authority currently has a wait list of 7-10 years for those who have already applied for housing assistance; OCHA offers the ability to apply for housing assistance approximately every 5 years. Under the current system, a family may wait 10 years for a housing voucher. There are very few project-based OCHA housing locations in the county; Rockwood Apartments is providing project-based affordable housing for 48 formerly homeless children and their families.
- OCRO: The vendors representing Adult Family Home Agencies expressed their awareness about regional center service coordinator's requirement for two unannounced visits per year; they are interested in seeing RCOC's "checklist" that the service coordinators will be using during the visits, so that they can better prepare. This member group will continue

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to provide updates to the VAC.

- (OCRO) This particular task force is not receiving funds to accomplish their goals, so the work is dependent on resources gleaned by each member of the group. This has not proven to be a barrier to date, but when the "tool kit" is closer to distribution, cost may be a factor.
- (SACRO) Participating in People's First Chapters is a great way for self-advocates to learn 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! Increasing outreach to individuals in board and care home will help those individuals increase their self-advocacy skills.
- (SDIRO) San Diego Unified School District may not wish to comply with the research request since a study has been done recently.