



Executive Director Report January 18, 2018

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

State Plan

- In November 2017, SCDD had contact with 112,549 people
- In December 2017, SCDD had contact with 62,193 people
- In two months, SCDD had contact with 174,742 people

Removal of Federal “High Risk Designation”

- After four years of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and special terms and conditions, the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), SCDD’s federal funding entity, removed the “high risk designation” from SCDD’s grant.
- With the submission of the 11th and final report on December 28, 2017, AIDD responded, “It is with great pleasure to let you know that with this submission, the Council has submitted substantive documentation in all the findings and fully meets all of the findings in the CAP. As such, the California DD Council has now successfully completed all the requirements for the Corrective Action Plan.”
- The Corrective Action Plan is complete and the high risk designation was removed.
- Congratulations is due to the Governor, Legislature, Council Members, and staff.

Policy

- Language for the Council's bill ideas approved at the November 2017 Council meeting are being drafted by the Legislative Counsel and we continue to look for authors.
- The Council signed onto a national letter to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding it rescinding the Statement on Application of the Integration Mandate of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Olmstead v. L.C. to State and local Governments' Employment Service Systems for Individuals with Disabilities, which applies to integrated employment.

Self-Determination

- DDS reports that it will be ready to submit the self-determination waiver by the end of January, which will begin CMS's 90 day review process.

Supported Decision Making

- Met with UCD to kick off the grant to educate people about supported decision making. SCDD is a partner on this grant.

Collaborations

- Continued increasing SCDD collaborations through meetings with leadership at the Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Education, ARCA, Council on Disability Access, and California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Administration

- Resolved an accounting error that would have resulted in SCDD not being able to access to \$974,000 in prior year unexpended funds. The solution included coordinated actions among 3 federal and 2 state entities during the holidays to ensure we can use these funds.
- Through negotiations with the Department of General Services Legal Office, we obtained flexibility in contracting for our grants. This helps Cycle 40 and all future grants.