



## **Executive Director Report May 31, 2018**

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

### State Plan

SCDD's State Plan work impacted:

- In March 2018, 111,100 people
- In April 2018, 110,348 people
- In two months, 221,448 people

### Policy

- The Council recognized by the California State Assembly for its advocacy for and advancement of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Advanced the Council-sponsored legislation
  - AB 2171 (Frazier) "One Person, One Goal"
  - SB 1274 (McGuire) Employment Data Sharing
- Worked against SB 1269 (Hueso) which would delay the implementation of the Council-sponsored Paul Lee School Bus Safety Bill by one year
- Council priority to fund social/recreational/camp services approved by both Senate and Assembly

## AIDD

Responded to the AIDD letter regarding “Council Membership Compliance,” which stated, “...the Council is again demonstrating non-compliance with Council membership.” The response pointed out the Governor’s May 18 appointments.

## Federal Funding

- The Administration on Community Living (ACL) increased the Council’s 2018 grant by \$971,819, which raised it from \$6,527,210 to \$7,499,029. This eliminates the Council’s structural deficit.
- This is the result of Congress increasing funding for all Councils nationwide from \$73 million to \$76 million and the implementation of a new funding formula
- In 2016, I advocated for a revised funding formula that would benefit California
- Engaged ACL to implement the formula, asked NACDD to lobby on California’s behalf for the formula to be applied to the increase

## ABLE

- The ABLE Board approved the RFP for California’s ABLE account
  - July: intent to award
  - December: launch California’s program
- 36 States now have ABLE accounts
  - 8 states have individual accounts, the others are in multistate collaboratives
- \$99 million total under management
  - The average account size is \$4,774

## Self-Determination

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has until June 11 to review and approve, comment, or deny California's request for a self-determination waiver
- DDS has not received recent questions from CMS, which DDS is interpreting positively in hopes that means the waiver is on track for approval
- The DDS Self-Determination Workgroup has been focused on items that need to be completed to rollout the self-determination program
- No date has been set to draw the next 2,500 participants in self-determination

## Cycle 41 Grants

- Reviewed and scored 49 responses to the Cycle 41 grant request for proposals. Eleven are being recommended to the Council for funding.

## CRA/VAS

- Sonoma Developmental Centers is on track to close before the deadline of December 31, 2018
- Collaborating with SCDD Regional Offices on self-advocacy trainings in the Developmental Centers
- Close to filling three vacancies, giving a full roster

## QA

- 6300 In-Person Surveys (IPS) completed to date, with the IPS cycle on track to be completed statewide by July 31, 2018 (8,400)
- Over 800 surveys completed under the Mover Longitudinal Study.
- Upcoming cycle will involve Child Family Surveys (mailed out to families with children 18 and under living at the family home). Over 75,000 CFS are expected to be mailed.

## Administration

- Welcome the following staff:
  - North Coast Manager Sheli Wright
- Produced a draft administrative policy manual for Council Members and began the process of updating these policies and submitting the for review by the Subcommittee on Policies
- Headquarters and Sac RO move estimated for July 2018
- Current vacancy rate of 13%, with the goal of being below 10%