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**North Coast Regional Advisory Committee
October 18, 2018
Notice & Agenda**

Date	Thursday, October 18, 2018		
Time	10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.		
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State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

August 28, 2018
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meeting Locations

California Mentor
858 Lakeport Blvd
Lakeport, CA 95453

Redwood Coast
Regional Center
1301-A Northcrest Dr.
Crescent City, CA 95531

Tri-County
Independent Living
139 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Hank Smith (FA)

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Ayres
Deborah Kindley
Cathy Lawrence
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)
Ginny Restad

STAFF PRESENT

Theresa Ladao
Sheli Wright

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward (SA) and Vice Chair Clyde Pomeroy (SA) were not present. Dorothy Ibarra (SA) chaired the meeting in their place and called the meeting to order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Dorothy Ibarra (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions. A quorum was not established. The agenda was accepted.

Approval of the 8-25-17, 10-26-17, 2-23-18, 4- 27-18, and 6-14-18 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: The committee did not have a quorum at the time of the vote. The approval of previous meeting minutes was tabled.

Public Comment: Member of the public, Joe Ayres, requested the committee write a letter of support for training for law enforcement.

Reports/Information:

1. Portrait of Service Assessment Review - Members/Staff:

The group reviewed the work plan. A brief discussion ensued about how members plan to contribute to meeting the goals in the State Plan.

2. Committee Member Reports (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino):

Dorothy Ibarra reported that housing is still a big issue in Crescent City and Del Norte County as a whole. She has been following issues being heard at the City Council and County of Del Norte Board of Supervisor Meetings. Dorothy plans to update staff on issues coming out of Del Norte and the City of Crescent City. The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

Hank Smith shared that he will be giving his presentation “This Autistic Life” in Fort Bragg at the Mendocino College campus on September 14, 2018 with his son Ian.

3. North Coast Regional Manager Report- Sheli Wright:

The North Coast RAC received two member applications that are to be reviewed at today’s membership committee meeting. One applicant is a Family Advocate from Lake County and the other is a Self Advocate from Humboldt County. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Sheli will be attending several different Chamber of Commerce meetings throughout the region to talk about the benefits of employing people with disabilities. Sheli also gave the group updates on SCDD sponsored legislation: AB 2171 and AB1274. The required Self Determination Informational meeting can now be accessed online using Zoom, the link is under the News section on Redwood Coast Regional Center’s website. The Cycle 41 grants are scheduled to be funding in October. The North Coast will be working with GET SAFE to implement the STARR program (Safety, Training, and Risk Reduction). Lastly, Sheli announced that Developmental Centers are on track to close by 12/31/18.

4. QA Project Update- Deborah Kindley:

Sheli shared Deborah Kindley’s report and highlighted her tremendous accomplishment, noting that she was able to meet the deadline of 6/30/18 for the project and met the goals for all four regional centers. Although the project experienced the usual barriers such as inaccurate information, people

refusing to participate, and lack of cooperation in getting new information from regional centers, Deborah and her team of interviewers still managed to complete the project. Sheli thanked Deborah for her hard work and dedication.

5. BSG Update - Denise Gorny:

Denise Gorny was not present to report. The agenda item will be tabled for the next meeting.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD Report from the 7-31-18 Council Meeting- Sheli Wright:

SCDD Regional Managers met the day before the full Council Meeting to get refresher training on Robert's Rules of Order and Bagley Keene. Sheli would like to provide refresher training for the committee once new members are appointed. A few highlights from the recent Council meeting were: the panel presentations on Autism and Employment, Employment First Annual Report was adopted by Councilmembers, in May and June 2018 SCDD reached 354,771 Californians, several Conflict of Interest Waivers were reviewed, and approvals of more cycle 41 grants. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2018. You can find more information on SCDD's website: scdd.ca.gov.

Announcements: Clyde Pomeroy let the group know that he is looking forward to attending the next meeting and gave the group an update on how is doing.

Dorothy Ibarra announced that she will not be able to travel for future meetings and will be calling in from Redwood Coast Regional Center in Crescent City until further notice.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The committee would like to meet via teleconference so Dorothy Ibarra can participate. Members provided multiple dates in October for the next meeting. Staff will contact absent members to confirm their availability.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

June 14, 2018
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

United Indian Health Services
2298 Norris Ave
Crescent City, CA 95531

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Clevenger (FA)
Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Vicki L. Smith

STAFF PRESENT

Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sheli Wright

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward called the meeting order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions. A quorum was not present. Members accepted the agenda.

Approval of 8-25-17, 10-26-17, 2-23-18, and 4- 27-18 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:

The committee did not have a quorum. The approval of the past meeting minutes was tabled.

Public Comment:

Chair, Brian Ward (SA) expressed his concern about services and supports through regional center. He shared his recent difficulties working with the agency and hopes that his experience is not the norm.

Reports/Information:

1. **Portrait of Service Assessment Goals 1- 6 - All:**
The members along with Vicki Smith Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations and North Coast Staff reviewed and discussed the Portrait of Services Assessment (POSA) tool/activity. The outcomes of the POSA will be integrated into the North Cost RAC and Staff Strategic Plan for 2018-19.
2. **Member Reports (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino Counties):**
Dorothy Ibarra (SA) shared information she received from a parent advocate about sexual abuse and assault. She would like to work more on promoting awareness surrounding these issues and offered more information to members, staff, and guests by request. She had no new updates on the housing crisis in Del Norte. Brian Ward (SA) shared an upcoming community event in Eureka. Jeff Clevenger (FA) updated the group on new trends among family advocates he is witnessing in the Lake County area which highlighted the need for more information distribution.
3. **North Coast Regional Manager Report - Sheli Wright:**
Sheli Wright updated the group on her work supporting the Local Self-Determination Advisory Committee and the informational trainings for the program. She reported a good turnout in the more populated locations and expressed her excitement for the roll-out of the program. There will possibly be a web based training that can be accessed at any time for those people who could not attend the in person sessions.
4. **Basic State Grant (BSG) Update - Sheli Wright:**
Sheli Wright reported on Denise Gorny's behalf about the various projects and meetings that the North Coast office has been working on throughout the community. Activities included collaborating on the May 2018 Mendocino Interagency Transition Team event: Planning for your Future which provides resources to transition age students and their families, as well as updates on current housing projects and participation in a Disaster Planning workshop.
5. **Quality Assessment Project (QA) Update - Deborah Kindley:**
Deborah Kindley updated the committee on the current phase of the Quality

Assessment Project. Both Redwood Coast Regional Center and Far Northern Regional Center visits have been completed. Remaining is Alta California Regional Center with less than 10 surveys to be completed and North Bay Regional Center with less than 60 surveys to be completed. Deborah is looking forward to completing this phase and starting outreach efforts for the next survey to begin in the Fall.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD Headquarters Update- Vicki L. Smith:
Director of Regional Office Operations Vicki Smith reported on changes in State Council membership as 7 members had recently termed out and 6 new members have now been appointed by the Governor. The final seat to fill is classified as a non-governmental, service provider appointment. She also reported that SCDD has received some extra funding, closing the gap on the agency's structural deficit. The team at headquarters will be working on various projects in the future including to enhancing the State Plan Goals and reviewing current staffing models.
2. Report from the 5-31-18 Council Meeting - Vicki L. Smith:
Council Liaison, Robert Taylor (SA) was not present to give his full report. Vicki L. Smith reported on highlights from the May 2018 Council meeting which included: SCDD's increase in funding, farewell to former members, and the election of interim chair and vice chair, Council sponsored legislation, and several action items regarding support and opposition of legislation, and the approval of Cycle 41 Grants.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The group has agreed to meet via teleconference for the next meeting in August to promote attendance and allow for more flexibility. Staff will contact members in the coming weeks to gather more input for the POSA due 7/31/18.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

April 27, 2018
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Parents & Friends, Inc.
306 E. Redwood Ave.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Auerbach
Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Ayres
Rosina Caples
Ryan LaRue
Mike Pallesen
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Vicki Smith
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Clyde Pomeroy (SA) called the meeting order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Clyde Pomeroy (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 8-25-17, 10-26-17, and 2-23-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum at the time of the vote. The approval of the past meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment: Robert Taylor (SA) shared the importance of information security in light of the recent Department of Developmental Services data breach. He suggested to the group to talk to their service coordinator if there is a concern

that your information has been compromised. Member of the public, Joe Ayres shared that he would like to see more training for Law Enforcement and the community about disability awareness.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD HQ Update:

Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, Vicki Smith, started her report by thanking Sarah May for acting as the North Coast manager this past year. Vicki acknowledged the time and hard work Sarah dedicated to the region while also covering her own. The group shared the same sentiment and applauded her time with the North Coast staff and committee. Vicki read a beautifully written letter from new North Coast Manager, Sheli Wright who could not be in attendance. She also reported on a small amount of funding for the Basic State Grant (BSG) budget coming to the agency, the reconfiguring of the CRA/VAS program, and the ongoing hiring to fill vacancies. Vicki answered member's questions and discussed ongoing projects led by SCDD.

2. SCDD Liaison Report:

Robert Taylor (SA) reported on highlights from the March 20th Council meeting which included: a review of Draft SCDD 2018-19 Budget, the creation of a Subcommittee on Policies and Procedures, updates on the Self-Determination Waiver, Council Sponsored Legislation, and the status of Cycle 41 grants. Robert reminded the group that they can find more information on SCDD's website: scdd.ca.gov.

Reports/Information:

1. Guest Presentation Mike Pallesen, Special Project Manager- RCHDC:

Mike Pallesen and his colleague Ryan LaRue shared information about the role of Rural Community Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) in the region and highlighted current and future housing projects. Mike stressed the importance of community engagement and continuing to fund major projects that provide accessible, affordable housing. He also shared some of the barriers and solutions the agency has identified when looking at the complex funding structure and project management portion in the creation of housing. Members and staff asked the presenters questions and discussed how housing affects people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

2. Member Reports (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino Counties): Dorothy Ibarra shared that there are now free laundry services for the homeless in Crescent City. She is also concerned that there are possible misappropriations of funds that are meant to help the homeless population. Dorothy would like to see more transparency from local agencies. Staff and members provided advice and feedback on who to contact to get more information.

Barbara Auerbach reported that she has seen a tremendous turn around with Redwood Coast Regional Center and is excited to see so many positive changes coming from the agency. She also shared that she is on the local Opioid Coalition which identifies issues and solutions to combat opioid abuse. She is thrilled that her community is working together to tackle this very important systemic issue.

Clyde Pomeroy shared that Humboldt State University will be hosting a Housing Summit in the Fall of 2018 and encouraged members and guests to attend. He also announced big news that he is now employed! Clyde shared his story about how he was able to use the LEAP program to gain employment. The group was elated to hear about his newest accomplishment.

3. POSA - Goal #5 Health and Safety: The committee discussed and provided input regarding health and safety and the state of this issue within their communities. Discussion included healthcare options in the region and barriers regarding access to services.
4. QA Update:
Deborah Kindley reported on the current in-person survey phase of the Quality Assurance Project. Currently, Deborah and her team of interviewers have completed over 1,100 surveys. Recently the QA Project lead coordinator announced that the stipend payment will now be \$110.00 per interview. This new incentive is meant to offset the time and cost for interviewers to complete their work. This phase will end on July 31, 2018. Deborah also provided further updates on the Mover Longitudinal Study and highlights from her training and visits across Northern CA.

5. BSG Update: Denise Gorny provided updates on employment, housing, education, health and safety, and community events for the North Coast catchment area. She gave updates on upcoming projects and local collaborations that she has been working on. Denise highlighted important program updates for housing within our region, recreation initiatives, and her work on informing the community about Self-Determination and employment.

Announcements: There were no general announcements.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The committee will be working on the Portrait of Services Activity for all 6 State Plan Goals.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

February 23, 2018
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Redwood Coast Regional Center - Eureka
525 2nd Street, Suite 300
Eureka, CA 95503

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Rosina Caples
Aaron Carruthers
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Vernon Price
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward (SA) called the meeting order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 10-26-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum at the time of the vote. The approval of the 10-26-17 meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment: Robert Taylor (SA) shared a heartbreaking story about an incident in a skilled nursing facility to raise awareness about abuse. He stressed the importance of training people who work in these facilities.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD HQ Update: Executive Director, Aaron Carruthers reported on the status of the Self-Determination Program Waiver and provided an overview of the process leading up to its approval. The waiver is in the 90 day period where the waiver can be approved, questioned, or denied. He also took a moment to address the no longer proposed cost savings initiative that would have consolidated the North Coast office. He answered questions in regards to the present state of the structural deficit. Aaron shared information about SCDD sponsored legislation and how these policies will impact people with developmental disabilities in positive ways. He answered member questions and discussed the important role committees play in their community and provided ideas on how they can advocate locally.
2. SCDD Liaison Report: Robert Taylor (SA) reported on highlights from the January 18th Council meeting which included: SCDD's removal from 'high risk' designation, SCDD's outreach to over 2 million Californians across the state, Executive Carruthers report on the submission of the final AIDD report, as well as the signing of a letter to U.S. Department of Justice related to integrated employment, council approval of Cycle 41 Grants, and the decision on 4 conflict of interest waivers and 2 sponsorship requests. Robert reminded the group that they can find more information on SCDD's website: scdd.ca.gov.

Reports/Information:

1. North Coast Office Updates: Sarah May reported on her ongoing support of the North Coast office as well as the North Coast Liaison. She let the group know that self-determination is at the cusp and the local Self-Determination Advisory Committees are all watching the waiver with anticipation. Sarah took a moment to thank Aaron Carruthers for coming and reminded the group that their input is valuable to the work that the Council does.
2. RAC 2017 - 20 Work Plan: The group reviewed the work plan. A brief discussion ensued about how members plan to contribute to meeting the goals in the State Plan.
3. POSA - Goal #3 Housing: The committee discussed and provided input regarding housing and the state of this issue within their communities. Members agreed that it would be beneficial to hear a presentation from someone in

housing and development.

4. QA Update: Deborah Kindley reported on the current in-person survey phase of the Quality Assurance Project and the project goal numbers. We are experiencing the usual barriers such as inaccurate information, people refusing to participate, and lack of cooperation in getting new information from regional centers. Deborah provided further updates on the Mover Longitudinal Study and highlights from her training and visits across Northern CA.
5. BSG Update: Denise Gorny provided updates on employment, housing, education, health and safety, and community events for the North Coast catchment area. She let the group know about agencies we are collaborating with and local events taking place in the near future. Denise discussed housing in depth and provided valuable information on regulation, development, and future projects for accessible and affordable housing in the area.

Announcements: Theresa Ladao let the group know that there are extra Cycle 41 Grant fliers on the resource table. The due date is close so, it is important we let our local community know that there is still time to apply. She also reminded everyone about North Coast recruitment efforts for the RAC, there are 6 vacancies at the moment.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The committee would like to see a presentation from a local housing authority at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

October 26, 2017
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Mendocino College Lake Center
The Round Room - #7050
2565 Parallel Drive
Lakeport, CA 95453

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Sierra Braggs
Rosina Caples
Cindy Claus-John
Mark Konkler
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward called the meeting order. A quorum was not present.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 8-25-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum. The approval of the 8-25-17 meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment:

Robert Taylor (SA) provided updates on services for survivors of the recent Redwood Complex and Sulpher fires. He also provided information regarding the importance of using N95 masks and let everyone know that there are some available at the local office. Robert reminded the group that the best way to help

during this time is donate to local organizations.

Dorothy Ibarra shared that a community group has received a grant to address homelessness in Crescent City. She also shared her concerns regarding shelters and temporary housing as there appears to be issues with who can and cannot stay at these locations. There are reports of people being kicked out due to poor hygiene.

Reports/Information:

1. Guest Presentation- Cindy Claus-John and Sierra Braggs, Redwood Coast Regional Centers Employment Specialists:

Cindy Claus-John & Sierra Braggs: Cindy and Sierra both started as the Employment Specialists for Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) in May of 2017. They shared exciting new developments for the area regarding the Paid Internship Program (PIP) and gave an overview of the Employment First Policy (EFP) as well as its history and legislation. Cindy shared that they will be improving and adding more resources regarding the PIP and are currently working on an EFP for Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC).

Cindy gave a more detailed explanation about the PIP to the group. The internship program provides incentive payments to help people get and keep employment. Payments are disbursed at one month, 6 months, and at one year of employment. In order for the job to qualify for the internship program it must be considered Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and the individual needs to put the internship in their IPP. The individual can find the job a number of ways including: they find employment on their own, help from friends or family, through agencies like Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), or the person's Service Coordinator can assist as well. Once hired that individual can decide whether they would like to continue with that job or experience a new place of employment, it is their choice. The process and funding starts all over again and that person would need to establish the new employment goal on their IPP. The cost of the internship payments cannot exceed \$10,400 in a one year period. Currently there are 5 people enrolled in the PIP for RCRC, 3 people are in Humboldt County and 2 are in Mendocino County. The presentation sparked an in depth group discussion about the PIP. The group thanked both Sierra and Cindy for the very informative presentation and asked to hear them again in the future for more program

updates.

2. Discussion: Survey to Employers and Updated Strategic Plan - All: Members and staff reviewed ideas from the Portrait of Services discussion to be integrated into the RAC Strategic Plan. The group asked staff to draft an employer survey based on the discussion which included identification of gaps in the area of employment. Sarah May presented a draft of the questionnaire and opened the item up for discussion on ways to improve the draft or provide ideas on different approaches. The committee agreed that there was a need for testimonials regarding hiring individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) to make the idea more credible for employers. Hank Smith (FA) provided a more simplified and unique approach to the questionnaire. The group asked to incorporate his ideas in the next draft. Further discussion included approaching local groups who promote employment for individuals with I/DD, employers, and self-advocates who work to gather ideas on other ways to provide employment outreach and advocacy. Clyde Pomeroy (SA) mentioned a video of a commercial promoting employment featuring his wife Betty Pomeroy (SA) at her current employer. The group asked if he would share it at a future meeting.

3. Quality Assessment Project (QA) Update - Deborah Kindley: Deborah Kindley updated the committee on the current phase of the Quality Assessment Project. She has hired 52 contracted interviewers across the 26 county catchment areas and will be conducting shadow visits over the next 6 weeks. Recently she attended the in-person QA training in Sacramento and has provided the same training in webinar format to 12 individuals who live in outer areas in Northern California. Due to the vast geography of the project Deborah will have extensive travel over the next few months but is optimistic she will have everyone fully trained by the first of the year

4. Strategic Planning Discussion - All: Denise Gorny reported that Partnership of California is offering funding in order to supply affordable sustainable housing for people. Denise expressed her excitement for the progress local housing projects have made this year and hopes to see some of this funding make it into our region. As a follow-up to Dorothy

Ibarra's public comment, Denise offered to call one of the members from the housing committee in Del Norte.

State Council Update:

1. Liaison Report from the 9-19-2017 Council Meeting - Robert Taylor: Robert Taylor reported on highlights from the September 2017 Council meeting which included a discussion about Federal Programs & Landscape and the potential impact to people with I/DD in California. The Council saw a presentation by Nancy Bargmann, Director of the Department of Developmental Services on DDS Key Initiatives. Robert also shared that the Council, as part of a series of spotlighting different developmental disabilities, learned about Down Syndrome from four very unique perspectives. Presentations included Born This Way cast member Rachel Osterbach (SA), Lauren Sibus (FA) of the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, Chair April Lopez (FA) a parent-advocate, and Dr. Robin Hansen of the UC Davis Mind Institute. The council executive director reported on the Structural Deficit Workgroup, SCDD's documents have been moved toward full accessibility, and the projected headquarters move is scheduled for May of 2018. Robert reminded everyone to visit the SCDD website for more information.

2. SCDD updates from Acting North Coast Manager- Sarah May: Sarah May reported on North Coast activities which included supporting the North Coast Council member liaison (Robert Taylor) and her collaboration with RCRC on the Self-Determination trainings for community based organizations and service coordinators. One local Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) member from each area as well as SCDD managers attended this training. Robert and Sarah completed the training on October 4, 2017 at Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) in Sacramento. Robert gave a wonderful presentation and represented the SDAC and SCDD very professionally! Sarah also shared that the Informational Pre-Enrollment Orientation trainings materials are ready and are scheduled to be launched into the New Year. These trainings are required to get on the list to be considered for the Self-Determination Program. Individuals in the Pilot Program will be grandfathered in. The first three years will be a soft roll out of the program and only 2,500 people across the state will be enrolled during that time.

Sarah May is on the SCDD structural deficit workgroup and explained to members some of the factors causing the deficit and described the innovative ideas the group came up with. Due to the possible affect this deficit may have on the local office members took a moment to ask questions and discuss the workgroup

recommendations. Sarah encouraged the group to call the listen-in only phone number to hear the Council's Administrative Committee meeting being held tomorrow on October 27, 2017. The group thanked her for her report and her dedication to supporting the Committee and North Coast staff.

Announcements: Robert Taylor announced that individuals on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can qualify for one-time emergency SNAP benefits. You can submit emergency funding paperwork to the Lake County Department of Social Services.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The group asked to hear more on employment as well as see a new employer survey draft. Staff will develop a new draft incorporating the ideas provided in today's discussion. Members also would like to view the commercial Clyde had mentioned. Staff will coordinate with Clyde to get a copy of the commercial which is on VHS transferred to a DVD.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

August 25, 2017
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Mendocino College Lake Center
The Round Room - #7050
2565 Parallel Drive
Lakeport, CA 95453

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Auerbach
Jo Cunningham (FA)
Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Ayres
Rosina Caples
Betty Pomeroy
Robert Taylor

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward called the meeting order. A quorum was present.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 6-23-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

Clyde Pomeroy (SA) made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Jo Cunningham (FA) seconded the motion. RAC members Barbara Auerbach, Jo Cunningham (FA), Dorothy Ibarra (SA), Clyde Pomeroy (SA), Hank Smith (FA), and Brian Ward (SA) all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Public attendee, Joe Ayres, is concerned with the lack of statistics regarding what happens to subjects of abuse and their assailants after a report has been filed.

He let the group know about the projects he is working on to alleviate gaps in information and communication in his local community.

Councilmember Robert Taylor expressed his condolences to everyone affected by recent fires. He shared a new feature on the Lake County Sheriff's website called Code Red which helps notify the community about emergencies. You can sign up for Code Red on the Lake County Sheriff's Department website at: Lakesheriff.com.

Reports/Information:

1. Quality Assurance (QA) Update - Deborah Kindley:

Deborah Kindley reported that the In-Person Survey phase for the Quality Assurance Project has begun. She will still be serving 4 regional centers and covering 26 counties across northern California. Contracted interviewer applications have been screened for proper qualifications. Deborah has met with 26 applicants and will meet another 15 in Sacramento before finalizing her selections. The mandatory QA training will be held in Sacramento in September. The group offered their support to Deborah and thanked her for all of her hard work in taking on such a great endeavor!

2. Basic State Grant (BSG) Update - Denise Gorny:

Denise Gorny reported on the flurry of activity regarding housing in the North Coast region. There is currently 25 million dollars in housing funds that counties or agencies can apply for. Denise will get more information on the application process for those funds and which agencies are applying. She also discussed new units being built in our catchment area. In regards to recreation, Denise shared that she was able to get the Ukiah chapter of People First to come to the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC). The group commended Denise for her invaluable community work.

3. Portrait of Service and Emerging Needs Summary- All:

Members and staff reviewed the brief summary of responses to the Portrait of Services activity assigned at the June 2017 meeting. The group was asked to provide a "snapshot" of their community in regards to services, supports, and disparities.

4. Strategic Planning Discussion - All:

Using the Portrait of Services (POS) summary, the group discussed possible activities, collaborations, and resources to address gaps in services and supports in their catchment area. They looked at past projects and things we are doing presently to brainstorm ideas on what the group can do going forward. Staff agreed to update the POS summary with all group ideas as well as develop a survey for employers before the next meeting. Members and staff agreed that this will be an ongoing conversation!

State Council Update:

1. Liaison Report from the 7-25-2017 Council Meeting - Robert Taylor:

Robert Taylor reported on highlights from the Council meeting which included the U.S. House response to the White House Budget Proposal and the potential to SCDD as well as the U.S. Senate actions on health care reform. Department of Rehabilitation Director Joe Xavier and Chief Deputy Director Kelly Hargreaves gave a presentation on updates to the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Council also heard a presentation from the Department of Aging on the Home and Community Based Setting compliance, the Ombudsman program, and the Silence = Violence abuse prevention efforts. Members received refresher training on Robert's Rules. Robert reminded the group that they can find Council agendas and minutes on the SCDD website.

2. SCDD updates from Acting North Coast Manager- Sarah May:

Sarah May reported on activities she has participated in the North Coast region as the acting manager which included attending the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee meetings, providing facilitation for the Council liaison reports, and supporting the North Coast team with projects and reporting. As a follow-up to the June 2017 meeting, Sarah let the group know that the North Coast Newsletter featured member Hank Smith and his son to promote speaking opportunities in the community. Hank shared that he has received several positive responses from the article! She also thanked everyone for their thoughtful ideas and all the information provided during the POS and Strategic Plan discussion.

Announcements: Robert Taylor announced that Lake Transit will be reducing its services. The community of Lake County has a small transportation infrastructure as is so this bad news has blindsided many residents. The cause is due to the reduction in federal grant funds.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: Staff polled group on a tentative schedule and plans to have it finalized come next meeting in October. The group would like to follow-up on strategic plan discussion. Members asked to hear presentations from a local employer, Employment Specialist, or Cultural Specialist at Redwood Coast Regional Center.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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SCDD, North Coast Office – Manager Report
October 18, 2018

1. September Meetings - Managers, Council Members and various HQ staff attended 3 days' worth of meetings in Sacramento on September 17-19th, 2018.
 - The 1st day was Council Fundamentals where we all took personality tests and learned about our strengths. Also, Assembly member Jim Frasier came and spoke. Assemblyman Frazier seems to be informed on current issues.
 - The 2nd day was the State Council Meeting (see the State Council Summary by Robert Taylor in item 7).
 - The 3rd day was the Manager Meeting where we took the statewide responses to the Portrait of Services Assessment (POSA) goals you all put together and worked on modifying the State Plan objectives for the next year. We should get the new updates this month.

2. State Plan Objectives – In reviewing the State Plan Goals & Objectives, with a few committee members, I am hearing that some members would like to support the goals by getting more involved in outreach and training efforts in the Region. We would like to increase the advocacy trainings this year. I am wondering if the committee wants a calendar of the upcoming outreach/training with the BSG report and want to encourage members to contact me direct to get support for outreach efforts and on calendar for potential trainings.

3. Issue Advisory – I have had a new issue regarding respite brought to my attention in September and wanted to remind the committee that they too can bring their own concerns or observations of potential systemic issues. A great place to mention them could be during the Committee Member Report section of the agenda. We want to empower members to speak up for their community!
 - The issue in September is in regards to respite services for children under the age of 3 by the Regional Center.

**Important News for
Parents or guardians of families with children ages 3-18 years old
living with them and
receive Regional Center Services!**

Coming
Fall
of 2018



WHAT DO YOU THINK....
About the services provided by the developmental disabilities system?

**YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE
A Difference!**

You will soon have a chance to let California know.
Please take a moment to complete the survey.
Your opinion will help
improve services and supports in California.

The California Department of Developmental Services wants to hear from families to find out if they are satisfied with regional center services. Your response will help the state and your regional center improve services and supports for individuals and families like yours.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities-North Coast office will be sending out [The National Core Indicator Child Family Survey](#) to parents and guardians of children that receive services from the Regional Center. These will go out to those eligible sometime early fall.

[The National Core Indicators](#) are used by California and many states to assess how people feel about the services they receive from the developmental disability system. The questions address key areas of concern including information and planning, access and community connection; choice and control; and family involvement.

The law requires California to gather this data from people receiving services. The responses to these surveys will help California identify essential changes necessary to improve the quality of services at a statewide and local level.

The survey takes about 30-40 minutes to complete. All responses are confidential. No one will know your answers-not case managers, providers, support workers, or any others. The survey will come with a pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope. [Note: that we have added the option to do direct entry of the survey on line!](#)

When you receive the survey please complete and return it as soon as possible. Surveys will also be available in other languages upon request.

**This advance notice is provided by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities-
North Coast Office: 1-800-821-1613 or email at deborah.kindley@scdd.ca.gov**

To review past Survey results, please visit: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/QA/docs/>

Community Program Specialist II

Activities for August, September, October 2018

Highlights

Employment

- North Coast staff prepared a Proclamation for a presentation to the Mendocino County and Lake County Board of Supervisors to promote awareness of October as National Disability Employment Awareness month. Supervisors recognized the importance of the Proclamation proclaiming Oct. as National Disability Employment Awareness month. Proclamations were presented to Ukiah, Willits and Lakeport City Councils.
- There will be two Employment Forums for the community, Oct. 16th in Ukiah and Oct 25th in Lake County to inform Employers of the many benefits and tax incentives for hiring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The same committee will be holding a job fair in April of 2019.
- NCRO staff continues to participate in the monthly (MITT) Mendocino Interagency Transition Team for transition age students (16-22 years) to start planning for this year's Planning for Your Future Event to be held in May of 2019. The group will also be reviewing the Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) for Mendocino County and the Redwood Coast Regional Center Employment First Policy to provide feedback.
- SCDD staff participated in developing the Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) for Mendocino County. LPA agreements will be completed for all four of the SCDD counties served in the near future. The LPA is a collaborative between the Department of Rehabilitation, Redwood Coast Regional Centers, County Offices of Education and School Districts to foster competitive integrated employment with supports for transition aged youth (16-22 years) and working age adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The agreement is in draft form and has gone to the state for approval. The LPA will be a working document.
- NCRO staff participated in a committee to assist the Redwood Coast Regional Center to develop their Employment First Policy. The Policy has been completed and approved by RCRC board.

- **Self-Determination Advisory Committee:**

The Redwood Coast Regional Center and SCDD - North Coast Self-Determination Committee continues to meet monthly. Participants that signed up to be part of the Self Determination program are waiting to see who is selected. The next meeting is on October 19th.

Housing:

- North Coast staff in partnership with the North Coast Housing Action Team has held monthly meetings and reached out to engage a broad group of stakeholders and interested community members to work together for solutions on the complex issue of improving housing affordability and availability in Mendocino County. One of the primary goals of the Team is to engage and inform the community about housing needs, challenges, and opportunities. The first strategy towards the goal is to organize three public education workshops. The first forum on ADU's was held in July, three more workshop are scheduled, the first on October 25th at the Town Hall in Fort Bragg is designed to provide information to help people interested in building an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) either in the city of Fort Bragg or

the northern Mendocino County coastal region. The Team identified ADUs as the topic of a workshop due to the many benefits of ADUs, as well as in response to changes at the state, county and city level, which were implemented to encourage homeowners to build the units.

- All counties are waiting for the “NO Place Like Home” Funds to be released to create more housing options for homeless and Veterans.
- HUD has awarded \$99 million in new Section 811 funding to provide affordable housing to people with disabilities. This funding will provide new vouchers to provide permanent affordable housing to nearly 12,000 non-elderly persons with disabilities across the country.
- New funding through grants to HEAP Homeless Emergency Aid Programs is also being provided to counties “COC” Continuum of Care to provide direct assistance to cities and counties across the state to address the homeless crisis. Funding depends on the 2017 Point-in-Time Count or the population size of a city. Funding must be applied for by the COC.

Early Start/Generic Services, Education and Intervention Services/Child Care:

- NCRO staff is collaborating with Redwood Coast Regional Center and the Northwest Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities (NCEPD) in Eureka to bring more training through Windmills with a focus on early intervention.

Health and Safety:

- North Coast staff is providing information on how to get the Free Emergency ID and medication cards from the NCRO office and presented the DDS “Feeling Safe, Being Safe” Materials to several groups. SCDD will be hosting CPR First Aid Workshops for Family and Self Advocates in all four counties. The first is Oct. 9th in Ukiah and Dec. the 5th in Lakeport. The Eureka and Crescent City CPR workshops will be scheduled soon.

Formal & Informal Community Support: Recreation, other generic supports:

- NCRO staff continues to help the ARRC Recreation Center with the mission to further provide inclusive recreational opportunities for those with IDD by expanding hours the facility is open for free to the community on Friday nights and Sundays. A community donor gave \$2,500 to support the Special Olympics basketball team practice in January and February of 2019 at the ARRC gym.

Outreach:

- NCRO Staff participated in the Association of Service Provider meetings that cover all four of our counties. The first meeting of the year was a focus on how the fires affected our clients and programs.
- Staff is providing presentations and information on getting the Vote out to local groups and will have a Get Out the Vote booth at the SCDD Open House on Oct. 19th. Staff provided a Get Out the Vote booth at Founders Grove in Humboldt County at the Redwood Games in August.
- SCDD is hosting an Open House on October 19th at our office in Ukiah. There will be information, food, games and prizes. Please come and have a great time.

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
In Mendocino County

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, in this spirit, the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County is recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month this October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm Mendocino County's commitment to an inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County calls upon employers, schools and other community organizations in Mendocino County to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that people with disabilities are employable and equal to the task throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims October 2018 as

“National Disability Employment Awareness Month In Mendocino County”

Dated: October 2, 2018

Dan Hamburg, Chair

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In doing so, I call upon employers, schools and other community organizations in Lake County to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of October 2018.

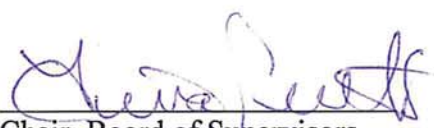
ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: 

Deputy




Chair, Board of Supervisors



SCDD Council Member Liaison

Report - Robert Taylor

Ensure that Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.

September 18, 2018 State Council Meeting Summary

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

- Councilmembers elected a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through the end of 2018
 - Chair – Sandra Smith
 - Vice Chair – Charles Nutt
- Panel Presentation: Cycle 40 Deliverable: Strategic Housing Framework, including:
 - Data on existing and projected need and current rate of housing development within the state.
 - Best practices and lessons learned from successful DD initiatives across the United States
 - Currently available funding sources for capital, financing, rent subsidies and supportive services.
 - New funding models and innovative development or ownership strategies, as well as innovative intervention strategies in use with other vulnerable communities.
 - Innovative intervention strategies utilized with other vulnerable communities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Executive Director Aaron Carruthers shared annual accomplishments
 - SCDD Exited High Risk Status
 - Funding Increased for SCDD
 - Council is “Employer of the Year”
 - Continued Leadership in the Fight to Retain Medicaid Funding
 - SCDD Work Reached 2.5 Million Californians

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Council approved the LPPC and EFC recommended policy priorities for 2019-2020
 - LPPC:
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Housing
 - Formal & Informal Supports
 - EFC:
 - Increasing competitive integrated employment (CIE) vendor capacity and business models
 - Bringing individual and family advocates to the table for discussion on how to implement CIE
 - Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) development and implementation
- Council approved the Cycle 40 Deliverable: Strategic Housing Framework
- Council approved the additional funding of \$764,250 received for FY 2017-18

FUTURE MEETING DATE

- November 29, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza – Sacramento