



## **Executive Director Report November 29, 2018**

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

### State Plan

Over the past three months, SCDD's State Plan work impacted 354,771 people:

- In August 2018, 179,243 people
- In September 2018, 106,571 people
- In October 2018, 174,169 people

Work included updated information on the status of the Camp, Hill, and Woolsey wildfires and accessible evacuation shelters

### Policy

- Working with the Departments on Developmental Services (DDS) and Social Services (DSS) on receiving data in 2019 after the Governor signed the Council's sponsored SB 1274 (McGuire) on Employment Data Sharing
- Bringing the national issue of the Public Charge Rule to the Council for its consideration
- LPPC revised the Council's Policy Platform for the Council's consideration
- Developed the Council's policy priorities into a high-level briefing paper to begin advancing the Council's policy goals

## National Leadership

- Hosted the Executive Director Leadership Summit (EDLS) in San Diego. This annual meeting of Council Executive Directors from all states and territories focused on employment, housing, integration, and how to tell the Council's story.
- Welcomed newly-appointed Administration on Disability Commissioner Julie Hocker to the EDLS. California and the DD Councils were the first of her programs she visited. The visit included a tour of the SCDD-sponsored Jobtoberfest put on by the SCDD San Diego Regional Office, which provide 1,200 job seekers with disabilities direct access to over 30 employers.
- Secured a \$15,000 sponsorship from the California Endowment for the EDLS

## Service Disparities and Diversity

- Submitted a bid to DDS for the Disparities Program Grant. The proposal requests \$312,000 to provide national and state expertise to up to 5 Regional Center Directors to work on targeted disparities projects. The proposal would bring together the expertise of the Georgetown National Center for Cultural Competence with the CA federal partners to provide technical assistance directly to 5 Regional Center Directors.

## Partnerships

- Held a Cafecito con el Jefe with the Integrated Community Collaborative to discuss the needs of Spanish-speaking families

- Met with the DSS to discuss how SCDD can partner with them to increase the number of people with disabilities on SSI who apply for CalFresh benefits when available in July 2019
- Attended the USC and UCLA UCEDD Community Advisory Committee Meetings

### Self-Determination

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, DDS drew the names for the first 2,500 self-determination plan (SDP) participants
- Continued to participate in weekly meetings with the DDS workgroup to work through implementation issues
- Developing the draft of the SDP evaluation plan

### CalABLE

- On December 18, 2018 California's own ABLE account will go live. To support the kick off, we are promoting the event, identifying individuals for CalABLE who will enroll live at the kick-off event, and will respond to press calls

### CRA/VAS

- Sonoma Developmental Center is on track to close before the deadline of December 31, 2018
- SCDD CRA/VAS staff are collaborating with SCDD Regional Offices on self-advocacy trainings in the Developmental Centers
- Attended the Fairview Quality Management Advisory Group meeting to discuss data reports on those leaving Fairview DC

## QA

- DDS released a 2014-15 data brief summarizing findings related to employment of the 8,405 people who took the National Core Indicators survey. The brief shows continued low employment among adults with IDD (12.2%) with CA doing worse than the nation average (17.0%).

## Administration

- Presented the Executive Committee an action plan to achieve goals identified in the Council's 2018 Performance Evaluation
- Hired new BSG and CRA/VAS staff, bringing the BSG vacancy down to 18% and the overall vacancy rate down to 13%. The goal is to have a vacancy rate under 10% in BSG and under 15% across the organization by February 2019
- Held interviews for the Public Information Officer
- Completed the Council's Administrative Policies for their consideration, the process included review by the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Administration Committee, and Executive Committee.
- Executed the Cycle 41 Grants, with work beginning and due by September 2019
- Began annual visits to meet with staff in all SCDD Regional Offices and with Councilmembers in their home communities