



Executive Director Report March 12, 2019

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

Policy

Two SCDD sponsored bills introduced:

- AB 1169 (Frazier) to create tax incentives for employers to hire people with IDD
- AB 1019 (Frazier) to name SCDD and the Department of Rehabilitation to the Department of Industrial Relations' Interagency Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships

I also met with the Governor's Office, the Senate pro Tem's Office and the Assembly Speaker's Office to advance the Council's policy positions.

I testified in the Assembly Budget Sub 1 hearing on the rate study. We also testified in support of Disability Rights California's safety net proposal, in support of keeping money from the developmental centers within the IDD system, and in support of support soc/rec/camp restoration.

Opportunities

While our federal funding remains strong, I continue to look for additional opportunities to be helpful to the IDD system.

SCDD was awarded a \$150,000 Disparities Grant from DDS to bring together the expertise of the Georgetown National Center for Cultural Competence with the CA federal partners to provide technical assistance directly to 2 Regional Center Directors.

SCDD applied for a \$500,000 contract with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to help with CalFresh outreach and application assistance. DSS decided to not contract with SCDD, and instead contracted with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to reach people with disabilities who may be eligible for the reversal of the CalFresh cash-out.

SCDD joined a national organization as a subcontractor on a bid to DDS' RFP to develop person-centered planning curriculum and training. If awarded, SCDD's portion would be \$180,000.

State Plan

The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) opened their reporting system. We can now submit our information from prior year grants activities to AIDD. We submitted the 2017 Program Performance Report (PPR) and will submit the 2018 PPR by the March 29 deadline. The Council reviewed and approved both 2017 and 2018 PPRs and we were waiting on the AIDD reporting system to become active.

Self-Determination

I attended the first train-the-trainer on the orientation of people selected for the Self-Determination Program. DDS conducted those trainings in 6 locations:

- February 19 in Sacramento

- February 25 in Pomona
- March 1 in San Jose
- March 4 in Visalia
- March 8 in Los Angeles
- March 15 in Ukiah

The trainings need to start by May 15, 2019.

We held a meeting of the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC). SSDAC Chair Maria Marquez is leading a workgroup of self-advocates to translate the orientation materials into plain language.

Speaking

Since the last Council meeting I spoke at the Capitol Briefing Day on IDD about SCDD's role in the IDD advocacy system and at the annual CalTASH conference about self-determination and the history of civil rights through the service delivery system.

Administration

I led an All-Staff In-Person Conference titled, "Forging the Future Together for Interdependence." This was the first in-person meeting of all SCDD staff in 15 years. The content was created by a planning committee of SCDD staff. The outcome was to build technical skills, increase departmental collaborations, and build interdependence on each other so we can model the community we would like to see for people with IDD throughout California.