



**Report from Deputy Director, Policy and Public Affairs  
January 1, 2019 – March 8, 2019**

**Legislative and Public Policy**

- Directed work to secure authors for two SCDD sponsored bills in 2019. Wrote draft language with the assistance of Policy Analyst and Legal Counsel to submit to the Legislative Counsel. One bill is focused on improving tax incentives for businesses to employ people with disabilities and the other ensures apprenticeships account for the needs of people with IDD.
- Reviewed approximately 2900 bills that were introduced by the California Legislature for the impact on people with IDD. Made initial recommendations to LPPC of bills to recommend the Council take a position.
- Testified at Assembly Budget Hearing for DDS on behalf of SCDD.
- Worked with Chair of Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to prepare for Developmental Disabilities Month.
- Met the Governor's Office to discuss possible 2019 collaborations.
- Met with Director of California Community Disability Action Network and Policy Directors for Association of Regional Center Agencies, the Arc and UCP Policy Collaboration and Statewide Independent Living Council to discuss policy priorities in 2019.

**Committee Work**

- Staffed Employment First and Legislative and Public Policy Committees. Supported Chair to begin to implement SCDD's work plans for its policy activities in 2019.

**Public Information**

- Oversaw development of initial draft of SCDD's Comprehensive Communications Plan. Distributed social media plan and Style Guide to all SCDD staff to assist in branding. Oversaw launch of SCDD's DD Awareness Month Social media campaign.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Conducted outreach to colleagues based in D.C. and secured potential contractor for DDS Person Centered Planning proposal with whom SCDD will act as a subcontractor.
- Represented SCDD at Cal-Fresh Stakeholder Meeting. Led SCDD's drafting of a proposal to DSS to assist with information dissemination and application assistance for the Reversal of the SSI Cash-Out that becomes effective June 1, 2019. Created opportunity for SCDD to co-present on webinar for county office staff who will be assisting with applications on how to work with Customers with Disabilities.
- Received public comments on Lanterman Housing Framework. Coordinated sorting comments and sharing with Lanterman Housing Alliance the comments to facilitate finalizing report.
- Policy Analyst represented SCDD at Senate Housing meeting with LHA members. Policy Analyst represented SCDD at Housing Conference.
- Supported Committee Specialist to prepare for Statewide Self-Determination, Employment First, Legislative and Public Policy, and Administrative meetings.
- Met via conference call with advocates in DC to prepare for presentation to Cal-Tash on 'What Congress Might Do in 2019, and How California Can Respond'.
- Participated in Regional Manager Meetings. Managed development and mailing of SCDD branded materials for Regional Offices to use in reaching out to all Members of the CA Congressional delegation and state delegation.
- Represented SCDD on National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Policy Committee.
- Represented SCDD at Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at UC Davis Meeting.
- Represented SCDD at meetings of the Lanterman Coalition.