



**Report from Deputy Director, Policy and Public Affairs  
March 8, 2019 – May 19, 2019**

- Directed work to move SCDD's two sponsored bills, AB 1019 and AB 1169 through the legislative process. Bills are focused on improving tax incentives for businesses to employ people with disabilities and ensuring apprenticeships account for the needs of people with IDD. Wrote amendment language with assistance of Policy Analyst and Legal Counsel.
- Continued to monitor and review bills introduced in the California Legislature for the impact on people with IDD. Made recommendations to Chair of Council and Chair of LPPC on bills to recommend the Council take a position on. Council has taken positions on 21 bills to date, and been present at all budget hearings. Led development and submission of letters from SCDD to Legislature. Coordinated SCDD providing public testimony at policy and budget hearings. SCDD was invited to testify at dais on five bills.
- Oversaw planning of all aspects of SCDD's Capitol Day with LPPC members on May 9, 2019. Worked with Policy Analyst, Travel Coordinator, Committee Specialist and Office Technician to ensure all logistics were accounted for including development of individualized meeting schedules, talking points, travel arrangements, leave behind materials and other logistics. LPPC members visited 11 offices.
- Represented SCDD at Capitol Rally to support increased rates for providers of Regional Center Services.
- Represented SCDD at Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. Educated members offices on the current policy priorities and projects of SCDD. Met with national associations representing people with IDD, Senate Committee staff, and other advocates.
- Represented SCDD on National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities Policy Committee.
- Represented SCDD at Select Committee hearing in Coachella Valley.



- Staffed Legislation and Public Policy and Employment First Committees. Oversaw drafting of annual report to the Legislature from the Employment First Committee.
- Drafted Awareness Day Resolution for consideration by Select Committee Chair. Represented SCDD at presentation of resolution in the Assembly. Oversaw implementation of SCDD's DD Awareness Month Social media campaign.
- Supported Deputy Director of Administration in plans to rebuild SCDD's website.
- Coordinated SCDD's participation as expert presenter on DSS webinar for county employees responsible for implementing the Cal-Fresh expansion.
- Policy Analyst represented SCDD at Cal-Fresh Stakeholder Meeting and the California Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities.
- Supported Committee Specialist to prepare for Statewide Self-Determination, Employment First, Membership, and Legislation and Public Policy meetings.
- Participated in Regional Manager Meetings. Provided updates on SCDD's Legislation and Public Policy activities.