State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office
Community Outreach &
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Networking 6:15-6:30PM  Meeting 6:30-9:00PM
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Consejo Estatal de Discapacidades del Desarrollo

Alcance Comunitario &
Reunión del Comité Asesor Regional

Miércoles, 30 de septiembre de 2020
Oportunidad de red 6:15-6:30PM Reunion 6:30PM a 9:00PM
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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)
BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NOTICE & AGENDA*

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6:30p Call to Order
  Introductions / Establishment of Quorum

6:35p Approval of the February 2020 and
  June 2020 Meeting Minutes

6:40p Public Comment

An invitation to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present
information to the Committee on any matter that is not on the agenda. Each
public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered
first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5
minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item.

6:50p Voting Rights for People with Disabilities

Receive a training about voting from Fred Nisen, Supervising Attorney for Voting
Rights, Disability Rights California.

7:15p Your Vote is Your Voice! DisabilityVoteCA.org

Here a report about voting from Christian McMahon, Director of Programs and
Communications, The Arc of California
7:40p Legislative Office and/or SCDD Comments on Voting

An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide further brief statements or updates, and/or for additional voting information from the SCDD Bay Area Office.

7:50p Member Reports: SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee & SCDD Councilmembers

Hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, and their priorities.

8:30p Reports

- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports
- People First Report

8:55p Other Announcements & Agenda Items for Future Meetings

An opportunity of members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues and concerns.

9:00p Meeting Adjourned
*All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.
Main Location: Due to Shelter-In-Place order this meeting was done through Zoom (video call or call-in only).
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Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Sascha Bittner (SA), Francisco Garcia (FA), Elizabeth Grigsby (SA), John Marble (SA), Janet Miller (FA), Dianne Millner (FA), Pam Perls (FA), Kate Rauch (FA), Marla Silversmith (FA)

State Council Members Attending through Zoom: Nicole Adler (SA), Francis Lau (FA)

Committee Members Absent: Christina Lasson (SA), Regina Woodliff (SA),

Guests Attending through Zoom: Assemblymember Kansen Chu, Senator Bill Dodd, Kayla Smith, Andy Stahl, Sara Desumala, Patrick McKay, Morena Grimaldi, Bruce, Emily Witkin, Ben Chen (Alameda County DD Council), Patrick Ng, Karishma Khatri (Assemblymember Bill Quirk's Office), Shawn Costello, Lisa Kleinbub (Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)), Rosa Valledor, Casandra Nelson, Leslie Bulbuk (Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office), Theresa Karr, Ron Turner (Sen. Bill Dodd's Office), Jairo Guiza, Will Sanford, Veronica Bethel Parker (Senator Dodd’s Office), Vi Ibarra (Contra Costa DD Council), Eric Zigman (Golden Gate Regional Center GGRC), Becky McFarland (Alameda County Public Health), Kevin Ortiz (Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Office), Jay D, Eric Harris (Disability Rights California DRC), Annette Vitali-Thompson, Anika

Guests Attending by Phone: Lisa Chung (Sen. Jerry Hill’s Office)

Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Angel Marshall, Ron Usac, and Valerie Buell

CART/Captioners: Diana Brandin, Cindy, Joanna Kostapapas, Gabriela Baereje

7:00p Call to order/Introductions
Sheraden Nicholau read the housekeeping for the meeting giving an overview of Zoom functions and time limits.

7:11p Approval of Meeting Minutes:
February 26, 2020
Moved: Marla Silversmith
Seconded: Dianne Millner
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

April 29, 2020
Moved: Janet Miller
Seconded: Diane Millner
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

7:14p Public Comments:
- Shawn Costello: would like to be on a future agenda as a guest speaker to give a talk about running for office with a disability.
7:16p Legislative Updates

- Senator Bill Dodd spoke about legislative work in the State Senate and recognized the work of the Developmental Disability community in the Bay Area. Highlights are:
  - COVID-19 taught us all how quickly life circumstances can change overnight.
  - Everyone deserves to have an active life immersed in their community and to live as independently as possible.
  - The Senate agreed to a finalized adjusted budget as an alternative to the budget proposed in the Governor’s May revision, rejecting the proposed cuts to:
    - Developmental services
    - IHSS
    - MediCal optional benefits
    - Aging programs
    - Education
  - Sen. Dodd will continue to work to ensure people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and support they need.
  - Sen Dodd began this year with over 20 Active bills, and due to COVID, narrowed focus down to 6.
    - SB862, cosponsored by DRC, add new requirements on electrical utilities like protocols during power shutoffs to address the needs of individuals with access and functional needs, as well as coordinating with local governments on the location and operation of community resource centers.
    - SB909 would authorize an emergency vehicle to be equipped with a “Hi-Lo” audible warning sound and would authorize the “Hi-Lo” to be used solely for the purpose of notifying the public of an immediate need to evacuate.
    - SB1099 Need reliable back up power (generators) They need to be able to turn them on in event of power shut down.

- Asm. Kansen Chu spoke about legislative work in the State Assembly and recognized the work of the Developmental Disability community in the Bay Area. Highlights are:
  - Both the Senate and Assembly fought cuts to Health and Human services and will be voting on the Budget on Friday.
  - Waiting to see what money comes from the Federal Government in October to see what can be augmented in this coming budget.
  - Many programs are restored.
    - ADHD
    - City Bus Program
    - Caregiver Resource Center
    - IHSS
    - SSI
    - Medicare Provider Rates
  - The Assembly has trimmed down the number of bills to a bare minimum.
  - Pushing for better language access.
  - Looking at how to open schools and what it takes for schools to be prepared.
  - Remote learning may continue for a while, so disparity needs to be addressed.

- Lisa Chung from Senator Hill’s Office reported:
  - Getting the budget passed that restores funding and excludes cuts to programs that serve this community is a priority to Senator Hill.

- Kevin Ortiz from Speaker Pelosi reported:
  - If anyone has not received an expected stimulus check, reach out to Gary McCoy at Speaker Pelosi’s office and he will be happy to reach out to the IRS on your behalf.
  - Trying to secure funding for the Heroes Act to secure funding for front line workers.

- Karishma Khatri from Assemblymember Bill Quirk’s Office reported:
  - Bill Quirk’s office received over 200 comments from constituents about the budget with concerns about cuts to vital services.
  - District office, open and available.
  - Calls that come in the most are EDD issues, food and security issues.
• RAC Member Q/A
  o Dianne Millner asked is it helpful to write in? Kansen Chu answered, yes, his office reads and logs every communication.
  o Shawn Costello: have you thought about having people with disabilities employed in your office? Kansen Chu said anyone interested in interning in Milpitas can reach out to his office. Interns are making wellness checks. Veronica Parker encouraged anyone who would like to intern to reach out to their local legislative office.

7:52p Eric Harris gave an update on Special Education. Highlights include:
  • If a child is eligible for Individual Education Program (IEP) or a 504-accommodation plan, the child is still entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
  • There is confusion about how to obtain this education during school closures.
  • Students with disabilities will not be charged for materials and costs that other students must pay for.
  • Students will not be required to meet the same requirements for graduation, they will be given access and instruction to meet.
  • Schools returning in the fall and parents wonder if it is safer at home.
  • Sensory disabilities may make it difficult for some students to wear masks.

• Q&A
  o Marla Silversmith said it is important to remember that all students with an IEP are owed at least the same general education.
  o Sheraden Nicholau said SCDD has been working on a CA Department of Education taskforce to be able to provide recommendations and guidelines.
  o Rosa Valledor said teachers are having trouble with childcare, and their children interrupt the lessons the teacher is giving to students.

8:12p Sheraden Nicholau read a statement Aaron Carruthers on Racial Justice and the ties to Disability Justice and encouraged attendees to go to website and see the Frequently Asked Questions on Current Protests and Racial Justice.

8:27p Member Reports: RAC members and Councilmember Lau reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities. Some highlights were:
  • Francisco Garcia: Thank you for all the effort to get PPE to families. We must keep training families. Everyone is working together to keep us going in the right direction.
  • Elizabeth Grigsby: For the past 3 weeks, attending Zoom meetings on Wednesdays to keep informed and educated. It is working well.
  • John Marble: There is an Autistic People of Color fund set up by the Autistic Women and Non-Binary Network and you can contact them at [https://autismandrace.com/](https://autismandrace.com/) There are Black Lives Matter graphics designed by Jen White Johnson available for free. [http://www.autisticjoy.com](http://www.autisticjoy.com) download them. [https://jen-white-johnson.square.site/](https://jen-white-johnson.square.site/)
  • Dianne Millner: Has been participating in the local advisory committee for Self-Determination program.
  • Pam Perls: Attending all kinds of webinars on Social Justice in the time of COVID and attending DS Taskforce workgroups.
  • Kate Rauch: Volunteered to teach a zoom cooking class for Toolworks on Fridays. It has been fun. Called ‘Let’s Add Veggies’.
  • Marla Silversmith: Continues to work with education and ensure that students are getting the education they need. Watching the state level to see who will be replacing the outgoing Director of Special Education, Director Wright.
• **Comments:** Becky McFarland said thank you for all the comments about Black Lives Matter. Police officers terrorized the community for years with no accountability. It will take a lot of work to turn that around.

8:45p Reports:

• **Regional Center Reports:**
  o Eric Zigman gave the report for GGRC:
    ▪ Would love to be part of the conversation this summer on the intersection of race and disability.
    ▪ Thank SCDD for partnership on PPE distribution. The plan to get it distributed is being worked on.
    ▪ Working with provider community on weekly call. Trying to help them to work through what it means to respond, to slowly, carefully, begin their increase in person services. Trying to balance the health and safety with need for human connection.

  o Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for RCEB:
    ▪ Grateful for actions of legislature and Governor for maintaining our system of IDD services for Californians.
    ▪ We must look at all intersections and each person’s struggle and what we can contribute to the problem every day.
    ▪ People of color in our community are impacted by police violence.
    ▪ Will be interacting in the community more and acknowledge the risks in that.

• **DD Council:**
  o Ben Chen gave a report for Alameda County DD Council:
    ▪ Sandi Soliday is officially retired and is serving as an Advisor to the Board. Taking a moment to acknowledge her 12 years of service.
  o Vi Ibarra gave a report for Contra Costa County DD Council:
    ▪ Statewide partnership – Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) & the California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC) established a program that enables their customers with intellectual disabilities and older customers who rely on power for assistive technology or durable medical equipment to obtain backup batteries for their home.

• **People First:**
  o Sara Desumala shared the San Francisco People First chapter will be working with The ARC of San Francisco to help get meetings started again.

9:03p Meeting Adjourned

*Documents referenced were in the RAC packets and in the handouts at the meeting for guests. They can also be found on the website [https://scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/](https://scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/)*

**Follow up items**

VOTING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Presented by:
Fred Nisen, Supervising Attorney Voting Rights
Disability Rights California
September 30, 2020
Voting Hotline: 1-888-569-7955
Fred.Nisen@disabilityrightsca.org
Why Should You Vote?

• Elect officials who will help you.

• Pass propositions and measures (certain state and local laws) you agree with or which helps you.

• Participate in democracy!
Who Can Register to Vote?

- A U.S. citizen;
- California resident;
- 18 years old before the next election;
- Not currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- Has not had their voting rights revoked by a Court.
Some places I can get a voter registration form:

Disability Rights California

Regional Center of East Bay

Post Office

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

Other Places to Register:
- Your local County Elections office.
- Your local County Elections website.
- Independent Living Centers.
Can a person under Conservatorship register to Vote?

• **YES!!!** Being under a conservatorship does not disqualify a person from voting, **unless** the judge took away their voting rights.

• A recent state law allows that a judge cannot remove a person with a conservator’s voting rights **unless** there is strong evidence that the person cannot communicate their desire to participate in the process, even with assistance.

• If you have a conservator and had your voting rights removed, but you want to vote, send a letter to the Probate Court in your county or tell the court investigator during the next annual review.

• See the toolkit on DRC’s website at [https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/your-voting-rights-under-conservatorship-sb-589](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/your-voting-rights-under-conservatorship-sb-589). The toolkit has a sample letter to the Probate Court and a list of addresses for the Probate Court in each county.
What is the Voter’s Choice Act (VCA)?

• The VCA is a state law passed in 2016 that allows counties to conduct vote-by-mail elections if they can meet certain requirements.

• In these “VCA counties,” all registered voters are sent a vote-by-mail ballot a month before the election.

• Instead of address-based polling places (1:1,000 voters), VCA counties use fewer vote centers (1:10,000 voters) for in-person voting and ballot drop-off locations for vote-by-mail ballots.

• Vote centers and ballot drop-off locations must be accessible, and vote centers must have three (3) accessible voting systems.
Voting in the November Under COVID-19

• Election Day is NOVEMBER 3, 2020

• The Registrar of Voters will begin mailing all registered voters a Vote-by-Mail Ballot on October 5 (or 29 days before Election Day, November 3).

• Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) will be available to all voters (download the ballot, complete on a computer, then print and return it).
  - See DRC’s publication at https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/many-voters-with-disabilities-can-vote-by-mail-privately-and-independently
  - See DRC’s RAVBM demonstration video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54-Xbg5Nbg4&t=8s
Returning a Completed Ballot

• Place the complete Vote-by-Mail or RAVBM ballot in the postage-paid return envelope that will be with the mailed ballot

• **Don’t forget to sign the return envelope.**

• Has your signature changed since you last registered to vote?
  • If yes, you should fill out a new Voter Registration Card and send it to the Registrar of Voters’ office by **October 19, 2020**

• Are you unable to sign your name?
  • You can make a mark, such as “X,” so long a witness signs too.
  • You can also use a signature stamp, as long as you have used at the DMV or at the Registrar of Voters’ office.

• See DRC’s publication at [https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/you-can-vote-even-if-you-cant-sign-your-name](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/you-can-vote-even-if-you-cant-sign-your-name)
Return a Completed ballot (Cont.)

• 3 ways to return the envelope with the ballot
  
  • Mail: Voters are encouraged to vote early. Mail back ballots by October 27, to be sure that it is postmarked by November 3, 2020 at 8pm.

  • Dropbox: You can put it in any of the ballot dropboxes in the county. Contact the Registrar of Voters’ office for locations.

  • Voting Locations: You can drop the signed envelope with your ballot in it off at any voting location in the County.
In-Person Voting During COVID-19

• Traditional Polling Place: one polling place per 1,000 registered voters

• VCA: 15 counties have adopted the VCA model, as previously discussed

• Super Consolidated Polling Places: one polling place per 10,000 registered voters (two forms):
  • Voters are assigned a particular polling place; and
  • Voters can vote at any polling place in the county (also called either VCA-like or hybrid)

• Three rural counties have small enough populations that they can hold elections entirely by mail
Which option for in-person voting will each of the five Bay Area counties use:

• Traditional Polling Place: San Francisco and Contra Costa

• VCA: San Mateo

• Super Consolidated Polling Place-Assigned: Marin

• Super Consolidated Polling Place- VCA-like or hybrid: Alameda
Your vote is your voice!

DisabilityVoteCA.org

The tools and information you need to make your voice heard
To: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties
From: Bay Area Regional Office
Re: 2020-2021 Schedule of Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meetings

Date: August 2020

All Committee Meetings are open to the public. There is no physical location being made available to the public. Per EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, teleconferencing restrictions are waived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEW: Networking session is from 6:15 pm to 6:30 pm and RAC Meeting is from 6:30 PM to 9:00 pm.

September 30, 2020 Community Outreach Meeting, via Zoom and call-in
December 2, 2020 Community Outreach Meeting, via Zoom and call-in
February 24, 2021 Community Outreach Meeting, via Zoom and call-in
April 28, 2021 Community Outreach Meeting, via Zoom and call-in
June 30, 2021 Community Outreach Meeting, via Zoom and call-in
July & August No Meetings

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Revised: 8/18/2020

"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."
A: Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) Miembros y partes interesadas
De: Oficina Regional del Área de la Bahía
Re: Calendario 2020-2021 de las reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía

Date: August 2020

Todas las reuniones del comité están abiertas al público. No hay ninguna ubicación física disponible para el público. Por ORDEN EJECUTIVA N-29-20, Las restricciones de teleconferencia no se aplican durante la pandemia de COVID-19.

**NUEVO:** La sesión de networking es de 6:15 pm a 6:30 pm y la reunión del RAC es de 6:30 pm a 9:00 pm.

30 de Septiembre de 2020 Reunión de alcance comunitario, a través de Zoom y llamada
2 de Diciembre de 2020 Reunión de alcance comunitario, a través de Zoom y llamada
24 de Febrero de 2021 Reunión de alcance comunitario, a través de Zoom y llamada
28 de Abril de 2021 Reunión de alcance comunitario, a través de Zoom y llamada
30 de Junio de 2021 Reunión de alcance comunitario, a través de Zoom y llamada
Julio y Agosto No hay reuniones

El enlace Zoom, la información de llamadas y todos los materiales de la reunión se publicarán en bayarea@scdd.ca.gov 10 días antes de cada reunión. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir y participar. Contacto bayarea@scdd.ca.gov o llamar 510.286.0439 para las necesidades de alojamiento o acceso, al menos 5 (cinco) días antes de una reunión.

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