State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office

Community Outreach &
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Networking 6:15-6:30 PM Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM

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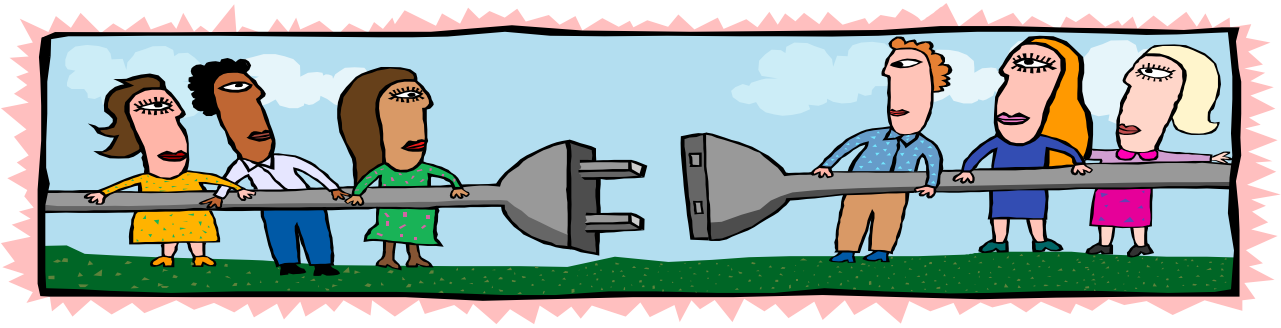

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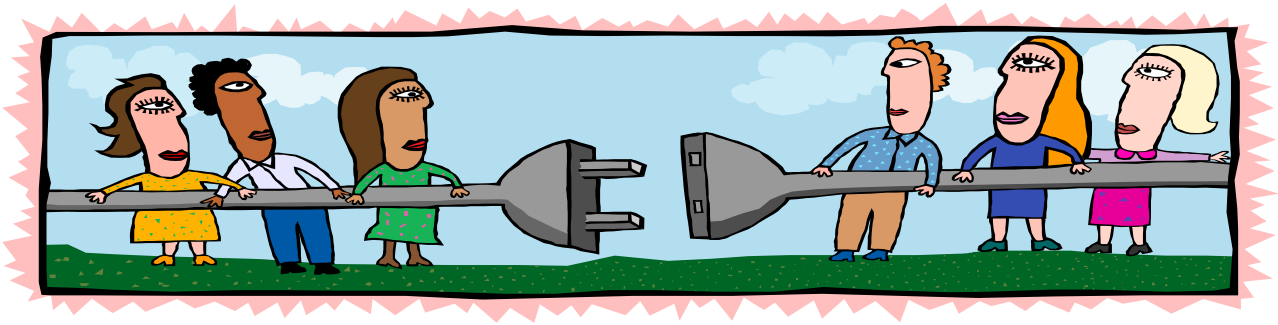

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NOTICE & AGENDA*

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6:30p Call to Order

Introductions / Establishment of Quorum **Bittner**

6:35p Approval of the September 2020 Meeting Minutes **Bittner**

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.

6:55p An Overview on Domestic Violence: Recognizing,

Responding, and Resources **Giguiere**

Hear a presentation and engage in discussion with Inspector Greg Giguiere, of the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, on domestic violence. Learn how to spot it, how to respond to it, and learn about resources to help yourself or others.

7:40p Legislative Office and/or

SCDD Comments on Domestic Violence **Nicholau**

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

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

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

8:25p Reports **Bittner**

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

8:50p 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 **Bittner**

***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.**

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
September 30, 2020 Minutes DRAFT

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Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Sascha Bittner, Francisco Garcia, Elizabeth Grigsby, John Marble, Dianne Millner, Pam Perls, Kate Rauch, Marla Silversmith

State Council Members Attending through Zoom: Francis Lau

Committee Members Absent: Christina Lasson, Regina Woodliff

Guests Attending through Zoom: Assemblymember Kansen Chu, Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Assemblymember Phil Ting, Joan Lubamersky (Assemblymember Mark Levine's Office), Emily Owen (Representative Jerry McNerney's Office), Zahra Hajee (Senator Scott Wiener's Office), Charles Dulac (Assemblymember Jim Frazier's Office), Uche Uwahemu (Assemblymember Buffy Wicks' Office), Mark Chekal (Assemblymember Phil Ting's Office), Leslie Bulbuk (Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office), Veronica Bethel Parker (Senator Bill Dodd's Office), Ben Chen (Alameda County DD Council), Vi Ibarra (Contra Costa DD Council), Lisa Kleinbub (Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB), Eric Zigman (Golden Gate Regional Center GGRC), Christian McMahon (The ARC of California), Fred Nisen (Disability Rights California (DRC)), Alyssa Hopper (DRC), Sara Desumala, Patrick McKay, Shawn Costello, Angel Lara, Janet Cooper, Florence Wong, Angel Ng, O-Ana, Rachel, Angel (no last name),

Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Angel Marshall, and Valerie Buell

Staff on Phone: Tania Morawiec

CART/Captioners: Diana Brandin, LG, and Patricia

6:30p Call to order/Introductions

- Sheraden Nicholau read housekeeping reminders for the meeting, giving an overview of Zoom functions and time limits.
- Assemblymember Kansen Chu introduced himself and shared this may be his last meeting with us as an Assemblymember. He shared that is coming home to run for County Supervisor, recognized the work of Assemblymembers Frazier and Ting for fighting to restore funding to the disability community, and reminded everyone the deadline to participate in the Census has been extended to October 5, 2020.
- Assemblymember Jim Frazier thanked everyone for their service for the Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) population and the members of the population for their perseverance and patience during these times with COVID, the wildfires, and more. He is here in his capacity as the chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and shared he had outstanding support with Assemblymember Chu at his side supporting the population.
- Tania Morawiec, the State Council's new Deputy Director of Planning and Regional Operations, introduced herself and shared a brief history of her career before joining the State Council.
- Veronica Parker from Senator Bill Dodd's Office introduced herself and apologized on his behalf. Due to the fires occurring on Sonoma and the Santa Rosa Area, he is busy there and will not be able to join us this evening. She is attending in his place.

- Assemblymember Phil Ting introduced himself and commented on the honor of working with his colleagues Asm. Frazier and Asm. Chu and their focus on IDD advocacy.

6:42p Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2020:
Moved: Elizabeth Grigsby
Seconded: Marla Silversmith
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

6:47p Public Comments:

- Veronica Parker from Senator Bill Dodd's Office
  - Last RAC meeting she learned community members have an interest in internships in elective office. Senator Dodd's office is willing and able to try and accommodate once shelter in place is over and encourage community members to reach out to their representatives and ask to intern, even if it is a virtual project, as many offices would likely be interested.
  - Governor Newsom signed:
    - Senate Bill 214 (The Community Care Bill) which provides funding for those who transition from a nursing home to a residential care house.
    - Senate Bill 1237 (Nurse-midwives: Scope of Practice bill) which provides an opportunity for nurses and midwives to not have to get permission from a physician to be able to practice their services in areas that don't have access to physicians; increasing access to care for women who really need the care in their pregnancies.
    - Senate Bill 909 (High-Low Siren) which provides an emergency evacuation siren with a distinct sound that is only to be used to notify the public of an immediate need to evacuate.
- Assemblymember Kansen Chu shared he has a young man who has worked in his office for quite a while. They had an internship program for the last 4 years and they have been able to get jobs after interning with his office.
- Assemblymember Phil Ting gave an overview of the importance of voting, and what has been done and what is available to make sure it is accessible to everyone.
  - San Francisco and San Mateo counties are fully following the law to make sure voting is accessible to all people with disabilities.
  - There are people available who can assist you with a variety of tools.
  - Ballots are available in a variety of languages.
  - For those mailing in their ballots, get them in the mail as soon as possible to ensure your ballot arrives in time to be counted.
- Assemblymember Jim Frazier
  - Recognized Assemblymember Phil Ting's work to reinstate $635 million to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) budget.
  - Gave an overview of the importance of state and local governments responsibility to ensure voting access for people with disabilities, the laws that provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for eliminating discrimination against individuals with disabilities, and how we need to continue to educate state and local poll workers and the general public about the requirements of existing law and ensure they all receive accessibility training.
- Emily Owen from Congressman Jerry McNerney's Office read a note from him to the community.
  - Representative government is dependent upon citizen participation,
  - It is imperative that you make informed decisions and you make your voices heard.
  - You can get answers to your questions about voting at vote.ca.gov

7:09p Fred Nisen, with echoing / revocalization from Alyssa Hopper, gave a 'Voting Rights for People with Disabilities' presentation. Highlights from the presentation are:

- Only a judge can remove a person with a conservatorship's voting rights.
- Counties choose to participate in the Voter's Choice Act (VCA).

- VCA removes traditional polling places and replaces them with vote centers and establishes ballot drop off locations.
- All vote centers and ballot drop off locations must be accessible.
- This election, the Registrar of Voters will be mailing all registered voters a vote by mail ballot beginning October 5, 2020.
- You can visit whereismyballot.ca.gov to check the status of your ballot.
- Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) will be available to all voters (you can download the ballot, complete it on a computer, then print and return it / be sure and sign the envelope)
- You can also make a mark instead of a signature, but a witness must sign the envelope too.

7:51p Christian McMahon gave a Presentation on Disability Vote California (highlights) www.DisabilityVoteCA.org

- Coalition is non-partisan
- One-stop shop for any questions you might have or information you would like
- Check your registration status
- Link to track your ballot
- Plan to vote section
- Plain Language Guides
- Translation widget available on the site
- Answers for Voters with Disabilities

The ARC of California Facebook Page, 2020 Your Choice panel discussion Film https://thearcca.org/facebook-premiere-event-election-2020-its-your-choice/

8:03p Comments after presentations:

- Angel Ng asked when they would give the booklet. The counties send them out slightly differently. Any day now.
- Shawn Costello asked is it possible to vote online? No. However, a person can vote by mail if they would not like to vote in person.
- Elizabeth Grigsby asked if anybody can join the voting group that Christian was talking about. Yes, largely a coalition of different organizations and welcome individuals.

8:09p Legislators and staff still at the meeting were given an opportunity to comment after the two voting presentations: Highlights are:

- Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office
    - Assemblymember Berman is the Chair of the Elections and Redistricting Committee.
    - Leslie is the casework manager for Assemblymember Berman and frequently works with DRC to assist members of the community.
    - Everyone in CA who is a registered voter will be getting a ballot in the mail by virtue of AB 860, introduced by Assemblymember Berman.
- Veronica Parker from Senator Bill Dodd's Office
    - Happy to participate tonight because she learned so much.
    - Asked attendees, "What are the concerns you have for your community, if any, that still have not been addressed?" (attendees were invited to email Veronica offline with their responses to her question. She put her email in chat for attendees to contact her.)
- Shawn Costello shared that they type is so small on the voter information, someone must read it to him.

8:20p Member Reports: RAC members and Councilmember Lau reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities. Some highlights were:

- **Francisco Garcia:**
    - Shared his heartbreak over the loss of advocate and parent, Feda Almaliti, and her son who did so much for the community, and asked the attendees to ask themselves "Are we doing enough?"

    - He continues to work with La Familia on workshops and support groups for Spanish-speaking families with children with disabilities.
- **Pam Perls:**
    - Asked if there is something, we can do in Feda and Mu's honor.
    - Invited to a project of the Family Justice Center in Contra Costa County. They work with victims of violence, and they received a grant to identify barriers and remove physical and problematic barriers to their services for people with disabilities. Will meet again in December.
    - Will be sending out a survey about a leadership training program that the SCDD Central Coast Office did. It is to train consumers and hopefully bridge some of the silos in which we live. This will be a multi-week training program.
- **Elizabeth Grigsby:**
    - Shared she and others are feeling isolated from everybody during this pandemic. As a rights advocate for GGRC, she is helping all the people learn how to be strong advocates and speak up for themselves. Even an advocate needs an advocate.
- **John Marble:**
    - Has been navigating the courts and justice system, and services as it relates to violence and abuse, and seeking the court's protection. He reports that he has been tracking barriers that not only he has experienced, but that he has noted that other people with disabilities, particularly developmental disabilities, might be experiencing as well.
- **Marla Silversmith:**
    - San Mateo County is slowly bringing small cohorts of students back to school in our own district in Burlingame. It is great to have students with disabilities able to come to access service and supports.
- **Dianne Millner:**
    - Serving on the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) and trying to get as many people into the program as possible.
- **Francis Lau:**
    - Nothing to share at this time.
- **Kate Rauch:**
    - Interested in pressing on the Quiet Lab Concept (dedicated quiet hours at hospitals, clinics and labs, to accommodate patients with sensory needs). She would like to form a group or sub-committee.
- **Sascha Bittner:**
    - In the last RAC meeting we talked about having a Racial Justice Listening Session. A workgroup formed from the RAC hosted the online Public Listening Session and launched a survey. 80 people participated. The qualitative and quantitative data helped the workgroup put together a letter to the State Council who put it in their packet and had a discussion. It made it into policy priorities in the State Council.

8:39p Reports:

- **Regional Center Reports:**
    - Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for RCEB:
        - Regional Centers are all working on helping people transition to a new service delivery model called alternative services.
        - October events that families have participated in this month over the years have migrated online, including the Autism Star Conference for parents of younger children with autism.
        - Our community will be working to look at and explore and examine what the concerns are and make some changes that will lead to more equitable experiences for everyone in the community.
        - Staff has also come together with management to form a working group and look at racism and antiracism efforts in terms of what our practices are at the regional center.
        - Next Wednesday night RCEB will be holding a public meeting to share the results of our performance contract from last year. It's a required public meeting

now and we will then move on to sometime later in the month having a public meeting to talk about RCEB's performance contract for 2021.
        - The website has been recently remodeled, and you can see it translated into multiple languages.
    - Eric Zigman gave the report for GGRC:
        - The GGRC Service Provider Advisory Committee is delving into racial justice issues, especially around the training of law enforcement, interacting with people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and looking at disability as a group, as a part of the intersectionality of people's identity, and how they're treated by different institutions, including law enforcement.
        - GGRC is meeting with the provider community on a weekly basis and those meetings now have 60-90 attendees over Zoom.
        - Since June, GGRC has worked through the alternative service model and a lot of the work ended up being mirrored by DDS on a state level.
        - Have continued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distribution
        - The Kelsey and Housing Choices Coalition worked with GGRC to get 56 new apartments set-aside over the next few years for people with IDD, for very long periods. 55-year leases or in perpetuity
        - Elizabeth Grigsby's work was recognized: all her contributions to Golden Gate but particularly in this understanding how critical the right to vote is. In early March she took on the responsibility to be the leader of voting information dissemination and voting rights at GGRC and has played a significant role.
- **DD Councils:**
    - Vi Ibarra gave a report for Contra Costa County DD Council:
        - Vision for the Future Conference; 5 presentations on Thursdays in October presented in English and Spanish
        - Autism Star Conference; October 24th, will focus on IEPs, and will be in English and translated into Spanish.
        - Assembly District 25 Candidate Forum October 6th. For residents of District 25 this is an opportunity to hear from the Candidates running for that Assembly District seat.
    - Ben Chen gave a report for Alameda County DD Council:
        - Asking people to participate in a COVID-19 and Disability Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJSMSY6 to help us learn more about your experiences and share that with our public health department to better serve the particular needs of people with disabilities.
        - The Golden State Pooled Trust Fair Housing Rights Webinar will take place October 21, 2020 at 11:30 and it covers Federal and State Protection against disability discrimination. Registration: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pF-886OXRKyBXAuOo_srKw
- **People First:**
    - Bay Area People First had a Scams and Fraud Prevention Training, in partnership with the State Council.

9:00p Meeting Adjourned in honor of Muhammed and Feda

*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/

**Follow up items

Excerpts from:

Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Among People with Disabilities

Understanding Violence against People with Disabilities

Disability affects more than 1 in 4 women and 1 in 5 men in the United States and has been associated with a greater risk of experiencing violence compared to people without a disability.

Findings from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) show that women and men with a disability are at increased risk for experiencing sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

Scale and Scope of the Problem

The information below is based on NISVS data that captured experiences in the past 12 months before taking the survey. These figures likely underestimate the true burden of these kinds of victimization and exclude adults living in institutions such as prisons, group homes, and nursing homes.

Sexual Violence

Women with a disability are at greater risk of experiencing rape than women without a disability. An estimated 2 in 5 (39%) female victims of rape had a disability.

Men with a disability are at greater risk for experiencing sexual violence other than rape (e.g….. sexual coercion, unwanted sexual contact… unwanted sexual experiences) than men without a disability. Nearly 1 in 4 (24%) male victims who experienced sexual violence other than rape had a disability.

For both women and men, having a disability was associated with an increased risk of sexual coercion (pressured sex without physical force) and… unwanted sexual experiences (e.g., harassed in a public place, made to participate in or view sexually explicit material).

Intimate Partner Violence

Women with a disability are more likely than women without a disability to report experiencing rape, sexual violence other than rape, physical violence, stalking, psychological aggression, and control of reproductive or sexual health by an intimate partner.

Men with a disability are more likely than men without a disability to report experiencing stalking and psychological aggression by an intimate partner.

Preventing Violence Against People with Disabilities

By understanding that disabled persons are at greater risk of experiencing (these kinds of violence) than persons without a disability, we can take action in our communities to stop the violence before it starts.

The strategies and approaches in the technical packages, linked below, may help reduce violence among those with a disability.

- Technical Packages to Prevent Violence

Need Help? Know Someone Who Does?

- Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network's (RAINN) National Sexual Assault Hotline
    - Call 1.800.656.HOPE (4673) to be connected with a trained staff member from a sexual assault service provider in your area.
    - Visit the website to chat one-on-one with a trained RAINN support specialist, any time 24/7.
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- Prevent Connect
- Violence Against Women
    - Call the OWH Helpline: 1-800-944-9662

More Resources and Reading on Recognizing, Responding to, and Preventing Domestic Violence Against People with Disabilities

Safety Planning for Persons with Disabilities: Advocate Guide

Prepared by the Safety First Initiative, Kansas City MO. This project was supported by a grant awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice.

Features tips on how and when to use a safety plan, safety plan templates, resources and a glossary.

Nevada Coalition to END Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) People with Disabilities Resources

Features Quick Facts on Abuse in the Community, Resources for Health Care Providers, links to webinars and training tools, evidence-based research, and hotlines.

The Arc's 'Talk About Sexual Violence: Survivor Perspective"

This video features two survivors of sexual violence discuss their experiences and journey of healing.

The Arc's 'Talk About Sexual Violence: Peer Advocates Talk'

This video can be used in tandem with a self-advocate conversation guide to discuss sexual violence and support people with disabilities who have experienced it. (also available in Spanish).

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

NCADV

Every Home A Safe Home

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DISABILITIES

WHY IT MATTERS

Women with developmental disabilities have among the highest rates of physical, sexual and emotional violence perpetrated by intimate partners and family members.[1] Disabled individuals are at greater risk of severe physical and sexual violence than non disabled persons, and many disabled victims of violence experience multiple assaults.[2,3] Domestic abuse victims with disabilities are often more dependent on their caretakers than victims without disabilities, and face many barriers to reporting abuse and seeking services.[4] Victims who do report abuse or seek services often do not find adequate help, since many programs that serve domestic violence victims are not equipped or trained to offer proper care to disabled victims.[4]

DID YOU KNOW?

- Women with disabilities had a 40% greater risk of violence than women without disabilities.[5]
- Women with disabilities are at particular risk for severe violence.[5]
- The most common perpetrators of violence against women with disabilities are their male partners.[5]
- Studies estimate that 80% of disabled women have been sexually assaulted.[6]
- Women with disabilities are three times more likely to be sexually assaulted than women without disabilities.[7]
- One study showed that 47% of sexually abused women with disabilities reported assaults on more than ten occasions.[8]
- Approximately 48% of substantiated cases of abuse involve elder adults who are not physically able to care for themselves.[9]
- Disabled children are more than twice as likely as children without disabilities to be physically abused, and almost twice as likely to be sexually abused.[10]
- Virtually all women with disabilities who were sexually assaulted also reported social, emotional, and behavioral harm.[11]

REPORTING ABUSE

- Studies estimate that between 70% and 85% of cases of abuse against disabled adults go unreported.[12]
- One study found that only 5% of reported crimes against people with disabilities were prosecuted, compared to 70% for serious crimes committed against people with no disabilities.[12]
- Disabled victims are more vulnerable to threats by their abusers if they report the abuse.[13]

BARRIERS TO SEEKING SERVICES

- People with disabilities often lack accessible services due to limited resources, lack of transportation (especially in rural communities), or structural limitations of service facilities.[14]
- Some disabled victims lack the skills or abilities necessary to act independently to seek help.[13]
- Many disabled victims lack knowledge about services. Public information and awareness education are generally not distributed in Braille, large print, or audio tape and do not define domestic violence in ways that people with disabilities can relate to.[13]
- Disabled victims of violence are heavily dependent on their abusive primary caretakers and run the risk of losing their caretaker if they report abuse.[13]
- Victims may experience an increased risk of being institutionalized or losing their basic decision-making rights if they are viewed as unable to take care of themselves without the help of their abuser.[13]
- Disabled victims may be at greater risk for losing child custody if they are viewed as being unable to care for children independently from an abusive primary caretaker.[13]

DISABILITY TRAINING

- Only 35% of shelters surveyed have disability awareness training for their staff and only 16% have a dedicated staff person to deliver services to women with disabilities.[15]
- Service providers often lack the training and sensitivity necessary to serve victims with disabilities.[14]
- Some people see people with disabilities as less credible than nondisabled victims.[26]
- Some people think abusive treatment is necessary to manage people with disabilities or blame disabled victims for the abuse they suffer, and because they hold these beliefs they consider domestic violence against people with disabilities to be justified.[13]

PROTECTIONS FOR DISABLED VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE[16]

The Violence Against Women Act and Victims with Disabilities

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides support to victims with disabilities. Although the original version of VAWA did not provide funding for victims with disabilities, the 2000 reauthorization authorized a grant program to provide education and technical assistance to service providers to better meet the needs of disabled victims of violence.

The 2005 reauthorization of VAWA further expanded coverage for disabled victims. The 2005 reauthorization*:*

- Expanded education, training, and services grant programs.
- Included added construction and personnel costs for shelters that serve disabled victims of domestic violence to the purpose areas that can receive VAWA funding.
- Focused on the development of collaborative relationships between victim service organizations and organizations that serve individuals with disabilities.
- Provided funding for the development of model programs that implement advocacy and intervention services within organizations servicing disabled individuals.

Protection and Services for Disabled Victims:
Although the Department of Justice authorized $10 million per year for FY 2007 through FY 2011, only $7.1 million was allocated for protections and services for disabled victims in FY 2007. The Campaign for Funding to End Domestic and Sexual Violence requests $10 million for FY 2008 and subsequent years to be allocated to serve victims with disabilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or to get help, please contact:
The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.

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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

Zoom link, call-in info and all meeting materials will be posted at bayarea@scdd.ca.gov 10 days before each meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate. Contact bayarea@scdd.ca.gov or call 510.286.0439 for accommodation or access needs, at least 5 (five) days before a meeting.

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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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