



# NOTICE/AGENDA

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Sacramento Regional Office: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) MEETING

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DATE: December 15, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Karen Mulvany

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**Item 1.** CALL TO ORDER

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**Item 2.** ESTABLISH QUORUM

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**Item 3.** WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- RAC Members: Roll call, state name and county affiliation
- Members of the Public: Please introduce yourself in the Chat

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**Item 4.** APPROVAL OF AGENDA for December 15, 2020



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**Item 5.** APPROVAL OF October 20, 2020 MINUTES



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**Item 6.** Sacramento Regional Office Updates

- Sonya Bingaman, Regional Manager

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- Summary of Year and Video
  - Recordings on YouTube
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**Item 7. Alta California Regional Center Update**

- Jennifer Bloom, Associate Director of Client Services, ACRC
  - Self-Determination Program implementation update
  - Alternative vs. Traditional Services update
  - Covid-19, and other updates
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**Item 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Committee on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak.

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**Item 9. Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Update**

- Lisa Cooley
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**Item 10. State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Council Update**

- Joyce McNair
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**Item 11. Brief Reports from RAC Members on issues in their counties (3 minutes each)**

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**Item 12. Voting for RAC Chair & Secretary**



Nominations for Vice Chair

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**Item 13. NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 9, 2021 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please add to your calendar.

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**Item 14. UC Davis SEED Presentation 12:10 PM – 1:00 PM**

Beth Foraker, Supervisor/lecturer in the School of Education's Multiple Subject Credential Program, Co-Director of the SEED Scholar Program and Leonard Abbeduto, Ph.D., Director, UC Davis MIND Institute, discuss this new program for individuals with intellectual disabilities to attend UC Davis.

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-establish-4-year-program-students-intellectual-disabilities/>

- Supported Education to Elevate Diversity, or SEED, Scholar program is the first of its kind in California
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- Students will live on campus, with first group of 12 expected to begin taking classes in fall 2021
  - MIND Institute, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and School of Education all play a role
  - The UC Davis MIND Institute and Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have received a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create an inclusive, four-year college program for students with intellectual disabilities.

Full text of article is included at the end of the RAC Packet.

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## **Item15.** Meeting Adjournment

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities:  
Sacramento Regional Office  
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) MINUTES  
(Draft)  
October 20, 2020

**Members Present:**

Benita Ayala (FA)  
Brandy Boyd (FA), Vice-Chair  
Christine Hickey (FA)  
Donnell Kenworthy (FA)  
Jesana Tran (FA)  
Karen Mulvany (FA), Chair  
Kidada Medina (FA)  
Michael Helton (SA)  
Nancy Esparza (SA)  
Natalie Gray (SA)  
Tyson Whitman (SA)  
Elaine Linn (FA)

**Members Absent:**

Jane Taylor (FA)  
Glenda Servantes (SA)

**Others Attending:**

Lisa Cooley (SA) SSAN  
Joyce McNair (FA) Council Member  
Jennifer Bloom, Associate Director of Client Services, ACRC  
John Reven, CAC Chairperson Sacramento County SELPA  
Adrienne Maloney, Executive Director at Family SOUP, serving Sutter, Yuba and Colusa Counties.  
Monica Peña-Villegas  
Nicole Mion, Help Me Grow – Yolo County  
Virginia Perks DDSO Employment +  
Todd Rubien  
AnitaDee Brown  
Hannah Lockwood  
Maria Aguilera

Anastassia Loeblich  
Tania Rivera  
Jeremy Nunes  
Janelle Lewis,  
Marylin Beddawi  
Diana Vega, DREDF  
Kenya Martinez, (FA) DREDF  
Kathy Brian, SCDD Staff  
Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Staff

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COMMITTEE CHAIR: Karen Mulvany

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10:05 am

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**Item 4. Approval of Agenda**

First	Kidada Medina (FA)
Second	Brandy Body (FA)
In favor	Yes
Opposed	None
Abstain	None

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**Item 5. APPROVAL OF August 18, 2020 MINUTES**

First	Nancy Esparza (SA)
Second	Natalie Gray (SA)
In favor	Yes
Opposed	None
Abstain	None

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**Item 6. Sacramento Regional Office Updates (Kathy Brian & Sonya Bingaman)**

**Kathy Brian, CPS II, Community Program Specialist**

- HCBS DDS Informational Webinar
- Participated in the Nevada County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of providing information on upcoming Zoom Chats regarding Employment. In addition, SCDD staff informed the CAC of the past zoom Chats on the SCDD website for viewing. It has been a challenge to reach all IEP

goals/needs of students but there is a mandate to provide 4-6 hours a day of instruction. SCDD staff also offered PPE for those in need.

NOTE: Nevada County Special Ed. Director noted there are many lawsuits in CA due to schools not doing in-person instruction. Nevada Co. is looking into creating independent study models.

- Participated in the Yolo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of providing information on upcoming Zoom Chats regarding Employment. In addition, SCDD staff informed the CAC of the past zoom Chats on the SCDD website for viewing. SCDD staff also offered PPE for those in need. DRC and YCOE will be collaborating for IEP trainings
- Participated in the El Dorado County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting for the purpose of providing information on upcoming Zoom Chats regarding Employment, past zoom chats and offered PPE to those in need.
- Participated in the Yolo Aging and Disability Resource Connection (YADRC) of Yolo County advisory committee meetings. The YADRC is made up of the following agencies such as the Agency 4 on Aging, Partnership Health Plan, Dignity Health, RISE, Inc., Health Collaborative, Yolo Adult Day Care, Yolo Healthy Alliance, UC Davis University Disabled Student Services, Independent Living Centers (ILC) and Yolo Health and Human Service Agency staff. SCDD staff offered delivery of PPE if anyone is in need.
- Participated in the El Dorado County Transition Fair – a drive thru event for students from 5 El Dorado County high school districts. SCDD staff provided a bag of variety PPE gear and offered information on Voting, Employment Services and Post-secondary education services.
- Participated in the Employment Zoom Chats – Thus far we have featured Cindy Le, Alta California Regional Center’s Employment Specialist. The last one was with Jose Garcia, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) who discussed DOR Student Services which help students prepare for workplace success by exploring options, getting ready to work, and creating careers. Jessica Conant, with Golden Sierra Job Training Agency discussed Career Exploration. Next week will be Steve Ruder with the Business Advisory Council and our final Employment Chat will feature a panel of self-advocates who are employed!
- Participated in the Supported Life Institute (SLI) Conference Planning Team Meeting. The virtual SLI Conference will take place on October 22, 2020. SCDD staff secured speakers to cover a health and safety session. To date 157 people signed up!
- Participated in the Northern California Business Advisory Council event for the purpose of highlighting employers who have inclusive hiring practices. The recorded event will be on the MIND Institute’s website.
- I will attend the Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. The SELPA CAC welcomes SCDD staff attendance as information received is applicable to parents, teachers, and administrators all of which are represented at the meeting.
- Announced retirement from SCDD effective December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Sonya Bingaman, SSM II, Regional Manager**

- MCDAC update. Workgroups on GA and Alternatives to GA, parent education, desensitization, dentist provider education/training, better case management supporting referrals.
- Continuing with collaboratives (ADRCs, Sacramento Food Collaborative, etc.), community groups, trainings, RAC meetings, Council meetings. Collaborating on Zoom trainings which are now available statewide hosted by the 12 regional offices.
- MCDAC dental meetings – report on Special Needs General Anesthesia by Barbara Aved Associates.
- Continuing with Tuesday Chats: IPP with Kelsey Handcock; April Wick on Census; DRC and CFILC on Voting Rights; Employment Overview with Cindy Le; Employment: DOR and Golden Sierra;
- Katherine Weston on HCBS Settings (in September), Residential settings in October, for Families/SA and Spanish in December.
- Hosted ACRC POS meeting attended by 65 people. Continuing discussion of disparities in Racial Disparities group and sharing suggestions with ACRC.
- Lots of Technical Assistance. Families seeking guidance and information especially during Covid.
- PPE (Masks, Face Shields, Hand Sanitizer, Gloves, Gowns, N95) over 102 million pieces distributed by SCDD offices statewide. Sacramento Regional Office has collaborated with ACRC and other organizations to distribute over 2 million pieces.
- Red Cross 3-day Emergency Backpacks. Our office will receive 100 backpacks. They will be distributed to individuals who complete a training offered by our office. Priority will be for those living independently in fire or PSPS prone areas.
- Alternative vs. Traditional Services. What SA and FA can do.

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## **Item 7. Alta California Regional Center, Jennifer Bloom, Associate Client Services Manager**

There are now 4 clients in the Self-Determination Program, 1 more will join soon. ACRC is inheriting 2 clients in SDP transferring in from other areas. ACRC used the Everbridge alert system to notify clients/families who were selected for SDP and need to attend an Orientation. Service coordinators then followed up by contacting families. They are now down to 16 individuals who are not responding to efforts to contact them. ACRC is revising and revamping the implementation training to Service Coordinators. They are including lessons learned from SDP Service Coordinators who have gone through the process. SDP will be open to most clients over 3 by July 1st, 2021.

Jennifer discussed the difference between Traditional and Alternative Services in non-residential settings. Most programs are not open with congregate settings but are working to support clients with remote/virtual supports. Some services are being provided in the community or in people's homes with all safety measures in place.

What do I need to know as a parent? The providers should be contacting all clients to discuss their interest in continued services. The provider must notify the Service Coordinator if the client is willing to engage in Alternative Services. The Service Coordinator then calls and confirms with client to verify they want Alternative Services. The client/family doesn't need to do anything else. The provider will move forward. Everyone is still working hard to figure out services and supports during the Pandemic and trying to keep everyone safe.

Updated Covid-19 statistics:

Statewide general population who have tested positive: 844,000. 16,350 deceased.

Regional Center clients statewide who have tested positive: 3,000. 162 deceased.

ACRC clients who have tested positive: 143. 10 deceased.

Direct Service Providers in ACRC catchment area who have tested positive: 77.

ACRC staff who have tested positive: 1.

1% of Regional Center clients statewide have tested positive.

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## **Item 8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Reven, CAC Chair for Sac County SELPA. Asking Jennifer Bloom to attend SELPA CAC on November 12th on Zoom 10am. Alternative Services would be of interest to CAC members to hear about!
  - AnitaDee Brown, asked question about Self-Determination.
  - Kenya Martinez works for DREDF as education advocate. DREDF was awarded the PTI grant for Region 5. Will collaborate with Family Soup, Matrix, and Rowell. Diana Vega – bilingual educational advocate. Trainings will be held once a month Oct. 26 7-8:30 PM in Spanish iephhelp@dredf.org 510-644-2555. dvega@dredf.org; kmartinez@dredf.org. Link to register for October 26<sup>th</sup> Spanish IEP training:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2sM9ydreSMG1Ra94s7DcMA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2sM9ydreSMG1Ra94s7DcMA)
  - Diana Vega, DREDF, shared they are collaborating with the Developmental Disabilities Council to put together a conference for youth with disabilities (Vision for the Future)  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2YeQx96\\_SwyXENJNhQJ9ZA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2YeQx96_SwyXENJNhQJ9ZA)
  - Next SDAC (Self-Determination Advisory Committee) meeting is November 4th from 1-3pm on Webex. If interested in being alerted to these meetings, there is a link on [www.altaregional.org](http://www.altaregional.org) website to join their email list and you can select Self-Determination as a topic of emails to be added to.
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## **Item 9. Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Update. Lisa Cooley**

SSAN had a presentation from CFILC – Youth Organizing, Disabled and Proud, who represent 16-24 year olds with disabilities in California. They heard about disability history and pride and giving youth with disabilities opportunities to get together and learn about self-advocacy. They learned about the AT Assistive Technology loan program for technology and computers and other devices. They had a presentation from Russell Rawlings, CFILC, about the importance of the disability vote. New officers being elected within SSAN.

Lisa is also the Chair of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) and attends the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meetings coordinated by SCDD. This is a



list of some barriers to SDP that the Statewide committee has identified and forwarded to the Department of Developmental Services:

Lack of communication with DDS regarding who is no longer part of SDP

Lack of plain language information regarding FMS information

Lack of training regarding person centered planning for independent facilitators and others involved with Self-Determination

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## **Item 10. State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Council. Joyce McNair**

Joyce shared about the SCDD State Plan: Federal law requires the State Council to identify ways to improve and increase services for individuals and their families, and to submit these ideas to the federal government in the form of a State Plan. Effective with the passage of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, the Plan covers a five-year period.

2022-2026 State Plan Development: The State Council on Developmental Disabilities appreciates that so many of you responded to its State Plan survey. A total of 6,329 responses were received online and through community training and events (surveys were provided in 17 different threshold languages, in addition to English). Based on survey responses and research provided by Council staff, the Council's State Plan Committee developed its proposed State Plan. The Council is now asking for public review of and comments on its proposed 2022-26 California State Plan. The 2022-2026 State Plan has been translated into the same 17 threshold languages (see below). This public comment period will be open for 45 days, and will close on November 9, 2020.

Based on survey responses (with thousands of comments) and research provided by Council staff, the Council's State Plan Committee developed its proposed State Plan. The Council is now asking for public review of and comments on its proposed 2022-26 California State Plan. This public comment period will be open for 45 days.

Proposed 2022-26 State Plan

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy The Council will empower people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to become strong self-advocates, peer trainers and community leaders.

- **Objective 1** The Council will provide information, resources and 125 trainings to strengthen 1,250 self-advocates in: 1) identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need; 2) becoming and serving as peer trainers; and, 3) developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families.
- **Objective 2** The Council will support self-advocates in peer networks by providing facilitation, tangible supports and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities through at least 1 statewide and 12 regional self-advocacy entities, reaching 6,000 self-advocates.

Goal 2: Systems Change/Advocacy The Council will lead in partnership with family/self-advocates and others to protect and enhance civil rights and improve community-based systems to be more fully inclusive and supportive of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.

- **Objective 1** The Council will develop, improve and/or change 30 practices, 15 policies, and 10 regulations (or guidance) and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, and governmental entities. This work will include the areas of employment, education, housing, and health/safety in ways that will benefit people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and protect their civil rights, promote full inclusion, and/or provide additional supports and services, improving their lives in tangible ways.
- **Objective 2** The Council will engage in 20 regional and 5 statewide innovative/special projects and/or events in the areas of employment, education, housing, and health/safety to: 1) empower 5,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) in systems change efforts and give them information, skills and/or supports to increase their abilities to become effective advocates; and/or, 2) increase services to improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.
- **Objective 3** The Council, in collaboration with California's four (4) federal partners (one Protection and Advocacy agency and three University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), will assess the generic service system(s) that impact people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by choosing an area of emphasis in the State Plan, such as education, employment, housing, health or safety, and report on how the generic service system(s) is currently serving people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (including both those people served and not served by the Regional Center system), gaps in service delivery in the system(s), recommendations on how to improve the system(s) to meet the goals of the DD Act, and pursue policy and practice changes. The collaboration will result in 2 reports, 6 recommendations for policy or practice changes, and 2 changes to policy or practice.

Goal 3: Capacity-Building/Advocacy The Council will partner with and empower more people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, so they know their rights and can advocate for and receive supports and services.

- **Objective 1** The Council will provide (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training to 60,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person - and provide technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics, reaching 50,000 people with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services that will help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live a safer and healthier life.
- **Objective 2** The Council will engage in 100 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and emerging issues reaching 25,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them. Objective 3 In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.

Click here to give input on the 2022-2026 State Plan.

<https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/09/Public-Comment-Intro-English-9.25.-20-ACCESSIBLE.pdf>

45 day public comment period ends November 9th. The final State Plan will be presented at the June 2nd, 2021 Council meeting to be officially adopted. This is a 2 year process which we take very seriously. As a family member and Council member I think the results are fantastic. The Plan is dynamic and powerful and I hope you take advantage of it. By becoming a strong self-advocate you are helping to create system change, which is one of SCDD's goals.

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## **Item 11. Brief Reports from RAC Members on Issues in their counties**

### **Benita Ayala (FA)**

- ✓ The UCD Mind Institute is doing a Trunk or Treat event with decorate cars. They are looking for volunteers.
- ✓ Fly Brave Foundation is offering a running club at McKinley Park every Wednesday and Saturday in the morning.
- ✓ She is excited about the new SEED UCD College Program for students with ID/DD.

### **Brandy Boyd (FA)**

- ✓ Southside Park in Midtown had one of the first fully accessible playgrounds in Sacramento. They are trying to fundraise to rehabilitate the park and upgrade it in collaboration with the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation District. Further information at <https://jonniesdreamplayground.com/>
- ✓ Brandy is the Vice-Chair of the Sacramento City Disability Advisory Commission. They just had their first meeting in 7 months. It is now televised and live streamed. They had a presentation by an organization supporting those with visual impairments. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month. The City is working to bring streets and sidewalks up to current accessibility standards. Sacramento has set a standard nationwide for retrofitting curbcuts and sidewalks. A recording of the October 8th Sacramento Disability Advisory Commission meeting can be found at [http://sacramento.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=56](http://sacramento.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=56).
- ✓ The DAC has an open seat — if you live within the city of Sacramento's limits, please consider applying! <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Clerk/Legislative-Bodies/Boards-and-Commissions/SacramentoDisabilityAdvisoryCommission>
- ✓ Our next meeting is November 4th at 6 p.m.

### **Christine Hickey (FA)**

- ✓ Family Soup has monthly PALS play and learning support collaborate on Zoom. For 0-5 years olds. They recently did a Sign Language activity.
- ✓ They host monthly scrapbooking groups in the evening. They've decorated photo frames and made scrapbooking pages.
- ✓ They've dropped off supplies and PPE to each family.
- ✓ NICU awareness month: focusing on families who recently were discharged from the hospital. They provide gas cards and transportation. 15 families have signed up. They dropped off materials to paint rocks. They will have a group meeting every other month. Then they picked up the painted rocks and brought them to nearby hospitals to spread cheer and gratitude.

- ✓ There is a new Executive Director, Adrienne Maloney for FamilySoup. Cindy Chandler who was very involved with Area Board 3 year ago, has recently retired.
- ✓ Chris shared that some rural schools are going back to school using hybrid models.

### **Donnell Kenworthy (FA)**

- ✓ She and her husband, Darrel are involved with the Sacramento District Dental Society. At a training recently for 45 dentists, she shared the story of her son accessing dental services.
- ✓ Her son is mostly staying home now because he is high risk with medical complications.
- ✓ She is working with Elaine Linn on a project called the Candle Collaborative – families share their stories about discharging from a hospital. UC Davis, Vanderbilt, Children’s Hospital, Orange, and several other large hospitals in the nation are listening and learning about what they can do to support families when they discharge with a child with special needs.
- ✓ She recently worked with 3 different families in developing an IEP that addressed someone with severe needs not being met by virtual learning. She helped 2 families to be made eligible for IHSS for adult children. She says it is sad when we see our system fail and not help families access services much earlier.

### **Glenda Servantes (SA) N/A**

### **Jesana Tran (FA)**

- ✓ Family Soup has been collaborating with DRC, providing IEP and 504 workshops until the end of Fiscal Year. Other training topics include: School based mental health, Assistive Technology, Self-Determination Program. Trainings are all in English and Spanish.
- ✓ They are offering American Sign Language (ASL) classes in collaboration with NorCal. Classes are well attended and they have a waiting list.
- ✓ They are collaborating with the Colusa County Office of Education to promote the CAPTAIN website. The Modules are available for parents and professionals. They will offer a training on Visual Supports, Spring 2021.

### **Karen Mulvany (FA)**

- ✓ ACRC held its annual Purchase of Service meeting on 9/25/20 to review its efforts to reduce spending disparities for services across different racial and ethnic groups, as well as by disability diagnoses and living situation. The Sacramento Regional Office hosted this meeting on Zoom for ACRC and provided technical assistance which resulted in unprecedented family and self-advocate attendance. Along with ongoing collaboration with the participants in the Racial and Ethnic disparities talk group, this meeting helped to identify challenges that are frustrating Alta as well as self-advocates and families in the quest to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.
- ✓ Anyone can join the Zoom meeting which is held every 3-4 weeks to discuss issues, experiences and potential actions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities. The next meeting is November 19. Please contact Sonya to learn more or help educate others, and collaborate on meaningful change.
- ✓ El Dorado County is hosting a public input meeting for its Housing Element update on 10/22 at 8:30 am. Call in at 530-621-7603 to advocate for IDD Housing.
- ✓ CDSS (CA Dept. of Social Services) hosted a stakeholder conference call yesterday to advise In-Home Supportive Services) IHSS recipients and providers that the Centers for

Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring a change to the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) process, which must be implemented by 1/1/2021 in order for the state to avoid penalties.

- Providers will be required to clock in and out of their shifts in real time, while also providing location verification, for all IHSS shifts. Live-in providers will be exempt from this additional requirement. (Note: DDS-funded direct support staff will likely be required to comply with similar requirements at some point in the future.)
- There were many concerns voiced by participants. Shifts each day end and begin at midnight, which imposes a wake-up hardship on overnight staff. The power shut offs will make real time logins impossible at times. The additional login and logout time requirements will subtract from time that is supposed to be spent on IHSS tasks.
- To advocate with respect to this change, email [EVV@dss.ca.gov](mailto:EVV@dss.ca.gov), and sign up for EVV updates.

**Kidada Medina (FA)**

- ✓ San Juan Unified will be resuming classes soon for special education students in self-contained classrooms. They will be able to return to modified in-person instruction November 2nd. Natomas Unified will follow November 16th.

**Michael Helton (SA)**

- ✓ He's staying home and staying safe.

**Midhun Tripuraneni (SA)**

- ✓ Not present. He resigned from the RAC because he obtained full-time employment at EDD which conflicts with attending meetings.

**Nancy Esparza (SA)**

- ✓ Pride industries is offering alternative transportation, taking clients to doctor's appointment, to the mall to buy art supplies, and wherever they want to go.
- ✓ The ARC's Studio 700 program is offering Zoom classes for the next 4 more months.

**Natalie Gray (SA)**

- ✓ She's staying healthy, staying safe, being positive, no negatives.

**Tyson Whitman (SA)**

- ✓ On the Planning Committee for and helping out at the virtual Supported Life Conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Elaine Linn (FA) N/A**

- ✓ Assisting son with virtual high school classes.

**Jane Taylor (FA) N/A**

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**Item 12. Nominations for RAC Chair & Secretary**

Karen Mulvany announced she is resigning as Chair of the RAC.

The group made nominations for Brandy Boyd and Elaine Linn for Chair. (After the meeting, Elaine Linn stated she was grateful for the nomination but withdrew her name from consideration).

The group made nominations for Karen Mulvany to be Secretary.  
Elections will be held at the December meeting.

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### **Item 13. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

December 15, 2020 – Presentation on the UC Davis SEED Program

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-establish-4-year-program-students-intellectual-disabilities>

Voted to approve 2021 Meeting Calendar

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10am-1pm**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10am-1pm**

First Natalie Gray

Second Brandy Boyd

All in favor All

Abstain None

Oppose None

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**Item 14. Meeting Adjourned**

12:35 pm



# Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

## Schedule for 2021

Sacramento Regional Office  
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## Recordings of 2020 SCDD Sacramento Regional Office Trainings

April 21, 2020 Dante Allen, ED, CalABLE on ABLE Accounts (link to different recent CalABLE training) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aORiXaR2III>

April 28, 2020 Brittnee Gillespie, Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate, Disability Rights California about about supports and services her office provides to clients of Alta California Regional Center and children with special needs who have Individual Education Plans. We also discuss changes that have occurred to services as result of Covid-19. <https://bit.ly/2Qcpaw4>

May 5, 2020 L. Vance Taylor, Chief, Office of Access and Functional Needs, CA Governor's Office of Emergency Services on Covid-19 and people with Access and Functional Needs <https://bit.ly/34jONmE>

May 12, 2020 Carole Watilo, ED, Progressive Employment Concepts and Self-Advocates on Employment & Community Based Supports <https://bit.ly/31evs4i>

May 19, 2020 Andrew Pentacost, Senior Health Education Specialist, Health Education Department, California Health and Wellness/HealthNet on Managed Care regulations and services under the Affordable Care Act. We also address changes to medical services during Covid-19. <https://bit.ly/3hh8HIV>

May 26, 2020 April Wick, Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living (RIL) on Independent Living Center services and supports <https://bit.ly/3hfynj3>

June 2, 2020 Diana Maffei, Program Manager, Warmline Family Resource Center on services and supports through Family Resource Centers <https://bit.ly/2QhXSUJ>

June 11, 2020 Anthony Pico with the Aunt Bertha online social service resource platform on how this resource works and how you can use it to help yourself or



others find resources in your community by zip code and topic of what you are seeking help with. <https://bit.ly/3gdcAXL>

June 16, 2020 Brittnee Gillespie, Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate, Disability Rights California on IHSS program, how to Prepare for Home Visits, Protective Supervision, and the Appeals Process. <https://bit.ly/3aKqAOr>

June 23, 2020 Raymond Hampson and other dads with Dad-Vocates fathers' group discuss fathering a special needs child and unique challenges during COVID-19 <https://bit.ly/2QaOu5r>

June 30, 2020 Caryl Balko, Pride Industries Supported Employment, and job exploration, preparation, searching, on-the-job training, and ongoing supports for community employment. <https://bit.ly/32eWJmN>

July 7, 2020 Deirdre Fitzgerald, PhD, BCBA-D, Achievement by Design, discusses practical strategies to improve sleeping and waking routines during stressful times, such as COVID-19. <https://bit.ly/3dex7cy>

July 28, 2020 Lori Banales, Deputy Executive Director, and John Decker, Director of Community Services and Supports with Alta California Regional Center discuss updates regarding services & supports to individuals with developmental disabilities during COVID-19.

August 4, 2020 Danielle Cannarozzi, Community Outreach Specialist, LIBERTY Dental, discusses proper oral hygiene, including brushing and flossing, as well as healthy drinks/snacks for the best oral health for individuals with developmental disabilities. <https://tinyurl.com/SCDDdentaltraining>

August 11, 2020 Katherine Weston, Home and Community Based Specialist, Alta California Regional Center, helps us learn more about the CMS (Centers for Medicaid Services) Final Rule requirements for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Person Centered Planning and how they will shape day program services and supports funded by the Regional Centers in the near future. <https://tinyurl.com/SCDDHCBS2020>

August 18, 2020 Chris Flannery is an Outreach Specialist with Aurrera Health Group who works with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to help implement the Health Homes Program (HHP), a new initiative which adds extra service benefits to qualifying Medi-Cal beneficiaries. HHP offers these extra services at no cost to Medi-Cal members with certain chronic health and/or mental health issues who have high health care needs or do not have a place to live. If you qualify, the HHP will offer health care services and other help to meet your needs. <https://bit.ly/3l3hF8C>

August 25, 2020 Kelsey Handcock, OCRA Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy serving clients of Alta California Regional Center, on **Individual Program Plan (IPP) Strategies**, Procedures, and the Complaint & Appeal Process. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzLTuytLb-Q>

September 8, 2020 April Wick, Executive Director, Resources for Independent Living on **Census2020** and its importance for the disability community. <https://youtu.be/flhE5VL88Lk>

September 22, 2020 Fred Nisen, Supervising Attorney on Voting Rights with Disability Rights California and Russel Rawlings, Statewide Organizer, California Independent Living Centers discuss **Voting Rights in 2020**. <https://youtu.be/jUIEugVz-sE>

September 24, 2020 Katherine Westin, HCBS Specialist, Alta California Regional Center offers a training on the **Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver** or Settings Rule/Final Rule and how it may affect community services funded through the regional centers. <https://youtu.be/NNwIFQbTVAc>

October 6, 2020 **Employment Services from ACRC, Employment First Legislation and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)**: Cindy Le, Employment Services Specialist, Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) will discuss Employment Services from ACRC, Employment First Legislation and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). <https://youtu.be/mNldC-kdDxE>

October 13, 2020 **Employment Services through the Department of Rehabilitation** (Jose Garcia, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, DOR) and **Career Exploration** supports through Golden Sierra Job Training Agency (Jessica Conant, MS, Disability Resource Coordinator) are explored. <https://youtu.be/yAQdbg77Cws>

October 15, 2020 Katherine Westin, HCBS Specialist, Alta California Regional Center offers a training on the **Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waiver** or Settings Rule/Final Rule and how it may affect **residential services** funded through the regional centers in California. <https://youtu.be/z3HdBDkK9Og>

October 20, 2020 Steve Ruder, BAC Program Coordinator at the UC Davis MIND Institute, discusses how the **Business Advisory Council** reaches out to educate businesses, connects them with other businesses who have hired individuals with disabilities as well as to supported employment agencies. Dee Gavaldon, Program manager and Benefits Counselor, Crossroads, A Pride Industries company, discusses **Benefits Counseling** for those transition to work who receive public benefits. <https://youtu.be/0yGGt78IDzc>

October 27, 2020 **Let's Celebrate our Stories!** Nine self-advocates (and parents) shared stories about their employment experiences before, during, and after the Pandemic. They shared about how their work duties changed, and in some cases, how their employment goals have changed due to the current work climate. Progressive Employment Concepts - PEC, Pride Industries, and Strategies to Empower People – STEP, shared how they assisted these individuals to obtain their jobs, provide on-the-job training, and ongoing employment supports and coaching as job duties change. [https://youtu.be/j1eb8\\_je3Q](https://youtu.be/j1eb8_je3Q)

November 17, 2020 Amanda Hill, Community Outreach Manager for **Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan** discusses eligibility and enrollment, choosing a health plan and Anthem specific benefits during Covid-19. <https://youtu.be/8ayarlDszxk>

**A few other trainings SCDD has been involved with that you may find interesting:**

June 8, 2020 SCDD's Festival of Learning Part 1. Person Centered Planning: The Five Valued Experiences is from Kirk Hinkleman and Beth Gallagher from Life Works in San Diego. <https://youtu.be/tlqCFzRKzWU>

August 10, 2020 SCDD's Festival of Learning Part 2 shared how genuine person driven planning and flexible supports have assisted these individuals to identify ways to achieve their dreams! [https://youtu.be/rvl-rV\\_EUc0](https://youtu.be/rvl-rV_EUc0)

College Students and Professionals with Disabilities – almost 50 brief video interviews with adults with developmental disabilities talking about their experiences in college and employment (Produced, in part, with Grant funding from SCDD Sacramento Regional Office). <https://bit.ly/3hbdbup>

Success in College Booklet: Advice and Strategies from College Students and College Graduates who have Developmental Disabilities (Produced, in part, with Grant funding from SCDD Sacramento Regional Office). <https://bit.ly/3l5Alob>

Success in the Workplace Booklet: Advice and Strategies from Professionals who have Developmental Disabilities (Produced, in part, with Grant funding from SCDD Sacramento Regional Office). <https://bit.ly/34iNzrV>

# Select Reports from SCDD Council Packet for December 1, 2020

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## **AGENDA ITEM 10D.**

### **STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSDAC) SUMMARY**

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#### ***Date of Meeting***

September 25, 2020

#### ***Meeting's Focus***

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met on September 25, 2020, via Zoom. Committee members began the meeting by approving the June meeting minutes and then moved on to hear updates from the Co-Chairs on SSDAC activities that had taken place since the February meeting. Members then provided their regional center's Self-Determination Program (SDP) implementation updates and were given relevant updates from DDS before breaking for lunch.

During the afternoon, Committee members discussed the progress made on the recommendations provided within the report and what the local advisory committees can be doing to ensure the follow through of the recommendations. Members discussed establishing benchmarks for regional centers and local advisory committees and redoing the orientation to be more user friendly. Members also requested that a workgroup be established to work on some of these activities. Committee Co-Chairs established the requested workgroup and began their work on November 17<sup>th</sup>. They plan to meet again in December.

The meeting concluded by discussing meeting frequency and the need for funding in order to meet more often.

# Quality Assessment Project Report

December 2020

## Cycle: In-Person Survey Cycle (IPS)

The upcoming IPS cycle is scheduled to begin December 2020. During this cycle, a random sample of individuals 18 years old and older, receiving at least one regional center funded service and case management will be surveyed.

In response to the pandemic and the precautions necessary to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the survey process, surveys will now be conducted remotely by SCDD staff and contracted surveyors using Zoom Healthcare, a HIPPA compliant video conferencing platform. The target for all 21 regional centers remains 400 each for a statewide goal of 8400 surveys.

To conduct these remote interviews, SCDD has successfully recruited approximately 180 surveyors statewide covering languages such as Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi, Korean and ASL.

Training for all surveyors and QACs are being conducted throughout November, implemented through various self-paced modules as well as live webinars.

For Statewide and Regional Center Reports regarding past completed survey cycles, please go to:  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

## Mover Longitudinal Study (MLS)

All Mover Longitudinal In-Person interviews continue to be suspended as of March 17, 2020 due to the Covid-19 crisis. It is now expected that the MLS will begin at the same time as the IPS cycle in December 2020.

MLS cohorts however, will no longer be followed past 2 years post and the Early Closure cohorts will no longer be followed. This reduces the Mover Longitudinal Study enrollment from 612 to 313.

There have been no changes since last reported: MLS In-Person interviews completed to date statewide is 1,963. Please see Table 1 on the following page for Regional Center and Survey Type breakdown.

**Table 1: MLS In-Person Surveys Completed**

<b>Regional Center</b>	<b>3 Month</b>	<b>6 Month</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>4 year</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alta California	55	51	48	40	7	0	201
Central Valley	53	49	41	35	15	6	199
East Bay	85	84	83	38	11	3	304
Eastern LA	5	5	5	2	2	1	20
Far Northern	10	10	10	8	4	0	42
Frank D. Lanterman	4	4	3	3	1	0	15
Golden Gate	67	67	67	44	12	3	260
Harbor	10	9	10	6	4	1	40
Inland	4	4	4	1	1	0	14
Kern	25	20	17	11	7	0	80
North Bay	79	76	75	25	14	0	269
North LA County	11	11	10	10	6	1	49
Orange County	62	58	30	10	8	1	169
Redwood Coast	3	3	3	3	2	0	14
San Andreas	6	6	6	4	0	0	22
San Diego	39	25	23	18	8	1	114
San Gabriel/Pomona	5	5	4	3	3	0	20
South Central LA	18	17	16	10	2	1	64
Tri-Counties	10	9	5	3	1	0	28
Valley Mountain	3	3	3	1	1	0	11
Westside	8	7	7	6	0	0	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1963</b>

**December 1, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 9.**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Report from the  
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network**



Recent Activity: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their third meeting of 2020 on September 24, 2020 using Zoom.

**Focus of Meeting:**

Due to COVID—19 concerns, the September 2020 SSAN was shortened to a four-hour meeting held using the Zoom meeting platform. Members talked about meeting options for the December meeting and the meeting options for 2021.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the June SSAN meeting. This update included information on the agency’s efforts to advocate for people with I/DD during COVID—19, the ongoing wildfires across California, and the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). SCDD has partnered with the American Red Cross to put together go-kits to distribute to people with I/DD throughout California. Contact your regional office for more information. SCDD continues to educate Californians with I/DD about voting in the upcoming election and the importance of participating in the 2020 Census Count. SCDD Council approved the 2022—2026 State Plan and it will be out for public comment soon. SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers encouraged SSAN members to [provide feedback on the SCDD 2022—2026 State Plan](#).

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) Executive Director Christina Mills and Statewide Community Organizer Russell Rawlings provided SSAN members with an overview of the different programs and networks that CFILC supports. More information on the programs covered can be found online:

- [YO! Disabled and Proud](#)
- [Disability Organizing Network](#)
- [Ability Tools](#)
- [Digital Access Project](#)
- [Disability Disaster Access and Resources](#)



Disability Rights California (DRC) Voting Rights Advocate Gabriel Taylor and Peer Advocate Scott Barron provided SSAN members with an overview presentation on voting in the upcoming election scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members discussed the importance of participating in the voting process and plans to vote in the upcoming election. The following resources were shared during this presentation:

- [California's Where is My Ballot Tool](#)
- [California's Secretary of State's Website](#)
- [California's Voter's Edge org](#)
- [League of Women's Voters Easy Voter Guide](#)
- [California's Voter's Choice Act](#)

Members reviewed and approved the September edition of the SSAN Newsletter and discussed topics for articles to include in the next edition.

**Actions Taken:**

- Approved the Agenda for the September 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the Minutes from the June 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the September 2020 Edition of SSAN Newsletter

**SSAN Leadership:**

**Chair:** Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

**Vice-Chair:** Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

**Secretary:** Lisa Cooley, Sacramento Regional Representative

**SSAN Workgroups:**

- Officers
- Membership
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Legislative and Civic Engagement
- Newsletter and Communications
- Youth Engagement

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled December 8<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

# CRA / VAS

## Clients' Rights Advocacy and Volunteer Advocacy Services

### SCDD AT WORK INSIDE CALIFORNIA DDS STATE OPERATED FACILITIES

#### Developmental Center/Community Facility/STAR Unit Census as of November 1, 2020

**Total Population: 243**

Porterville DC **190** Central STAR **5** Southern STAR **3** Canyon Springs CF **40** Desert STAR **5**

#### Program Activity for September and October 2020

**COVID-19 Update** SCDD issued an emergency telework plan on March 16, 2020. CRA/VAS staff serve clients at the facilities on a rotating basis. DDS issued a no visitor policy at all state operated facilities in March 2020. All DDS and CRA/VAS staff working on grounds are screened daily, provided a mask, and tested if there is a known positive in the facility. The DDS facility surge bed units at Porterville and Fairview DCs are in warm shut down. Residents and DDS staff including CRA/VAS were offered an influenza vaccine. CRA/VAS team assisted SCDD Regional Offices to distribute PPE in the local regional areas.

**Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR Unit** CRA reviewed 3 denial of rights; 6 IPPs; 4 human rights/behavioral meetings, 6 transition meetings, facilitated 4 self-advocacy meetings, attended 8 Emerging Risk Notification; assisted with 1 request for release, assisted 8 clients with court communication, provided 3 rights and other trainings staff. VAS attended 8 IPPs, 8 special meetings, 9 transition meetings, 3 community home observations, 2 denial of rights meeting, 1 human rights/behavior, 8 self-advocacy meetings, 44 clients meetings and 40 visits via Zoom. VAS Coordinator attended 13 professional group meetings and/or trainings in the community.

**Southern STAR Unit and Former FDC Individuals in the Community** CRA attended following meetings for Southern STAR residents: 10 transition/special/IPP, 1 human rights/behavioral meeting, 1 IEP meeting. VAS Coordinator and advocates attended 4 transition meetings, 2 health care reviews, and 3 IPP meetings, and made over 35 follow up contacts for individuals who transitioned from Fairview DC. SCDD staff and advocates completed mandated reporting and attended 11 other trainings and symposiums.

**Porterville Developmental Center and Central STAR Unit** CRA attended 8 human rights meetings, 12 IPPs, 6 transition meetings, 9 escort reviews, 4 denial of rights reviews, provided conducted 2 staff training, submitted 3 incident reports, 2 hand cuff debriefings, 8 committee meetings and trainings. VAS serves 55 people at PDC and in the community. The program attended: 8 IPPs, 25 transition meetings, 1 escort review, 1 denial of rights, conducted 2 staff training, provided 1 self-advocacy training, 2 Self-Determination committee mtg, 1 RAC meeting, 1 primary advisory committee, 1 foster grandparent meeting, and 11 other meetings and trainings. VAS Coordinator provided 2 trainings to Volunteer Advocates.

**Northern STAR I, II and III Homes** DDS State Operated Facility Division executive personnel requested SCDD cease CRA service provision due to contested jurisdiction in September 2020.

***A gentleman at PDC Secure Treatment Area told PDC staff he was thankful for SCDD Advocacy Services for helping him move to another unit. He says 'thank you' to VAS Coordinator, Judi Muirhead, for being present at his meeting, to our OT, Connie Wilson, for listening and connecting him to our staff, and, to our CRA, Erika Flores, for initiating his appeal.***

## **UC Davis to Establish 4-Year Program for Students With Intellectual Disabilities**, By Marianne Russ Sharp on October 12, 2020 in [University](https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-establish-4-year-program-students-intellectual-disabilities/) <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/uc-davis-establish-4-year-program-students-intellectual-disabilities/>

### **Quick Summary**

- Supported Education to Elevate Diversity, or SEED, Scholar program is the first of its kind in California
- Students will live on campus, with first group of 12 expected to begin taking classes in fall 2021
- MIND Institute, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and School of Education all play a role
- The UC Davis MIND Institute and Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have received a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create an inclusive, four-year college program for students with intellectual disabilities.

The Supported Education to Elevate Diversity, or SEED, Scholar program will be the first of its kind in California, and the goal is to create a model that could be used by other universities in the state.

“It’s a game-changer. It’s the only thing like it in the west,” said Beth Foraker, supervisor/lecturer in the School of Education’s Multiple Subject Credential Program, who will be the co-director of the SEED Scholar program.

The first group of 12 students is expected to begin classes in the fall 2021 and is likely to include people with autism, Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome and other neurodevelopmental disabilities. Foraker, whose 21-year-old son Patrick has Down syndrome, has been working toward this goal for years.

“Ninety-seven percent of adults with intellectual disabilities are living in poverty,” Foraker said, noting that postsecondary options are severely limited, with only a handful of four-year inclusive programs in the country. “This is a chance for them to go on to make a living wage, to live an authentic life of true freedom.”

The students will live in campus housing, attend classes and take part in extracurricular activities. An internship component is also planned, with options for placement within UC Davis Health, on campus and in legislative offices at the state Capitol.

“This really is about diversity, equity and inclusion,” said Leonard Abbeduto, director of the MIND Institute. “People with intellectual disabilities should have the same rights to post-secondary education options as everyone else.”

The MIND Institute and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will jointly run the program, which will be fully integrated into the campus community.

“I am excited about partnering with the MIND Institute to expand inclusive education and excellence,” said Renetta Garrison Tull, vice chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

“Having support from the Department of Education for this new initiative to welcome students with intellectual disabilities into the UC Davis Aggie family is a reason to celebrate.”

#### Support system

SEED Scholars will have a support system, including undergraduate students who will serve as peer mentors, helping with academics as well as social activities, health and wellness and oversight of internships. A curriculum that includes regular UC Davis courses, as well as some special courses focused on relevant issues such as independent living, will also be designed. The goal is to create a program that will culminate in a meaningful credential for the graduates.

The five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education falls under the Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities, or TPSID, which was created in 2010. UC Davis is the first university in California to receive a TPSID for a four-year inclusive, residential program. The grant will cover about 80 percent of the cost of creating the program, with the remainder being covered largely by philanthropy.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for UC Davis to be on the forefront of offering college experiences for young people with disabilities,” said Lauren E. Lindstrom, dean of the School of Education and a member of the MIND Institute faculty. “The partnership between the MIND Institute and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is very innovative.”

#### Expanding beyond UC Davis

The goal is to expand that partnership far beyond UC Davis, with the program serving as a model for other UC campuses as well as the California State University System.

“We should be able to replicate our program across every UC and every CSU, which is unreal and amazing,” Foraker said.

The MIND Institute and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will be hiring new staff members in the coming months to design the curriculum, housing options and peer mentor program, as well as a system for outreach to local schools to attract applicants.

“Even though we were motivated originally by the benefit to the students with intellectual disabilities, I think there’s going to be a great benefit to UC Davis undergraduate students in general,” Abbeduto said. “This is why we encourage diversity in all of its forms. We want people to understand the world from everyone else’s perspective because there’s great value in that.”



November 20, 2020

California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) 915 Capitol Mall, Room 485  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via Email to [judith.blackwell@treasurer.ca.gov](mailto:judith.blackwell@treasurer.ca.gov) and [anthony.zeto@treasurer.ca.gov](mailto:anthony.zeto@treasurer.ca.gov)

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the chance to submit comments on proposed changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Regulations (TCAC). The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (State Council) and the undersigned organizations and individuals are grateful for the revised proposal to increase the percentage of fully accessible units generally (Section 10325(f)(7)(K) and fully accessible units in senior projects (Section (10325(g)(2)(B)).

In 2017, the State Council released a strategic framework for expanding housing opportunities for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.<sup>1</sup> As the shift from living in a Developmental Center to the community has occurred and the Developmental Centers have closed, housing options in the community have simply not been sufficient to meet the needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. More than 60% of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities currently live with family.<sup>2</sup> Of the people with developmental disabilities who responded to our survey during creation of the framework, 85% said they would like to live alone or with roommates. When their aging caregivers are no longer able to continue to provide the same level of support and housing stability, the housing crisis will worsen for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TCAC has been a leader in addressing the gap in accessible and affordable housing. For people with disabilities to have the opportunity to live in the community, housing must be safe, affordable, accessible and near services and supports. This revised proposal will ensure that progress continues to be made to address the housing crisis for people with disabilities by ensuring more affordable and accessible units are built. Without this housing, people with disabilities cannot live independently in their communities and instead will be relegated to living with caregivers, in institutions or be homeless.

Fifty years ago, Congress established the State Councils in every state and territory to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can access services and supports that “promote self- determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion” in community life. The Lanterman Act establishes the Council in California to be comprised of 31 members appointed by the Governor, including individuals with disabilities, their families, other partners and state agencies. The State Council is the guiding force for positive, life altering changes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

<sup>1</sup> Lanterman Housing Alliance. (2018). *Statewide Strategic Framework for Expanding Housing Opportunities for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DRAFT)*. Sacramento: California State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

<sup>2</sup> <http://stateofthestates.org/documents/California.pdf>

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

and the following organizations:

A Better Life Together, Inc.

AbilityPath

Adaptive Learning Center

Aidan'z House

Ala Costa Centers

Alta California Regional Center

Arc Imperial Valley

Association of Regional Center Agencies

Avenues Supported Living Services

Beacons, Inc.

Becky Coffey, Independent Living Services (ILS)

Building Bridges for Special Needs-Coachella Valley

CA In-Home Support Services Consumer Alliance

California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Supportive Services (CAPA)

California Community Living Network

California Disability Services Association

California Respite Association

California State Independent Living Council (SILC)

California Vocations, Inc.

Cal-TASH

Capitalizing on Capabilities, Inc. (CAPC)

Care Parent Network

CARECO, Inc.

Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities

Channel Islands Social Services

Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled

Coachella Valley Autism Society

Community Catalysts of California

Community Employment Services

Community Housing Options Integrated Community Employment and Social Services

Community Interface Services

COMPASS, LLC

Connections for Life

Creative Minds

Creative Support Alternatives

Deaf Plus Adult Community

Disability Community Resource Center

Disability Rights California

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

Easterseals Southern California

Easy Community Day Program

Environmental Land Management (ELM) Services

Escuela De La Raza Unida

Exceptional Family Center

Family Resource Navigators

Family Support Network

Family Voices of California

Fiesta Educativa, Inc.

Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN)

Full Circle of Choices, Inc.  
Future Transitions, Inc.  
Golden Gate Regional Center  
Harbor Regional Center  
Harbor Supported Living Services  
Horizon Day Program  
Housing Choices  
Housing Now  
Illumination Institute  
In2vision Programs, LLC  
INALLIANCE  
Independence for Life Choices  
Individualized Educational Services  
Independent Living Resources of Solano & Contra Costa Counties  
Integrated Community Collaborative  
Integrated Community Services  
IRAAS Residential Care, Inc.  
Korean Parents Support Group of Orange County  
Las Trampas School, Inc.  
Liberacion de Familias Excepcionales (LIFE)  
Life Works  
Lifehouse  
Lighthouse Living Services  
LivelyHood Housing  
Mana Nursery, Inc.  
Manos Home Care  
Marin Center for Independent Living  
Modern Support Services, LLC  
Mother Lode Rehabilitation Enterprises Inc  
Neurological and Physical Abilitation (NAPA) Center  
Networx  
New Beginnings Housing Foundation  
New Dawn Support Services  
North Bay Housing Coalition  
North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
North Valley Services  
Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development  
Options for All  
Older Women's League SacCap (OWL SacCap)  
Palm Tree Home  
PathPoint  
People's Care  
Placer Independent Resource Services  
Prader-Willi California Foundation  
PRAGNYA  
Quality Connections Living Services, Inc.  
QUICK TRANSPORT, Inc.  
Redwood Coast Regional Center  
Resources for Independent Living  
Rolling Start, Inc.  
ROSLIL, Inc.  
Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee, State Council Developmental Disabilities

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center  
Sentry Living Solutions  
Silicon Valley Independent Living Center  
Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living  
Strategies to Empower People (STEP)  
Strive to Thrive Enrichment  
Sunflower Hill  
Support for Families of Children with Disabilities  
The Adult Skills Center  
The Arc of Amador and Calaveras  
The Arc of San Diego  
The Arc of Ventura County, Inc.  
The California Sibling Leadership Network  
The Caring Connection, Inc.  
Tierra del Sol Foundation  
TLC Supported Living Services, LLC  
Training, Education, Resource Institute, Inc. (TERI)  
Training Towards Self Reliance  
United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County  
United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire  
United Cerebral Palsy WORK, Inc.  
Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center  
Working Wonders  
Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area  
Zula's Helping Hands, LLC

The letter was also signed by 341 individuals. Appendix I highlights stories showing the importance of accessible and affordable housing to people with disabilities.

**Appendix I.** I care for a young man with a cognitive disability. He made friends with a very kind lady across the street, who must get around in a wheel chair. He always enjoyed stopping to chat with this nice lady, and to pet her little dog. Sadly, her rent was raised and she could no longer afford to live in our neighborhood. This should not happen to disabled individuals! They need housing to meet their needs at an affordable cost. My client misses his friend and her small dog--so, the housing issue affects more than just those seeking appropriate accommodations. This issue causes emotional distress, not only to the those seeking homes, but, to their friends and family as well.

I know many people who have disabilities that live in their own apartments/homes with support. But as they age many have mobility issues that limit their housing options, while still having an expectation of community living. The same time will be true for the explosion of baby boomers as they reach their late years.

Congregate living is not always the right option for many. We need more accessible and affordable housing throughout California.

my son has dual diagnosis of bipolar and aspergers autism and he does not have a job but survives on SSI and SSA. he definitely needs the chance to qualify for affordable housing in our area.

It is of the uttermost importance that all people have a place to live reasonably in this day and time. Rent gouging is out of control.

I live in income based housing with my two developmentally disabled children. We have enjoyed being part of a family focused community in an area in which I would have not been able to afford without tax programs. Reducing this program will hurt families and their children.

I was border line homeless 2 years ago when the apartment building that I lived for 4 years was sold. Within 30 days of purchased I received a notice of \$700 rent increase in 90 days from that day. It perfectly legal if the building was done after 1970. I couldn't afford it. I was lucky I had my tax returns because my \$300 emergency funds was not enough for all the moving expenses. Please understand average families don't have thousands of dollars in savings much less families of children with special needs. We try everything from those expensive heavy blankets to support the sensory issues our children struggle with. Honestly, we need to be an areas where there are services available. I considered moving out of Los Angeles but giving up the



services my child was receiving would be failing him as a parent. I gave up a lot of things to keep us in our current service area. I don't go out, I don't buy new clothing only used .I recycle cans and bottles when I go out for walks. I canceled my gym. I list items in different apps; the things I can sale instead of donating them. I come up with different ways and strategies to maximize my income. Now that I have lost my job I have applied to every opportunity to get support my lost of income. I am going to manage to stay in Los Angeles because of the services my child needs. It's not a want but a need. It's not a luxury but a necessity.

yes I have a son who is disabled and in remission from cancer he is autistic  
My husband and I invited George (had Down Syndrome) to live with us for the final 16 years of his life. He lived for 66 good years! I grew up with George as my neighbor & when he outlived his parents, he moved in with me and my husband. If we did not bring George into our home as family, I don't believe he would have had an opportunity to live in a decent home-like environment because housing for people like him is rare. Please consider any proposal that will create more housing for those with special needs like George. If we don't help them, who will?

I am lucky to have a house that I was able to adapt for my wheelchair needs

Our 26 year old son with multiple physical and intellectual disabilities needs accessible and affordable housing in West LA , where we live and where he has many friends.

My brother and I are both Eastern LA Regional Center clients. My mom has been searching for affordable and accessible housing for my brother and me since we were teenagers. I am 24 years old now. I want to move out and live on my own but we just cannot find a place.

Housing is essential for life because people need a roof over their heads to survive. After all, all people are animals by default. Please have a heart, and provide a place to stay so that pain and suffering can go away. I have a daughter who experiences a developmental disability and need her nearby. Please support affordable housing.

Having a disabled son, and not having affordable housing, is financial ruin. With the housing market constantly increasing, and my rent being increased. I now have to make the decision to either pay for his meds or one of our basic necessities.

My daughter age 24 has had a goal her whole life to live independent. She was in general education her whole life, has attended college, is looking for work and now wants to move out of the family home. She is an only child

In California access to affordable housing is the only option for thousands of people with development difficulties. One of the main areas of concerns as parent of a young consumers in California is the fact that housing is becoming increasingly out of reach for so many. My daughters have access to many of the different supports they needs in order to have a successful life in California. They will be priced out of housing if we don't do anything to prevent it.

My 35 year old daughter has Down Syndrome. Without family and/or programs to assist her, she (and her peers) would be homeless (and vulnerable).

Sunflower Hill, a 501c3 nonprofit in Pleasanton, CA that I founded just built and opened affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. It's the first of its kind in the TriValley and simply would not have happened without tax credits and the incentive to create places and spaces for those who live solely on social security disability income.

I have two disabled children whose cherished dream is to live independently in the community. This motion will support this dream.

Working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 20 years I have seen the impact increasing housing costs have on tenants with I/DD. Unplanned moves due to increased rents or property being sold. Alternative housing may require long environments that are not conducive to safe and secure quality of life. Generally occupancy must be increased to share costs which may lead to increased behaviors and reduced quality of life.

I live in a Low Income Housing Tax Credit property in Escondido which is a godsend as I am a medically complex young adult with Intellectual Disability and some Physical Disability. No one ever thought I would be able to live independently and because of my affordable housing I am able to.

My aunt is in a wheel chair and needs affordable housing really bad!

As an employee of an agency who works with homeless humans as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as a citizen in this city/state, I see the impact of ever increasing rents. Our neighbors with dedicated income streams, SSI/SSD or on a limited budget can no longer afford to live in many of our communities without additional financial assistance and resources. To pay rent they forgo basic necessities and many end up unable to pay rent and fall into homelessness. This is a financial burden on our law enforcement and health care systems but more importantly, unacceptable.

Living with a disability is hard enough. The prices are outrageous, a lot of us are on fixed income. It seems the way things are we are given a choice of either housing, medication, or food, why do we not have a choice and can afford all of them.

I wish my sons can own their own property like any other young adult with a job; sadly, here in California even with two jobs can be very difficult to save and give a down payment.

I moved to California for it disabilities benefits from Indiana were everything way more affordable except they horrible disabilities system.

Sorry this is late life gets in the way sometimes when we want to advocate! 😞😞 however As a paraplegic for 39'years I have had frustration at various times trying to find accessible and affordable housing. it is very frustrating when I look for housing and can't even get in to see how the inside "feels" or looks! Especially in new developments!

I have been so very fortunate to have been able to maintain a home for 32 years and not have to use it as an ATM to survive. I know many people and have friends who have not had this luxury. I heard today that a man who bought a house 6 years ago in Acton CA (the high desert) received his appraisal. In 6 years the house appreciated \$325,000.00 over what he paid for it!!!! If this does not sum up what the housing crisis is, nothing will. Over inflated, over sold, over everyone's head. This has to be stopped and rational valuations based on real estate principal not imaginations must prevail.

My son is a special-needs individual, 25 years old. We were recently blessed for him to get an apartment at Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch in Pleasanton. This was a TCAC project. It has changed his life, and hopefully solve the problem of where he will live when we are gone. There is a severe shortage of opportunities like this for special-needs individuals.

My son is special needs. If I die and he is alone he will need this.

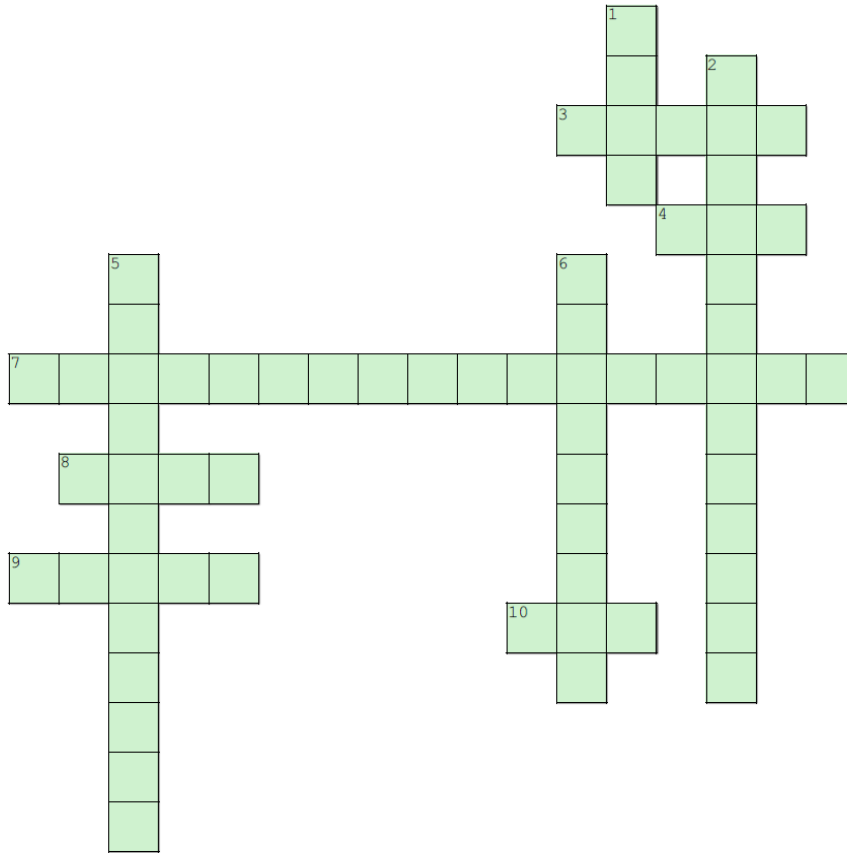
My son would not be able to survive without having a proper place to live. Due to his limitations; he would have a difficult time living by his own and performing basic activities on a daily basis. Without his family support he would be lost in the community by himself and will not be able to take care of himself.

This letter is 17 pages long, this is only a part of the letter. If you would like to see the complete letter, please contact [sonya.bingaman@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:sonya.bingaman@scdd.ca.gov).

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## Happy Holidays to all!

