



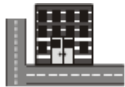
**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)
NORTH BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING
NOTICE & AGENDA**



Date: Monday, March 22, 2021



Time: 11:30am –1:30pm



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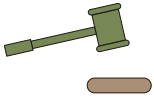
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Action

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Call to Order/Confirm Quorum

Tobias Weare

Welcome and Introductions

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Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Members



- February 22, 2021
- January 25, 2021
- August 26, 2021

Public Comment

This item is for members of the public to provide comments and / or present information to the Committee on matters of public interest. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first



Reports/Information

- Co-Chairs
 - Napa
 - Solano
 - Sonoma

Ellen
Chen
Vacant



- Committee member vacancies

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State Council Update

- [Success! People with Disabilities are a Vaccine Priority](#)



State Plan Updates

- New Grant Cycle 44 project
- [Introduction to Grant Cycle 44](#)

SDAC Updates

- Information from the last statewide SDAC meeting February 16, 2021
- Goal-Increase Self-Determination Program Enrollments
- Action Recommended Adopt the recommendations made by the breakout groups that facilitate greater enrollment outcomes and direct the SSDAC Co-Chairs and Workgroup Members to synthesize the information for distribution to the 21-regional centers, Department of Developmental Services and other as appropriate.
- The statewide SDAC Committee's next anticipated meeting will take place in April 2021.

SCDD Regional Office Updates

- Regional Office 4 is partnering with local self-advocates to help provide training in emergency preparedness to other self-advocates.

MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH 2021

Advances and Setback

By Robert B. Fleming, CELA

In 1987 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." The deinstitutionalization movement of the seventies and early eighties had laid the foundation for significant social change, and the presidential proclamation called upon Americans to provide the "encouragement and opportunities" necessary for people with developmental disabilities to reach their potential.

As those citizens began living within the general community in larger numbers, programs to provide career planning, job coaching and supported employment began to emerge. The idea that individuals with developmental disabilities could become productive members of the workforce was new to many people, and entrenched preconceptions had to be overcome. Advocates recognized a moral imperative to engage individuals with developmental – and other – disabilities. With passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, workplace discrimination against people with disabilities became sanctionable.

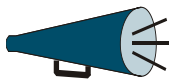
The expectations of young people with developmental disabilities and their parents began to shift. Productive, self-directed lives within the community increasingly became the goal, and (increasingly) an obtainable goal. At the same time, due to improvements in healthcare, people with developmental disabilities were living longer, leading to questions about the lifestyle of “retirement-age” individuals. In short, the national conversation began to address the full spectrum of services needed for people with disabilities to live secure, fulfilling lives. Passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 2004, further cemented the resolve of self-advocates and their supporters. With its guarantees of early intervention, special education and services to transition high schoolers into adulthood, IDEA opened a world of possibilities.

I wish that I could say that, as a result of all these changes, stereotyping has decreased. Some observers might be encouraged by sensitive portrayals of people with disabilities in film, literature and onstage. At the same time, though, bullying of students with special needs has become a serious—and growing—national problem. Stereotypes remain, undoubtedly contributing to the continued high unemployment rate among people with disabilities. Hurtful words are too commonplace, and we are far from free from experiencing incidents of abuse and neglect. Taxpayer-funded programs for people with disabilities, always under pressure, are more at risk in today’s economic environment. Discussions at all levels of government threaten the advances made during the past 25 years. School districts across the

country are faced with shrinking budgets, and sometimes they complain about special education mandates. Medicaid, which has funded many employment and community-based residential programs, is under fire.

Yes, a quarter century after the establishment of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the world has changed in important ways. Much, though, remains to challenge us. In the coming years, we'll need to fight not only for more advances but to retain the accomplishments of past decades. It is a fight in which we must all engage.

Announcements/Future Agenda Items



Community Needs

Training Suggestions

Statewide Self Advocacy Network

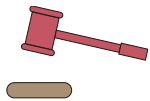
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Next Meeting

April 26, 2021

Committee
Members



Adjournment

Tobias Weare

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