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DATE: May 25, 2021

TIME: 10:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. with midday lunch break

COUNCIL CHAIR: Wesley Witherspoon

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Item 4. 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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A. Governor's May Revise Update

Brian Winfield, Department of Developmental Services

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Aaron Carruthers, SCDD Executive Director

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Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director with Panelists

Maria Marquez and Rick Wood (Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Co-Chairs) with Amy Westling (Association of Regional Center Agencies) and Judy Mark (Disability Voices United)

Item 12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: July 27, 2021

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AGENDA ITEM 5

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of March 2021 Minutes

The draft minutes from the March 2021 Council meeting have been included in the packet for review. Councilmembers will vote on whether to approve the minutes.

Attachment

March 23, 2021 Council meeting minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the March 2021 Minutes.



Draft Council Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Attending</u>
Aubyn Stahmer Brian Winfield Cindy Chiu David Pegos (F.A.) Francis Lau (F.A.) Jeana Eriksen (S.A.) Jonathan Nelson (F.A.) Joseph Rodrigues Joyce McNair (F.A.) Julie Austin (F.A.) Julie Neward (F.A.) Julio Garnica (S.A.) Kara Ponton (S.A.) Karen Millender (F.A.) Kilolo Brodie (F.A.) Kim Rothschild (F.A.) Lee Bycel (F.A.) Maria Marquez (S.A.) Matthew Lagrand (S.A.) Nick Wavrin Nicole Adler (S.A.) Richard Nelson Rosie Ryan (S.A.) Sandra Aldana (S.A.) Sandra Smith Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.) Wilbert Francis	Marko Mijic Larry Yin <u>Others Attending</u> Aaron Carruthers Beth Hurn Brian Weisel Bridget Kolakosky Carolyn Obringer Charlotte Endres Christopher Arroyo Christina Cannarella David Grady Dena Hernandez Douglas Sale Janet Fernandez Kimberly Peterson Kyungshil Choi Lea Park-Kim Lee Cox Mary Agnes Nolan Mary Ellen Stives Matt Traverso Nicole Patterson Patricia Parker Philip Payne Riana Hardin Rihana Ahmad	(Continued) Robin Maitino-Erben Rosemary Payne Ross Long Sarah May Scarlett von Thenen Sheraden Nicholau Sonya Bingaman Sophia H. (captioner) Tamica Foots-Rachal Tania Morawiec Yolanda Cruz Yue Yu

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

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2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilmembers and others in attendance introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Nicole Adler discussed her mother's difficulties with her work as a paraeducator, noting that she must choose between going back to work in person or leaving her job altogether. A member of the Bay Area Regional Office staff will follow up with the family soon.

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 MINUTES

Action 1

It was moved/seconded (Eriksen [S.A.]/Lau [F.A.]) and carried to approve the January 2021 Council meeting minutes. (See last page of minutes for the voting record of members present.)

6. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wesley Witherspoon reminded the Council that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and coming up in April is Autism Awareness Month. He also acknowledged the recent shootings in Georgia and Colorado and held a moment of silence to honor the recent hate crimes towards Asian Americans.

Additionally, Chair Witherspoon acknowledged that as of March 15th, 2021 the I/DD community will be prioritized for access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Witherspoon expressed congratulations to SCDD and the community for all their hard advocacy work to accomplish this huge victory.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers presented a verbal report on recent Council activities and goals. The report included details about the following topics.

Under SCDD's State Plan work, Regional Offices and Headquarters reached and impacted about 180,000 people over the months of January and February. SCDD is currently working on promoting a social media campaign for March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Work in PPE

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distribution also continues in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. We have now received or distributed over 106 million pieces of PPE (personal protective equipment).

SCDD's work with COVID vaccine advocacy has been successful. At the January Council meeting, Dr. Erica Pan's presentation and interaction with the Council was quite impactful. The Community Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) increased its efforts as a direct result of the feedback received during the January meeting. In February, the State announced an inclusive framework for vaccines for people with DD and other disabilities. As of March 15th, people with I/DD became eligible for priority access to the vaccine. New and ongoing partnerships have formed as a result of the work over the past several months.

Mr. Carruthers went on to provide a brief update on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). SCDD has been working with the utilities since July of 2019. They meet regularly with SCDD and have been tasked with having a clear, inclusive plan of practice in place before the next wildfire season begins. The American Red Cross came forward to support this work and is collaborating with us to provide and distribute emergency Go-Kits along with our disaster preparedness trainings. We now have over 8,000 kits available for distribution over the next several months.

There was also an update on the Self-Determination Program (SDP). Of the 2,500 people who were in the initial phase-in process, there are about 500 people who are fully in the program. The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met in February and focused on drafting recommendations on how to increase enrollment before the statewide rollout of the program this June.

8. SSAN REPORT

SCDD SSAN representative Matthew Lagrand provided Councilmembers with an update from the most recent SSAN meeting. The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) met on March 10th and 11th and celebrated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by sharing their advocacy stories. Members also participated in trainings for emergency preparedness and conflict resolution as well as a breakout session for collaborating in workgroups. The next SSAN meeting will be held on June 9th and 10th, 2021.

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9. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month's member spotlight focused on Councilmember Julie Neward. Julie is an advocate on behalf of her sister Natalie, who is a person with disabilities that experienced sexual abuse in a care home. Julie shares her sister's powerful story to raise awareness and inform others why it's urgent to improve the caregiver system to decrease the risk of devastating harm to those who depend on it. Her wish is that the lack of support, accountability and caregiving protocols will not affect other families. Their family has been speaking out about this abuse since the incident occurred in 2012. Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon thanked Councilmember Neward for her continued efforts to raise awareness around this important issue.

10. SCDD 2021-22 DRAFT BUDGET

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers presented the 2021-2022 SCDD draft budget. Information was provided for the current and upcoming fiscal years. Mr. Carruthers gave summaries on sections of the budget including personal services, general office expenses, communications services, in-state and out-of-state travel, training, facilities operations, utilities, information technology and community program development grants. Further updates will be provided at the May 2021 Council meeting and members will vote on whether to approve the budget for the new fiscal year.

11. 2021 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES UPDATE

LPPC Chair Julie Austin and Deputy Director of Policy Bridget Kolakosky presented the 2021 Council Legislative package with recommendations on bills to watch, support or sponsor. Ms. Austin provided a summary of the March 9th LPPC meeting and recommendations that resulted from that meeting. Ms. Kolakosky provided a detailed presentation on a proposed COVID relief package as well as current bills that SCDD is following.

Under COVID relief, AB 86 is specific to education assistance. Schools would receive additional funding from the State, including \$2 billion to supplement safety measures for supporting in-person instruction. Separate from AB 86, and regarding direct relief to individuals and families, there is a larger package of bills that will be introduced. One of many components in the relief package is the Golden State Stimulus Plan, which intends to assist lower income Californians and others facing economic hardship due to COVID-19.

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After discussing the COVID relief package, Deputy Director Kolakosky presented bills that the LPPC is recommending for Council support. The following is a summary of each bill presented for the Council's consideration.

SB 639: The Council is sponsoring this bill, which is related to phasing out the subminimum wage program in California (also known as the 14C certificate). SB 639 would stop the certificate from being issued after January 2022 and would end California's participation in the program in 2024.

AB 34: Under the State Plan goal of Community Supports, this bill would prioritize providing access to high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved communities in rural areas as well as low-income urban and suburban areas.

AB 672: Under Community Supports, this bill would allow a voter to identify themselves as having a disability for the purpose of voting by mail in a California election.

AB 1007: Under Community Supports, this bill would provide compensation to people who were involuntarily sterilized under California's previous eugenics law and in women's state prisons after 1979, by creating the Forced Sterilization Compensation Program.

AB 971: Under the State Plan goal of Public Safety, this bill would allow an applicant for a California ID card or Driver's License to self-certify that they may have difficulty communicating with law enforcement stemming from an intellectual or developmental disability.

AB 126: Under the State Plan goal of Education, this bill would provide increased support for Family Empowerment Centers (or FEC's) to help families of children and young adults with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 22, navigate the special education system.

AB 610: Under the goals of Public Safety and Education, this bill would increase protections for pupils from criminalization for school-related misbehavior that is best addressed by school site personnel and appropriate supportive services.

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AB 270: Under the State Plan goal of Health and Safety, this bill would allow the statewide implementation of the phone line 988 (Suicide Lifeline) designated by the federal government to ensure local responses to crises and providing crisis response services across our state.

AB 323: Under the goal of Health and Safety, this bill would improve enforcement for skilled nursing facilities to ensure that nursing homes who report deaths relating to untreated pressure sores, catching on fire while smoking unsupervised, severe untreated dehydration, punctured G-tube, septic shock, and/or choking to death are held accountable.

AB 1400: Under the goal of Health and Safety, this bill would create CalCare for all residents, regardless of citizenship status. CalCare guarantees quality health care and long-term care with low cost to individuals.

AB 1417: Under the goal of Health and Safety, this bill would create a new certificate program through the California Community College System that would train and educate professionals who provide care to individuals with developmental disabilities.

AB 118: Under the goal of Health and Safety, this bill would establish the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act pilot program, which will increase community-based alternatives to police responding to 911 calls.

SB 52: Under the goal of Health and Safety, this bill would expand the Emergency Services Act to include in Public Safety Power Shutoff events.

AB 299: Under the State Plan goals of Education and Employment, this bill would establish the Apprenticeship Grant Program for California Community Colleges and encourages students to participate, by way of supplemental funding, career technical education and vocational education programs.

AB 313: Under the goal of Employment, this bill would improve the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) by ensuring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have more job opportunities in civil service.

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Following the presentation, Councilmembers engaged in discussion and gave input for group consideration. Several actions were taken.

Action 2

It was moved/seconded (Millender [F.A.]/McNair [F.A.]) and carried to approve the LPPC's recommended bills with the exception of bills AB 126, AB 971, AB 610 and AB 313. For those four bills, it was carried to vote on each bill individually.

Action 3

It was carried to take a position of support on AB 126.

Action 4

It was moved/seconded (Millender [F.A.]/McNair [F.A.]) and carried to take a position of support on bills AB 971, AB 610 and AB 313 **if amended**.

(See last page of minutes for the voting record of members present.)

12. SPOTLIGHT FOCUS: UPDATE ON VACCINES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND OTHER DISABILITIES

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Committee reports were included in the meeting packet for informational purposes. Chair Witherspoon asked Councilmembers to review these materials when possible.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting will be held on May 25th, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

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Council Meeting Voting Log March 23, 2021				
Name	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4
Adler, Nicole	For	Abstain	For	Abstain
Aldana, Sandra	For	For	For	For
Austin, Julie	For	For	For	For
Brodie, Kilolo	For	For	For	For
Bycel, Lee	For	For	For	For
Chiu, Cindy	For	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eriksen, Jeana	Abstain	Abstain	For	For
Garnica, Julio	For	For	For	Abstain
Smith, Sandra	Abstain	For	For	For
Lagrand, Matthew	N/A	For	For	For
Lau, Francis	For	For	For	For
Marquez, Maria	For	Abstain	For	For
McNair, Joyce	For	For	For	For
Millender, Karen	For	For	Oppose	For
Nelson, Jonathan	For	For	For	For
Nelson, Richard	For	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neward, Julie	For	N/A	N/A	For
Pegos, David	For	For	For	For
Ponton, Kara	For	For	For	For
Francis, Wilbert	For	For	For	For
Rodrigues, Joseph	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Rothschild, Kim Levy	For	For	For	For
Ryan, Rosie	For	N/A	For	For
Stahmer, Aubyn	For	For	N/A	N/A
Wavrin, Nick	Abstain	Abstain	For	For
Winfield, Brian	For	N/A	N/A	N/A
Witherspoon, Wesley	For	For	Abstain	For

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**AGENDA ITEM 6
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Chair Report

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon will provide Councilmembers with an oral report about his recent activities and current priorities for the Council. SCDD Committee reports have been provided for informational purposes. Additionally, an updated legislative bill chart has been included in the packet for members' review.

Attachments

- A) The Employment First Committee met on 5/6/21. The meeting summary is attached.
- B) The Executive Committee met on 4/13/21. The meeting summary is attached.
- C) The Membership Committee met on 4/27/21. The meeting summary is attached.
- D) The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet on 5/24/21. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.
- E) Legislative Bill Chart (updated 5/12/21)

AGENDA ITEM 6A.**EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

Date of Meeting

May 6, 2021

Meeting's Focus

The Employment First Committee (EFC) met on May 6, 2021. The meeting began by Committee Chair Wesley Witherspoon providing an update on the 2021 Committee priorities. Members then segued into hearing about the DRC 3-day summit focused on building back a more inclusive economy post pandemic. Members of the Committee presenting at the summit include, Chair Wesley Witherspoon, Steve Ruder and Deputy Director Tania Morawiec. Following Chair Witherspoon and Deputy Director Tania Morawiec's presentation on the DRC summit, members learned about the individual placement and support (IPS) model and ways people that can connect with these services.

Following lunch, members reviewed the final draft of the 2020 EFC Report and crafted recommendations for the legislature. Staff will now implement those changes and forward the report to the Executive Committee in June for approval.

Members concluded their meeting by receiving updates on standing agenda items such as the implementation status of data sharing legislation, the CIE Blueprint, Workgroup updates and more.

Items Acted Upon

The Committee approved the February 2021 meeting minutes. The Committee recommended approval of the 2020 EFC report, pending the implementation of changes made by the Committee on 5/6/21.

Future Meeting Dates

July 22nd and October 7th

AGENDA ITEM 6B.**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

Date of Meeting

April 13, 2021

Meeting's Focus

The Executive Committee met on April 13, 2021. The meeting's focus centered on several action items as well as a group discussion around Council meeting standards and goals. A new standing agenda item was introduced, the SCDD Staff Member Spotlight, which highlighted SCDD Communications Officer Lea Park-Kim. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers also provided Committee members with a report of recent Council activities, and Deputy Director Doug Sale gave an update on the SCDD budget.

Items Acted Upon

The Committee acted on the following items:

- The February 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
- The Sponsorship request from Disability Voices United (DVU) was approved in the amount of \$1,500 to support DVU's Self-Determination conference in April.
- Three conflict of interest waiver requests were approved (Derek Hearhtower of North Bay Regional Center, William Lewis of Redwood Coast Regional Center, and Laura Oakes of San Diego Regional Center).

Future Meeting Dates

June 24, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 6C.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

April 27, 2021

Meeting Focus

The April 27th meeting focused on Council, Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), and local Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) vacancies as well as expiring first and second term seats for Council members. The Committee also reviewed a proposed change in practice that would allow the Membership Committee to appoint members to SCDD's Regional Advisory Committees, regardless of whether a vacancy exists. The appointed member would become active only once a vacancy occurs. Adopting this practice would streamline the Committee's current process and allow members to serve immediately rather than waiting until the Membership Committee meets.

Items Acted Upon

- The Committee moved 6 Council applicants to the interview process for further consideration.
- The Committee adopted the regional office manager's recommendations to appoint 1st term RAC members to the regional offices.
- The Committee adopted the regional office manager's recommendations to appoint local SDAC members to identified regional centers.
- The Committee approved the change of practice that would allow the Membership Committee to appoint members to SCDD's Regional Advisory Committees, regardless of whether a vacancy exists.

Future Meeting Dates

September 21, 2021.



May 14, 2021

Membership Committee Report to the Council

SEC 1. Existing Vacancies

Seat	Date Seat Became Vacant	Months Vacant Asterisk (*) indicates vacancy of more than 4 months
Los Angeles Region	July 2019	*
At Large Institution	April 2020	*

SEC 2. Expired Appointments

Seat	Date Appointment Expired Number of Months Expired Asterisk (*) indicates eligible for reappointment
None	

SEC 3. Upcoming Terms Set to Expire

Seat	Date Appointment Will Expire Asterisk (*) indicates eligible for reappointment
At Large 3	5/18/21*
At Large 4	5/18/21*
Bay Area Region	6/23/21
Central Coast Region	5/18/21

SEC 4. Recommendations Solicited

Has a solicitation for multiple recommendations for Council appointment been distributed?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Agencies Solicited

Date

SCDD Website

Continuous

SEC 5. Councilmember Terms

Appointment Roster Listing Each Members Term Attached?

☐ Yes

☒ No

SEC 6. Nominees

Number of candidates forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration: 4

AGENDA ITEM 6E.***LEGISLATIVE BILL CHART***

For informational purposes, SCDD staff has provided a legislative bill chart with the most recent updates as of May 14th, 2021. Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon will discuss these updates as part of his report to the Council.

Bills for May 2021 SCDD Meeting

Bill	Author	Bill Name	Summary	Current Status as of 5/12/2021	SCDD Position	SCDD State Plan Priority
SB 639	Durazo (D)	Minimum wages: persons with disabilities.	Proposes the phase out and end of California's participation in the federal subminimum wage program, also known as the 14(c). The bill will stop new certificates from being issued after January 1, 2022, and ends California's participation in the program in 2025. The bill allows for a planned phase-out period that will allow time for providers and people with disabilities to transition services. The bill requires the Governor's office, in partnership with relevant state agencies and engaging input from statewide organizations, to develop and implement a phaseout plan with stakeholder involvement, by January 1, 2023, to pay any employee with a disability by January 1, 2024, no less than the state minimum wage. The bill would also requires the Governor, or the designated lead agency, to submit a report on its findings and the plan to implement these changes to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature for review on or before January 1, 2023.	5/3/2021-Senate Appropriations Suspense File	Sponsor	State Plan Goal: Employment
AB 34	Muratsuchi (D)	Communications Broadband for All Act of 2022.	Broadband for All Act of 2022. Would place a \$10 billion bond on the ballot in November 2022 to fund access to high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved communities in rural as well as in low-income urban and suburban areas.	5/5/2021-Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Community Supports (Internet access)
AB 813	Mullin (D)	Developmental services: service outcome pilot project.	Requires the State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to establish a pilot project to develop metrics and methods of data collection to evaluate the outcomes of services authorized by regional centers and provided through an approved vendor.	4/21/2021-Assembly Appropriations	Support	State Plan Goal: Community Support (Service Outcomes)
AB 1007	Carrillo (D)	Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program	Creates the "Forced Sterilization Compensation Program" that will compensate people who were involuntarily sterilized by a California state prison over the last 40 years.	4/21/2021-Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Community Support (Compensation)

Bills for May 2021 SCDD Meeting

SB 672	Bradford(D)	Remote accessible vote by mail systems: voters with disabilities.	Creates a vote by mail process for individuals with a disability for the purpose of voting in a California election.	4/30/2021-Senate 2 Year Bill	Support	State Plan Goal: Community Supports (Voting)
AB 971	Gray (D)	Driver's licenses: developmental disability status.	This bill allows an applicant for a CA ID card or a Driver's License to self-certify that they may have difficulty communicating with law enforcement stemming from an intellectual or developmental disability.	4/27/2021-Assembly Appropriations	Support if Amended	State Plan Goal: Public Safety
AB 126	E. Garcia(D)	Special education programs: Family Empowerment Centers on Disability.	Helps families in the special education system by increasing the funding for Family Empowerment Centers (or FEC's). FEC's help families of children and young adults with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 22, navigate the special education system.	4/14/2021-Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Education
SB 291	Stern (D)	Advisory Commission on Special Education: pupil advisory council.	This bill establishes an advisory council of pupils with exceptional needs to provide input to the Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE) and adds a member of the pupil advisory council to the ACSE.	3/22/2021-Senate Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Education
SB 692	Cortese (D)	5/3/2021-Senate Appropriations Suspense File	This bill adds least restrictive environment to the state priorities for purposes of a school district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), requires the evaluation rubric to include least restrictive environment as an indicator, requires special education local plan areas to be invited to all differentiated assistance meetings related to least restrictive environment, and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to conduct a survey on the minimum amount of professional development needed for teachers to be prepared to teach pupils with learning disabilities.	5/3/2021-Senate Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Education

Bills for May 2021 SCDD Meeting

AB 610	Kalra (D)	School safety: mandatory notifications	Allows schools to address a student's misbehavior in better ways than the current requirement to call the police. This will protect students by allowing schools to bring in the right supportive services.	4/30/2021- Assembly 2 Year Bill	Support if Amended	State Plan Goal: Education and Safety
AB270	Ramos (D)	Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System	Creates the phone line "988 Suicide Lifeline." This will be a free phone number for people to call when they are in a mental health crisis and need help.	1/28/2021- Assembly Health	Support	State Plan Goal: Health
AB 323	Kalra (D)	Long-term health facilities.	Improves the health and safety of patients in skilled nursing facilities by holding the nursing home accountable for deaths that could have been avoided. The bill increases penalties and improves the department's ability to ensure a high quality level of care.	5/13/2021 Assembly Third Reading File	Support	State Plan Goal: Health and Safety
AB 1400	Kalra (D)	Guaranteed Health Care for All.	Creates health care coverage for all California residents called "CalCare" which will guarantee quality health care at a low cost to individuals, regardless of citizenship status.	4/30/2021- Assembly 2 Year Bill	Support	State Plan Goal: Health
AB 1417	Frazier (D)	Community colleges: providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities: model curriculum for certification program.	Creates a new certificate program through CA Community Colleges that would train and educate professionals who provide care to individuals with developmental disabilities.	5/5/2021- Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Health and Safety

Bills for March 2021 SCDD Meeting

AB 118	Kamlager (D)	Emergency services: community response grant program	Establishes the “Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems”(CRISES) Act. This will allow other professionals to respond to 911 calls instead of just the police.	4/21/2021-Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Safety
SB 52	Dodd (D)	State of emergency: local emergency: planned power outage.	Expands the Emergency Services Act to include in “Public Safety Power Shutoff”events. This will ensure communities have more support services when the electricity is turned off due to concerns about extreme weather and risks for wildfires.	/29/2021-Assembly Desk	Support	State Plan Goal: Safety
AB 299	Villapudua (D)	Career technical education: Apprenticeship Grant Program.	Creates the Apprenticeship Grant Program through the CA Community Colleges and encourages students to participate with additional funding.	4/30/2021-Assembly 2 Year Bill	Support	State Plan Goal: Education and Employment
AB 313	C Garcia (D)	Civil service: Limited Examination and Appointment Program.	Improves the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) by ensuring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have more job opportunities in civil service.	5/5/2021-Assembly Appropriations Suspense File	Support	State Plan Goal: Employment

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**AGENDA ITEM 7
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Executive Director Report and Staff Reports

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide Councilmembers with an oral report regarding recent Council activities. Additionally, SCDD Staff reports have been included in the packet for informational purposes.

Attachments

- A) Deputy Director of Administration Report
- B) Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report
- C) Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report
- D) C.R.A./V.A.S. Update Report
- E) QA Project Update Report

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Deputy Director of Administration Report
May 25, 2021

The Deputy Director of Administration exercises broad policy-making authority over the SCDD's administrative functions including personnel, fiscal, contracts, information technology and customer services to fulfill the strategic goals of the SCDD.

This report summarizes the activities the Administration team performed since the March 23, 2021 meeting. Beginning in March 2020, the COVID-19 stay at home order significantly changed the way SCDD staff perform their work. SCDD implemented an Emergency Telework Program (ETP) in March 2020 which remains in effect. While all SCDD offices have remained open for essential activities, SCDD staff are continuing to work from home to the greatest extent while still being able to perform mission critical functions.

After 31 years of service to the State of California, I have informed Aaron and the staff of my intention to retire effective August 31, 2021. The July Council meeting will be my last as Deputy Director of Administration. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at the State Council, and I thank the Council for its support of the Administration team.

The Human Resources team (HR) continues to monitor guidance from the Governor and the administration regarding the gradual reopening of the economy and impacts to our emergency telework policy. HR is processing several recruitments such as three CPS II vacancies in the field, two SSA vacancies in Headquarters and one OT position in the field.

Thanks to the foresight of the Council in approving a 5-year computer replacement schedule in 2018 and data line upgrades for all offices in 2020, the staff have the information technology resources to be able work remotely. If not for the Council's approval of these infrastructure improvements, staff would not be able to work remotely and would be at greater risk of exposure to COVID. SCDD has deployed 20 new laptops and accessories as part of year 3 of the 5-year computer replacement schedule.

Since May 2020, SCDD has distributed 107.2 million items of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to hundreds of community organizations and to our consumers and their families. The Administration team continues to work with CalOES and the Regional Office Managers to submit these PPE requests.

SCDD received a \$365,000 grant from the California Community Foundation to purchase and distribute approximately 4,500 Red Cross disaster backpacks along with disaster preparedness training to consumers and their families in fire prone areas throughout California. We have initiated the process to purchase, train and distribute these backpacks by December 2021.

SCDD received \$457,557 from the U.S. Administration for Community Living to support expanding persons with disabilities' access to COVID 19 Vaccines.

The Contract Analyst is reviewing the Cycle 44 program development grants proposals that were received on May 15, 2021. This cycle includes funding up to \$160,000 for Health & Safety and \$100,000 for Inclusive Education initiatives.

The Budget Officer continues to track our current year expenditures and provided the latest expenditure and projections report to the Executive Committee on April 15th. In order to more accurately track our expenditures, SCDD implemented new expense codes.

The Quality Assessment Project is continuing to conduct the in-person surveys using Zoom and we are negotiating a new 3-year contract with the Department of Developmental Services.

The Client Rights Advocate/Volunteer Advocate Service programs at Porterville Developmental Center and Canyon Springs Community Facility will begin negotiations on a new contract with the Department of Developmental Services.

Report from Deputy Director, Policy and Public Affairs and Staff, Policy and Public Affairs

The Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs is the lead person responsible for fulfilling the department's federal and state mission for advocacy. The Deputy Director directs the department's policy, advocacy, communication and committee activities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Sponsored bill SB 639 update:
 - ✓ Conducted several meetings with legislative staff and legislators who sit on the Senate Labor committee, Senate Human Services committee, and Senate Appropriations committee.
 - ✓ Conducted additional meetings with other stakeholders and departments to raise awareness and educate groups on the intent of the bill.
 - ✓ Communications Manager collaborated with Disability Rights California to draft and distribute a press release after SB 639 passed out of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee.
 - ✓ For creative campaign in support of SB 639, our Communications Manager interviewed a key witness and created a video sharing her subminimum wage work experience and competitive integrated employment (youtu.be/GxT5ozGdxd8).
 - ✓ Summary of votes on SB 639 so far:
 - April 20th: passed the Senate Human Services committee with a vote of 4 AYE's and 1 NO.

- March 22nd: passed the Senate Labor committee hearing with a vote of 6 AYE's and no "NO" votes.
 - May 3rd: passed the first committee hearing of Senate Appropriations with 6 AYE votes and no "NO" votes.
 - The next step is the Senate Appropriations committee's Suspense file hearing which will take place around the 3rd week in May. If the bill passes, then it will go to the Senate Floor for a full vote by all 40 of the Senators no later than June 4th. After that, the bill goes to the Assembly for more committee hearings and votes.
- LEAP (Limited Examination and Appointment Program): we were successful in extending the LEAP program another year by adding language to AB 1578, the Assembly Judiciary committee's annual bill.
 - Continued to advocate for the \$45M in the Governor's January budget for Supported Integrated Programming (SIP). We are asking that the money expand inclusive practices and support early identification and intervention.
 - Continued the ongoing work of tracking legislation that SCDD is supporting and reviewing new bills of interest as they come up.

EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE:

Summary of Policy Team Contributions

- At the Fall 2020 EFC meeting, Matt Traverso was designated team lead in coordinating the 2020 EFC Report, ensuring the completion and timely delivery to Legislature by July 1st, 2021. His contributions include the Legislative Update section, and the review and edit of each section of the report. As a part of the EFC report, he accomplished the following:
 - ✓ Wrote an article on the activities of the EFC in 2020 for the SCDD's Disability Advisory Committee's newsletter.

- ✓ Between November 2020 and May 2021, managed correspondence and provided guidance to the relevant parties.
- ✓ Per his EFC breakout group, a new section on the impact of COVID on the employment of people with disabilities was added to the report.
- ✓ At the May EFC Meeting, he led the committee through a high-level review of the 2020 Report and a discussion of the current recommendations, which were subsequently updated to reflect the EFC's current priorities.

COVID AND VACCINES

- ✓ The Communications Manager represented SCDD at the Department of Developmental Services Vaccine Group Meeting to discuss strategies and messages regarding COVID vaccine distribution in California for people with disabilities, their caregivers, and their family members.
- ✓ The Communications Manager distributed the COVID Vaccine Videos by Self-Advocates (Videos sobre la Vacuna de COVID presentado por Auto-Abogados) by way of email, website, and social media. The videos were created by SCDD Councilmembers and edited by Communications Manager, and their purpose is to spread information about the vaccine and vaccine-related scams.

SCDD PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

- ✓ The Communications Manager collaborated with Deputy Director of Planning and Regional Office Operations and her staff to complete the new SCDD brochure draft.
- ✓ The Communications Manager assisted Regional Offices and other units that requested help with designing graphics for events, creating social media posts, uploading documents on the website, editing webinar videos, or making accessible documents and presentations.
- ✓ SCDD webmasters attended a meeting hosted by Communications Manager to review the current website maintenance process and discuss the website posting guidance for staff.

- ✓ Communications Manager continues to work with stakeholders to update the Disability Thrive Initiative webpages in English and Spanish.

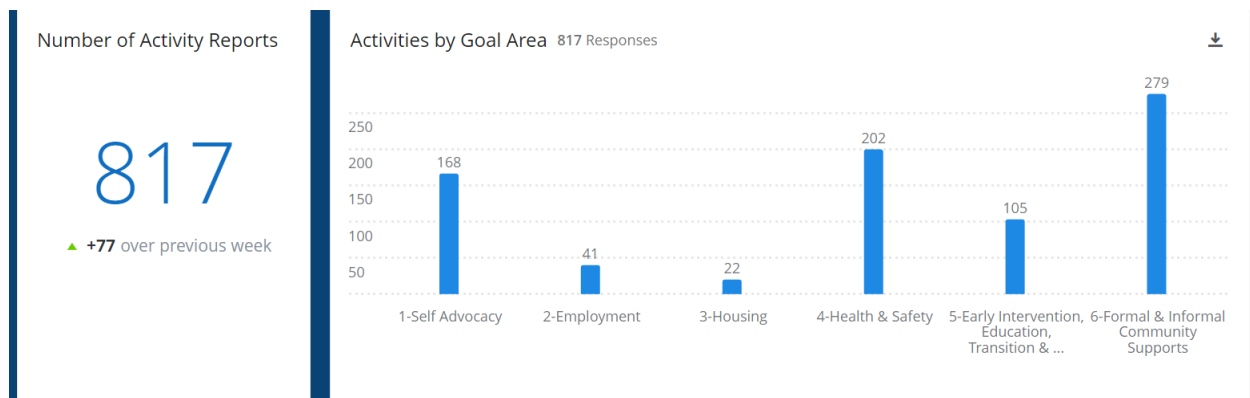
COALITION BUILDING

- Continuing efforts to build a strong and unified statewide coalition that can exert influence on our 2021 policy priorities as well as the State Plan by:
 - ✓ Resuming monthly meetings with the Path Forward Coalition to increase engagement on public policy in the legislature. We are also actively building the size of the coalition seek additional, eligible members.
 - ✓ Joining CalTash in their monthly policy meetings to exchange notes on priorities and to plan ways we can work together for greater impact in the Legislature.
 - ✓ Continue attending the every-other-month meetings with the CA Disability Inclusive Housing Working Group in order to build consensus on housing priorities and to gain traction in this and next year's budget discussions.
 - ✓ Maintaining active engagement on the notification and safety concerns relating to public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events with meetings with the CPUC policy staff

REPORT FROM: TANIA MORAWIEC

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS

REPORT RANGE 03/15/21-5/11/21



Council 2021, SCDD in the news

- Tamica Fouts-Rachal spent 20 minutes informing the community about challenges and advances in vaccine access and administration in the CA disability community on KVCR News.

<https://www.kvcrnews.org/post/tamica-foots-rachal-discusses-vaccinating-disability-community#stream/0>

- Orange County: PRESS RELEASE: Expanding Equity in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution: Disneyland Vaccine Point-of-Dispensing (POD) Reopens as Drive-Thru Site with American for Disabilities (ADA) Car Lanes

Improving ADA-access at POD Sites:

The Orange County Health Care Agency has met with local disabilities rights agencies, such as the Dayle McIntosh Center, the Regional Center, and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, to strategize and ensure responsiveness in our vaccine strategies, including improving access at the POD sites by:

- Providing a method for individuals to indicate they have a disability and what accommodations they will need when registering for vaccine appointments.
- Making sure that all facilities where PODs are conducted are accessible.
- Identifying staff/volunteers and provide basic disability etiquette training for individuals who can provide disability support at all or specific sites in the County.

Employment First Advocacy, 41 Activities occurred during this time frame

- SCDD is involved in the planning and facilitation of DRC's Building Back Better Summit. The summit will focus on helping California rebuild the post-Covid economy in a more inclusive way. SCDD's Council Chair, Wesley Witherspoon will be a panel speaker and several Regional Office Managers will facilitate break out rooms during the three-day Summit.
- SCDD's Orange County Regional Manager, Scarlett VonThenen helped improve the State's new CIE Roadmap for Consumers when she cited the omission of the a very important Social Security work incentive for Transition Aged Youth – the Student Earned Income Exclusion. She advocated for its inclusion and it is now listed in the resource manual.

Health and Safety, 202 Activities occurred during this time frame

- Vaccine access and information sharing efforts continue across the state.
- Disaster preparedness training and go-kit distribution also continue. The San Jose Regional Office, in partnership with the San Jose Public library, created a video exploring disaster preparedness. Self-advocates participated in training delivery by uploading video clips that were woven into the video! SCDD strives to leverage social media to reach a broad audience.

[INSIDERS Disaster Preparedness - YouTube](#)

- Outreach, Meetings & Events
To improve the quality of mental health care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities staff attended a meeting with two attorneys from Disability Rights California who were involved in a settlement with San Benito County Behavioral Health to improve their community-based Mental Health services. At the meeting staff emphasized the need to make sure that these community-based services are providing support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are clients of San Andreas Regional Center or not. Staff stated the need for increased training, the availability of an alternate space for a person to go rather than a 5150 hold. The Disability Rights California staff stated they will share the input offered with the Behavioral Health Administration at San Benito County. Staff also agreed to inform Disability Rights California of the California START services and connect them with the program manager to promote training within the county and its contractors. The outcome of this meeting was collaboration with Disability Rights California and a sharing of information that can promote and support the quality of Mental Health Services for people with intellectual disabilities in the San Benito County area.

Self-Advocacy, 168 Activities occurred during this time frame

- To encourage greater participation of self-advocates in the self-determination program, staff facilitated the self-determination Advocate meeting for May. At this monthly meeting both individuals with disabilities and their families met to discuss self-determination updates and

review services they are receiving. Also, at the meeting the members decided to compose a letter to the State Council to encourage them to support the roll out of the self-determination program this summer. These monthly meetings demonstrate the intended outcome for this group, a chance for self-advocates to share their progress within self-determination as well as develop a voice in shaping policy for this program.

- SDP IF Self-Paced Training - In the month of April, 132 people participated (completed some portion) of the SDP Independent Facilitator Self-Paced training in English and Spanish. These individuals identified as being from Tiburon, Pasadena, Alhambra. This now seven-module training covers the following aspects of SDP: Overview of SDP, Budget and Spending Plan, Role of IF, Knowledge and Skills, Person Centered Planning, and the Business of Facilitation. This training is web-based, includes audio, transcription for those with hearing impairments, and handouts available on a Google Drive. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive for this self-paced training, as it can be completed at the person's leisure, the activities require engagement and assess comprehension of the materials. All time statistics for this self-paced IF training: 35 people completed and 493 people viewed a portion of the training but have not completed it.

Housing

- Affordable Housing Training for Illumination Institute 4/07/21 - SCDD OCRO staff serves as a board member on Illumination Institute, a newly-formed non-profit organization dedicated to improving the mental health outcomes for students and persons with disabilities and their caregivers, through mindfulness practices and addressing systemic inequity in access to education, healthcare, regional center, and other public benefits through the parent mentor/promotora model. The primary focus of this agency is serving the underserved communities of color with an emphasis on Hispanic and Asian cultures. SCDD OCRO represents the needs of persons with disabilities on this board, particularly focused on helping them increase their reach and networks in the underserved communities of color. As they are a newer organization, SCDD brings the knowledge of the I/DD system to the table and assists with their outreach, networking, and staff capacity building, so that it is a respected and widely utilized free parent mentor service to the community. On 4/07/2021, OCRO presented on Affordable Housing to their Executive Director, COO, and 4 parent mentor staff. The training covered a general affordable housing overview, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, project based vouchers, LIHTC homes, and dispelling myths about affordable housing. All 6 individuals reported being satisfied with the activity. SCDD OCRO staff is providing trainings every Wednesday for 10 total sessions to cover a variety of topics including public benefits, generic resources, regional center services, rights of individuals with I/DD, etc. All handouts and presentations for this series will be in a shared Google Drive, created by SCDD OCRO staff, for Illumination Institute to reference in the future.

Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education

- Tustin Transition Virtual Resource Fair - SCDD Orange County staff participated as a represented agency in the Tustin Transition Virtual Resource Fair on April 29, 2021 via Zoom. There were about 10 service providers and/or agencies represented and it was attended by around 34 students, self-advocates, support staff, educational professionals, and family members of those with disabilities. OCRO Staff provided an agency overview to the entire group and made

available the following materials which will be posted on the Tustin Transition Event Webpage: Adult Transition Basics; Regional Center Eligibility; Emergency Preparedness Basics Planning Page; IHSS Basics; Social Security Disability Benefits Flyer; OC Community Resources Brochure; IEP Basics; Special Education Basics; HCBS summary; CIE Summary; ABLE Act info sheet; Summary of Changes to the System; and the upcoming WIPA training/event.

- CCRO met via zoom with EPU staff for initial discussion on each agency's role and how to partner on future projects to serve the three overlapping counties of the tri-counties area (Ventura, Santa Barbara and SLO). Areas of training need were reviewed. CCRO staff raised concerns that many services/activities were put on hold for the last year due to COVID and that this could be particularly detrimental to babies and young children who may not be meeting their developmental milestones and not being identified for early intervention services because parents aren't aware. Other areas of need were also discussed including adult transition. CCRO staff will partner with EPU to hold workshops on early start services and a follow-up meeting will be arranged.

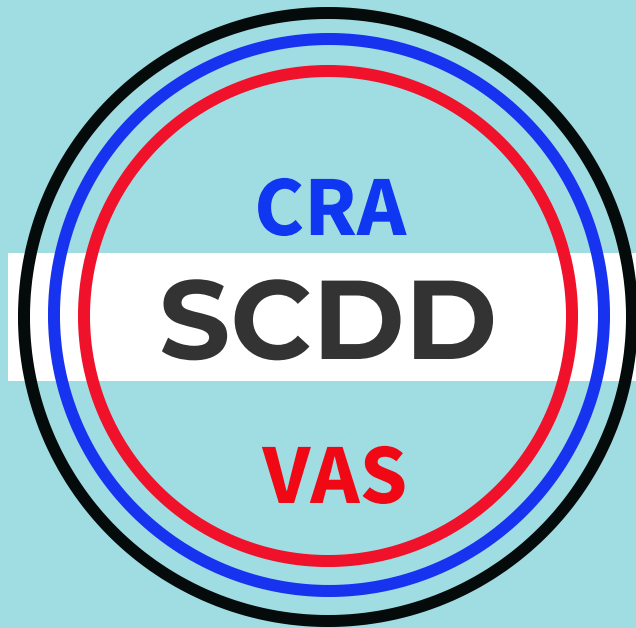
Formal & Informal Community Supports

- Staff co-facilitated the Celebration of Heroes Committee meeting, assisted with note taking, minutes, and discussed the finalization and implementation of the scoring process to honor local individuals or teams who embrace inclusion. Both NSRO staff actively participate in the meeting which impacts all 9 counties in our catchment area. This activity is important to the community, especially during the current pandemic as people are struggling to stay positive. It will show examples of inclusion by highlighting those who support and help individuals receiving services be included in their communities. 10 selections were made today. Staff addressed several issues in the process including confidentiality as we examined the level of inclusion and impact of each nomination.
- SCDD staff participated in the Sacramento County Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council). This entity is separate from SCDD. This Council reports to the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors. SCDD staff assists by hosting the meeting on our Zoom account, recording the meeting, and uploading it to SCDD's YouTube account to make it accessible for others to view. This Council meets monthly to address issues/barriers to community/service access and integration. The Council reviewed their request to ACRC for information on the Take Me Home registration program. Years ago this was set up for individuals to register with local police departments. The Council hosted Susan Whaley and Stacey Hoffman to present on their Healthy Relationships "Safe Life Project" which is vendored through the Regional Center for all ages. They shared about the development and need for this program to teach children and adults with ID/DD to learn about healthy relationships and sexual (and other) abuse/neglect. The program "Teaches skills for abuse prevention, personal safety, and healthy relationships to individuals with disabilities". It is a 12 weeklong session with 1 1/2 hour long classes.

Clients' Rights Advocacy

Semi-Annual Report July to December 2020

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities contracts the with Department of Developmental Disabilities to serve people residing in and transitioning from the two state-operated facilities and four STAR homes. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4433 requires DDS provide clients' rights advocacy services for all consumers in its service delivery system. To avoid the potential for a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict DDS contracts with SCDD to serve individuals residing in the state operated facilities.



Clients' Rights Advocates
conducted over **300** direct provisions
of service at six California DDS
state-operated facilities.



CRA's conducted **33** clients'
rights investigations.



CRA's provided **45** provisions of
service related to community
transition.



CRA's filed **11** General Events
Reports (incident reports).



CRA's assisted **60** people with
legal proceedings.



CRA's reviewed and approved **15**
denial of rights plans.



CRA's assisted **30** individuals
with employment needs.

Click [here](#) to visit
our website

SCDD thanks our state partner,
Department of Developmental Disabilities
for their collaboration in the execution of
our provision of service.

Volunteer Advocacy Services

Semi-Annual Report July to December 2020



Volunteer Advocates assist people in the following areas:

- community transition
- health and safety
- medical/healthcare
- competitive integrative employment
- communication with court officials
- civil rights protection
- education
- generic service needs
- health and safety
- communication with Regional Centers



18 Volunteer Advocates 3 VAS Coordinators

Canyon Springs has 12 Volunteers, Fairview has 3 Volunteers, and Porterville has 3 Volunteers.

SCDD employs a VAS Coordinator at each facility.



128 People Served

There are 69 people at Porterville Developmental Center, 16 from Fairview Developmental Center, and 43 people at Canyon Springs who received SCDD Volunteer Advocacy.



Self-Advocacy Training

15 self-advocacy trainings were facilitated by the VAS Coordinators and Volunteer Advocates.



Over 500 Contacts

Volunteer Advocates contacted individuals in the facilities and in the community over 500 times.



Quality Assessment Project (QAP) Report

May 2021

Cycle: In-Person Survey (IPS)

With over five months into the IPS cycle, 4,942 surveys statewide have been completed by approximately 200 independent contractors and SCDD QA Coordinators (QAC). **See Figure 1 and Table 1** for Regional Center breakdown.

Surveys are conducted with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or proxies who have been identified as knowing the individual well. Proxies can include family members, friends and service providers. Those eligible to participate in the survey are adults who receive at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management. Participation in these surveys remain voluntary.

In response to the pandemic and the precautions necessary to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the survey process, surveys continue to be conducted remotely 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.

QA Coordinators continue to support contractors through shadowing surveyors and providing technical assistance. Additional online resources are available through the QAP Interviewer Portal that allows access to training videos, manuals, FAQ, forms and survey tools and other resources.

Progress by Race/Ethnicity:

DDS has historically sought to collect a random sample of 400 individuals from each of the 21 RCs in the state. A sample of 400 from each RC yields a valid sample which allows for a statistical comparison between RCs. For the 2020-2021 cycle, DDS has chosen to enhance data collection with a focus on obtaining a sample from each RC that has proportionate representation from five ethnoracial groups (i.e., African American/Black, Asian, Hispanic, White, and Other).

To ensure balanced representation of individuals who are receiving services from all 21 RCs is obtained, the RC sample of 400 was divided among the five ethnoracial categories based on the percentage of the RCs population that is identified as a member of that group. **See Figure 2** for progress by Race/Ethnicity.

Figure 1: Completed Surveys by Regional Center

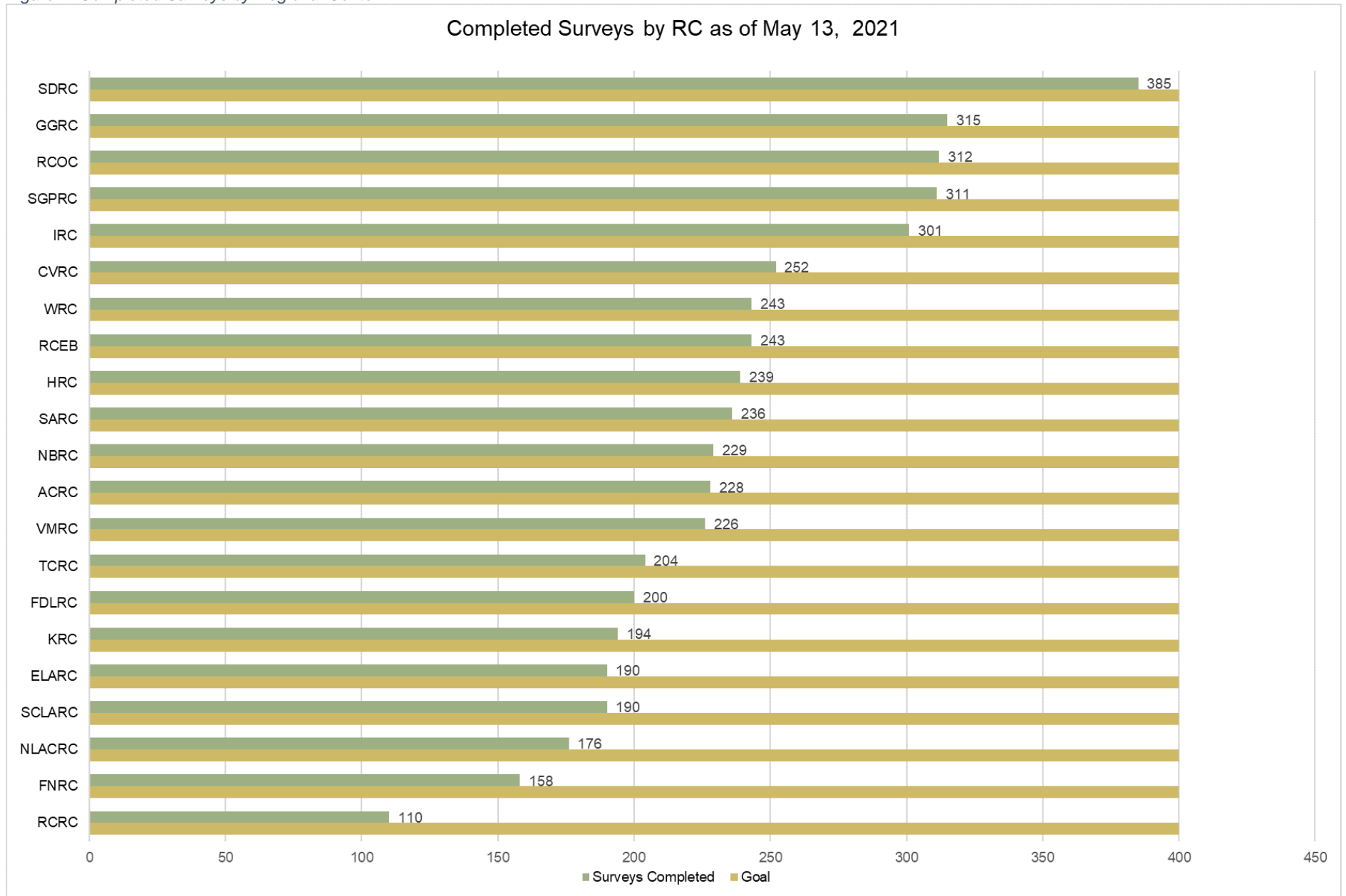


Table 2: Completed Surveys by Regional Center





































Regional Center	Goal	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Completed to date	% towards Goal of 400
ACRC	400	0	26	55	66	78	3	228	57%
CVRC	400	0	34	71	73	63	11	252	63%
ELARC	400	1	26	32	67	54	10	190	48%
FDLRC	400	3	28	38	32	72	27	200	50%
FNRC	400	4	29	32	48	36	9	158	40%
GGRC	400	11	61	69	80	59	35	315	79%
HRC	400	2	22	67	64	80	4	239	60%
IRC	400	0	18	113	70	78	22	301	75%
KRC	400	0	5	51	79	50	9	194	49%
NBRC	400	11	51	43	90	24	10	229	57%
NLACRC	400	1	18	33	54	65	5	176	44%
RCEB	400	0	19	22	89	75	38	243	61%
RCOC	400	2	62	64	65	87	32	312	78%
RCRC	400	2	34	37	16	16	5	110	28%
SARC	400	0	29	48	80	43	36	236	59%
SCLARC	400	0	13	52	49	51	25	190	48%
SDRC	400	0	67	83	107	108	20	385	96%
SGPRC	400	1	26	102	80	77	25	311	78%
TCRC	400	0	3	46	71	61	23	204	51%
VMRC	400	0	35	62	54	71	4	226	57%
WRC	400	2	40	67	55	75	4	243	61%
Statewide	7200	38	568	1012	1209	1116	326	4269	59%

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

























Figure 2 – Progress by Race/Ethnicity (other than white)

	Goal	Complete	% Goal
Alta California			
Asian	30	14	47%
Black	57	37	65%
Hispanic	55	25	45%
Other	25	14	56%
Central Valley			
Asian	25	10	40%
Black	30	20	67%
Hispanic	188	84	45%
Other	10	8	80%
East Bay			
Asian	61	29	48%
Black	90	57	63%
Hispanic	68	24	35%
Other	20	13	65%
Eastern LA			
Asian	55	19	35%
Black	7	5	71%
Hispanic	272	122	45%
Other	9	2	22%
Far Northern			
Asian	8	3	38%
Black	10	2	20%
Hispanic	32	24	75%
Other	17	5	29%
Frank D. Lanterman			
Asian	55	14	25%
Black	35	21	60%
Hispanic	153	54	35%
Other	10	6	60%
Golden Gate			
Asian	105	68	65%
Black	41	32	78%
Hispanic	67	48	72%
Other	21	15	71%

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Harbor			
Asian	54	27	50% 
Black	55	33	60% 
Hispanic	138	97	70% 
Other	30	9	30% 
Inland			
Asian	16	10	63% 
Black	57	43	75% 
Hispanic	165	119	72% 
Other	15	13	87% 
Kern			
Asian	11	3	27% 
Black	44	16	36% 
Hispanic	154	79	51% 
Other	15	8	53% 
North Bay			
Asian	24	14	58% 
Black	47	18	38% 
Hispanic	67	41	61% 
Other	24	13	54% 
North LA County			
Asian	26	13	50% 
Black	49	13	27% 
Hispanic	146	70	48% 
Other	9	4	44% 
Orange County			
Asian	57	39	68% 
Black	10	10	100% 
Hispanic	108	85	79% 
Other	34	24	71% 
Redwood Coast			
Asian	5	2	40% 
Black	9	4	44% 
Hispanic	35	17	49% 
Other	23	5	22% 
San Andreas			
Asian	76	39	51% 
Black	14	3	21% 
Hispanic	131	49	37% 
Other	21	6	29% 
San Diego			
Asian	30	31	103% 
Black	32	26	81% 
Hispanic	138	104	75% 
Other	21	19	90% 

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San Gabriel/Pomona			
Asian	45	23	51% 
Black	32	23	72% 
Hispanic	192	151	79% 
Other	18	11	61% 
South Central LA			
Asian	5	3	60% 
Black	137	77	56% 
Hispanic	228	75	33% 
Other	9	5	56% 
Tri-Counties			
Asian	14	5	36% 
Black	12	5	42% 
Hispanic	134	54	40% 
Other	13	4	31% 
Valley Mountain			
Asian	31	17	55% 
Black	40	23	58% 
Hispanic	114	41	36% 
Other	18	8	44% 
Westside			
Asian	20	10	50% 
Black	117	65	56% 
Hispanic	119	73	61% 
Other	28	16	57% 
	Goal	Complete	% Goal
Report Totals			
Asian	753	393	52% 
Black	925	533	58% 
Hispanic	2704	1436	53% 
Other	390	208	53% 

Mover Longitudinal Study Update

The Mover Longitudinal In-Person interviews resumed March 22, 2021 with 20 additional surveys completed to date.

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

Table 2: MLS In-Person Surveys Completed to date

Regional Center	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 year	Total
Alta California	55	51	48	40	7	0	201
Central Valley	53	49	41	35	15	6	199
East Bay	85	84	83	42	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	48	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	37	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
Grand Total	562	523	470	301	109	18	1963

About National Core Indicators

National Core Indicators™ (NCI) strives to provide states with valid and reliable tools to help improve system performance and better serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Through a contract with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), using the NCI Survey tools, collects quantitative data on consumer satisfaction, provision of services, and personal outcomes. Data collection is completed through face to face interviews with consumers as well as mail-in surveys from families.

This data collection effort will enable DDS to evaluate the quality and performance of California's developmental disability service delivery system and among all the 21 regional centers over time.

For results of past surveys go to:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/reports/>

For more information about the NCI go to:

<https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/>

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**AGENDA ITEM 8
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), which is a project of the Council, provides a Summary Report of their recent activities. SCDD SSAN Representative Matthew Lagrand will provide Councilmembers with a short presentation on the SSAN report.

Attachment

May 2021 SSAN Update Report

May 25, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 8.
INFORMATION ITEM**

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



Last SSAN Meeting: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their first meeting of 2021 on March 10th & 11th, 2021 using Zoom.

Recent Activity:

Since the March SSAN meeting, the SSAN Workgroups have been working on projects related to SSAN.

SSAN Officers: Have met every two weeks to discuss SSAN business and plan the June SSAN meeting.

Employment Workgroup: Collaborated with a DOR Work Incentives Planner/Trainer to host a Zoom Webinar on managing social benefits while working. The training was a great success and the SSAN Employment workgroup hopes to have more trainings in the future.

Legislative and Civic Engagement Workgroup: Has met monthly to track SCDD legislation, discuss SSAN legislative priorities, and to consider developing a SSAN legislative training.

Newsletter and Communications Workgroup: Working on putting together the June Edition of the quarterly “Voices of SSAN” Newsletter.

Youth Engagement Workgroup: Developed a Youth Survey and has plans to have it go live soon, so stay tuned.

May 25, 2021

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



2020—2022 SSAN Leadership:

Chair: Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

Vice-Chair: Paul Mansell, SCDD San Diego Regional Representative

Secretary: Robert Levy, UC Davis MIND Institute UCEDD Representative

SSAN Workgroups:

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

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for June 9 – 10 2021 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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**AGENDA ITEM 9
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Member Spotlight: Sandra Aldana and Francis Lau

Councilmembers Sandra Aldana and Francis Lau will provide brief presentations as part of a new series for 2021, “Member Spotlights.”

Attachments

None

MAY 25, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 10

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SCDD 2021-2022 Budget

Councilmember Brian Winfield (DDS) will present updates regarding the Governor's May Budget Revision for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022.

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will also review the 2021-2022 SCDD draft budget. SCDD budget documents are included in the packet for member consideration. Members will vote on whether to approve the budget for the new Fiscal Year.

Action Recommended

Adopt the 2021-2022 SCDD Budget.

Attachments

Department of Developmental Services' 2021 May Revision Highlights
SCDD FY 2021-22 Budget Narrative Summary
SCDD FY 2021-22 Line Item Budget Descriptions
SCDD FY 2021-22 External Income Sources Summary
SCDD Basic Support Grant (BSG) Budget PowerPoint Presentation

Department of Developmental Services

2021 May Revision Highlights



**Gavin Newsom
Governor
State of California**

**Mark Ghaly MD, MPH
Secretary
California Health and Human Services Agency**

**Nancy Bargmann
Director
Department of Developmental Services**

May 2021

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES 2021 MAY REVISION HIGHLIGHTS

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) is responsible for administering the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act). The Lanterman Act provides for the coordination and provision of services and supports to enable people with developmental disabilities to lead more independent, productive, and integrated lives. Additionally, the Early Start Program provides for the delivery of services to infants and toddlers at risk of having a developmental disability. The Department carries out its responsibilities through contracts with 21 community-based, non-profit corporations known as regional centers, as well as through state-operated homes and facilities.

The number of individuals served by regional centers (consumers) is expected to be 352,381 in the current year and increase to 386,431 in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. In addition, 322 individuals are projected to be served in state-operated facilities as of July 1, 2021. The current year estimate reflects a reduction of 5,438 individuals when compared to Governor's Budget, which is primarily due to a reduction in referrals which coincided with the beginning of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The May Revision Estimate continues to support the needs of consumers throughout the public health crisis and reflects the need for increased supports. The pandemic highlighted inequities among underserved communities and the May Revision Estimate proposes new policies to improve service access and equity to regional center services as well as funding for incentives to achieve better service outcomes and consumer experiences.

2021 MAY REVISION SUMMARY

The 2021 May Revision updates the Department's FY 2020-21 budget to include \$9.9 billion total funds (TF) (\$5.8 billion General Fund [GF]) and includes \$10.7 billion TF (\$6.6 billion GF) for FY 2021-22; a net increase of \$841.6 million TF (\$774.6 million GF) over the updated FY 2020-21 budget.

In the current year, funds will be reallocated to support concerted efforts to increase outreach activities, eligibility assessments and determinations to reach the caseload levels estimated using pre-COVID-19 caseload trends.

In the budget year, in addition to caseload and utilization updates, the proposed FY 2021-22 funding supports the following:

- COVID-19 Response (\$257 million TF, \$152.2 million GF): Projected costs for ongoing response to COVID-19. Funding reflects projected impacts on regional center services as well as resources to support an average of 30 beds combined at Fairview and Porterville Developmental Centers as part of the State's COVID-19 response for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- Provider Supplemental Rates and Uniform Holiday Schedule (\$527.6 million TF, \$309.6 million GF): Elimination of the suspension provision for the provider supplemental rates and the Uniform Holiday Schedule. Trailer Bill Language (TBL).
- START Teams (\$5.7 million TF, \$4.0 million GF): The Governor's Budget proposed four additional teams in FY 2021-22; the May Revision proposes funding to support five additional START teams for a total of nine new START teams established in the budget year.
- Emergency Preparedness (\$4.3 million GF, \$200,000 ongoing): Resources to expand emergency preparedness informational materials, provide training and education, provide consumers with emergency go-kits, and enhance availability of back-up batteries and generators for individual's dependent on power for life-sustaining equipment.
- Direct Service Professional Training and Certification (\$4.3 million TF, \$2.9 million GF): Promotes improved consumer access to trained and qualified staff. TBL.
- Bilingual Differential for Direct Service Professionals (\$3.6 million TF, \$2.2 million GF): Funding supports the establishment of a verification process for bilingual competency and provides a differential to increase the availability of staff who are bi/multi-lingual. TBL.
- Competitive Integrated Employment & Paid Internship Program: Proposed change in statute increases the number of incentive payments for longer-term employment, additional incentives to help with COVID-19 recovery, and funding to support paid internship development. TBL only.
- Employment Grant (\$14.7 million TF, \$10.0 million GF): DDS funding to support the expanded cooperative efforts with Department of Rehabilitation to improve the employment rate of individuals with disabilities.
- Self-Determination Ongoing Implementation (\$10.3 million TF, \$6.8 million GF): Funding supports transition support services, improved orientation and training, and participant choice specialists to improve the process for individuals to transition from traditional services to the Self-Determination Program. TBL.
- Additional Resources for Individuals who are Deaf (DDS and regional center funding of \$2.6 million TF, \$1.8 million GF): Spring Finance Letter proposes funding for a headquarters position to provide statewide leadership and subject matter expertise on the provision of services and supports for individuals who are deaf and have intellectual or developmental disabilities. In addition, funding for 21 regional center deaf services specialists to support the expansion of deaf service resources, provide training and expertise to regional center staff, and coordinate with the Department on statewide efforts.
- Tribal Engagement for Early Start Services (\$500,000 GF): Funding for targeted engagement efforts and increase access to services for the Native American population.
- Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3 and 4 (\$23.8 million GF): Funding supports regional center operations as well as purchase of services to provide provisional eligibility for children aged 3 and 4 to reduce the likelihood of children

experiencing delays in receiving services, which can lead to long-term impacts and a need for more intensive services and supports. TBL.

- Implicit Bias Training (\$700,000 TF, \$553,000 GF): Funding prioritized for regional center staff involved in eligibility determinations. TBL.
- Enhanced Service Coordination (\$12.8 million TF, \$10.0 million GF): Funding for service coordination activities to support consumers with low or no purchase of service expenditures.
- Performance Incentives (\$3.7 million TF, \$2.5 million GF): Funding supports initial and ongoing efforts to establish a performance improvement program with fiscal incentives for regional centers to meet specified benchmarks and improvement measures, with an initial focus on reducing caseload ratios. Funding increases to \$87.5 million, \$59.5 million GF in 2022-23. TBL.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities State Fiscal Year 2021/22 BSG Budget

The Council is asked to approve the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Basic State Grant Budget as well as the budgets for the two reimbursement contracts with the Department of Developmental Services for the Client's Rights Advocates/Volunteer Advocacy Services project and the Quality Assessment project. The following changes were made since the draft budget was shared with the Council in March:

- Increase of \$51,000 to the Basic Support Grant due to an additional allotment to states on 4/23/2021 returning the 1% set aside money reserved for the Administration for Community Living.
 - \$51,000 added to External Contracts line item
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The total 2021/22 Council Budget from all funding sources is \$13,966,000.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
State Council Budgeted Base
State Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

Categories	Basic State Grant (BSG)	Client's Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy	Quality Assessment	TOTAL
	Federal Grant	State Reimbursement	State Reimbursement	
1. Personal Services				
Net Salaries & Wages	\$3,748,000	\$927,000	\$1,438,000	\$6,113,000
Temporary Help / Honorarium	\$87,000	\$0	\$0	\$87,000
Worker's Compensation	\$55,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$63,000
Staff Benefits	\$1,938,000	\$436,000	\$693,000	\$3,067,000
Less 5% Salary Savings From Vacancies	<u>(\$291,000)</u>			<u>(\$291,000)</u>
Total Personal Services	<u>\$5,537,000</u>	<u>\$1,368,000</u>	<u>\$2,134,000</u>	<u>\$9,039,000</u>
2. Operating Expense and Equipment				
General Expense	\$75,000	\$5,000	\$18,000	\$98,000
Printing	\$45,000	\$9,000	\$520,000	\$574,000
Communications	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$150,000
Postage	\$20,000	\$1,000	\$266,000	\$287,000
Travel In-State	\$300,000	\$32,000	\$5,000	\$337,000
Travel Out-of-State	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Training (Tuition & Registration)	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$53,000
Facilities Operations (Rent)	\$600,000	\$24,000	\$255,000	\$879,000
Utilities	\$6,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$8,000
Interdepartmental Services	\$225,000	\$134,000	\$164,000	\$523,000
External Contract Services	\$301,000	\$3,000	\$30,000	\$334,000
Information Technology	\$465,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$560,000
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP)	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Other Items of Expense	\$5,000	<u>\$91,000</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$321,000</u>
Less Previously Approved One-Time Projects	<u>(\$325,000)</u>			<u>(\$325,000)</u>
Total Operating Expense and Equipment	<u>\$1,897,000</u>	<u>\$369,000</u>	<u>\$1,578,000</u>	<u>\$3,844,000</u>
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4. Total Council Budget (1 + 2 + 3)	<u>\$7,694,000</u>	<u>\$1,737,000</u>	<u>\$3,712,000</u>	<u>\$13,143,000</u>
5. Total Basic State Grant Award	\$7,759,000			
6. Difference between Total Council Budget and Basic State Grant Award	\$65,000			
7. Cash Reserve	\$1,750,000			
8. Estimated Unexpended Funds Available for the Council to Spend	\$445,000			

FFY 2021 BSG Award received 2/22/2021 and 4/23/2021.

Approved by Council XX/XX/XXXX

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
External Income Sources
State Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

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COVID Vaccine Award received 4/29/2021 and Disaster Preparedness Award received 4/16/2021.

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities

FY 2021/22 Operating Budget

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022



SFY 2021/22 Budget

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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TOTAL SFY 21/22 COUNCIL BUDGET ALL PROGRAMS

Basic State Grant (BSG)	\$7,694,000
Federal Funds	
Quality Assessment (QA)	\$3,712,000
State Contract	
Client's Rights Advocates/Volunteer Advocacy (CRA/VAS)	\$1,737,000
State Contract	
Vaccine Expand Access	\$457,557
Federal Funds not tied to BSG	
Disaster Kits	\$365,000
Grant	
Total Council Budget	\$13,966,000

Questions?



MAY 25, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 11

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Spotlight Focus Discussion:
Self-Determination Program Implementation

Councilmembers will hear a presentation about the Self-Determination Program provided by a panel of guest speakers. The panel will include Maria Marquez and Rick Wood, Co-Chairs of the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC), along with Amy Westling (Association of Regional Center Agencies) and Judy Mark (Disability Voices United).

Councilmembers will vote on whether to approve the barriers and recommendations for the Self-Determination interim report for submission to the California Legislature.

Action Recommended

Approve the barriers and recommendations for the Self-Determination report.

Attachments

PowerPoint Presentation:
Self-Determination Program Barriers and Recommendations

Self-Determination Program Barriers and Recommendations

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
May 25, 2021

Background

- ▶ On October 7, 2013, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 468 (Emmerson) creating the Statewide Self-Determination Program (SDP). SDP allows participants the opportunity to have more control in developing their service plans and selecting service providers to better meet their needs.
- ▶ The SDP is built on the principles of freedom, authority, support, responsibility and confirmation.

Background

- ▶ The SDP is not new, it was created based on successful twenty-year pilot projects, which provided individuals with developmental disabilities with opportunities for authentic person-centered planning, informed choice and control over their services and supports.
- ▶ The pilots resulted in better outcomes for the participants with the potential long-term cost savings.

Background

- ▶ SB 468 required California's Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to apply for new federal funding by applying for a new Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- ▶ CMS approved the waiver application on June 7, 2018. Approval of the waiver initiated a three-year phase-in period for SDP in which 2500 individuals receiving services from the Regional Center were randomly selected.

SCDD Responsibility

- ▶ Convene the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) to identify:
 - self-determination best practices
 - effective consumer and family training materials
 - implementation concerns
 - systemic issues
 - ways to enhance the program
 - recommendations regarding the most effective method for participants to learn of individuals who are available to provide services and supports.

SCDD Responsibility

- ▶ Synthesize information received from the SSDAC, local advisory committees, and other sources
 - Share the information with consumers, families, regional centers, and the department
- ▶ Make recommendations to increase the program's effectiveness in furthering the principles of self-determination.

SCDD Responsibility

- ▶ June 30, 2021: issue an interim report to the Legislature on the status of SDP, barriers to implementation, and recommendations to enhance effectiveness of the program
 - Each Regional Center's cap on participation and progress toward that cap
 - The most recent statewide and per regional center count
 - The historical trend in the statewide participation count since the start of the program.

- ▶ December 2022: evaluation of the program's effectiveness at furthering the values of self determination and participant satisfaction

Self Determination Program Status

- ▶ Total # for phase in period: 2,500
- ▶ Total # of names drawn to reach 2,500: 3,328
- ▶ Total withdrawals: 1,228
- ▶ Total continuing participants: 2,100

- ▶ Of the 2,100
 - 1,800 completed orientation
 - 730 have an individual budget
 - 526 have a spending plan
 - 518 have a Financial Management Service

 - **556 fully transitioned to the Self Determination Program**

Self Determination Program Status

Lessons learned from 556 in the SDP

- Transition from traditional services to SDP is a slow process
 - Some are going at their own pace
 - Some have been slowed by the system
- There are many details to address in setting up a new program
 - Some can be anticipated
 - Some were not
- Bottom Line
 - Problems can be worked out through implementation
 - Fix what can be fixed, remove barriers, and let people enter and thrive in the program as they wish

SSDAC Efforts Made to Increase Enrollment

- ▶ July 2018 began a series of focused breakouts and workgroup meetings to examine barriers to implementation to the SDP
- ▶ August 10, 2020 completed [“A Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Report on the Barriers to Implementing the Self-Determination Program”](#) (Barriers Report)
- ▶ Submitted to DDS, Association of Regional Center Agencies, the California State Legislature and more than 200 other community members and organizations.

SSDAC Report Findings

- ▶ The report concluded “that significant barriers to implementation of the SDP fall into four broad categories, which are not exhaustive”
- ▶ The SSDAC also concluded in the report, “that in part, the small size of the SDP participants selected during the phase-in period is in itself, a barrier.” This barrier “is widely expected to be overcome beginning in 2021 as the program becomes available to all” eligible individuals with disabilities receiving services from the Regional Centers.

Barrier 1:

Delay in Implementation of the SDP

The Committee had 5 recommendations for this barrier. The recommendations included asking DDS for better data reporting, and shorter transition times into the program with benchmarks showing progress. The recommendations also said that the local advisory committees need to track progress so that they could share with the SSDAC.

Barrier 2: Lack of Guidance by DDS to Regional Centers and Consumers

The Committee had 11 recommendations for this barrier. Some of the recommendations included asking DDS to issue clear and regular guidance in a number of areas, including templates, category definitions and online resources; hire a person to coordinate with regional centers; and using things learned from the pilot program. The recommendations also asked regional centers and local advisory committees to work together to share DDS information with everyone.

Barrier 3:

Lack of Trainings for Regional Center Staff, Participants and Families

The Committee had 4 recommendations for this barrier. Recommendations to DDS mainly asked for required trainings for regional center staff, plain language training materials and timelines for when trainings are done. Regional centers need to have multiple trainings and include the local advisory committee members.

Barrier 4:

Lack of Trainings for, and Development of, Person-Centered Planners, Fiscal Management Services (FMS), Independent Facilitators and Service Providers

The Committee had 3 recommendations for this barrier. The recommendations included asking DDS to provide FMS oversight and making plain language training materials for the workers listed above that include provider definitions and explained the role of the FMS. Also, the regional centers need provide timely payments and better education to the workers.

Training & Support Recommendations

- ▶ The key to creating a successful and strong SDP is having engaged and empowered LACs. The LAC's are currently limited in what they do. For example, the LACs do not have access to names of people involved in SDP to invite them to the meetings and frequently the LACs request the Regional Centers to disseminate the information but have no way to ensure it has been disseminated to potential participants. The Regional Centers and LACs should create memorandums of agreement regarding the roles and responsibilities for both entities.
- ▶ Independent facilitators are key and need to be provided additional supports. Independent facilitators should coach people and help them move through the process if they are stuck.
- ▶ DDS has issued a lot of necessary directives and guidance, but the interpretation by service coordinators and staff is not consistent and they are unsure how to implement it. DDS should have uniform training for service coordinators. Training should include an open forum for service coordinators to ask questions about guidance and directives and get DDS responses. DDS should also be required to attend LACs. All guidance and directives also need to be reviewed for plain language.

Training & Support Recommendations Continued

- ▶ One approval process should be created for budget approval and spending approval.
- ▶ Many potential participants are still unfamiliar with the SDP. A statewide multi-lingual multi-media campaign should be developed by DDS.
- ▶ A uniform, simplified orientation should be developed in plain language broken into smaller learning components.
- ▶ The definition of a spending plan should be clearly defined in plain language (e.g., a spending plan listing how the available funds in an individual budget will be used to purchase services).
- ▶ The purpose of a spending plan should also be defined clearly in plain language. It should be communicated clearly that spending plans are not subject to approval by a regional center and that allocation of funds aren't solely used to determine and arrive at the individual budget amount. DDS needs to provide more oversight of regional centers who are micro-managing participants' spending plans and not following the directive.

Oversight & Accountability Recommendations

- ▶ Specific benchmarks for each stage of the SDP program should be created similar to the requirements in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA includes benchmarks for becoming eligible for and receiving special education services for qualified students with disabilities. The Regional Centers and LACs should meet and agree to specific benchmarks that are reasonable and a timeline for implementation.
- ▶ Regional Centers should be mandated to help families navigate the program. Service coordinators need to be provided additional training about how SDP will improve service delivery and coordination. A train-the-trainer model should be developed of Regional Centers that are having success in getting people into SDP to help those that are struggling.
- ▶ DDS should require specific guidelines to FMSs on how to create monthly reports so that participants understand them and can make sure they don't overspend their budget.
- ▶ There should be a clear process with DDS or RCs that provide participants with large budgets the ability to pay an FMS a higher monthly fee because they have a large number of providers.

Funding Recommendations

- ▶ FMSs should receive money monthly in advance, as was done in the pilot.
- ▶ The 024 funds need to be available to participants in the rollout in June and beyond.
- ▶ SSDAC should be funded through federal participation funds, including costs of quarterly meetings, such as travel, meeting expenses, etc., but also to hire staff to support the SSDAC in efforts to develop training materials and other activities as well as to evaluate the SDP.

Panel Discussion

- ▶ Maria Marquez, SSDAC Co-Chair
- ▶ Rick Wood, SSDAC Co-Chair
- ▶ Judy Mark, Westside LAC Chair
- ▶ Amy Westling, ARCA

Next Steps

Direct staff to finalize recommendations and submit the interim report to the legislature.

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Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th, 2021.