



# NOTICE/AGENDA

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**DATE:** September 14, 2021

**TIME:** 10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**COUNCIL CHAIR:** Wesley Witherspoon

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**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**



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**Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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Next Meeting: November 30, 2021

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 4  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Public Comment***

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Approval of July 2021 Minutes***

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

***Attachment***

July 27, 2021 Council meeting minutes

***Action Recommended***

Approve the July 2021 Minutes.



## Draft Council Meeting Minutes July 27, 2021

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Others Attending</u></b>
Andy Imparato Aubyn Stahmer Brian Winfield Cindy Chiu David Pegos (F.A.) Fran Goldfarb (USC UCEDD) Francis Lau (F.A.) Jeana Eriksen (S.A.) Jonathan Nelson (F.A.) Joyce McNair (F.A.) Julio Garnica (S.A.) Kara Ponton (S.A.) Karen Millender (F.A.) Kilolo Brodie (F.A.) Lee Bycel (F.A.) Liz Laugeson (UCLA UCEDD) Maria Marquez (S.A.) Mark Beckley Matthew Lagrand (S.A.) Nick Wavrin Nicole Adler (S.A.) Rosie Ryan (S.A.) Sandra Aldana (S.A.) Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.)	Julie Austin Julie Neward Marko Mijic Richard Nelson  <b><u>Others Attending</u></b> Aaron Carruthers Beth Hurn Brian Weisel Bridget Kolakosky Captioners Heather & Dallas Charles Nguyen Charlotte Endres Christofer Arroyo David Grady Debra Adler Dena Hernandez Douglas Sale Dr. Henny Kupferstein Holly Bins Jim Knight Julie Eby-McKenzie	(Continued) Kim Rothschild Kristie Allensworth Lea Park-Kim Lisa Hooks Marianne Iverson Mary Agnes Nolan Mary Ellen Stives Milko Sinani Nicole Patterson Rain Dove Riana Hardin Rihana Ahmad Robin Maitino-Erben Ryan Duncanwood Sidney Jackson Sonya Bingaman Tania Morawiec Tricia Cokes Vi Ibarra Wilbert Francis

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

### 2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

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### **3. SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS**

New Councilmember appointments had not been made at the time of the Council meeting.

### **4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councilmembers and others in attendance introduced themselves.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were three public comments offered.

Dr. Henny Kupferstein spoke to the Council about best practices for consumers and contributing to data reform and research.

Two written comments were also sent to SCDD for the Council's consideration.

Ryan Duncanwood, a Self-Advocate in the North State Region, submitted the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> SABE (Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered) meeting.

Carl Argila, a parent from the San Gabriel-Pomona Region, submitted a brief letter to the Council asking for consideration of his son's case, of which DDS become the conservator. Mr. Argila's full report is available online on his blog.

### **6. APPROVAL OF MAY 2021 MINUTES**

#### **Action 1**

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

### **7. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Councilmembers Nicole Adler (S.A.) and Joyce McNair (F.A.) were recognized for this month's Member Spotlight.

Joyce shared details about her early life and personal history. Joyce has a background in case management and public affairs and a history of advocating at the local, regional, and national levels. Her daughter, a person with I/DD, was denied services twice but then began receiving Developmental Services' support. She became a regional center client in November 2012.

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When Joyce learned that the Self-Determination Program (SDP) would be available, she shifted her focus to get her daughter into the program. Joyce's daughter wrote her own person-centered plan that was used to establish her services. She officially entered the SDP in January 2021 and is already thriving.

Nicole shared her passion for raising awareness around disability rights and advocacy in Hollywood. Nicole reminds us that representation matters and that people with disabilities should play the roles of characters with disabilities in TV shows and movies, instead of neurotypical people portraying having a disability. She called on Hollywood producers and the media to take action and break barriers on incorporating more disability-inclusive practices in the profession.

## **8. CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chair Wesley Witherspoon welcomed the Council to the July meeting and reminded everyone that July 26<sup>th</sup> was the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). SCDD is celebrating this annual milestone in a variety of ways, including a recently compiled video featuring Councilmembers and community members (available on SCDD social media sites). Additionally, Witherspoon recognized July as HIV Awareness Month and National Minority Mental Health Month.

Chair Witherspoon reported that Councilmember Kim Rothschild has resigned from the Council. Councilmember Jonathan Nelson will replace her as Chair of the SCDD Administrative Committee.

Additionally, Councilmembers have been serving on the DDS advisory committee to create a standard, statewide intake packet for new regional center clients. We are very excited about DDS creating a packet that every family would get, no matter what regional center they have. SCDD will send out a survey so families can tell DDS what they wish they knew when they were going through intake for early intervention. Everyone is encouraged to answer because the families need help.

Lastly Witherspoon reported that the state budget passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor includes historic investments in the regional center system and special education. It fills many holes, like implementing the rate study so vendors and providers are funded for the true costs of providing

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services. The Council hopes this leads to most direct providers receiving pay increases too. The budget also included some systems change items. Congress is considering the President's proposal for \$400 billion more for HCBS services. SCDD signed a letter of support for this money and organized a California representative to testify in Congress on a hearing for this money. SCDD is doing everything it can to get more funding and support the system.

SCDD Committee reports were provided in the meeting packet. Witherspoon asked that members read through these reports when they are able.

## **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

State Plan updates:

SCDD met its target metrics for 2020-2021 in record time. The staff State Plan team completed its workplan in eight months. From October 2020 through June 2021, 6,856 activities were completed, with over 1.4 million people reached.

COVID and vaccine clinics:

We are currently seeing a spike in COVID-19 infections, with rates moving back to levels we saw in June of 2020. However, the death rate remains at an all-time low. SCDD is making efforts to get COVID vaccines to people who want them: training medical personnel in providing care to people with developmental disabilities; using state vaccine data by zip code to find areas in California with low vaccine rates; partnering with key, trusted community organizations; and providing other resources for people to access while they are at SCDD-sponsored vaccine clinics.

SB 639 (Durazo):

The Council is sponsoring SB 639. If fully passed, would mean that no one would be paid below the minimum wage. By January 2025, it would eliminate subminimum wage in California. It is expected that the bill will go to the Assembly floor next, then back to the Senate, and to the Governor. SCDD will continue to fight and advocate for this important issue, utilizing media campaigns, social media, key supporters, and grassroots efforts from Councilmembers, RAC members and community members.

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State budget advocacy:

Many Council priorities are being included in the upcoming State budget for this year. Some of these priorities include implementing the provider rate model, restoring social, recreation and camp services, enhancing community integration for children and adolescents, supporting an Inclusive Education pilot, and implementing implicit bias training and pay differentials for bilingual support staff.

The full Executive Director report PowerPoint presentation is accessible on the Council's website.

#### **10. SSAN REPORT**

SCDD SSAN representative Matthew Lagrand provided Councilmembers with an update from the most recent SSAN meeting in June. The next SSAN meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **11. CYCLE 44 GRANTS PRESENTATION**

Federal law requires that the Council identify methods to improve and increase services for individuals with I/DD and their families and to submit these to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) in the form of a five-year State Plan. One of the many ways the Council achieves this is by awarding program development grants (PDG or Cycle Grants) to community-based organizations to research, develop and/or implement innovative programs and promising or best practices throughout the state and its local communities. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers and the SCDD State Plan Committee presented the proposal selections for this year's Grant Cycle, Cycle 44.

Executive Director Carruthers reviewed the timeline of SCDD activity around the Cycle 44 proposals. At its January 2021 meeting, the Council approved the State Plan Committee's recommended areas of emphasis for this cycle's grants: Inclusive Education (\$100,000), and Health & Safety/Mental Health & Wellbeing initiatives (\$160,000). Proposals were then evaluated based on scores that fell into the categories of state plan alignment, methodology, and administration/budget. The grants scoring team reviewed 14 proposals and recommended four of them for funding (one under Inclusive Education and three under Mental Health initiatives).

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### **Action 2**

It was moved/seconded (Pegos [F.A.]/Marquez [S.A.]) and carried to approve proposal #SCC4414 with the contingency that the Department of Education's Special Education Division be given the opportunity to collaborate on the project as they see fit. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

### **Action 3**

It was moved/seconded (Pegos [F.A.]/Ponton [S.A.]) and carried to approve proposal #SCC4406 as presented by the State Plan Committee. (Motion passed by acclimation. See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

### **Action 4**

It was moved/seconded (Pegos [F.A.]/Ponton [S.A.]) and carried to approve proposal #SCC4404 as presented by the State Plan Committee. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

### **Action 5**

It was moved/seconded (McNair [F.A.]/Nelson [F.A.]) and carried to approve proposal #SCC4408 as presented by the State Plan Committee. (Motion passed by acclimation. See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

The Council approved the above Cycle 44 grant funding recommendations and directed the Executive Director to carry out the administrative contract process.

## **12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting will be held on September 14th, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 P.M.

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Council Meeting Voting Log July 27, 2021					
Name	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4	Action 5
Adler, Nicole	For	For	For	For	For
Aldana, Sandra	For	For	For	Abstain	For
Beckley, Mark	For	For	For	For	For
Brodie, Kilolo	For	N/A	For	For	For
Bycel, Lee	For	For	For	For	For
Chiu, Cindy	For	For	For	For	For
Eriksen, Jeana	For	For	For	For	For
Garnica, Julio	For	For	For	For	For
Imparato, Andy	For	For	For	For	For
Lagrand, Matthew	For	For	For	For	For
Lau, Francis	For	For	For	For	For
Marquez, Maria	For	For	For	For	For
McNair, Joyce	For	For	For	For	For
Millender, Karen	For	For	For	For	For
Nelson, Jonathan	For	For	For	For	For
Pegos, David	For	For	For	For	For
Ponton, Kara	For	For	For	For	For
Laugeson, Liz on behalf of Raynor, Olivia	For	For	For	For	For
Ryan, Rosanna	For	For	For	For	For
Stahmer, Aubyn	For	For	For	For	For
Wavrin, Nick	Abstain	For	For	For	For
Winfield, Brian	N/A	For	For	For	For
Witherspoon, Wesley	For	For	For	For	For
Goldfarb, Fran on behalf of Yin, Larry	For	For	For	For	For

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**AGENDA ITEM 6  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Member Spotlight: Rosanna Ryan and David Pegos***

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Councilmembers Rosanna Ryan and David Pegos will provide brief presentations as part of the 2021 “Member Spotlight” series.

***Attachments***

None

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 7  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Chair Report and Committee Reports***

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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.

***Attachments***

A) The Executive Committee met on 8/17/21. The meeting summary is attached.

B) The Legislative and Public Policy Committee met on 9/9/21. The meeting summary is attached.

C) The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet on 9/13/21. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.

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**AGENDA ITEM 7a .****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

August 17, 2021

***Meeting's Focus***

The Executive Committee met on August 17, 2021. The meeting's focus centered on two sponsorship requests and a targeted discussion about understanding and addressing councilmember needs as COVID continues.

The August SCDD Staff Member Spotlight highlighted the Deputy Director of Administration, Douglas Sale. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided Committee members with a report on recent Council activities, and Deputy Director Sale gave an update on the SCDD budget. Deputy Director Sale and Committee Chair Lee Bycel also provided a brief update on the status of the Executive Director Evaluation.

***Items Acted Upon***

The Committee acted on the following items:

- The June 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
- Sponsorship requests from the MIND Summer Institute and the San Diego Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities was approved.

***Future Meeting Dates***

October 19, 2021

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**AGENDA ITEM 7b.****LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

September 9, 2021

***Meeting's Focus***

The Legislative and Public Policy Committee will on September 9, 2021. The meetings focus will to begin activity planning for 2022, review the Legislative Priorities and review the status of the current sessions introduced bills affecting the I/DD community.

***Items to Be Acted Upon***

- The Committee will consider the meeting minutes.
- The Committee may act to recommend that the Council adopt changes to the current Policy Priorities.

***Future Meeting Dates***

TBD



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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 8  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Executive Director Report and Staff Reports***

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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**  
**September 14, 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 July 27, 2021 meeting.*

Dear Councilmembers:

This is my final report as Deputy Director of Administration as I will be retiring from state civil service on October 1, 2021. It is hard to believe that my 31 year state career is coming to an end as it has been thoroughly enjoyable, especially the last 3 ½ years here at SCDD.

My state career began in April 1991 at the Department of Social Services as a Social Security Disability Claims Analyst in Los Angeles. I was 23 years old at the time and had recently graduated from Cal State L.A. with a degree in Social Science. My original career goal was to be a high school U.S. history teacher, but I quickly realized I did not have the patience for the classroom. I knew little about disability and was looking for any state job at the time with no specific career goal. I am proud to say that 23 of my 31 year state career has been in positions that served persons with disabilities either directly or indirectly. In 1994 I transferred to the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in the Riverside District. As a Counselor, my caseload consisted primarily of consumers with mental/emotional impairments. In 1997 I promoted to Rehabilitation Supervisor in the San Bernardino District and supervised a group of Rehabilitation Counselors covering San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono counties. In 1999 I moved to Sacramento and took a job as a policy analyst in DOR's Field Operations Division. In 2002 I was promoted to Policy Unit Manager and in 2005, promoted to DOR's Chief of Contracts and Procurement. It was this job where I transitioned from program work to administration. In 2009 I left DOR to be the Chief of Administrative Operations at the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB). In 2018, I was fortunate to be selected by Aaron as SCDD's Administration Deputy.

As an administrator, I tried to never forget that the real work takes place in the field offices at the in-person, face-to-face level and that the role of administration is to support and facilitate the program staff providing the direct services. Any success I may have had as an administrator I believe is primarily because of this emphasis on customer focused customer service. Administration also requires dedicated staff willing to go the extra mile to provide the customer service. I have been fortunate to have such staff here at SCDD and I am confident that they will continue to support the Council and the new Chief Deputy as they have supported me.

Now for the Administration update:

While all SCDD offices have remained open for essential activities since March 2020, SCDD staff are continuing to work from home to the greatest extent while still being able to perform mission critical functions. With the statewide reopening of the economy on June 16, 2021, we began considering a return to in-person Council and committee meetings, but the emergence of the Delta variant and resulting increase in COVID infections and hospitalizations has resulted in the Government Operation Agency (GovOps) and Department of Human Resources (CalHR) implementing a “Hybrid Workforce Model,” which will include a formal telework policy that allows staff to work remotely to the extent that allows them to continue to satisfactorily perform their essential job functions. The Hybrid Workforce Model recognizes the health and wellness benefits to the employees and the climate by working remotely utilizing technology to work effectively. All state managers and supervisors completed Hybrid Workforce Training in July 2021. Also, in July, SCDD surveyed all employees regarding returning to work/telework and is utilizing the results to develop a formal telework policy consistent with the Hybrid Workforce Model.

SCDD is currently experiencing an increase in the number of retirements and vacancies. The Human Resources team (HR) continues processing several recruitments such as the Chief Deputy, Director’s Assistant, Regional Office Manager for San Bernardino and several other field and administrative support positions. On September 1, a new personnel analyst (Andrea Lynch) was hired to assist with this increased workload.

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 it would be much more difficult to implement a Hybrid Workforce Model that includes a formal telework program. SCDD plans to deploy 20 new laptops and accessories and replace 6 regional office copiers as part of year 4 of the 5-year computer replacement schedule.

Since May 2020, SCDD has distributed 109 million items of personal protective equipment (PPE) worth \$67.5 million 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 March 2022.

The FY 2020/21 Executive Director Evaluation is beginning and should be completed at the November 30 Council meeting.

The Budget Officer continues to track our Fiscal Year 2020/21 expenditures and provided the latest expenditure and projections report to the Executive Committee on August 17th. We will close out Fiscal Year 2020/21 well under budget mainly due to increased vacancies and savings derived from COVID-19 travel restrictions and online meetings.

The Quality Assessment Project completed the in-person surveys using Zoom and met the goal of 400 surveys per Regional Center and 8,400 surveys statewide. On July 1 we started a new 3-year contract with the Department of Developmental Services that will also include in-person surveys of Self-Determination Program Participants.

The Client Rights Advocate/Volunteer Advocate Service programs at Porterville

Developmental Center and Canyon Springs Community Facility began negotiations on a new contract with the Department of Developmental Services. The current contract ends June 30, 2022.

On August 16 a new Travel Coordinator (Victoria Schlusser) was hired to replace Beth Hurn, who moved to the State Plan Unit a few months ago.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Council, SCDD staff at all levels and Aaron for your support and assistance during my tenure at SCDD. I am proud to be associated with SCDD and take pride in knowing that SCDD is in capable hands with dedicated and committed staff and leadership. I tried my best to make a positive contribution to SCDD and would like to think I was somewhat successful. I know for a fact that SCDD's brightest days are ahead.

I wish you all the best of health, happiness and accomplishment as the Council embarks on its new State Plan goals! It has been a pleasure knowing and working with you all!

Sincerely,

Doug Sale

## **Report from Deputy Director, 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.

### **NEWS LETTER UPDATE**

The newsletter that we announced in the last Council meeting is still under development and has been delayed due to a shift in our communications staff.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- ✓ Sponsored bill SB 639 update

Current status: Assembly Floor.

The bill was in Appropriations committee for about a month. During that time, we conducted over 45 meetings with Assemblymembers, committee staff and co-sponsors to make sure the bill successfully passed out of the committee.

The bill was released from the Assembly Appropriations committee on Thursday 8/26/21 with clarifying amendments. We also gained three new champions - Assemblywoman Christina Garcia, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez and Assemblyman Isaac Bryan were added as coauthors.

We co-hosted a webinar with our cosponsors Disability Rights California and Legal Aid at Work where we, along with Senator Durazo, educated legislative staff and members of the public on the importance of the bill.

Most recently, we conducted multiple call-to-action meetings with advocates to encourage individuals and supportive organizations to contact their Assembly members in support of the bill.

The bill will be voted on by the full Assembly body and then the Senate no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor will have 30 days to take action on the bill. One caveat to that timeline may be the outcome of Recall Election on September 14th.

We are in ongoing discussions with stakeholders and the Governor's office and we remain diligently committed to ensuring that the transition out of the 14c program is smooth and well planned.

- ✓ Continued the ongoing work of tracking legislation that SCDD is supporting, submitting support letters to the committees and providing supporting testimony in committee hearings.

Many of the bills that we are supporting have been moved to "2-year bill" status. This means that they will not be voted on in a committee hearing this year. They may resume moving through the legislation process next year.

Here are the bills that are still moving through the legislation process this year:

AB 118 CRISES Act  
Current status: Assembly Floor

AB 313 LEAP  
Current status: Assembly Floor

AB 323 Long Term Care Facilities  
Current status: Assembly Floor

- ✓ This month we started the work of identifying bill ideas and policy priorities for 2022. We designed a bill idea form for both Councilmembers and the public to submit bill ideas for consideration. We welcome all ideas and look forward to reviewing them.

- ✓ This month we developed a short explainer of the legislative process and put it into a power point presentation. SAAC will review the presentation for plain language then we will present the explainer at the next LPPC meeting. We will share the final power point with anyone who is interested.
- ✓ Over the winter we will make a second, more detailed explainer of the legislative process and look forward to presenting it to the full Council.

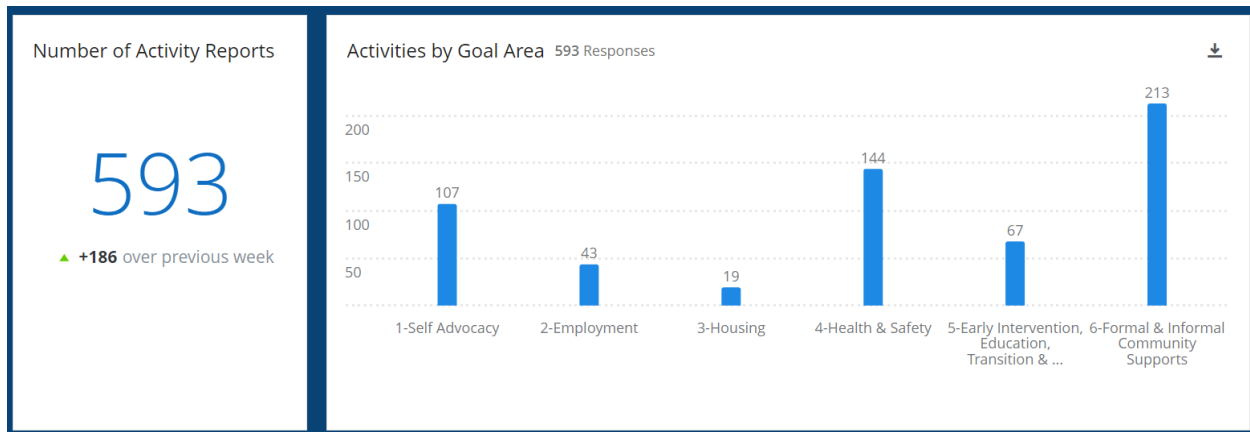
## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- ✓ Teamed up with the North Coast Regional Office Manager to create a [plain language document on the recall election](#).
- ✓ Collaborated with Councilmembers to create and release an [Americans with Disabilities Act anniversary video](#) on social media platforms.
- ✓ Send a media advisory to press contacts about the SB 639 webinar SCDD hosted with the SB 639 co-sponsors.
- ✓ Conducted a new website draft workgroup meeting with members of the State Plan team to share resources and discuss tasks to be completed.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Updated the Disability Thrive Initiative web pages in English and Spanish with new webinar information and resources.
- ✓ Distributed Call to Action materials for organizations and individuals in support of SB 639 to encourage supporters to call their Assemblymembers to raise awareness about the bill.



# REPORT FROM: TANIA MORAWIEC DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS

REPORT RANGE 7/9/21-9/1/21



## SCDD in the media:

### State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Advocacy Efforts Featured on Accessible Housing Matters Podcast

The State Council's Regional Offices work often includes collaborating on and celebrating new initiatives and projects that make a difference for Californians with IDD and other disabilities.

Stephen Beard is a disability advocate with Cerebral Palsy, who is active in variety of disability and community-focused collaborations in the Bay Area. He is also a real estate agent, an Accessibility Specialist, and the host of a new podcast, ['Accessible Housing Matters, with Stephen Beard'](#).

This podcast dives into issues and advocacy, at the intersection of accessibility and housing. It aims to inform, enlighten, and educate listeners-- and to spark new insights into creative ways to solve systemic housing challenges.

The Accessible Housing Matters Podcast, Episode 10, features the State Council's Regional Manager, Sheraden Nicholau. In this episode, also available [through transcript](#), Stephen and Sheraden discuss the State Council's work in housing advocacy, and the important role that Californians with developmental disabilities play in pushing for more affordable, accessible and inclusive housing. You'll learn how to get involved, and how to connect with the State Council in this critical work for California!

## **Examples of SCDD activities during this report range:**

### **SELF-ADVOCACY**

- Staff from North State, San Diego Imperial, Central Coast and Headquarters Offices provided support and technical assistance to the SCDD Project SAFEE (Self-Advocates for Emergency Education) for their two regular meetings on August 6th and August 13th as well as a practice meeting on August 9th to prepare for their presentation on COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy to the Imperial Valley Community College's DSPS Make IT Happen Club on August 11th. Support includes coordinating meetings, assisting in the development of the agenda, completing minutes, coordinating practice meetings and other logistics for organizing their community presentations. Project SAFEE continues to be a motivated and dedicated group of self-advocates. They are gaining recognition and continue to be approached for new speaking engagements.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- SCDD staff participated in the Anthem Blue Cross Managed Care Community Advisory Committee for El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada counties. Issues of immediate concern were the Caldor and Dixie fires and the supports Anthem is providing in those regions. They've provided 1500 hygiene kits, lots of sanitizer, and relaxed guidelines for prescription refills for those relocated or evacuated from their home. The following are member number in these counties, El Dorado: 11,483; Nevada: 13,030; Placer: 32,912. SCDD staff announced about our collaborative with Anthem Blue Cross collaboration with SCDD northern California regions to host a 6-part health series for adults with ID/DD. September will be the 5th workshop focused on Oral Health. In October, the final workshop will focus on how to access your health plan. These CAC collaboratives help agencies to connect, get to know each other, share resources and referrals, and develop cooperative relationships to identify and respond to community needs.
- IHSS Training for Quality Connections - Quality Connections is an ILS/SLS vendor of the Regional Center of Orange County that provides to the IDD community a range of services including Independent and Supported Living Services and Individual and Family Training/Parenting Support. Parenting support is a comprehensive peer-to-peer approach to help families of diverse communities understand challenges in accessing services and improve pathways to increase the utilization of services by partnering with RCOC. Quality Connections has arranged for SCDD to provide professional development trainings to staff and parent mentors across their programs over the course of the next few months. On August 26, 2021, SCDD OCRO presented on IHSS, covering an overview of the IHSS Program, Services, Eligibility, and preparing for the assessment and appeal process. Of the 7 attendees, all 7 completed the survey and all 7 individuals reported being satisfied with the activity and that as a result of it, they will have more advocacy skills and abilities.

**Public appreciation for SCDD training in Health & Safety Category:** Sergeant WJ Conner #3011, Mental Health & Hospital Unit, Sacramento Police Department sent the following letter: "On behalf of the

Sacramento Police Department, I would like to thank you and your special guests for assisting the Mental Health Unit in providing instruction during Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to thirty-nine police officers in July 2021. the Sacramento Police Department is committed to being the most effective police department for every person in the City of Sacramento and the material you presented during the forty-hour CIT course will help us to maintain our high standards. We also truly appreciate any sacrifices you have made in adjusting your schedule to share your time with us. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the Sacramento Police Department is a professional, well-prepared, and progressive leader in law enforcement as well as a trustworthy and collaborative partner within the community."

#### **EARLY INTERVENTION, EDUCATIO, TRANSITION & POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

- SCDD staff participated in the Interagency Transition Team meeting for coastal Mendocino County. The purpose is to share information and best practices in assisting young adults into the adult world of employment, PSE et.al. SCDD staff attends to provide information and resources as well as share best practices. Several questions arose about how to help families understand the interplay of work and benefits. SCDD staff directed them to their local Work Incentives Planner with Dept. of Rehabilitation. SCDD also provide our booklets on Why Work is Better and The ABLE Act

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- RO 04 staff contacted a SA who was interested in being a leader in her community and provided her with information about a non-profit organization that is actively lobbying local municipalities and city and county government agencies to hire people with disabilities in more diverse job positions. The SA via SCDD staff, contacted the organization's founder and had a meet and greet meeting. After the meeting the SA was interested in collaborating with the organization and wanted to re-meet with this staff member to relay her experiences. Staff encouraged the SA to pursue her desires and offered support and further SCDD involvement to help the SA and the organization called Foundithub.org succeed in expanding the job opportunities for I/DD people in the North Bay area.

#### **FORMAL AND INFORMAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

- Staff attended the San Andreas Regional Center service providers advisory committee meeting and gave a report on Behavioral Health in its occurrence among people with intellectual and developmental disability. At the meeting staff also announced the upcoming Behavioral Health Symposium and invited all those in attendance to attend. Staff will send the flyer regarding the Symposium to the participants of the advisory committee meeting hoping they will register

#### **HOUSING**

- Staff in cooperation with tri-counties regional center participated in the review of request for proposals for two types of housing for senior citizens with both medical and behavioral needs. Staff reviewed and scored three proposals on behalf of State Council for the benefit of Tri-County Regional Manor.

- SCDD staff helped to coordinate and identify an experience Housing expert to present on housing options for adults with ID/DD in the region. She was recently hired by a service provider under a new grant from Alta California Regional Center to help coordinate housing for 4 counties and to assist in emergency and complex housing situations. She shared a variety of resources with parents about how to get onto Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher lists in their counties, how to locate other affordable/accessible/low-income housing lists, how to pre-plan for eventual independent living, and how to help families plan for various housing situations (co-housing, etc.). This is a very important topic for parents as there is a shortage of resources and helping parents to learn about these resources as their children transition from high school is vital.

# CRA/VAS

## SCDD AT WORK INSIDE CALIFORNIA DDS STATE OPERATED FACILITIES

CENSUS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021: 249

CRA/VAS team continues to work within COVID-19 protocols inside the facilities. DDS facilities are following CDPH guidelines regarding visitors and vaccination mandate. Weekly and bi-weekly COVID-19 tests conducted on SCDD, DDS staff and residents as needed.



### Program Activity for July and August 2021

#### **Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR Unit**

Residents are starting to participate in scheduled outings in the community with COVID protocols in place. Community transition is delayed due to lack of staffing in direct service community providers. VAS providing emergency backpacks and training to individuals in community.



Census  
Canyon Springs 37  
Desert STAR: 10

#### **Porterville Developmental Center and Central STAR Unit**

Per CA Appeals Court decision, DDS must admit people adjudicated incompetent to stand trial (PC 1370.1) within 28 days of receipt of court documents. Covid outbreaks occurring. Precautions taken for visitors. VAS services commenced in-person community contacts with precautions.



Census:  
Porterville DC: 193  
Central STAR: 3

#### **Southern STAR Unit on Fairview DC Campus**

SCDD and DDS working with Dept of Education in Orange County to provide in person educational services. The unit will move to Mark Lane location towards end of 2021. Utility connectivity issues delayed move date.



Census:  
Southern STAR: 6



# Quality Assessment Project (QAP) Report

## September 2021

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

The IPS cycle is complete with SCDD successfully reaching contract deliverables, completing **8,793** surveys statewide. All surveys were completed utilizing approximately 200 independent contractors and SCDD QA Coordinators (QAC). The target of at least 400 surveys for each regional center was reached. **See Table 1** for Regional Center breakdown.

Surveys were 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 were conducted remotely using Zoom Healthcare, a HIPPA compliant video conferencing platform.

### **Progress by Race/Ethnicity:**

DDS has historically sought to collect a random sample of 400 individuals from each of the 21 regional centers (RC) 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 chose 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 RC's population that is identified as a member of that group. SCDD successfully reached its goals for this stratified sampling. **See Figure 1.**

Table 1: Completed Surveys by Regional Center

RC	Goal	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	YTD COMPLETE
ACRC	400	0	26	55	66	78	48	92	55	3	423
CVRC	400	0	34	71	73	63	51	47	66	51	456
ELARC	400	1	26	32	67	54	26	95	106	0	407
FDLRC	400	3	28	38	32	72	72	59	101	1	406
FNRC	400	4	29	32	48	36	39	47	107	100	442
GGRC	400	11	61	69	80	59	85	39	0	0	404
HRC	400	2	22	67	64	80	19	46	112	2	414
IRC	400	0	18	105	66	71	47	75	17	9	408
KRC	400	0	3	46	77	50	47	58	84	49	414
NBRC	400	11	51	43	89	24	36	43	95	32	424
NLACRC	400	1	18	33	54	65	32	170	37	0	410
RCEB	400	0	19	22	89	75	84	97	21	0	407
RCOC	400	2	62	64	65	87	95	35	0	0	410
RCRC	400	2	34	37	16	16	20	54	157	127	463
SARC	400	0	29	48	80	43	94	96	17	2	409
SCLARC	400	0	13	52	49	51	66	119	59	0	409
SDRC	400	0	67	83	107	108	37	16	0	0	418
SGPRC	400	1	26	102	80	77	63	66	2	0	417
TCRC	400	0	3	35	52	56	48	79	55	94	422
VMRC	400	0	35	62	54	71	51	67	52	28	420
WRC	400	2	40	67	55	75	25	121	24	1	410

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

Figure 1 – Progress by Race/Ethnicity

	Goal	Complete	% Goal
<b>Alta California</b>		423	
Asian	30	37	123%
Black	57	64	112%
Hispanic	55	58	105%
Other	25	26	104%
White	233	238	102%
<b>Central Valley</b>		456	
Asian	25	30	120%
Black	30	37	123%
Hispanic	188	200	106%
Other	10	10	100%
White	147	179	122%
<b>East Bay</b>		407	
Asian	61	63	103%
Black	90	91	101%
Hispanic	68	71	104%
Other	20	21	105%
White	161	161	100%
<b>Eastern LA</b>		407	
Asian	55	55	100%
Black	7	7	100%
Hispanic	272	274	101%
Other	9	9	100%
White	58	62	107%
<b>Far Northern</b>		442	
Asian	8	9	113%
Black	10	10	100%
Hispanic	32	34	106%
Other	17	19	112%
White	334	370	111%
<b>Frank D. Lanterman</b>		406	
Asian	55	57	104%
Black	35	35	100%
Hispanic	153	156	102%
Other	10	10	100%
White	146	148	101%
<b>Golden Gate</b>		404	
Asian	105	105	100%
Black	41	43	105%
Hispanic	67	67	100%
Other	21	21	100%
White	167	168	101%

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Figure 1 – Progress by Race/Ethnicity (continued)

Harbor		414	
Asian	54	54	100%
Black	55	55	100%
Hispanic	138	148	107%
Other	30	34	113%
White	123	123	100%
Inland		408	
Asian	16	17	106%
Black	57	57	100%
Hispanic	165	166	101%
Other	15	20	133%
White	147	148	101%
Kern		414	
Asian	11	13	118%
Black	44	45	102%
Hispanic	154	154	100%
Other	15	17	113%
White	175	185	106%
North Bay		424	
Asian	24	25	104%
Black	47	51	109%
Hispanic	67	67	100%
Other	24	25	104%
White	239	256	107%
North LA County		410	
Asian	26	28	108%
Black	49	49	100%
Hispanic	146	148	101%
Other	9	11	122%
White	170	174	102%
Orange County		410	
Asian	57	57	100%
Black	10	10	100%
Hispanic	108	112	104%
Other	34	36	106%
White	191	195	102%
Redwood Coast		463	
Asian	5	6	120%
Black	9	9	100%
Hispanic	35	42	120%
Other	23	27	117%
White	328	379	116%

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Figure 1 – Progress by Race/Ethnicity (continued)

San Andreas		409	
Asian	76	81	107%
Black	14	14	100%
Hispanic	131	132	101%
Other	21	21	100%
White	158	161	102%
San Diego		418	
Asian	30	32	107%
Black	32	33	103%
Hispanic	138	138	100%
Other	21	21	100%
White	180	194	108%
San Gabriel/Pomona		417	
Asian	45	46	102%
Black	32	41	128%
Hispanic	192	192	100%
Other	18	23	128%
White	114	115	101%
South Central LA		409	
Asian	5	9	180%
Black	137	140	102%
Hispanic	228	228	100%
Other	9	10	111%
White	20	22	110%
Tri-Counties		422	
Asian	14	15	107%
Black	12	16	133%
Hispanic	134	136	101%
Other	13	20	154%
White	226	235	104%
Valley Mountain		419	
Asian	31	37	119%
Black	40	44	110%
Hispanic	114	117	103%
Other	18	19	106%
White	197	202	103%
Westside		410	
Asian	20	20	100%
Black	117	118	101%
Hispanic	119	119	100%
Other	28	28	100%
White	117	125	107%
	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Complete</b>	<b>% Goal</b>
Report Totals	8403	8792	105%
Asian	753	796	106%
Black	925	969	105%
Hispanic	2704	2759	102%
Other	390	428	110%
White	3631	3840	106%

## Mover Longitudinal Study (MLS) Update

Since the resumption of the Mover Longitudinal study in late March, 104 additional surveys have been completed. \*\*

Table 2: MLS In-Person Surveys of active consumers\* completed to date.

Regional Center	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	Total
Alta California	53	50	48	43	7		201
Central Valley	53	49	42	45	15	6	210
East Bay	82	81	83	54	11	3	314
Eastern LA	5	5	6	2	2	1	21
Far Northern	10	10	10	8	4		42
Frank D. Lanterman	4	4	3	4	1		16
Golden Gate	66	66	67	45	12	3	259
Harbor	10	9	10	6	4	1	40
Inland	4	4	4	1	1		14
Kern	25	20	18	13	7		83
North Bay	73	71	70	36	14		264
North LA County	11	11	10	11	6	1	50
Orange County	58	54	32	45	8	1	198
Redwood Coast	3	3	4	3	2		15
San Andreas	6	6	6	4			22
San Diego	38	24	27	19	7	1	116
San Gabriel/Pomona	5	5	4	3	3		20
South Central LA	18	17	16	10	2	1	64
Tri-Counties	9	8	6	6	1		30
Valley Mountain	3	3	4	1	1		12
Westside	7	7	7	7			28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2019</b>

\*Anyone with status changed to inactive are no longer reflected in this table.

\*\* Effective March 2021 MLS cohorts are being surveyed only up to two years post of moving into the community

## 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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Scan QR code below to go to QA Project Webpage  
[scdd.ca.gov/qap](https://scdd.ca.gov/qap)



### QAP Regional Center Assignments

*Vacant QAC*

*Support Staff: Michele Sloane*

**Far Northern**

**North Bay**

**Redwood Coast**

*Ron Usac ▪ Angel Wiley*

*Support Staff: Valerie Buell*

**East Bay**

**Golden Gate**

**San Andreas**

**San Diego**

*George Lewis*

*Support Staff: Marigene Tacan-Regan*

**Alta California**

**Central Valley**

**Valley Mountain**

*Vacant QAC ▪ Brianna Reynoso ▪*

*Jenny Villanueva*

*Support Staff: Marina Bchtkian*

**East Los Angeles**

**Frank D. Lanterman**

**Harbor**

**North Los Angeles**

**San Gabriel Pomona**

**South Central Los Angeles**

**Westside**

*Nicholas Bui*

*Support Staff: Steven Dieu*

**Orange County**

*Carol Nakamura-Robinson*

*Support Staff: Valarie Macias*

**Inland**

**Kern**

**Tri-Counties**

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 9  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report***

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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***

None.

***Handout***

September 2021 SSAN Update Report

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 10  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***2022-2026 State Plan***

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Executive Director Aaron Carruthers and State Plan Committee Chair Kilolo Brodie will provide Councilmembers with an overview of the 2022-2026 State Plan and strategies to achieve the goals and objectives identified. The new 5-year State Plan will begin on October 1, 2021.

**Background**

Federal law requires the Council to identify ways to improve and increase services for individuals and their families, and to submit these ideas to the federal government in the form of a State Plan that covers a five-year period. In 2020, Councilmembers, with the support of staff and the State Plan Committee, began the process of writing the new 5-year State Plan. Subsequently, the Council acted to adopt the 2022-2026 State Plan on September 15, 2020.

***Attachments***

2022-2026 State Plan

***Handouts***

State Plan Presentation to the Council

# 2022-26 State Plan

## Goal 1: Self-Advocacy

**The Council will support people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to become strong self-advocates, peer trainers and community leaders.**

### Objectives

**1.1**

The Council will provide information, resources and 125 trainings to strengthen 1,250 self-advocates in:

- 1)** identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need;
- 2)** becoming and serving as peer trainers; and,
- 3)** developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families

**1.2**

The Council will support self-advocates in peer networks by providing facilitation, tangible supports and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities through at least 1 statewide and 12 regional self-advocacy entities, reaching 6,000 self-advocates.

**1.3**

In the event of unforeseen project opportunities, emerging needs, and/or community, cross-regional or statewide requests, the Council may engage in additional activities with and/or on behalf of self-advocates and those who support and serve them.

## Goal 2: Systems Change/Advocacy

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

### Objectives

**2.1**

The Council will develop, improve and/or change 30 practices, 15 policies, and 10 regulations (or guidance) and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, and governmental entities. This work will include the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or emerging issues in ways that will benefit people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and protect their civil rights, promote full inclusion, and/or provide additional supports and services, improving their lives in tangible ways.

**2.2**

The Council will engage in 20 regional and 5 statewide innovative/special projects and/or events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or self-determination to:

- 1)** Support 5,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) in systems change efforts and give them information, skills and/or supports to increase their abilities to become effective advocates; and/or,
- 2)** Increase services to improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.

**2.3**

The Council, in collaboration with California's four (4) partners (one Protection and Advocacy agency and three University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), will seek to improve the generic service system that impacts people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by choosing an area of emphasis in the State Plan, such as education, employment, housing, and/or health/safety, and report on how that system is serving people with I/DD, gaps in that service delivery system, recommendations on how to improve the systems to meet the goals of the DD Act, and pursue policy and practice changes in those areas. The collaboration will result in 2 reports, 6 recommendations for policy or practice changes, and 2 Legislative or Administrative changes to policy or practice.



### **Goal 3: Capacity-Building/Advocacy**

**The Council will partner with and support more people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, so they know their rights and can advocate for and receive supports and services**

#### **Objectives**

**3.1**

The Council will provide (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training to 60,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person - and provide technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics, reaching 50,000 people with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services that will help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live a safer and healthier life.

**3.2**

The Council will engage in 100 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and/or emerging issues, reaching 25,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them.

**3.3**

In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.

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**September 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 11**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***2022 Legislative Planning***

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Councilmembers will begin legislative activity planning for 2022. Members will begin this process by being presented with the proposed 2022 Policy Priorities for consideration before hearing from Legislative and Public Policy Chair, Julie Austin and Deputy Director of Policy and Planning, Bridget Kolakosky will present the Legislative process and timeline.

Following the presentation, members will be introduced to the Bill Idea Form. The form will also be part of the Council's first ever "There Should Be a Law" contest that launched in September. This form can be found at <https://bit.ly/BillIdeas>.

Everyone will be invited to participate in this contest for a chance to be part of SCDDs top legislative efforts for 2022. The bill idea form will be made available year-round to everyone. However, for legislative ideas to be considered for the 2022 bill season, submissions must be received by October 15, 2021.

***Attachment(s)***

None.

***Handout(s)***

Proposed to 2022 Policy Priorities  
Legislative Process and Timing Presentation

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**September 14, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 12  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Update on DDS State Budget Initiatives***

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The Department of Developmental Services has a been invited to present an update on the new budget initiatives.

***Attachments***

None. However, there could be handouts the day of the meeting.