

SCDD Council Meeting
Executive Director Report
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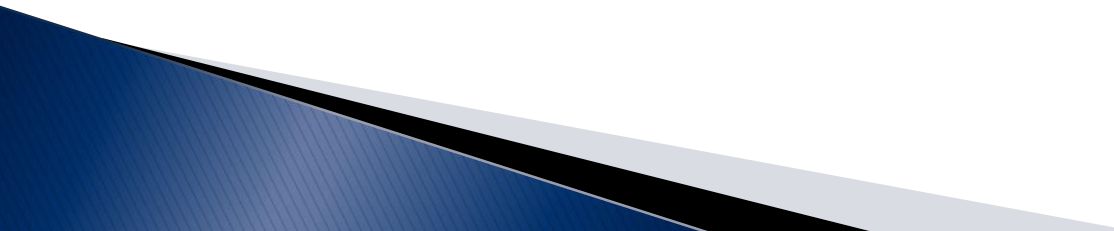
State Council on Developmental Disabilities



Quote

- ▶ “Why do we gather? We gather to solve problems we can’t solve on our own. We gather to celebrate, to mourn, and to mark transitions. We gather to make decisions. We gather because we need one another. We gather to show strength. We gather to honor and acknowledge. We gather to build (companies and schools and neighborhoods). We gather to welcome, and we gather to say goodbye.”
 - Priya Parker – The Art of Gathering

Overview

- ▶ Subminimum Wage Implementation report (SB 639)
 - ▶ Self-Determination Program Update and SCDD Key Roles
 - ▶ Legislation Update
 - ▶ SCDD Administration Update
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Subminimum Wage Implementation Report

- ▶ Bill signed by Governor
- ▶ Next Steps
 - January 2022: No new admissions into sheltered workshops
 - January 2023: SCDD produces implementation report
 - January 2025: No one with disabilities paid less than minimum wage

Subminimum Wage Implementation Report (1 of 2)

- ▶ Implementation Report Next Steps
 - Form workgroup
 - Ask for community feedback
 - Write draft
 - Ask for feedback on draft
 - Finalize and release

Subminimum Wage Implementation Report (2 or 2)

► Opportunity?

- If plan released in January 2023
 - Funding recommendations could begin July 2023
 - 18 months of implementing ideas (1 ½ years)
 - July 2023 – January 2025
- If plan or draft recommendations released Spring 2022
 - Funding recommendations could begin July 2022
 - 30 months of implementing ideas (2 ½ years)
 - July 2022 – January 2025
- Challenge: have a meaningful stakeholder process, produce the best ideas, maximize time needed to implement recommendations, and capitalize on available funding

Self Determination Program Updates & SCDD Key Roles (1 of 2)

- Nov. 2021: 922 enrollees in SDP
 - Up from June 2021: 673 enrollees
- DDS improvements
 - Enhanced Transition Supports
 - Participant Choice Specialists
 - Statewide Orientation and related plain language materials
 - Office of the SDP Ombudsperson
 - Create benchmarks

Self Determination Program Updates & SCDD Key Roles (2 of 2)

- SCDD Key Roles:
 - Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Supports
 - Statewide Self-Determination Orientation
 - Self-Determination Program Evaluation

Legislation Update (1 of 2)

- ▶ Now is the season for developing new bill ideas
- ▶ Strategy
 - September: LPPC Drafted Policy Priorities
 - September: Council Adopted Policy Priorities
 - September - October: Launched “There Should Be a Law” contest

Legislation Update (2 of 2)

- ▶ “There Should Be A Law” Contest
 - 110 responses
 - 80% ideas from self/family advocates
 - 20% ideas from professionals
- ▶ Snapshot of what’s on people’s minds
 - Special education: access, services, funding
 - Housing: access and affordability
 - Safety, abuse, and rights
 - Interaction with law enforcement

Legislation Update

▶ Next Steps

- December – February
 - Summarizing and categorizing the bills by content
 - Narrow to approx. 3 ideas
 - Working with Legislators to find authors
 - Legislators may narrow or change the idea
 - If contest idea makes it into law, person who proposed the idea will have an active role

SCDD Administration Update

- ▶ Council funding remains strong
 - 9/2020 \$117,000 American Red Cross Go-Kits
 - 4/2021 \$458,000 CDC Vaccines
 - 4/2021 \$365,000 CCF Go-Kits
 - 9/2021 \$185,000 ACL Reallotment
 - SCDD \$100,000 evaluation
 - SCDD \$215,000 SSDAC supports
 - SCDD \$411,000 SDP orientation

- ▶ Hiring
 - Actively hiring to fill vacancies

Questions?

