



# NOTICE/AGENDA

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**CALL IN NUMBER:** **888-475-4499**

**MEETING ID:** **978 3743 1619**

**DATE:** November 30, 2021

**TIME:** 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Wesley Witherspoon

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**NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 3.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Swearing in of New Councilmembers***

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Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will swear in Harold Ashe, Viviana Barnwell, Michael Ellis, Harold Fujita, and Cathay Liu as Councilmembers.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Public Comment***

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Approval of September 2021 Minutes***

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

***Attachment***

September 14, 2021 Council meeting minutes

***Action Recommended***

Approve the September 2021 Minutes.



**DRAFT**  
**Council Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2021**

**Members Attending**

Andy Imparato  
Aubyn Stahmer  
Brian Winfield (DDS)  
Cindy Chiu (DOR)  
David Pegos (F.A.)  
Francis Lau (F.A.)  
Jeana Eriksen (S.A.)  
Jonathan Nelson (F.A.)  
Joyce McNair (F.A.)  
Julie Neward (F.A.)  
Julio Garnica (S.A.)  
Kara Ponton (S.A.)  
Karen Millender (F.A.)  
Kilolo Brodie (F.A.)  
Larry Yin (UCEDD)  
Lee Bycel (F.A.)  
Maria Marquez (S.A.)  
Mark Beckley (CDA)  
Matthew Lagrand (S.A.)  
Nick Wavrin (CDE)  
Nicole Adler (S.A.)  
Rosanna Ryan (S.A.)  
Richard Nelson (DHCS)  
Sandra Aldana (S.A.)  
Wilbert Francis (UCEDD)  
Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.)

**Members Absent**

Julie Austin (F.A.)  
Lee Bycel (F.A.)  
Mark Ghaly

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Beth Hurn  
Brian Weisel  
Bridget Kolakosky  
Carla Castañeda  
Charles Nguyen  
Dena Hernandez  
Douglas Sale  
Fran Goldfarb  
Holly Bins  
Hope Christman  
Janet Fernandez  
Julie Hillstead  
Kim Rothschild  
Lisa Hooks  
Liz Laugeson  
Maria Aliferis-Gjerde

**Others Attending (cont.)**

Mary Ellen Stives  
MaryAgnes Nolan  
Matt Traverso  
Nicole Patterson  
Riana Hardin  
Rihana Ahmad  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Ryan Duncanwood  
Sarah May  
Scarlett vonThenen  
Sheraden Nicholau  
Sidney Jackson  
Sonya Bingaman  
Tamica Rachal  
Tania Morawiec  
Yaritza Sanchez  
Yolanda Cruz

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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## 2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

## 3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

## 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

## 5. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Action 1**

It was moved/seconded (Pegos [F.A.]/Wavrin) and carried to approve the July 2021 meeting minutes as presented by acclamation. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

## 6. **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Councilmembers Rosanna Ryan (S.A.) and David Pegos (F.A.) were recognized for this month's Member Spotlight

Councilmember Ryan is a Self-Advocate representing the North State region. She shared her professional and personal journey with being a strong and active member of Shasta county's self-advocacy movement. She helped start People First chapters in the late 80's and has been the President for People First California and President of People First of Shasta County for many years. She has helped other self-advocates discover the power of their voice and speak for themselves. Lastly, she shared her belief that people with developmental disabilities and their families should have legal rights in all situations.

Councilmember Pegos is an At Large Family Advocate representing the Sacramento region. He shared his background working in the legislature and then his professional transition to working at the California Department of Food and Agriculture. He worked for Assemblymember George House and Senator Maurice Johansson for about 10 years, working on a broad range of issues. He was passionate about the special need communities and regional centers. He was also a leader in the effort to recall Governor Gray Davis. He is now a special assistant with the California Department of Food and Agriculture working on outreach and education issues. He shared his family's continuous battle to keep their son mainstreamed and fully inclusive in their school district with his typical siblings.

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Councilmember Pegos also shared his family's love for travelling, sharing photos in several locations like Boise, Yellowstone, Twin Falls, Wind Cave, South Dakota, Mt. Rushmore, Chicago, Mackinac Island.

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

Chair Wesley Witherspoon welcomed the Council to the September meeting and took a moment of silence in remembrance of the thousands of lives lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. He also reminded the Council that September is World Suicide Prevention Month, World Alzheimer's Month, National Recovery Month, National Courtesy Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Prostate Health Month. Then in October it is Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Disability Employment Awareness Month, National Bullying Prevention Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Country Music Month, LGBT History Month, National Crime Prevention Month, National Cyber Security Awareness Month, Health Literacy Month, National Pizza Month, his birthday on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and his wife's birthday on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

He explained what members should expect from the upcoming Executive Director evaluation and talked about the evaluation process timeline. Lastly, he mentioned a New York Times article that featured former Council Vice Chair Charles Nutt and how wildfire evacuations are impacting people with disabilities in Northern CA. He highlighted that the report showed the complexities with moving in an emergency and how states and systems can respond better. He mentioned some of the work Charles is now doing (i.e. training others with IDD in getting out Red Cross go kits).

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

## **8. 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:

SB 639 (Durazo):

Executive Director Carruthers provided an update on the Council's sponsored bill that would eliminate subminimum wages for people with disabilities. The bill passed both houses and is awaiting to be batched with other bills to be sent to the Governor. The Governor has until

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October 10<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto the bill. The final Assembly vote was 45-13 and Senate vote 29-3. If signed, that would mean no one would be paid below the minimum wage by January 2025. The opposition was largely Republican with rudimentary and offensive arguments. Democratic Senators Becker, Kamlager, Hueso, and Hurtado stood in support and provided comments on the Senate floor.

Executive Director Carruthers then reviewed SCDD's strategy in getting the bill passed. Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky held over 50 meetings, met with the Chair and every member of the Human Services Committee, with the Assembly Speaker's office, and the Governor's legislative staff. In addition, Executive Director Carruthers held a dozen meetings with members to answer questions and let them know about the importance of the bill. SCDD mobilized over 500 community groups, with the community placing thousands of calls to legislators. In addition, Executive Director Carruthers mentioned that he would ask the Governor's office for a meeting with Councilmembers.

#### Budget:

The Executive Director spoke about the State Council receiving additional funding over the past 12 months. In September 2020 we received \$117,000 for American Red Cross Go-Kits, April 2021 \$458,000 for CDC Vaccines, April 2021 \$365,000 CCF Go-Kits, and September 2021 \$185,000 for ACL Reallotment. We received a total of \$1,125,000, 15% over ACL Grant.

#### Bagley Keene:

The Executive Director discussed updates on Bagley Keene. He mentioned that the Governor's Executive Order will still expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, but the legislature already passed an emergency measure that would put the Governor's Executive Orders into law through January 31<sup>st</sup>. The legislature will meet again at the beginning of January to decide on a permanent fix. He explained that we could continue to have remote meetings until January 31<sup>st</sup> and then we would be receiving an update on Bagley Keene once the legislature convenes.

#### Personnel Updates:

The Executive Director introduced his new assistant Yaritza Sanchez and then took a moment to say goodbye to SCDD's Deputy Director of

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Administration Doug Sale. Councilmembers provided their comments and gratitude for Deputy Director Sale's years of service.

**9. STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT**

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

**10. 2022-2026 STATE PLAN**

State Plan Committee Chair Kilolo Brodie, along with Executive Director Aaron Carruthers, presented an overview regarding the State Plan process for new members, reviewed the State Plan and activity/project highlights, discussed first year's shift in focus/infrastructure changes, and ended with next steps.

Councilmember Brodie began her presentation by highlighting what had already been done in the past two years. June through December 2019 was a six-month process that distributed a statewide survey in 18 different languages, hosted regional town halls, and held three State Plan Committee meetings. In 2020, 6300 statewide survey responses were collected and analyzed, nine State Plan Committee meetings were held, the State Plan draft was approved by the Council, and goals and objectives were finalized. This year from January through September, we collected input from Regional Advisory Committees (RAC), analyzed emerging issues, conferred with federal partners, completed research, and plan to submit the State Plan on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

Federal law requires SCDD to develop a new State Plan every five years. The next cycle will be from 2022-2026 with three goals and nine objectives, a much smaller set of numbers than previous years. Councilmember Brodie explained that the federal government recommended that we limit the number of goals to about two or three to make the most use of Council resources, time, and to produce more significant outcomes with concentrated efforts. The three goals that the Council must include per the Federal DD Act are: advocacy, systems change, and capacity-building. All three goals relate to one another and tie into a unified effort.

Advocacy is the Council's work to represent the interests of people with disabilities. It is providing support for them and their families to be strong self-advocates and community leaders. Systems change is an ongoing

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effort that involves people working together to change practices, policies, regulations, and laws to provide improved services and remove barriers. The DD Act defines capacity-building activities as activities that expand and/or improve the ability of individuals with developmental disabilities, families, supports, services and/or systems to promote, support and enhance self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in community life. It involves training, peer development support, special projects, events, technical assistance, resource distribution, self-advocates, and family advocates.

Executive Director Carruthers then focused on discussing activities that would fulfill the objectives for each goal. Goal 1 examples include: leadership/advocacy/peer training (1.1), SAAN, SAAC, local SA groups (1.2), and the contingency objective (1.3) that allows for flexibility for unforeseen events. Goal 2 examples include: policy work (2.1), Self-Determination Program (2.2), SB 639 (2.2 and 2.3). Goal 3 examples include: trainings (3.1), grants and other statewide/regional projects (3.2), and educational disparity work (3.3). Please refer to the State Plan attachment found in the SCDD website for additional examples and details on each objective.

Executive Director Carruthers stated that the State Plan begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and provided information on what to expect in the first year. The focus during the first year is split into two elements, “crisis issues” and infrastructure. Crisis issues are the most demanding problems in our system: self-determination, employment and sub minimum wage (SB 639), health and safety (vaccines, PPE, wildfires, power shutoffs, abuse and neglect), and DDS budget initiatives. He mentioned that the four crisis issues need to be viewed with an equity lens and do not preclude the legislative package. The second element focuses on infrastructure and internal changes to the Council. That involves shifting duties within regional offices to increase capacity, organizing around strengths/expertise, maximizing on-demand resources (LMS), and ensuring headquarters is functioning in a way to provide support to regional offices. He refers to the infrastructure and upscaling as the year of optimizing.

Executive Director Carruthers mentioned the Disability Expert Advisory Panels that people are interested in. These topics include self-advocacy, education, employment, health and safety, housing, and self-determination. Each topic will require research and planning, project

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planning and development, building coalitions and collaborating around content area, and online platform development.

Councilmember Brodie directed Councilmembers to take the mission and message of the new State Plan back to their collaborative partners, agencies, and communities to ensure a unified front that understands the differences and expectations. She encouraged members to continue to identify emerging needs and relay them to Regional Advisory Committees. In addition, she wants members to get involved in the State Plan by identifying areas that they have expertise or interest in for collaborative or innovative opportunities. Lastly, she hopes that members can identify and invest in leadership opportunities for people with I/DD and their families.

## 11. **2022 POLICY PLANNING**

Deputy Director for Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky, presented on Legislative and Public Policy Committee's (LPPC) recommended changes to the legislative priorities, announced the bill idea program, and then provided a brief training of the legislative process.

### Legislative Priorities:

She began her presentation with her first goal, explaining the background of how LPPC came up with the legislative priorities. She mentioned that the Council's Bylaws assigned LPPC to implement the State Plan section on policy. The committee reviewed the legislative priorities for 2021 to ensure they line up with the new five-year State Plan. The existing policy priorities included the same areas of focus as the State Plan. These include access to education and employment, housing and community living, access to community quality supports, community safety, and to protect and enhance civil rights. However, she mentioned that unlike the State Plan, the 2021 policy priorities did not include emerging issues. The outcome of the LPPC discussion was that members requested that staff rework the 2021 policy priorities and add a section for emerging issues. This would give us the ability to respond quickly to unforeseen events or emerging issues without having to be concerned about it not being listed on the policy priorities.

The proposed changes and additional information to the policy priorities can be found in the packet and on the Council's website.

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LPPC recommended that the changes presented in the Policy Priorities be adopted by the Council.

**Action 2:**

It was moved/seconded (David Pegos [F.A.]/ Kara Ponton [S.A.]) and carried to approve the 2022 Policy Priorities as presented by the Legislative and Public Policy Committee with the contingency that the language in the education section be strengthened. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

**Bill Idea Contest:**

Deputy Director for Policy and Public Affairs Kolakosky discussed the State Council's first ever, "There Should be a Law" contest. It provides everyone with an opportunity to submit a bill idea to the Council for a chance to be considered the next legislative priority. The only requirement is that the idea must benefit people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If an idea is chosen, the winner will be included in the legislative process, walked through committee meetings, taught to speak in support, and be provided with unique opportunities to be involved. Ideas can be submitted before October 15<sup>th</sup> through the SCDD website, email, or paper form to be considered.

**Legislative Process:**

Lastly, Deputy Director for Policy and Public Affairs Kolakosky provided with an overview of what happens when a bill moves through the legislative process in four steps. The first step is turning an idea into a bill, second step is the bill getting introduced in the first house of the Legislature (either the Senate or Assembly), third step is the bill moving to the second house of the Legislature, and the fourth step is the bill landing on the Governor's desk. A more in-depth description of the legislative process can be found on the Council's website under "Legislative Presentation".

**12. UPDATE ON DDS STATE BUDGET INITIATIVES**

Carla Castañeda provided a high-level summary of the DDS state budget and highlighted themes for improving outcomes, service access, and equity for individuals with developmental disabilities. She began by stating that DDS landed a budget of about \$10.9 billion, with majority of about 9 billion dedicated for the purchase of surface budget. Another billion allocated for the operations of regional centers. This year's budget also provided funding for the State's ongoing COVID response and anticipates

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continued need for personal supports in homes. Carly mentioned that we also have a smaller budget for anticipated State operated surge if there is a need to support the community and activate sites at Fairview or Porterville. Within the budget, approximately 799 million over three years will cover a pilot program for coordinated family support services to help individuals who live in their family homes. There is also a proposal for a grant program that encourages integration of regional center services with community services, enhancing children and adolescent programs. The funds could be used for training programs in the community, modifications to facilities, etc. Furthermore, the legislature restored the social recreation program and non-medical therapies. To improve service access and equity, ongoing funding was also provided for language access and cultural competency training. In addition, funds will also be used for modernizing IT programs and rate modifications. It is a large ongoing infusion into the system but hopes to close the gaps between costs that the rate models had identified and what providers are able to bill at. Another proposal is for a quality incentive program for providers and a performance incentive program that would focus on reducing caseload ratios for regional centers. They are also hoping to discover ways to use IT improvements to track consumer outcomes and performance measures as identified by stakeholder work groups. The project is also hoping to do more consumer facing application, but will require time for the state to develop, implement, and have stakeholder engagement to find products that work.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on November 30, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 P.M.

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<b>Council Meeting Voting Log September 14, 2021</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Action 1</b>	<b>Action 2</b>
Adler, Nicole	For	For
Aldana, Sandra	For	For
Beckley, Mark (Designee for Kim McCoy Wade)	For	For
Brodie, Kilolo	For	For
Chiu, Cindy	For	For
Eriksen, Jeana	For	For
Francis, Wilbert (Designee for Olivia Raynor)	For	For
Garnica, Julio	For	For
Imparato, Andy	For	Not Present
Lagrand, Matthew	For	For
Lau, Francis	For	For
Marquez, Maria	For	For
McNair, Joyce	For	For
Millender, Karen	For	For
Nelson, Jonathan	For	For
Nelson, Richard	For	For
Neward, Julie	For	For
Pegos, David	For	For
Ponton, Kara	For	For
Ryan, Rosie	For	For
Stahmer, Aubyn	For	For
Wavrin, Nick	For	For
Winfield, Brian	For	For
Witherspoon, Wesley	For	For
Yin, Larry	Not Present	For

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.  
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**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.

***Attachment***

A)The Executive Committee met on 10/19/21. The meeting summary is attached.

B) The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met on 11/10/21.The meeting summary is attached.

C) The State Plan Committee met on 11/16/21. The meeting summary is attached.

***Handout***

D)The Employee First Committee met on 10/7/21. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.

E) The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) met on 11/29/21.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***

October 19, 2021

***Meeting's Focus***

The Executive Committee met on October 19, 2021. The meeting's focus centered on four conflict of interest waivers, and a closed session to discuss the Executive Director's annual evaluation.

The October SCDD Staff Spotlight highlighted SCDD's Attorney, Brian Weisel. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided Committee members with a report on the Council's budget, plans for a year of optimizing, recent Council activities, and upcoming goals. He also provided members with a report on the 2022 Council meeting survey results.

***Items Acted Upon***

The Committee acted on the following items:

- The September 2021 meeting minutes were approved.
- Conflict of interest waiver requests from board members Howard Kraus, Michelle Ramirez, Adam Beals, and Nicole Turofsky were approved.

***Future Meeting Dates***

February 2022

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**AGENDA ITEM 7b.****STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(SSDAC) SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

November 10, 2021

***Meeting's Focus***

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting began by Co-Chair Rick Wood providing a brief overview of his written report and directing members to their packets for copies of the data collected during the June SSDAC meeting panel discussions. Members then shared program success stories before being introduced to the State's new acting Self-Determination Ombudsperson, Katie Hornberger.

In the afternoon, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provided updates on the statewide rollout and the new initiatives related to the Self-Determination Program. Following the presentation, DDS took questions from members.

The meeting concluded by having a round-table discussion with members on next steps.

***Item's Acted Upon***

Approval of June 2021 minutes

***Future Meeting Dates***

February 2022

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**Agenda Item 7c.****STATE PLAN COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meetings***

November 16, 2021

***Meetings' Focus***

The State Plan Committee met on November 16<sup>th</sup> to begin planning the Cycle 45 Program Development Grant process and focus. Committee members reviewed and acted to adopt the proposed Cycle 45 Timeline and determined the geographical focus. These actions will be used to develop the draft Cycle 45 Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be brought back to the State Plan Committee for review and then the Council for consideration in January.

***Items Acted Upon***

- The Committee approved the June 2021 Meeting Minutes
- The Committee approved the proposed Cycle 45 Grant Timeline, and selected a regional geographical focus.

***Next Meeting***

January 2022

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**NOVEMBER 30, 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.

***Attachment***

- Chief Deputy Director Report
- Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report
- C.R.A./V.A.S. Update Report
- QA Project Update Report

***Handout***

- ED Report
- Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report



## **Chief Deputy Director's (CDD) Report November 30, 2021**

Chief Deputy Director (CDD) Ken DaRosa joined the SCDD on October 11, 2021.

The CDD's first month has been dedicated to on-boarding with the Executive Director, meeting management and staff, attending meetings and organizing briefings on SCDD program operations and policies, administrative issues, and deliverables such as contracts, payments, and recruitments.

### **Program**

- Participated in a half-day training for law enforcement recruits on I/DD facilitated by the Sacramento Regional Office Manager.
- Participated in bi-weekly meetings with the full regional management team.
- Attended a meeting with the Education Expert Advisory Panel.

### **Administrative**

- Reviewed three program contracts for Executive Director approval.
- Resolved several state data system access and utilization problems on behalf of staff and management.
- Worked with staff in completing Department of Finance drills regarding COVID-related expenses and past year spending reconciliation.
- Reviewed and approved numerous operational and program-related invoices and payments.

### **Personnel**

- Worked with program and Human Resources staff on recruitment to fill an Office Technician vacancy at headquarters. The position will support headquarters and the Sacramento Regional Office.

## **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.

### **WRAPPING UP THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

September 10<sup>th</sup> marked the last day of session for 2021. The Senate and Assembly managed to get their bills to the Governor's desk and close session early in the evening. This was unusually quick, historically both houses work late into the night.

### **LAST DAY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN OR VETO BILLS**

October 10<sup>th</sup> marked the last day for the Governor to sign or veto the bills on his desk. Due to the pandemic and the nature of a remote session, only about 1/3 of the typical number of bills got to his desk.

### **SCDD SUPPORTED BILLS**

The Council supported 18 bills this year, 3 of which made it to the Governor's desk and all 3 were signed into law.

#### **AB 118 CRISES Act by Senator Kamlager Chapter 694 of the 2021 legislative session**

Summary: Establishes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act pilot program, which will increase community-based alternatives to police responding to 911 calls.

#### **AB 313 LEAP by Assemblywoman C. Garcia Chapter 515 of the 2021 legislative session**

Summary: Improves the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) by ensuring individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have more job opportunities in civil service.

## **AB 323 Long Term Care Facilities by Assemblymember Kalra Chapter 458 of the 2021 legislative session**

Summary: Improves 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 639 - SCDD SPONSORED BILL**

The Council's number one priority bill for the year was our sponsored bill, SB 639 by Senator Durazo, which ends paying individuals with disabilities wages below minimum wage. The Governor signed the bill on September 27<sup>th</sup> as Chapter 339 of the 2021 statutes.

The Council is named in the SB 639 statute as responsible for consulting stakeholders in composing our recommendations in the report which is due to the Legislature. We are already hard at work and confident that we will have a strong, well-informed report that is inclusive of the community and will ensure a strong transition out of the unfair practice of paying individuals less than minimum wage.

### **THERE SHOULD BE A LAW CONTEST**

During the months of September and October we were actively receiving bill ideas to be considered for the contest. There were over 110 submissions! We are working through these bill ideas with the LPPC committee.

The winner is determined by the following:

- ✓ The winner will be the individual who submitted their bill idea before October 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Their bill is chosen to be an SCDD sponsored priority
- ✓ A Senator or Assemblymember has agreed to be the champion by authoring the bill.



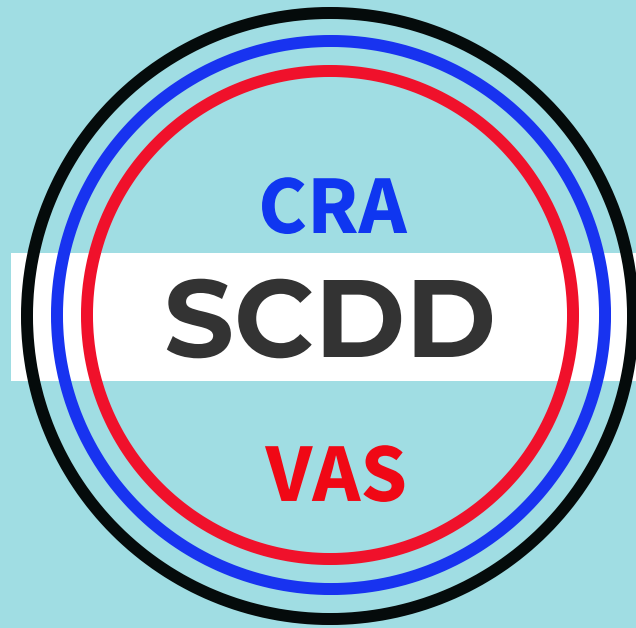
**BILL IDEAS**

We will continue to collect bill ideas for consideration, the main page of our website has a link to our bill ideas form.

## Clients' Rights Advocacy Inside DDS State-Operated Facilities

### Annual Report July 2020 to June 2021

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities contracts with the Department of Developmental Disabilities to serve people residing in and transitioning from two state-operated facilities and three 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 **700** direct  
provisions of service at six California  
DDS state-operated facilities.



CRAs submitted **2** formal rights  
violation complaints and **29**  
informal rights violation  
complaints.



CRAs provided over **100**  
provisions of service related to  
community transition.



CRAs submitted **14** General  
Events Reports (incident reports).



CRAs filed **26** Writs of Habeas  
Corpus for people who wish to  
leave the facilities.



CRAs reviewed and approved **30**  
denial of rights plans.



CRAs conducted **54** self-  
advocacy trainings and **48** DDS  
and DSP civil rights trainings.

Click [here](#) to visit  
our website

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

# California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

# Volunteer Advocacy Services

Serving People Residing In and Transitioning From  
**DDS State-Operated Facilities**

Annual Report July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021



## **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



## **19 Volunteer Advocates 3 VAS Coordinators**

Canyon Springs has **10** Volunteers, Fairview has **3** Volunteers, and Porterville has **4** Volunteers.

SCDD employs a VAS Coordinator at each facility.



## **135 People Served**

There are **73** people at Porterville Developmental Center, **16** from Fairview Developmental Center, and **42** people at Canyon Springs who received SCDD Volunteer Advocacy.



## **Self-Advocacy Training**

**16** 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

## November 2021

### **Eligibility for Family Surveys**

*Family Surveys collect demographic information on both the individual receiving services ('family member') as well as the person who fills out the survey (the 'respondent') and information on services and supports received.*

Child Family Survey (CFS): Mailed to families who have a child family member (ages 17 and under) who lives with the respondent and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

Adult Family Surveys (AFS): Mailed to families who have an adult family member (ages 18+) who lives with the respondent and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

Family Guardian Survey (FGS): Mailed to families who have an adult family member (ages 18+) who lives in the community (outside the family home) and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

### **Current Cycle: Family Surveys**

The new three-year renewable contract was finalized with Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in September. The schedule for deliverables has been amended to implement all NCI family surveys within one Fiscal Year Cycle, alternating with the In-Person (IPS) Cycle. As such, in this current FY 2021-2022, SCDD will be responsible for collecting responses for the Child Family Survey (CFS), Adult Family Survey (AFS), and Family Guardian Survey (FGS).

DDS has also returned to the strategy of sampling 2,000 eligible families per 21 regional centers (RC) per family survey as opposed to the last three family cycles of sampling all eligible families per regional center per family survey.

Family surveys for this current cycle have not yet been finalized by DDS. SCDD is preparing for the mailout to families, anticipated to be in January 2022.

## Progress by Race/Ethnicity:

For the FY 2021-2022 family cycle, DDS has also decided to stratify data collection with a focus on obtaining a targeted 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, each RC sample size of 2,000 per survey 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.

The following Tables 1, 2 and 3 display the stratified data collection targets (the number of surveys targeted to be received) for each Family Survey by Regional Center.

*Table 1: Child Family Survey TARGET number of surveys returned for each RC by ethnoracial groups and overall*

Regional Center	Asian Target	Black Target	Hispanic Target	White Target	Other Target	Total RC Target
ACRC	52	44	96	148	60	400
CVRC	24	16	260	60	40	400
ELARC	56	4	292	24	24	400
FDLRC	56	20	208	112	4	400
FNRC	12	8	80	280	20	400
GGRC	124	12	132	84	48	400
HRC	52	32	208	44	64	400
IRC	20	28	192	72	88	400
KRC	16	28	240	92	24	400
NBRC	28	28	152	120	72	400
NLACRC	28	36	224	96	16	400
RCEB	96	48	144	76	36	400
RCOC	88	8	132	92	80	400
RCRC	8	8	92	244	48	400
SARC	104	4	180	64	48	400
SCLARC	4	52	324	4	16	400
SDRC	40	16	180	88	76	400
SGPRC	68	12	276	32	12	400
TCRC	12	4	224	132	28	400
VMRC	44	28	204	88	36	400
WRC	24	88	168	80	40	400
Total Statewide Target	956	524	4008	2032	880	8400

Table 2: Adult Family Survey TARGET number of surveys returned for each RC by ethnoracial groups and overall

Regional Center	Asian Target	Black Target	Hispanic Target	White Target	Other Target	Total RC Target
ACRC	40	52	72	204	32	400
CVRC	32	24	236	96	12	400
ELARC	60	4	296	32	8	400
FDLRC	60	28	192	108	12	400
FNRC	12	8	52	308	20	400
GGRC	148	32	96	100	24	400
HRC	60	44	172	88	36	400
IRC	20	52	208	104	16	400
KRC	12	36	204	128	20	400
NBRC	36	44	112	172	36	400
NLACRC	32	44	188	128	8	400
RCEB	88	80	96	112	24	400
RCOC	76	8	144	132	40	400
RCRC	8	12	64	288	28	400
SARC	104	12	160	100	24	400
SCLARC	4	96	288	4	8	400
SDRC	40	28	180	124	28	400
SGPRC	60	20	244	56	20	400
TCRC	20	8	180	176	16	400
VMRC	44	36	160	136	24	400
WRC	20	112	152	84	32	400
Total Statewide Target	976	780	3496	2680	468	8400

Table 3: Family Guardian Survey TARGET number of surveys returned for each RC by ethnoracial groups and overall

Regional Center	Asian Target	Black Target	Hispanic Target	White Target	Other Target	Total RC Target
ACRC	16	60	36	268	20	400
CVRC	16	36	132	204	12	400
ELARC	48	12	200	132	8	400
FDLRC	52	44	84	212	8	400
FNRC	4	12	20	348	16	400
GGRC	56	48	36	244	16	400
HRC	44	68	88	180	20	400
IRC	12	52	96	228	12	400
KRC	12	44	100	232	12	400
NBRC	16	44	36	288	16	400
NLACRC	20	52	80	244	4	400
RCEB	44	80	40	220	16	400
RCOC	36	12	56	272	24	400
RCRC	4	4	16	348	28	400
SARC	40	16	80	248	16	400
SCLARC	8	200	136	44	12	400
SDRC	20	36	80	248	16	400
SGPRC	28	40	128	188	16	400
TCRC	12	16	80	280	12	400
VMRC	20	40	64	260	16	400
WRC	20	100	68	188	24	400
Total Statewide Sample	528	1016	1656	4876	324	8400

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

## Mover Longitudinal Study (MLS) Update

Since the resumption of the Mover Longitudinal study in late March, 111 additional surveys have been completed. \*\*

Table 4: 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	49	43	7	0	202
Central Valley	53	49	42	48	15	6	213
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	0	42
Frank D. Lanterman	4	4	3	4	1	0	16
Golden Gate	66	66	67	45	12	3	259
Harbor	10	9	10	6	4	1	40
Inland	4	4	4	1	1	0	14
Kern	25	20	19	17	7	0	88
North Bay	73	71	70	37	14		265
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	0	15
San Andreas	6	6	6	5	0	0	23
San Diego	38	24	30	23	7	1	123
San Gabriel/Pomona	5	5	4	3	3		20
South Central LA	18	17	17	10	2	1	65
Tri-Counties	9	8	7	6	1	0	31
Valley Mountain	3	3	4	1	1	0	12
Westside	7	7	7	7	0	0	28
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2039</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

To view reports for the Mover Longitudinal Study (MLS), please go to  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/mover-longitudinal-study-reports/>



Table 5: Reasons for removal from MLS Study

<b>Reason</b>	<b>Count</b>
Individual decided not to participate	15
Not Eligible - Client in Sub Acute Unit	6
Not eligible per DDS (Canyon Springs Mover)	14
Not Eligible per DDS (Secured Tx Area)	8
Not Eligible. Client is in Hospice Care	3
Not Eligible. Client lives with family	1
Not Eligible. Moved back to DC	2
Not Eligible. Not part of Mover Cohort per DDS	13
Unable to schedule interview (deceased)	86
Unable to schedule interview (health-related reasons)	7
Unable to schedule interview (Moved back to DC)	2
Unable to schedule interview (other)	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>174</b>

## 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 RC 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**

*Mary Agnes Nolan*  
*Support Staff: Michele Sloane*

**Far Northern  
North Bay  
Redwood Coast**

*Ron Usac*  
*Support Staff: Valerie Buell*

**East Bay  
San Andreas**

*George Lewis*  
*Support Staff: Marigene Tacan-Regan*

**Alta California  
Central Valley  
Valley Mountain**

*Lia Cervantes Lerma ▪ Brianna  
Reynoso ▪ Jenny Villanueva*  
*Support Staff: Marina Bchtikian ▪  
Vacant OT*

**East Los Angeles  
Frank D. Lanterman  
Harbor  
North Los Angeles  
San Gabriel Pomona  
South Central Los Angeles  
Westside**

*Nicholas Bui  
Angel Wiley*  
*Support Staff: Vacant*  
**Golden Gate  
Orange County  
San Diego**

*Carol Nakamura-Robinson*  
*Support Staff: Valarie Macias*  
**Inland  
Kern  
Tri-Counties**

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Closed Session: Personnel***

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1), the Council will have a closed session to determine the evaluation of a public employee.

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**NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 10.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Reconvene Open Session***

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f), there will be an announcement of any publicly reportable actions taken during closed session.

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**NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 11.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***2022 Council Meeting Dates and Adjournment***

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The Council's next meeting date is scheduled for January 2022. Additionally, a chart of 2022 Council and Committee meetings has been provided as a handout for informational purposes.

***Handout***

2022 Council and Committee meeting dates