

#### **NOTICE/AGENDA**

# STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL MEETING

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DATE: September 20, 2022

**TIME:** 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAIR: Wesley Witherspoon

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- A. Adopt 2023-24 Policy Priorities VMTE
- B. Legislative Process and Timeline
- C. 2023 Bill Idea Contest

#### Item 14. CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 1126(a)(1), the Council will have a closed session to determine the evaluation of a public employee.

#### Item 15. 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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The next Council meeting will be on November 29.

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AGENDA ITEM 3. INFORMATION ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#### Swearing in of New Councilmembers

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will swear in a new Councilmember.

### 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 July 2022 Minutes

The draft minutes from the July 2022 Council meeting have been included in the packet for review. Councilmembers will vote on whether to approve the minutes.

#### Attachment

July 26, 2022 Council meeting minutes

#### **Action Recommended**

Approve the July 2022 Minutes.



#### DRAFT **Council Meeting Minutes** July 26, 2022

#### **Members Attending**

Alex Reyes (S.A.) Andy Imparato (DRC) Aubyn Stahmer (UCEDD) Brian Winfield (DDS) Cathay Liu (F.A.) Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson (UCEDD) Eric Ybarra (S.A.) Harold Ashe (F.A.) Harold Fujita (F.A.) Jeana Eriksen (S.A.) Joyce McNair (F.A.) Joseph Billingsley (DHCS) Julie Austin (F.A.) Julie Neward (F.A.) Julio Garnica (S.A.) Kara Ponton (S.A.) Larry Yin (UCEDD) Lee Bycel (F.A.) Maria Marquez (S.A.) Mark Beckley (CDA) Michael Ellis (F.A.) Michael Thomas (DOR) Nicole Adler (S.A.) Rosanna Ryan (S.A.) Viviana Barnwell (F.A.)

#### **Members Absent**

Kilolo Brodie (F.A.) Marko Mijic (CHHS) Nick Wavrin (CDE)

#### Others Attending

**Aaron Carruthers** Adam Willoughby Anne De Medeiros Bella Beth Hurn **Brian Weisel** Bridget Kolakosky Charles Ngyuen Chris Arroyo David Grady Dena Hernandez **Disability Voices United** Gabriela Solval Gilda Giron Holly Bins Janet Fernandez

Ken DaRosa Kristianna Moralls Lisa Hooks Mary Agnes Nolan

Julie Eby-McKenzie

Jennifer Lucas

#### Others Attending (cont.)

Michelle Cave Miguel Lugo Otto Lana Patricia Herrera Peter Mendoza Rachel Sing Riana Hardin Rihana Ahmad Robin Maitino-Erben Ryan Duncanwood S Simmons

Scarlett VonThenen Sheraden Nicholau Sidney Jackson Sofia Cervantes

Tamica Foots-Rachel Tania Morawiec Tina Reszler

Veronica Magallanes Victoria Schlussler William Del Rosario Yaritza Sanchez Yolanda Cruz

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.)

Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

#### 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

#### 3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gilda Giron, the Director of Outreach and Leadership Training at Disability Voices United, announced that DVU is accepting applications for the second round of their Emerging Leader Program. The application period will close on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The program is a five-part leadership training for people with disabilities and their families. The first training will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> with bi-weekly trainings via Zoom on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30pm. Spanish and Korean interpretations are available. Other languages may be available upon request. For more information and to access the application, visit DisabilityVoicesUnited.org.

Sheraden Nicholau, SCDD Bay Area Regional Manager, stated that she and other SCDD team members served as mentors for the first cohort of the Emerging Leaders Program. She shared that she had a great experience as a mentor and felt that the mentees were well prepared. She continues working with the two graduates of the program and reported that they were already making great impacts in the region and looking for statewide leadership opportunities.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2022 MEETING MINUTES Action 1

It was moved/seconded (Reyes [S.A]/Marquez [S.A.]) and carried to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes as presented. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present)

#### 6. CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon reported that he and Executive Director Carruthers travelled to Washington DC for the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities' (NACDD) annual conference. Attendees received a virtual reality demonstration for people with autism, presented awards to self-advocate national champions, and networked with other self-advocates from all over the country. Executive Director Carruthers was elected Vice President of the National Association. Additionally, Chair Witherspoon reminded members that July

26th, 2022, was the 32nd Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary and provided a presentation with information about the ADA and its impact on the lives of people with disabilities.

Chair Witherspoon asked that members refer to their meeting packets for SCDD committee reports. The committee reports and Chair Witherspoon's ADA presentation can be found online at <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/">https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/</a>.

Executive Committee Chair Lee Bycel provided an update on the Executive Director Evaluation. Executive Committee Chair Bycel shared that the Executive Director Evaluation process has been streamlined and if adopted, the process and timeline will be used annually. As part of the process, the evaluation was mailed to Councilmembers. His goal is to receive responses from at least 25 of the 30 Councilmembers. A third party will collect and tabulate the results. They will provide the Executive Committee Chair with a summary of the Councilmembers' survey responses, and the Executive Committee will discuss and make recommendations at their August Committee meeting. The Executive Committee will bring these recommendations to the Council for review and adoption at the September Council meeting. He urged Councilmembers to email him or Wesley if they have any questions or need any assistance with the evaluation.

# 7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS**Executive Director Aaron Carruthers presented a report on recent Council activities and goals.

Executive Director Carruthers emphasized the significance of the anniversary of the ADA and asked if Councilmembers wanted to share what the ADA meant to them. Councilmembers shared their gratitude over the ADA and how it had impacted their/their family member's life. The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) Chair Nicole Adler posed the same question to SAAC members at their meeting the day prior. A handout summarizing their responses can be accessed online at <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/">https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/</a>.

Executive Director Carruthers shared photos from the NACDD Conference and Washington DC. While in Washington DC he met with the Administration on Disability Commissioner, the Administration on Disability Deputy Commissioner, and the Director of the Office of

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He spoke to them about the State Council's work and highlighted the Council's priorities as outlined in its 5-year State Plan. In 2021 the Council reached 2.4 million Californians directly and impacted the lives of another 4.2 million through systems change efforts. Council staff provided technical assistance to 84,000 and provided training to 24,000 people. He highlighted the Council's collaboration with its federal partners and other ACL grantees including Disability Rights California (DRC), the three University Centers of Excellence of Developmental Disabilities (UC Davis MIND Institute, UCLA, Tarjan Center, USC Children's Hospital), Independent Living Centers (ILC's), and the Department of Aging. The Administration on Community Living expressed concerns about the direct service provider crisis, brought on by decades of neglect. A recent audit by the Bureau of State Auditors noted that the rates for service providers failed to keep up with inflation. Other issues addressed included underfunding in the Developmental Disabilities system and disparities in access to service providers

The Administration on Community Living also discussed compliance with the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) final rule. The March 2022 Compliance report showed that only 86% of providers have completed an assessment and only 57% of those report meeting full compliance. Almost 900 providers report not meeting the requirement of "right to be treated well" and 13% meet criteria for a heightened scrutiny review. ACL emphasized that the federal government would adhere to the March 2023 deadline.

Executive Director Carruthers provided an update on the Council's Access and Inclusion Bill Package. SB 1092 (Hurtado) was adopted in the budget process, but discussions are still being held regarding the remaining 20% of the bill that did not make it into law. AB 1663 (Maienschein) remained in the Assembly Appropriations suspense file as members discussed funding for the bill. The final bill budget package did not fund AB 2547 (Nazarian & Wicks) and AB 2920 (Arambula), so SCDD will be meeting with the sponsoring coalitions to discuss next steps. Executive Director Carruthers and Deputy Director Kolakosky are working with Councilmember Julie Neward to form a coalition around issues of abuse and neglect. The State Council is also working to extend an internship for people with disabilities who want to work in State government. The internship ends in January 2023, so the Council is working to get it extended to January 2024.

Executive Director Carruthers provided an update on the state's budget and 2021 projects. In addition to a \$400 million dollar down payment that the Legislature already made, they will be providing an additional \$1.4 billion to implement the rate model over five years. The Social Recreation and Camp Services that were lost during the recession of 2009 will receive \$45.6 million, \$45.8 million for different language access and cultural competency projects, and \$41.7 million for the Coordinated Family Supports Pilot Project. Under Regional Center Operations, \$87.5 million will be used to reduce caseload ratios, \$16.2 million to implement the training and development for direct service providers, \$14.2 million to enhance service coordination for low or no purchase of service, \$8.1 million for Lanterman Act provisional eligibility for children, \$4.4 million for specialized caseload ratios for complex needs, \$2.5 million for emergency coordinators, \$850,000 for emergency preparedness, and \$8.5 million for the acceleration of the rate reform. New significant highlights of budget items for Purchase of Services include: \$65.5 million for children's support and early start coordination. \$15 million for communications assessments for consumers who are deaf, \$8.4 million for subminimum wage phase out pilot, \$1.8 million for federal compliance, one-time \$186.4 million investment for promoting workforce stability, one time funding of \$11.8 million for service access and equity grant, \$7.2 million for financial management services, \$6.5 million for early start eligibility, and \$2.8 million for half day billing elimination.

The Self-Determination Program Orientation Training launched on July 14th, 2022. Since then, they have held thirteen trainings and trained 168 people. Legislation was passed to allow for state agencies the flexibility to meet remotely for at least another year. As part of his administrative updates, Executive Director Carruthers welcomed Andrea Lynch as SCDD's new Personnel Officer, wished Personnel Manager Janet Butts a long and healthy retirement, and congratulated Budget Officer Lynn Cache, who will leave SCDD to work at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Lastly, he announced that they are hiring for a new Budget Officer and a manager for the North State Regional office.

8. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT**SCDD SSAN representative Maria Marquez provided Councilmembers with an update from the most recent SSAN meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The next SSAN meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### 9. YEAR OF OPTIMIZING UPDATE

The Year of Optimizing effort was presented to the Council in September of 2021. Executive Director Carruthers and Deputy Director Morawiec provided Councilmembers with an update and discussed next steps for the Year of Optimizing.

The pandemic changed how people work and how they wanted to receive services and supports. The pandemic was a catalyst for change and SCDD adjusted to meet growing needs. The Council pivoted to providing direct support/supplies and moved to remote working and virtual meetings. Community needs continued to increase, and the pandemic accelerated existing disparities in regional center services, health access and care, employment, education access and success, and housing. The Executive Director shared that the Council has credibility among the community, decades of experienced and knowledgeable staff, and was known as a state entity with an advocacy heart. The Council's reach, impact, and role continued to grow as more people turned to SCDD throughout the pandemic. Councilmembers were directly involved in writing and approving the State Plan, so the Executive Director focused on a presentation highlighting the second way— the Year of Optimizing.

The Year of Optimizing is an initiative that was created with information from staff, community feedback, and staff climate surveys. The plan included shifting duties within regional offices to increase capacity, organizing around staff strengths/expertise, maximizing on-demand information and training platforms, and ensuring that headquarters is functioning to provide support to regional offices. These changes will streamline processes throughout the state, help offices increase coordination and avoid duplicative efforts, allow staff to connect to passion and reduce burnout, and build capacity. In addition to laying the groundwork, there are emerging and priority issues that also require staff attention. These include self-determination, employment, and sub minimum wage (SB 639), health and safety (vaccines, PPE, wildfires, power shutoffs, abuse and neglect), and DDS budget initiatives.

The full presentation can be accessed at <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/">https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/</a>.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on September 20, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

Name	Action 1 Minutes
Adler, Nicole	For
Ashe, Harold	For
Austin, Julie	For
Barnwell, Viviana	DNP
Beckley, Mark	For
Billingsley, Joseph	For
Bycel, Lee	For
Ellis, Michael	For
Eriksen, Jeana	For
Fujita, Harold	For
Garnica, Julio	For
Imparato, Andy	For
Laugeson, Elizabeth	For
Liu, Cathay	For
Marquez, Maria	For
McNair, Joyce	For
Neward, Julie	For
Ponton, Kara	For
Reyes, Alex	For
Rosanna, Ryan	For
Stahmer, Aubyn	For
Thomas, Michael	For
Winfield, Brian	For
Witherspoon, Wesley	For
Ybarra, Eric	For
Yin, Larry	For

### AGENDA ITEM 7. INFORMATION ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#### Chair Report and Committee Reports

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(s)

The State Plan Committee (SPC) met on 8/15/22. The meeting summary is attached.

The Executive Committee met on 8/19/22. The meeting summary is attached.

#### Handout(s)

The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) will meet on 9/13/22. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet on 9/19/22. The meeting summary will be provided as a handout.

#### AGENDA ITEM 7a.

#### STATE PLAN COMMITTEE SUMMARY

#### Date of Meeting

August 15, 2022

#### **Meeting Focus**

The State Plan Committee met on August 15th to review the Grant Cycle 45 scoring team recommendations. The scoring team recommended funding four (4) proposals, one from each of the proposed areas of focus (Health and Safety, Education, Employment and Housing). These recommendations will be sent to the Executive Committee for final approval at the committee's August 19th meeting.

#### Items Acted Upon

- The Committee approved the January 2021 Meeting Minutes
- The Committee approved the scoring team's Cycle 45 funding recommendations

#### **Next Meeting**

November 2022

#### AGENDA ITEM 7b.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

#### Date of Meeting

August 19, 2022

#### Meeting's Focus

The Executive Committee met on August 19, 2022. The meeting's focus centered on five conflict of interest waiver requests, recommendations for one time unexpended funds for staff supports, a presentation on the Cycle 45 Grants, establishing a slate for a Nominating Committee, and a closed session to discuss the Executive Director's annual evaluation

Executive Director Carruthers provided Committee members with a report sharing updates on SCDD's work with Georgetown's National Center for Cultural Confidence, durable accommodations as an emerging issue, and his experience attending the three community conversations that Vaccine and Public Health Coordinator Tamica and San Bernardino Regional Office Manager Patricia hosted.

#### Items Acted Upon

- Approval of the June 2022 meeting minutes.
- Conflict of interest waiver requests from board members Jacqueline Armstrong, William Battles, Gordon Cardona, Mariana Murillo, Norma Puga were approved.
- The Committee approved the recommendations for one-time unexpended funds for staff support.
- The Committee approved the State Plan Committee's Cycle 45 Grant funding recommendations and directed the Executive Director to administer the contract process.
- The Committee approved to propose a slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee to be presented to the full Council at the September 2022 Council meeting.

#### **Future Meeting Date**

October 27, 2022

### AGENDA ITEM 8. INFORMATION ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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

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

#### Attachment(s)

Chief Deputy Director Report
Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report
C.R.A./V.A.S. Update Report
QA Project Update Report

#### Handout(s)

Executive Director Report
Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report

# Chief Deputy Director's (CDD) Report September 20, 2022

The CDD continues developing procedures, in concert with staff, and organizational tools to assist the team. Time also has been spent meeting with staff, management, and external partners on various programs, program policy, and implementation. These include collaboratvei conversations with DDS partners regarding the CRA/VAS and QA programs. Conversations address funding and contracting matter as well as program efficiencies such as digital surveying strategies.

The Chief Deputy Director continues to facilitate and oversee SCDD's administrative functions such as budget management, contracts, and day-to-day operations.

#### **Program**

- o Participated in bi-weekly meetings with the full regional management team.
- Worked with the department's vaccine project manager planning several vaccine support events in the state.
- Worked with the Policy Director on legislative inquiries and fiscal policy matters.
- Worked in partnership with the Department of Social Services regarding technical budget operations in response the departure of SCDD's budget manager. Projects included expenditure tracking, year-end fiscal reconciliation, and identifying procedural changes to track and manage the SCDD budget.

#### **Administrative**

- Reviewed several program and administrative contracts for approval.
- Reviewed and approved numerous invoices for program, administrative, and operational services.
- o Resolved several state data system access and utilization problems on behalf

of staff and management, including CALATERS access, and worked closely with state-level information security personnel to manage against increasing cybersecurity threats.

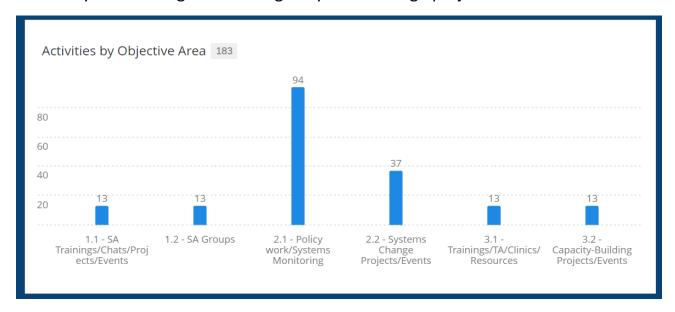
#### Personnel

- Prepared recruitment materials to fill the Sacramento Regional Office/Headquarters Office Technician position.
- Completed the recruitment and hiring to back-fill the department's Human Resources Office Manager position.
- Continued the recruitment process to backfill the department's Budget Office Manager position vacated on July 8.

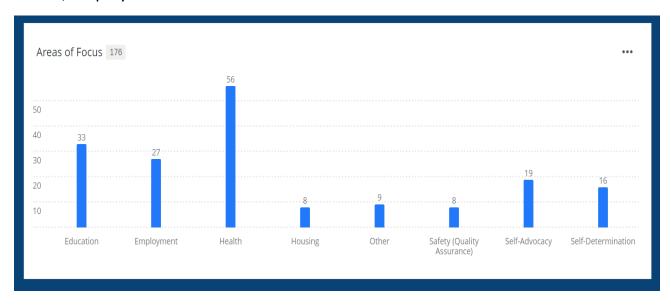
# REPORT FROM: TANIA MORAWIEC DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PLANNING & REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS

REPORT RANGE 7/14/22-9/1/22

183 SCDD sponsored activities occurred in this reporting period. In line with the new state plan, many activities in this reporting period concentrated on policy work & systems change monitoring or systems change projects.



The most prominent areas of focus in this reporting period are concentrated in health, employment and education.



#### **Health & Safety**

Emergency preparedness training and evacuation drills are only a couple of the ways Regional Office staff and self-advocates work to keep people who have disabilities safe. SCDD partnered with the City of Long Beach and self-advocates to improve evacuation and shelter services for people who have disabilities.

Reducing access issues by strategic planning and including the disability perspective saves lives. Self-Advocates and other volunteers came together in Long Beach to inform the city and American Red Cross about transportation barriers, sign in challenges, nonverbal communication needs/aids, and medication access and other medical needs in August.







#### **Employment**

The last session of the SB639 stakeholder group occurred in this reporting period. Recommendations for positive change like training, job developer certifications, funding increases and enhanced interagency coordination were shared. SCDD is applying for continued DTAC support so that California stakeholders benefit from national subject matter expertise.

SCDD also leveraged its position and web resources to present tools and broad agency (CDE, DOR, DDS) representation in one place. This strategy helps people understand the interplay between Government agencies and ensures that the diverse resources leading to competitive, integrated employment offered by different agencies, are easier to locate.

#### **SCDD Self-Determination Orientation Training**

Training continues to expand awareness of self-determination among regional center clients. SCDD has created an on-line registration process and is actively engaging underserved communities who are less likely to be aware of self-determination options at regional centers. The DDS team has shared the first orientation module with the SCDD team. Four additional modules are being created. Thus far SCDD has achieved the following outcomes:

#### **Training Sessions & Participant Counts**

- People oriented: 432 (366- ENGLISH, 51- SPANISH)
- Planned/scheduled: AUG- 8 sessions (5 English sessions, 3 Spanish sessions)
   SEPT- 19 sessions (12 English, 6 Spanish, 1 Vietnamese)

# **CRA/VAS**

# SCDD AT WORK INSIDE CALIFORNIA DDS STATE-OPERATED FACILITIES

CENSUS AS OF September 1, 2022: 238

(Porterville DC, Canyon Springs CF, Central and Desert STAR)

SCDD and DDS renewed the interagency agreement providing CRA/VAS services to individuals residing in and transitioning from the DDS state operated facilities and on-site STAR units. VAS services were extended from 12 to 24 months post placement. SCDD looks forward to continued successful collaboration with DDS for this cycle term.





#### **Program Activity for July and August 2022**

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

The facility is experiencing higher than average positive COVID-19 cases. VAS notes that placements are postponed due to lack of community staffing. VAS working intensely with community-based individuals in acute crisis. VAS researching lack of MediCal benefits transferring to individuals upon transition. CRA conducted 13 staff and 2 self-advocacy trainings this period. Residents were enjoying increased community access in prior months. However, restrictions are now in place due to outbreak. Restrictions slow transition opportunities such as cross training with community staff as well as in person visits.



In-person activities resumed but with some restrictions due to continued positive cases. CRA attended 62 meetings on behalf of clients at PDC. Worked with IDT to lessen restrictive interventions. CRA working with resident on CalABLE account. VAS successfully advocated for hospice for individual in last stages of life. VAS highly involved in recently transitioned individual who AWOL'ed shortly after placement. VAS advocated for increased activities for community based individual. VAS is recruiting advocates in northern California to better serve locally placed individuals.





Census Canyon Springs: 36

Desert STAR: 6





Census Porterville: 191

Central STAR: 5



# Quality Assessment Project (QAP) Report September 2022

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

The upcoming IPS cycle is scheduled to begin mid-October 2022. During this cycle, a random sample of individuals 18 years or older, receiving at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management will be surveyed.

Respondents will be given the option to have their survey conducted face-to-face at their preferred location or remotely using Zoom Healthcare, a HIPPA compliant video conferencing platform.

The target for all 21 regional centers remains 400 each for a statewide goal of 8400 surveys.

To conduct these remote surveys, SCDD has successfully contracted with approximately 234 surveyors statewide covering languages such as Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Farsi, Korean and ASL.

Training for all surveyors and QACs are being conducted September/October, implemented through live webinars and self-paced online training modules.

#### **Recent Past Cycle: Family Surveys**

The mail out of Family Surveys has been completed. To date, we have received 9,576 responses for the Adult Family Survey (AFS) with 5,833 responses received for the Child Family Survey (CFS), and 4,811 responses for the Family Guardian Survey (FGS). The tables and charts in the following pages break down the responses by regional center, method and language.

The ability for respondents to enter their response directly on-line (Direct Entry) is still only available in English, but Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) is working to make other languages available for future family cycles.

Table 1 - Adulty Family Survey Responses by Method – Mail v Direct Entry (DE) (n=9,576)

RC	Mail	Direct Entry	Total Responses
ACRC	315	151	466
CVRC	335	110	445
ELARC	396	108	504
FDLRC	328	108	436
FNRC*	313	85	398
GGRC	374	127	501
HRC	337	128	465
IRC	365	122	487
KRC	267	73	340
NBRC	382	145	527
NLA	313	94	407
RCEB	370	183	553
RCOC	444	130	574
RCRC*	150	40	190
SARC	362	130	492
SCLARC	370	108	478
SDRC	429	127	556
SGPRC	363	100	463
TCRC	367	143	510
VMRC	310	74	384
WRC	295	105	400
Total	7185	2391	9576

<sup>\*</sup>Eligible population fewer than 2,000

Figure 1: Adult Family Survey Responses by Method -- Mail v Direct Entry (DE) (n-9,576)

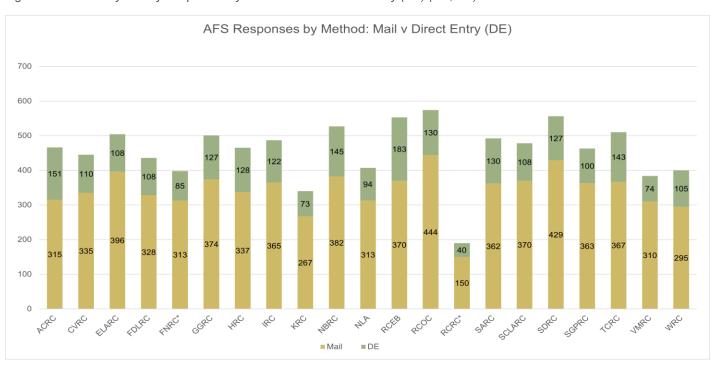


Figure 2: Adult Family Survey Response Rate - English vs Spanish

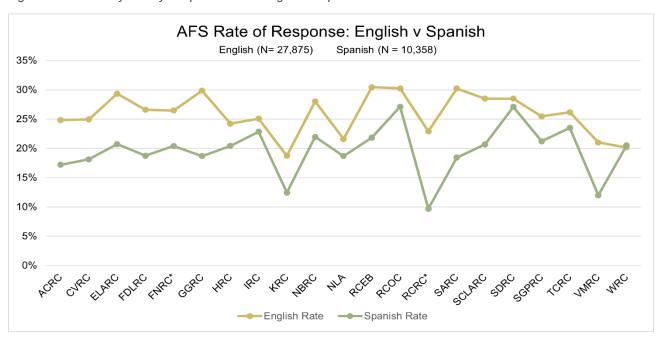


Figure 3: Adult Family Survey Responses - Other Languages (based on sample size of each language)

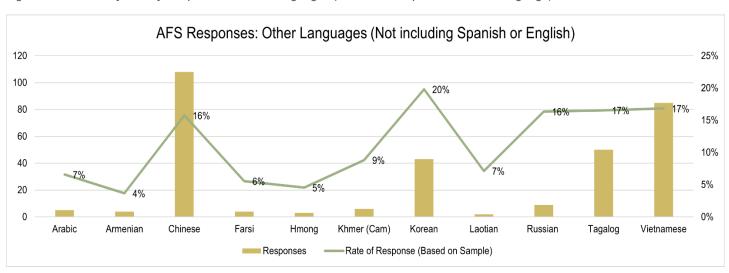


Table 2: Adult Family Survey Responses - Other languages

Other Languages	Arabic	Armenian	Chinese	Farsi	Hmong	Khmer
Responses	5	4	108	4	3	43
Sample Size	76	109	685	72	66	217

Other Languages	Korean	Laotian	Russian	Tagalog	Vietnamese
Responses	43	2	9	50	88
Sample Size	217	28	55	302	505

Table 3: Child Family Survey Responses by Method - Mail vs Direct entry (n=5,833)

RC	Mail	Direct Entry	Total Responses
ACRC	155	87	242
CVRC	263	69	332
ELARC	224	101	325
FDLRC	188	98	286
FNRC*	158	53	211
GGRC*	167	117	284
HRC	162	89	251
IRC	163	71	234
KRC	171	77	248
NBRC	236	65	301
NLA	199	69	268
RCEB	181	107	288
RCOC	270	120	390
RCRC*	97	21	118
SARC	269	123	392
SCLARC*	215	80	295
SDRC	186	110	296
SGPRC	197	89	286
TCRC	202	88	290
VMRC	166	67	233
WRC	178	85	263
Total	4047	1786	5833

<sup>\*</sup> Eligible Population is fewer than 2000

Figure 4: CFS Responses by Method- Mail vs Direct Entry (DE)

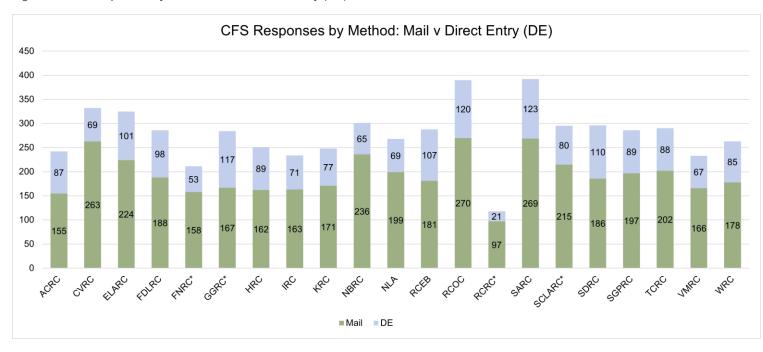


Figure 5: CFS Response Rate of English and Spanish

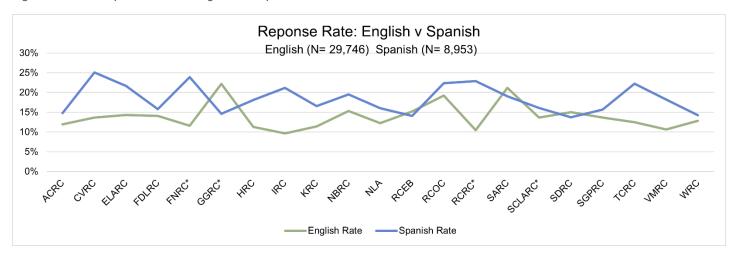


Figure 6: CFS Responses Other Languages

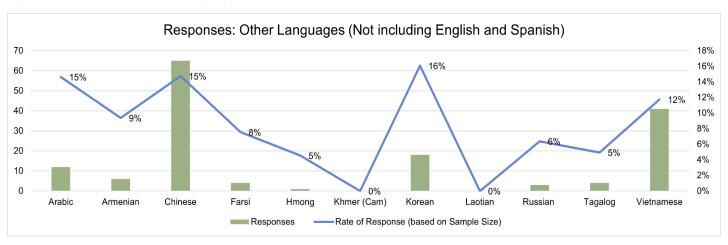


Table 4: CFS Response Rate for Other Languages

Other Languages	Arabic	Armenian	Chinese	Farsi	Hmong
Responses	12	6	65	4	1
Sample Size	82	64	441	53	22

Table 5: CFS Response Rate for Other Languages (continued)

Other Languages	Khmer	Korean	Laotian	Russian	Tagalog	Vietnamese
Responses	0	18	0	3	4	41
Sample Size	13	112	4	47	81	349

Table 6 - Family Guardian Survey Responses by Method: Mail vs Direct Entry (DE) (N=4,811)

RC	Mail	Direct Entry	Total Responses
ACRC	246	95	341
CVRC*	147	59	206
ELARC*	77	28	105
FDLRC*	67	38	105
FNRC*	151	47	198
GGRC*	172	102	274
HRC*	87	33	120
IRC	216	72	288
KRC*	60	22	82
NBRC*	136	88	224
NLA*	227	63	290
RCEB*	351	137	488
RCOC	291	101	392
RCRC*	65	19	84
SARC*	286	118	404
SCLARC*	45	18	63
SDRC	291	116	407
SGPRC*	129	39	168
TCRC*	224	88	312
VMRC*	104	24	128
WRC*	86	46	132
Total	3458	1353	4811

<sup>\*</sup>Eligible sample population less than 2000

Figure 7: FGS Responses by Method Mail v Direct Entry (DE) (N=4,811)

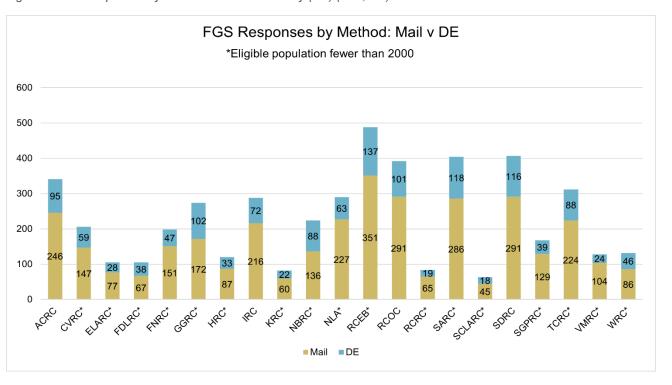


Figure 8: FGS Response Rate: English vs Spanish

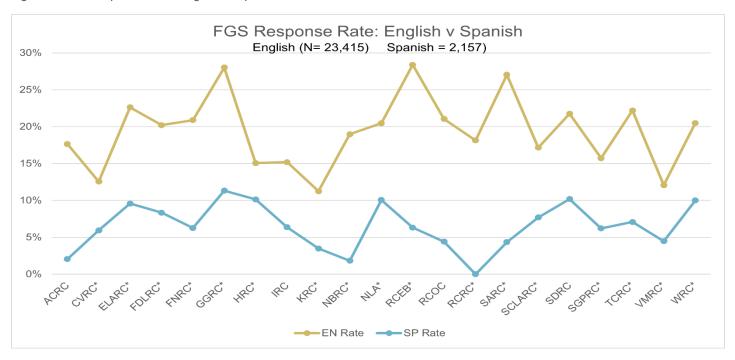


Figure 9: FGS Response Rate for Other Languages

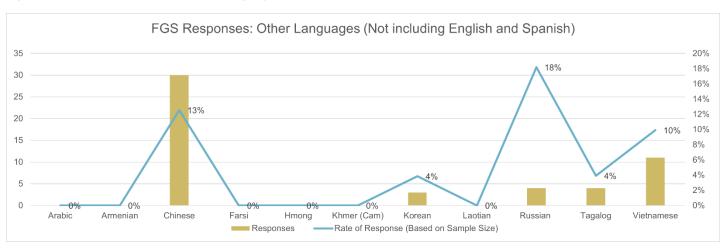


Table 7: FGS Response Rate for Other Languages

Other Languages	Arabic	Armenian	Chinese	Farsi	Hmong
Responses	0	0	30	0	0
Sample Size	23	18	239	30	16

Table 8: FGS Response Rate for Other Languages (continued)

Other Languages	Khmer	Korean	Laotian	Russian	Tagalog	Vietnamese
Responses	0	3	0	4	4	11
Sample Size	16	78	18	22	102	111

#### **About National Core Indicators**

National Core Indicators<sup>™</sup>(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: <a href="https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/">https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/</a>

Scan QR code below to go to QA Project Webpage scdd.ca.gov/qap





### QAP Regional Center Assignments

Mary Agnes Nolan
Support Staff: Vacant
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 •
Austin Murphy
East Los Angeles
Frank D. Lanterman
Harbor
North Los Angeles
San Gabriel Pomona
South Central Los Angeles

Angel Wiley
CPS II: Vacant
SSA- Jennifer Melendez
Support Staff: Brian Hoang
Golden Gate
Orange County
San Diego

Westside

CPS II: Vacant
Support Staff: Valarie Macias
Inland
Kern
Tri-Counties

AGENDA ITEM 9. INFORMATION ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), which is a project of the Council, will provide a summary of their recent activities. SCDD SSAN Representative Maria Marquez will provide Councilmembers with this report.

#### Attachment

September 2022 SSAN Update Report

#### **September 20, 2022**

# AGENDA ITEM 9 INFORMATION ITEM



#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

**Recent Activity:** The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) met on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 over Zoom.

#### **Focus of Meeting:**

The September 2022 SSAN meeting was held over the course of two days on Zoom. SSAN members introduced themselves and shared one self-advocacy related project that they have been working on and tips on how to volunteer or get paid work.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activities since the June SSAN meeting. This included a brief overview of the Council's legislative work, and efforts to distribute COVID-19 test kits and increase access to vaccines and vaccine-related information. SSAN members shared concerns related to regional center services, Self-Determination and the limitations of day programs in helping people with disabilities reach their goals.

SSAN Members provided feedback on sections of the SCDD website, including the Home Page, the Calendar of Meetings and Events, and the SSAN Page. Members suggested that there be less information on the main page and more navigation buttons and that Self-Determination be its own tab/page. Members thought that information about the SSAN mission statement, vision statement, officer roles, workgroups and bios of officers would be good things to have on the SSAN Page. Members also suggested that there be greater differentiation between tabs (like different colors or lines).

Suzy Requarth, the newly appointed Self-Determination Ombudsperson and Katie Hornberger, the former Acting Self-Determination Ombudsperson provided members with information on the Office of the Self-Determination Ombudsperson and their role of facilitating solutions to disagreements between regional centers, individuals, and families.

Day one ended with a comprehensive overview presentation from CalABLE Executive Director Dante Allen on California's Achieving Better Life Experience (CalABLE) program.

On day 2 of the meeting, SSAN Members shared their thoughts on what elected officials should know about people with disabilities. UC Davis MIND Institute provided SSAN with an update on their PAIR Grant Project to help medical professionals and researchers learn how to improve research practices to be more inclusive and accessible. CFILC came to present on how to Choose Your Advocacy Style. Members talked about the importance of voting and civic participation. Disability Rights California finished off the day with a presentation on the importance of sharing your individual story within the Disability Rights Movement.

Members talked about upcoming advocacy events and projects and the SSAN Workgroup Chairs updated members on their meeting times and ongoing projects.

#### **Actions Taken:**

- Approved the Minutes from the June 2022 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the September 2022 Edition of SSAN Newsletter

#### 2020—2022 SSAN Leadership:

Chair: Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

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

**Secretary:** Robert Levy, UC Davis MIND Institute UCEDD Representative

#### SSAN Workgroups:

- Operations (formerly Officers, Bylaws, and Membership)
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Legislative and Civic Engagement
- Newsletter and Communications
- Youth Engagement

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for September 7–8 2022 over Zoom. Please visit the <u>SSAN Page</u> on the SCDD website for more information.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10.**

#### **ACTION ITEM**

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#### SCDD Budget Update

At the February 2022 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee asked the Executive Director to return to the Committee in six months with recommendations on staff support and training needs. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers presented the results of a survey of staff support needs and the estimated costs at the August Executive Committee meeting. The Committee voted to approve staff recommendation for one-time unexpended funds of \$455,000 for staff support. The Council will be considering voting to accept the Committee's recommendation.

#### Attachment

One Time Spending Recommendation PPT

#### Action Recommended

Approve the Executive Committee's recommendations for one-time unexpended funds for staff support.

# Executive Committee's Spending Recommendations September 20, 2022

Lee Bycel, Chair, Executive Committee Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director



- When all the federal grant is not spent, those dollars "carryover" to the next year
- When those dollars grow, staff bring an amount to the Council to use at its discretion
- Additional 1-time funds for Council available
  - \$445,000 (prior) + \$175,00 (new) = \$620,000
- February 2022, Executive Committee voted to postpone recommendations on how to use one-time carryover funds and asked for staff recommendations for staff supports and trainings
- Surveyed staff leadership and worked with Executive Team to identify top needs

•	Equity	\$60,000
	<ul> <li>Ableism</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</li> </ul>	
	Plain Language	
	<ul> <li>Document Accessibility</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Community Organizing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Trauma-Informed Response</li> </ul>	
•	Core Supports	\$175,000
	<ul> <li>All-Staff In-Person Meeting to advance Year of Optimizing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Supervisor Training</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Trainer Development</li> </ul>	
	Career Related	\$50,000
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	Adjustments	<b>ФОГ 000</b>
	10% for increased costs, inflation  Area and already by describing the state of the state o	\$25,000
	<ul> <li>Amount already budgeted for staff training</li> </ul>	-\$35,000
	Total	\$275,000
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Carryover Funds (prior) \$445,000

Carryover Funds (new) \$175,000

Total Carryover Funds \$620,000

Request for Staff Support and Training -\$275,000

Remaining Carryover Funds \$345,000

- Questions?
- Proposed Motion
  - Recommend the Council allocate \$275,000 in One-Time Carryover Funds for staff supports and training as described

### **AGENDA ITEM 11.**

### **ACTION ITEM**

### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Appointment of Nominating Committee

At the August 2022 Executive Committee meeting, members acted to put forth the following slate of nominees to serve for one year on the Nominating Committee:

- Harold Ashe (F.A.)
- Jeana Ericksen (S.A.) Chair
- Joyce McNair (F.A.)
- Rosanna Ryan (S.A.)
- Aubyn Stahmer (UCEDD)

The Council will consider the slate of nominees for appointment. Should the Council choose to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation, the Nominating Committee will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the Committee will consider a slate of eligible candidates interested in serving as Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the Council and make its recommendation to the full Council at the November Council meeting.

### Attachment

**Detail Sheet** 

### Action Recommended

Adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to appoint the above slate of nominees to serve for one year.

### COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: 2022 Officer Elections – Nominating Committee

**SUMMARY:** The Welfare and Institutions Code and the Council's Bylaws provide the rules and process for electing Members to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. The first steps of the process should begin no later than August, and the elected officers will begin their new terms in January. The process is detailed below.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Under W&I Code Section 4535(b), the Council is required to elect its Chairperson and Vice Chairperson by a majority vote. The Council must hold the election for its officers every two years during the last Council meeting of the particular election year. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 2.)

Recommendations for officers must be by nomination in the form of a slate of nominees reported from the Nominating Committee. However, nominations may also be received from the floor before the election but after the Nominating Committee's report.

Self-advocate and family-advocate Members of the Council may serve in the Chair and Vice Chair positions. (See W&I Sections 4535(b) and 4521(b)(1).)

Those who may not serve in these officer positions are those members who represent a State of California agency or federal partner or who serve on the Council as the representative of "a nongovernmental agency or group concerned with the provision of services to persons with developmental disabilities." These are the members listed in W&I Section 4521(b)(2). The Bylaws require the Council to follow the below process:

Setting Up the Nominating Committee

(1) Executive Committee Develops a Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee (August): The Executive Committee decides on a recommended slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee. (Article IX, Section 2(e)(2)[n].)

(2) Council's Election of Members to the Nominating Committee
(September): At the September Council meeting, the Executive
Committee presents the slate of nominees for the Nominating
Committee to the Council. The Council then elects members to the
Nominating Committee. (Bylaws Article IX, Section 2(e)(1)[n].)

## Nominating Candidates for the Officer Positions

(3) Nominating Committee's Nominations (October): The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating Council Members for the officer positions of Chair and Vice Chair. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 3.) Therefore, the Nominating Committee meets to decide on whom to nominate for these positions and develops a list of nominations.

## Electing the Officers

(4) Council's Election of Officers (November): The Nominating Committee presents its nominations to the Council. As mentioned, nominations may be received from the floor before the election, but after the report of the Nominating Committee. (Article VII, Section 3.) The Council must elect its officers at the last meeting of the year from among the nominations. (Bylaws Article VII, Section 2.)

## Installing the Officers

(5) <u>Beginning of New Terms (January)</u>: The Council Members elected to the Chair and Vice Chair positions each begin their term of office on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Adopt the Executive Committee's recommended slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee.

ATTACHMENTS(S): None.

PREPARED: Committee Specialist Robin Maitino-Erben, September 5, 2022.

## AGENDA ITEM 12. INFORMATION ITEM

### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Cycle 45 Grants Update

One of the ways the Council carries out the work of its State Plan is by awarding program development grants, also known as Cycle Grants, to community-based organizations to research, develop and/or implement innovative programs and promising or best practices throughout California and its statewide, regional and local communities.

After releasing the Cycle 45 Request for (regional) Proposals (RFP), the Council received no submissions that fully met its funding requirements. In response, the Council developed four (4) project descriptions, which integrated the previous regional requests into new models, and released a second RFP for statewide consideration, while also increasing the available funding amount to \$260,000.00.

SCDD received several proposals that met its requirements. Those have now been reviewed and scored. The Council's State Plan Committee (SPC) Chair, Kilolo Brodie, and SCDD State Plan Manager Rihana Ahmad presented the SPC's Cycle 45 funding recommendations for the Executive Committee's consideration at the August Executive Committee meeting. The Committee voted to approve the State Plan Committee's Cycle 45 Grant funding recommendations and direct the Executive Director to administer the contract process.

## Attachment(s)

Cycle 45 Selected Proposals Cycle 45 PPT

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT CYCLE 45 PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

Grantee: Acorns to Oak Trees

Recommended Funding: \$78,298

Project Area: Education

Number of People Served: 120

Proposal Summary: Tribal families and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) are facing challenges in accessing education, training, and supports that meet their needs. The organization's goal is to design a program to help build sustainable capacity in their tribal community and develop local resources to access culturally competent, disability-related, and community-based information, supports and services. The main activities include 1) developing a training plan based on available data from the organization's other projects; 2) developing culturally and linguistically competent outreach and training materials in print, online and video to reach a wider audience; and, 3) conducting sessions to provide knowledge and tools to individuals with I/DD, their families, and tribal community leaders. The success of this program will help not only members in their tribal community with I/DD, but will also help to create a model program for other tribal communities to implement.

## **Proposal Outcome/Output:** The project's primary outcomes are:

- An increased awareness of developmental milestones, warning signs of I/DD, the Lanterman Act, and resources available in the Pala community, so that they can advocate for themselves and/or for family members; and,
- **2.** A higher level of participation in education and training that are available to tribal members.

## **Goals & Objectives:**

- **Goal 1:** The needs of tribal I/DD individuals and their families are recognized
  - Objective 1.1: An action plan based on available data by 11/2022
  - Objective 1.2: An outreach plan and training materials developed by 01/2023
- **Goal 2:** People with I/DD and their families on the Pala Reservation will become self-advocates (SA) and family advocates (FA) for free and appropriate education (FAPE) within least restrictive educational (LRE) settings
  - **Objective 2.1:** Four (4) outreach and community events will be conducted by 02/2023
  - **Objective 2.2:** Four **(**4) training sessions will be conducted by 07/2023
- **Goal 3:** Promising practices will be documented and shared to benefit more tribal communities and the larger Californian population
  - **Objective 3.1:** 50 post-implementation surveys will be provided to individuals with I/DD, their families, and tribal staff and leaders by 07 /2023
  - Objective 3.2: A final report highlighting findings, barriers, activities conducted, success vs. roadblocks, & promising practices will be provided by 10/2023 and delivered to SCDD by 11/2023

Agency Description: The organization was founded by a family advocate and member of a tribal community who recognized that tribal families needed assistance with identifying and accessing services for their children with special needs. The organization's mission is to help build a better future for tribal youth, specifically those with special needs, through culturally tailored and evidenced-based therapeutic services, education, and outreach. The organization's vision is to nurture the growth and healing cycle of the individuals they serve so that they can achieve their full potential in mind, body, and spirit. The organization is grounded in the belief that it takes a village to raise a child - but also a village to restore one.

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT CYCLE 45 PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

Grantee: Jazz Hands for Autism

Recommended Funding: \$100,000

Project Area: Employment

Number of People Served: 160

**Proposal Summary:** This project will provide an innovative, new vocational model to train individuals with I/DD for careers that align with their interests and serve the community of people with I/DD. The grantee will pilot a training program for adults with I/DD to teach music to students with IEPs from LA-area K-12 schools. This project will establish both a digital curriculum for music teacher training and a student-teaching experience. As a result, 10-15 teachers with I/DD will be trained, 150 music learners with IEPs will be served, and promising practice-based recommendations for vocational training of individuals with I/DD will be made.

## **Proposal Outcome/Output:**

## 1. Develop a Training Curriculum

This grant will fund course development and launch courses for students in the Music Teacher Training Track of the organization. Instruction will be offered in person, digitally, or in a hybrid mode through the Moodle platform. The curriculum is designed to foster soft/social skills, which will improve independence and inclusion for adults with I/DD.

## 2. Pilot Training Program

To pair lessons with on-the-job training, the grantee will offer a year-long student teaching experience to participants. This will involve preteaching preparation with a job training coach (with bi-weekly feedback), and 16 hours of instruction per week in basic rhythm and guitar. Once completed, students will have confidence and independence to secure employment as music teachers in schools,

music-focused organizations, or through private music lessons/tutoring.

## 3. Create a Framework of Best Practices for Statewide Implementation

This project will expand on evidence-based practices for post-secondary employment. The final deliverable will be a replicable framework for vocational training for individuals with I/DD. This framework (with recommendations for promising practices, logic model, student and staff curriculum/training models, etc.) will be presented to existing state-run vocational rehabilitation programs.

**Outcomes:** The best practices employed by this program are proven to have a statistically significant impact on participant short/mid-term employment and income. This project will build on existing evidence by developing a promising practice that bolsters community inclusion and job readiness for individuals with I/DD. The result will improve the lives of individuals with I/DD by assisting them with finding paid employment in a career path in their area of interest.

Agency Description: The mission of the agency is to help artists of color and those from disadvantaged communities and create pathways for community, social inclusion, and employment for adults on the autism spectrum. They are working toward a world where individuals on the autism spectrum are fully included members of society who make valued social, cultural, and economic contributions to their communities. The agency has over eight years of experience working with adults with I/DD and their families. During this time, they have developed the experience, staff, and capacity to lead the proposed project and develop new, innovative projects and recommendations for vocational training. The agency has a strong track record of success in assisting individuals with I/DD in obtaining Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). To date, they have helped over 200 musicians with ASD engage in over 180+ music-related jobs, 75% of which were paid opportunities.

https://www.jazzhandsforautism.org/

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT CYCLE 45 PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

Grantee: Adaptive Parent Project

Recommended Funding: \$28,125

Project Area: Health and Safety

Number of People Served: 950

**Proposal Summary:** The grantee and its collaborative partners will identify educational curriculum and resources written by providers that have expertise in caring for patients with I/DD and will perform quality assurance assessments for best practices and inclusivity. They will develop educational materials/products for patients with I/DD to build a better understanding of healthcare and build more collaborative care practices for patients and their providers. The grantee will create multiple digital and printable resources in plain language, with visuals for individuals with I/DD, covering topics that may include primary care, reproductive health, lactation, etc.

## **Proposal Outcome/Output:**

The grantee will

- Develop professional curriculum for providers
- Create accessible, easy-to-understand educational material for patients about healthcare
- Create marketing and educational materials that are representative and inclusive of patients with I/DD

### **Outcome:**

This project aims to change healthcare for individuals with I/DD. This project will increase the knowledge and skills of healthcare professionals working with patients with I/DD. The materials developed through this program will allow people with I/DD to be more self-determinative and

proactive about their health by providing user-friendly resources. This will lead to:

- More informed providers with special skills necessary for working with patients with I/DD.
- Increased number of I/DD-friendly providers, increased patient comfort levels, and better patient health outcomes.
- Increased quality of care, more accurate diagnoses, and higher patient satisfaction among project participants.

Agency Description: The organization and its collaborative partners are committed to providing resources to educate/train healthcare professionals about working with patients with I/DD. The organization is composed of individuals with extensive training and experience in navigating the healthcare system, both as patients and providers. The founder/CEO is a mother with cerebral palsy who holds a bachelor's degree in Human Biology. The organization's Board consists of an Associate social worker, a physical therapist, and a registered nurse. Collaborative partners include 1) a physician who specializes in physical medicine; 2) a rehabilitation therapist who works directly with patients with I/DD daily; 3) an organization with more than two decades of experience working with women with autism on the severe end of the spectrum; and, 4) the San Diego Breastfeeding Coalition, with certified lactation professionals.

https://www.instagram.com/adaptiveparentproject/

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT CYCLE 45 PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR FUNDING

Grantee: The Kelsey

Recommended Funding: \$50,000

Project Area: Housing

Number of People Served: 565

Proposal Summary: This project will support people with I/DD who are seeking housing by increasing access to plain language housing resources. The goal of this project is to create/revise and promote the use of free, open-source, plain language versions of materials that are commonly used in rental housing applications and annual recertification forms. Major activities will include 1) making five commonly used forms in low-income housing rentals available in plain language; 2) getting three (3) projects to commit to adopting and using these plain language housing forms; and, 3) conducting five statewide presentations to housing owners and property managers about the results of this project and lessons learned. Within the project year, we aim to help more than 75 people with I/DD gain access to housing by building a more accessible rental/housing application process through the development of plain language forms. After the program year, we expect that more accessible housing materials will lead to thousands of people with I/DD having easier access to housing.

## **Key Activities:**

- Making five commonly used forms in low-income housing rentals available in plain language.
- Getting three projects to commit to adopting the plain language housing forms.
- Conducting five statewide presentations to housing owners and property managers about the results of this project and lessons learned.

### **Outcomes:**

- Within the program year, we aim to help more than 75 people with I/DD gain access to housing by building a more accessible rental/housing application process through developing plain language forms.
- After the program year, we expect that more accessible housing materials will lead to thousands of people with I/DD having easier access to housing.
- We also anticipate that plain language documents have the potential to benefit those who do not have I/DD or are not a family member or service provider for someone with I/DD, such as English Language Learners, people with language processing impairments, and others who may benefit from accessible resources.

Agency Description: The agency was developed by a family advocate who leads a team of people with and without disabilities, in close partnership with other housing and advocacy organizations, statewide, to advance disability-forward housing solutions that open doors to more affordable homes and opportunities for everyone. Together, they work to develop affordable, accessible, inclusive housing communities and lead in organizing and advocacy efforts to create market conditions for inclusive housing. The agency currently has communities in development, with over 225 homes and more than \$100 million in public, private and philanthropic investments.

https://thekelsey.org/



## CYCLE 45: GRANT PROPOSAL PROCESS AND AWARDS

## Purpose & Timeline

Administrative Review

Cycle 45

Scoring Team Review & Recommendations

State Plan Committee Recommendations

**Executive Committee Selections** 

**Final Selections** 

## Purpose

The Council awards program development grants (PDG) to community-based organizations to research, develop and/or implement innovative programs and promising or best practices

## Nov. 2021 – Jan. 2022

- 11/16: State Plan Committee (SPC) met to determine recommendations for Grant Cycle 45 process, areas of emphasis, timeline, and review draft RFP
- 1/18: SPC met to determine project descriptions and review draft RFP

## Feb. – May. '22

 1st round of proposals were evaluated. Due to a lack of fundable proposals, a 2nd round of RFPs was released with a statewide focus, and the timeline was updated

## January '22

 1/25: State Council Approved SPC Recommendations of process, areas of emphasis, timeline and RFP Package for Cycle 44 56

## June – July '22

- 6/9: Cycle 45 (2<sup>nd</sup> Round) RFPs Released
- 6/20: Pre-Bidders Conference Call
- 7/27: Proposals Due

## **Aug – Sept. '22**

- 8/23: Protest period begins
- 9/6: Protest period ends, Selected Grantees notified

## August '22

- 8/1-8/5: Administrative Review and Scoring Panel
- 8/15: SPC reviewed scoring panel recommendations and made recommendations to the Executive Committee
- 8/19: Executive Committee voted on SPC recommendations for Cycle 45 Grant Recipients

## Grant Cycle 45 Focus Areas & Allocated Funds

## The Council has a total of \$260,000 available to fund Cycle 45 PDG projects in four (4) proposed areas:

- Education
- Employment
- Health and Safety
- Housing

## Administrative Review

- SCDD received a total of 12 grant proposals
  - 2 Education
  - 4 Employment
  - 3 Health and Safety
  - 3 Housing
- Administrative Review 4 proposals failed
  - 1 Education
  - 2 Employment
  - 1 Health and Safety
- Total amount of requested funds: \$771,686

## **The SCDD Administrative Team**

Reviewed all submitted RFPs and forwarded those that passed to the Scoring Team



# The Scoring Team's Criteria:

## **Project Description**

State Plan

Target Population

**Evaluation & Reporting** 

Deliverable(s)/Output(s)

Methodology

**Impact** 

Diversity/Disparities

Budget

Knowledge & Experience

**Innovation & Creativity** 

## Scoring Team Review

## Scoring Team reviewed 8 proposals

- 1 Education
- 2 Employment
- 2 Health and Safety
- 3 Housing

## Scoring Team is recommending 4 project proposals

- 1 Education
- 1 Employment
- 1 Health and Safety
- 1 Housing

Total amount of recommended funds: \$256,423

## **The Scoring Team**

- Reviewed and scored 8 project proposals
- Forwarded 4 proposals with the highest scores to the State Plan Committee for further review and recommendations



## **EDUCATION**

## **Recommended Funding:**

\$78,298

## **Estimated Reach:**

120 People

## **Proposal Highlights:**

- Outreach and training about education and related supports for people with I/DD, families and Tribal leaders on the Pala Reservation
- Culturally and linguistically competent materials
- Promising practices to reach other underserved Tribal communities

## Acorns to Oak Trees

## **Acorns to Oak Trees**

This project will serve people with I/DD, their families and Tribal leaders on the Pala Reservation. It will provide outreach, information and training to create and strengthen the skills of family and self-advocates to obtain a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) within a least restrictive environment (LRE) for children and young adults with I/DD, through:

- 4 outreach events
- 4 training sessions

The project's findings, activities, promising practices, barriers and successes will be documented and shared in a final report.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

## Recommended Funding:

\$100,000

## **Estimated Reach:**

160 People

## **Proposal Highlights:**

- In-person, online or hybrid curriculum for training of music teachers with I/DD
- Training program, pairing lessons and on-the-job training with a job coach
- Framework of best practices for statewide implementation

## Jazz Hands for Autism

## Jazz Hands for Autism

This project will provide a new model to train people with I/DD to teach music to students with IEPs from LA-area K-12 schools. It will establish a digital curriculum for music teacher training and provide participants with student-teaching experience with the support of a job training coach. The project will also expand on evidence-based practices for post-secondary employment.

The goal of this project is to

- Train 10-15 music teachers with I/DD
- Serve 150 music learners with IEPs
- Create a replicable framework of vocational training for individuals with I/DD

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

## **Recommended Funding:**

\$28,125

## Adaptive Parent Project

## **Estimated Reach:**

950 People

## Proposal Highlights:

- Develop provider curriculum
- Create accessible resources for patients with I/DD and their families
- Produce marketing and educational materials representative and inclusive of patients with I/DD

## Adaptive Parent Project

This project will increase the knowledge and skills of healthcare professionals working with patients with I/DD and will provide accessible healthcare-related materials to empower patients with I/DD to be more self-determinative and proactive about health needs and services.

## HOUSING

## The Kelsey

## **Recommended Funding:**

\$50,000

## **Estimated Reach:**

565 People

## **Proposal Highlights:**

- Plain language revision of 5 commonly used housing forms
- Sharing accessible forms with housing entities
- Presentations to housing owners and property managers

## The Kelsey

The immediate goal of this project is to assist more than 75 people with I/DD in successfully gaining access to housing.

After completion, the grantee expects that thousands of people with I/DD will have easier access to housing with the use of these materials. The grantee anticipates that the revised forms will also assist people who are English language learners, those with language processing impairments, and others.

## **The State Plan Committee**

Reviewed all 4 final project proposals and chose to recommend all 4 to the Executive Committee for final consideration



## **The Executive Committee**

Adopted the State Plan Committee's grant project and funding recommendations to approve all 4 grant projects



# Final Project Selections for Cycle 45:

Acorns to Oak Trees (Education)

Adaptive Parent Project (Health & Safety)

Jazz Hands for Autism (Employment)

The Kelsey (Housing)



## **COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

### **AGENDA ITEM 13.**

### **ACTION ITEM**

### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## 2023 Policy Planning

Councilmembers will begin legislative activity planning for the 2023-24 legislative session. Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon and Deputy Director of Policy and Planning Bridget Kolakosky will present the Legislative process, timeline, and the proposed 2023-24 Policy Priorities for consideration.

Members will be introduced to SCDD's 2nd annual Bill Ideas Contest. Everyone will be invited to participate for a chance to be part of SCDDs legislative efforts for 2023. The bill idea form is available year-round to everyone and can be found on the home page of the SCDD website. For legislative ideas to be considered for the 2023 bill season, submissions must be received by September 30th .

## Handout(s)

Legislative Process and Timeline Bill Chart 2023 Bill Idea Contest Flyer

### Action Recommended

Adopt the Legislative and Public Policy Committee's recommended 2023-24 Policy Priorities.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 14.**

## **ACTION ITEM**

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Closed Session: Personnel** 

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

AGENDA ITEM 15. INFORMATION ITEM

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Reconvene Open Session

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

AGENDA ITEM 16. INFORMATION ITEM

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The Council's next meeting date is scheduled for November 29, 2022.