

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office
Community Outreach &
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Networking 6:15-6:30 PM Meeting 6:30-9:00 PM

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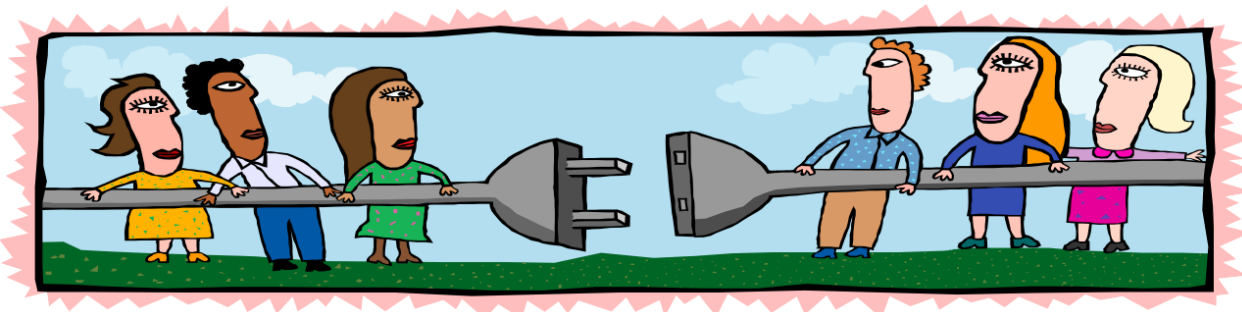
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Collaboration is key! We invite members of the community to share input, issues and concerns. **All are welcome.** Featured this meeting:

Community equity-focused projects and collaborations, RAC Member updates, and more!

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Consejo Estatal de Discapacidades del Desarrollo del Área de la Bahía
Alcance Comunitario Y
Reunión del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC)

Miércoles, 26 de abril de 2023

Oportunidad de red 6:15-6:30PM Reunión 6:30-9:00PM

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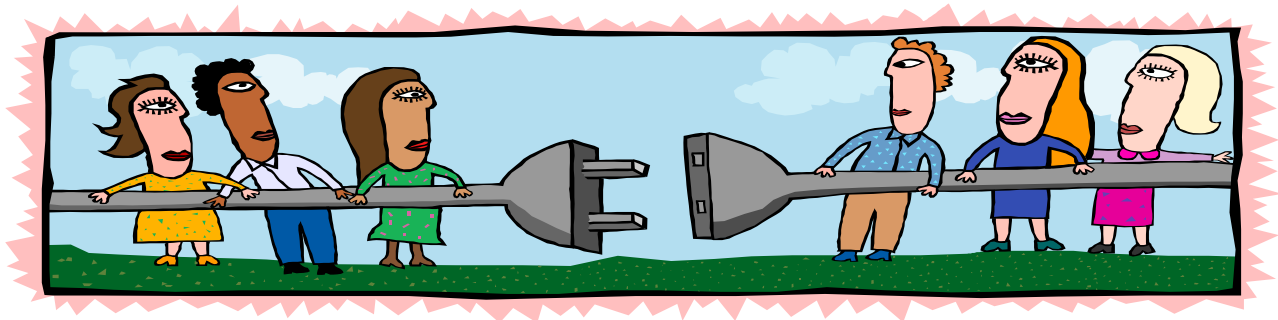
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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH NOTICE & AGENDA*



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Time Networking 6:15pm – 6:30p, Meeting 6:30pm – 9:00pm



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**6:30p Call to Order
Introductions / Establishment of Quorum**

Grigsby



6:35p Approval of the February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Grigsby



6:40p Public Comment

An invitation to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present information to the Committee on **any matter that is not on the agenda**. Each public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5 minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item. Legislative office elected officials or staff may also introduce themselves or provide comment.



**6:50p Examples of Community-Focused Equity Projects
& Collaboratives**

Garcia & Grigsby

Hear examples of the diversity of community-focused ways to support and build equity within systems, and ways to reduce disparity in systems. Learn about a sampling of community-focused equity and access work from community collaboratives and community-based organizations. Panelists include representatives from Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, La Familia, Families United for Equity, and community consultant Esther Wong.



7:45p Additional Legislative Office Comments

Grigsby

An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide brief statements, comments on emerging issues, or updates impacting their constituents from disability communities.



7:50p Community Reports

Grigsby

- People First Report
- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports



8:15p Member Reports: SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) & SCDD Councilmembers

Garcia & Grigsby

Hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, and their priorities.



8:50p Other Announcements & Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Grigsby

An opportunity for members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues and concerns.



9:00p Meeting Adjourned

Grigsby

***All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
February 22, 2023, Minutes **DRAFT****

Main Location: This meeting was held through Zoom (video call or call-in only)

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86856611802?pwd=TnRMVHY1QUhxWVAwVlNiWWkwcGN2dz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5661 1802 **Passcode:** 493170

Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Sascha Bittner, Jennifer Fung, Francisco Garcia, Elizabeth Grigsby, John Marble, Marla Silversmith, Florence Wong.

Committee Members Absent: Regina Woodliff.

SCDD Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Gabriela Solval, Veronica Bravo, and Valerie Buell.

Accessibility Assistance: Interpreter Adriana, Interpreter Arturo, Captioner Caralyn, Support Eunice.

Legislative Office Representation: Senator Aisha Wahab and Staff Ruscal Cayangyang and Zachariah Oquenda; Katie Jaycox from Representative Josh Harder's Office; Nicholas Hargis from Representative Anna Eshoo's Office; Marilyn Cachola Lucey from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office; Tiffanee Jones and Kai Eusebio from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office.

Guests Attending: Mike Odeh, Jurnee Louder, Lishaun Francis, Sabrina Epstein, Vi Ibarra, Eric Zigman, Patrick McKay, Sara Desumala, Will Sanford, Angel Ng, Emily Witkin, Debra Pearl, Geraldine Lucero, Rajeshree, Daniel Michael.

6:30p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell reviewed housekeeping: Zoom functions, chat, and interpretation services, and then took roll call of RAC members.

6:35p Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2022:

Moved: Sascha Bittner Seconded: Elizabeth Grigsby

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Sascha Bittner, Jennifer Fung, Francisco Garcia, Elizabeth Grigsby, John Marble.
- Abstain: Marla Silversmith, Florence Wong.

6:40p Public Comments: Elizabeth Grigsby asked for public comments. Highlights included:

- Katie Jaycox from Representative Josh Harder’s Office shared the details of Congressional District 9, and the work the Representative did and his role as with the Disability Employment Incentive Act.
- Nicholas Hargis from Representative Anna Eshoo’s Office shared the details of Congressional District 16, and the work she is doing for disability rights, like co-sponsoring the Social Security Income Restoration Act, the Raise in Wage Act, and her introducing the Communication Video and Technology Accessibility Act, with details about what those acts do to help the community.
- Tiffanee Jones from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson’s Office shared the details of Assembly District 11, and the office’s dedication to facilitating a quality of life for constituents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
 - They will be introducing [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 649](#), which aims to delete the prohibitions on regional center purchases that serve as a barrier to purchasing some medical and dental services.
 - They recently introduced [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 244](#), the Specialized Inclusivity Training for Childcare Staff Grant Program.
- Marilyn Cachola Lucey from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan’s Office shared her background as a former educator and disability advocate, and invited constituents to reach out if there are budgetary line items or legislation that constituents would like to discuss.
- Geraldine Lucero shared that she is a grandparent and advocate for her grandson who is 23 and with Autism. She has reviewed issues that can occur for people and their families when working with the system to develop an Individual Program Plan (IPP).

6:55p Sheraden Nicholau introduced the panel gathered to discuss policy priority updates, made up of Lishaun Francis, Jurnee Louder, and Mike Odeh from Children Now, Sabrina Epstein from Disability Rights California (DRC), and Veronica Bravo from SCDD. Highlights include:

- Veronica Bravo guided everyone through a power point presentation on the 2023 SCDD policy priorities, including prioritizing implementation of legislation that passed in the 2021 and 2022 cycles.
 - Explanation of two priorities, employment and safety.
 - AB 2920, the Inclusive Higher Education Act, proposes to create a trial program or pilot program within California State and UC campuses, and AB 2547 (coming back this year as [SB 37](#)) seeks to provide assistance for Californian seniors and people with disabilities at risk of losing their housing.
 - [SB 639](#) passed in 2021 and ends sub-minimum wage in California by 2025. The State Council and partners are working on implementation support and efforts.

- Jurnee Louder gave a review of the CA Scorecard tool, a Children Now tool that allows you to view data on children's well-being across time and by demographics such as race and ethnic group for all of California's 58 counties.
- Mike Odeh talked about a program that was created in previous budgets and reviewed two bills:
 - The Department of Health Care Services created a new program called the Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program ([HACCP](#)) that offers hearing aid coverage to eligible children.
 - [AB 249](#) enacts the goal of removing all lead from school drinking water and requires water utilities to test all potable water faucets and fixtures in K-12 schools by 2027.
 - [SB 424](#) strengthens California Children's Services (CCS) Modernization Act and updates eligibility to align with the Affordable Care Act.
- Lishaun Francis highlighted two additional bills:
 - [AB 599](#) would require schools and school districts to implement a public health approach when students are found with drugs on campus, as opposed to suspensions and expulsions.
 - [SB 238](#) would allow the insured person to seek a review from the Independent Medical Review System if a health care service has been denied.
- Sabrina Epstein shared three DRC policy priorities that specifically focus around people with IDD, and reviewed the approach and community need:
 - Racial and ethnic disparities within regional center services
 - What change would look like to make these systems more equitable.
 - Safety Net services.
 - Employment First and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).

7:45p Additional Legislative Office and/or RAC Member comments: Some highlights were:

- Senator Aisha Wahab presented:
 - She submitted 20 bills in her first year's bill package (the maximum allowed for submission).
 - She summarized her background
 - A former Hayward City Council member
 - Familiar with community services and supports such as Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL).
 - She has met with parents of children with IDD to further understand their concerns regarding education and services.
 - She is the only renter in the CA State Senate and is familiar with the issues renters face and is passionate about affordable housing.

7:55p Community Partner Reports:

- **People First Highlights:**
 - Patrick McKay, President Bay Area People First (BAPF) and of the Northern Alameda People First (NAPF) Chapter:
 - These chapters continue to have meetings over Zoom and will do so for the rest of the fiscal year.
 - These chapters have completed several planning meetings to set goals for the year, and to set a meeting schedule for 2023.
- **Regional Center Report Highlights.**
 - Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC):
 - He gave testimony in front of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on provider rates and performance measures, as well as equity and access needs.
 - On March 6th and March 8th GGRC will have public meetings on Access and Equity Initiatives.
 - DDS recently held webinars on a new pilot project called Coordinated Family Services (CFS), which GGRC had influence on developing.
 - Sheraden Nicholau read the update from Lisa Kleinbub of Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - RCEB is holding a number of Purchase of Service (POS) public meetings in February and in March. They are interested in hearing from the community.
 - Coordinated Family Services (CFS) is coming soon. The regional center is currently reaching out to identify vendors for the program and are holding informational sessions as soon as those agencies are available in the RCEB catchment area.
 - RCEB will share data on the National Core Indicators (NCI) project on February 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM, before their board meeting.
- **Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:**
 - Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - Alameda County and Contra Costa County are hosting a community resources presentation to provide information to community members with disabilities, their families & caregivers on February 28, 2023 starting at 5:30 PM. This presentation will have simultaneous translation in Spanish, Cantonese, and ASL.
 - The next Contra Costa County DD Council meeting, March 22, 2023, will be about social recreation opportunities, and will be their first meeting where the board members will be meeting in person. The meeting will be hybrid for attendees.

8:22p Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities. Highlights include:

- Sascha Bittner: Working on the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), the San Francisco Disability and Aging Services Committee, the Quality Assurance Group of DDS, and currently the President of the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Public Authority Governing Board.
- Jennifer Fung: Looking to work together on projects and get involved in conferences and meetings that benefit people with disabilities in the region.
- Francisco Garcia: La Familia is preparing for in person meetings, taking lessons learned from the pandemic into account. Will be involved in Congreso Familiar's conference, in addition to other events. This conference will focus on housing, health services, and technology support. Everything is coming together.
- Elizabeth Grigsby: There are many new team members at GGRC. Elizabeth is sharing her wisdom and knowledge with these new members. Elizabeth has been working with hospitals and health systems, such as UCSF, on disability focused projects.
- Florence Wong: San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities hosted a Transition to Independence Fair on February 4, 2023. Sheraden Nicholau and others participated in a meeting with the Caregiver Abuse Registry Workgroup which is an offshoot of the Abuse Round Table Group started in San Mateo County. Florence leads this work. This group is working on establishing a statewide caregiver abuse registry.

8:42p Other Announcements:

- Sascha recommended that the RAC host a presentation on Self-Determination in an upcoming meeting.
- Elizabeth recommended a deeper dive on safety, especially around reporting abuse.
- Valerie Buell shared: The next RAC meeting will be April 26, 2023.
- Sheraden suggested the Chair and Co-Chair meet to discuss potential earlier meeting times for the RAC meetings in the year ahead.

8:49p Meeting Adjourned.

What we do?

The program offers comprehensive services in Spanish, including: education, training, and leadership development for parents through orientations, workshops, and support groups.

We provide services in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Services are free of charge and open to all ages and disabilities.

Need support?

Do you have a family member with a developmental disability?

Do you want to know about the services that are available?

Do you know what services the Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) provides?

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We provide peer support for parents through our ten groups available in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which are coordinated by parent leaders who have life experiences navigating the system of services and resources.



¿Qué Hacemos?

Este programa ofrece servicios completamente en español, que incluyen: educación, capacitación y desarrollo de liderazgo para padres a través de orientaciones, talleres, y grupos de apoyo.

Brindamos servicios en los condados de Alameda y Contra Costa.

Los servicios son sin costo. y está abierto a todas las edades y discapacidades.

¿Necesitas apoyo?

¿Tienes un familiar con una discapacidad del desarrollo?

¿Quieres saber sobre los servicios que están disponibles?

¿Conoces los servicios del Centro Regional del Este de la Bahía (RCEB)?

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To: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties
From: State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bay Area Regional Office
Date: July 22, 2022

Re: 2022-2023 Schedule of State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings

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- September 28, 2022** Community Outreach Meeting
- November 30, 2022** Community Outreach Meeting
- February 22, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting
- April 26, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting
- June 28, 2023** Community Outreach Meeting

No Meetings in July or August 2023

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Para: Miembros del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) y partes interesadas
De: Oficina Regional del Área de la Bahía
Re: Calendario 2022-2023 de las reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía

Fecha: 6 de Julio de 2022

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28 de Septiembre de 2022 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

30 de Noviembre de 2022 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

22 de Febrero de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

26 de Abril de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

28 de Junio de 2023 Reunión de Alcance Comunitario

No hay reuniones en **Julio y Agosto de 2023**

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