

Executive Committee Meeting Executive Director Report May 23 2023

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Quote

- ▶ “There are two ways of exerting one’s strength: one is pushing down, the other is pulling up. It is a sign of the highest civilization when individuals reach the point where their strength is used in pulling every human soul up to the very highest point.”
- Booker T. Washington, founder
Tuskegee University


Overview

- ▶ State Plan Update
 - ACL praises CA's work in 2022
 - 2023 Mid Year Update
- ▶ Advocacy to Phase Out Subminimum Wage
 - Testimony in Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees
 - Councilmember Michael Ellis meets with Assembly Budget Subcommittee
- ▶ Alternatives to Conservatorship
 - Center on Youth Voice Youth Choice
 - Supported Decision Making Technical Advisory Committee

State Plan Update (Oct 22-Sept 23)

- ▶ Administration on Community Living (ACL) approved and praised CA's 2022 Program and Performance Report (PPR)
 - PPR is annual report of the work done for our federal funding

State Plan Update (Oct 22-Sept 23)

- “The Council did a great job describing their overall efforts to address the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families of a diverse culture through its State Plan supported activities.”
 - “The Council has a commitment to translating products in various languages including plain language.”
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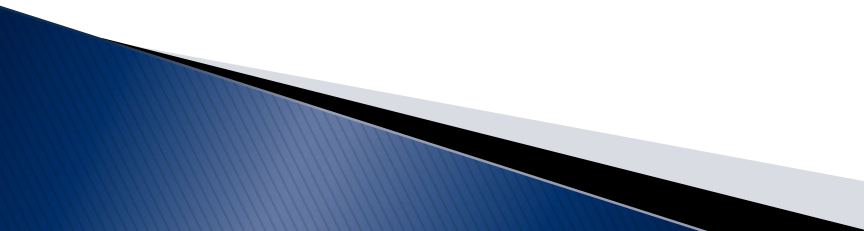
State Plan Update (Oct 22-Sept 23)

- ACL named specific SCDD accomplishments:
 - Ongoing work with Tribal communities
 - Emergency preparedness
 - Trainings and resources in multiple languages
 - Mental health projects
 - Policy impacts, including conservatorship reform
 - Supporting self-advocacy groups

State Plan Update (Oct 22-Sept 23)

- ▶ SCDD has met almost all the 2023 workplan projected activities and numbers for each objective.
 - Goal 1: Provided 22 SA-related trainings and supported 110 SA Group meetings
 - Goal 2: Engaged in policy work, systems monitoring, systems change projects on the regional and statewide level, and professional capacity-building
 - Goal 3: Provided 134 trainings, participated in 47 events

State Plan Update (Oct 22-Sept 23)

- ▶ After conducting a mid-year analysis, the State Plan Team has identified a gaps in workplan progress
 - ▶ Information being shared with Regional Offices
 - ▶ Strategically planning to meet all projected numbers by September 30th.
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Advocacy to Phase Out Subminimum Wage

- ▶ Subminimum Wage Report (SCDD, 2023)
 - Testified in Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittee hearings on the report, its recommendations, and priority for an Employment First Office
 - Department of Developmental Services, Department of Rehabilitation directors and Health and Human Services Agency also testified, committed to phasing out subminimum wage, and committed to phase out by January 2025.
- ▶ Councilmember Michael Ellis met with Assembly Budget Subcommittee Chair Juan Arambula for 45 minutes on a wide range of topics, including the Council's priority for an Employment First Office

Alternatives to Conservatorship

- ▶ Began a Community of Practice with the national Center on Youth Voice Youth Choice
 - Promote alternatives to conservatorship for youth
- ▶ Supported Decision Making Technical Advisory Program \$5 million
 - Hiring staff
 - Developing guidelines

Promoting the Community's Voice Internationally

- ▶ SCDD conducted a contest, “There Should Be a Law,” 100 voices
- ▶ UCLA took data and turned it into an academic analysis
- ▶ Analysis accepted by International Society for Autism Research
- ▶ UCLA presented in Stockholm

Questions?