Supported Decision Making- Technical Assistance Program

Please post in the chat your name, agency affiliation, and something that went great this week!

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Housekeeping

- Be respectful of participants and their perspectives

- Assume positive intent

- Commit to listening while others are speaking

- Stay focused on current topic

- Use "chat" feature to ask questions or provide input

- Meeting is being recorded

- Email inbox: sdmtap@scdd.ca.gov

- Let us know if you need accommodations (private message Charles Nguyen in the chat if you do)

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- Update and inform on the pre-work phase of SDM-TAP
- Introduce SDM-TAP team members
- Receive input from coalition in identifying needs in the community (in breakout sessions)

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Purpose & Principles of Supported Decision Making-Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP)

- The purpose of SDM-TAP as outlined in the May version of AB 1663 includes:
  - Providing support, education, and technical assistance.
  - To administer grants to local government and non-governmental entities, to expand and strengthen the use of supported decision-making across California.
  - To staff an SDM-TAP that provides guidance, assistance, and training to educational entities, families, service providers, professionals, people with disabilities, courts, attorneys, mediators, and others in California who wish to use or expand SDM in their professional or personal life.

- Special attention on communities that have been historically underserved

- Legislature designated $5 million split into 2 provisions to SCDD for SDM-TAP

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Program background and rules

- State grant and contract rules:
  - Funded by the State's General Fund, the program is funded by taxpayer dollars.
  - For all grants and contracts, SCDD must adhere to rules of Public Contract Code (PCC) and State Contracting Manual (SCM) and is subject to audit and control agency oversight
    - Fair and equitable consideration of grant applicants and contractors
    - Fair and equitable engagement of the general public and interested parties
- Funding summary:
  - Legislature designated $5 million split into 2 provisions to SCDD for SDM-TAP: $2 million to establish and operate SDM-TAP within the SCDD and $3 million to be awarded in grant funding.
  - $2 million will be spent over 2 years to pay for 3 limited term staff AND program support contracts

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Update on pre-work phase Mar-Aug 2023

- Progress so far:
    - conceptual development of program
    - development of areas of focus
    - ongoing collaboration with Federal partners (DRC & MIND)
    - meetings with individual coalition members
    - community input survey drafted and revised
    - website drafted and nearing completion
    - SDM-TAP Grants Analyst hired in July
    - SDM-TAP Manager hired in August
    - continued recruitment for 2nd analyst
    - training SDM-TAP staff on platform where grant applications will be submitted (GrantVantage)
    - research on best practices with other states' SDM expansion efforts
    - planning for program support contracts to enact all areas of the SDM-TAP

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Targeted uses of Program Support Contract Funds (Administrative Dollars)

Program support contract concepts (estimated $1.1 to $1.2 million administrative dollars available):

- Website/webmaster
- Clearinghouse for the training materials
- Warm line – public access to technical assistance regarding SDM
- Grant evaluation – ensures integrity of the grantee data and can include a report with recommendations to the Legislature
- Language assistance-translating materials for clearinghouse

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Targeted uses of Program Support Contract Funds (Administrative Dollars) Continued

SCDD staffing roles:

- develop and manage RFP for grant and contract funds
- develop and manage SDM-TAP
  - coordination of contracts and grants to ensure there is a uniform plan for moving program forward with greatest ongoing impact
- provide technical support for grant application process
- provide oversight of grantees/contractors
- review data from grantees/contractors
- address grant/contract performance issues
- provide technical assistance for grant applications
- develop performance reports
- manage contracts
- monitor warmline until contracted out
- establish clearinghouse and maintain until contracted out
- conduct stakeholder workshops & bidders conferences
- ongoing consultation with subject matter experts

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$3m GRANT - to be launched as grants in areas of focus

1. SDM in Education Settings
2. SDM in Financial or Judicial Settings
3. SDM in Medical or Healthcare Settings
4. SDM in I/DD Services Settings

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Breakout Session Questions

1. The grants program ($3 million) will assist implementation of SDM and systemic change so that SDM is accepted and supported within the primary areas of focus below. Think about what areas of focus have the greatest needs when it comes to Supported Decision-Making (SDM). Please rank the areas in order of need from greatest to least. Are there any other focus areas to consider? If yes, please specify.

   - SDM in education settings
   - SDM in financial or judicial settings
   - SDM in medical or healthcare settings
   - SDM in I/DD services

2. SDM-TAP should expand and strengthen the use of Supported Decision-Making in California. What measurable outcomes would you like to see from the SDM-TAP grants?

3. Are there specific communities that need the most help to use SDM in California? If so, please specify.

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Report from Breakout Sessions

- The note taker for each group will briefly outline the ideas gathered in their breakout group in response to the questions

- The notetakers are:
  - Steve Ruder
  - Aubyn Stahmer
  - Will Leiner
  - Hannah Dunham

- Please keep each group's report to 5 minutes or less

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Wrap Up

Next Steps: Community Input Survey

- You received a copy of our community input survey with your meeting agenda.
- We would welcome constructive feedback on the survey.
- Once finalized, survey will be dispersed widely to receive responses from the public.
- We will be using responses to inform scope of work for our grant program and contracts.

Further Questions or Feedback

- You can reach the SDM-TAP team (Hannah Dunham and Hilary Baird) by emailing us at SDMTAP@scdd.ca.gov
- We appreciate all of your insight and expertise!

Thank you!

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