State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Report February 20, 2024 Aaron Carruthers



#### Overview

- Advocacy Update
- Master Plan on Developmental Disabilities
- Cycle 45 Grant Showcase
  - Acorns to Oak Trees
  - Adaptive Parent Project
  - Jazz Hands for Autism
  - The Kelsey
- Training for Councilmembers
- Announcements



#### Advocacy Update

- U.S. Census agrees to not change method for measuring disability
- Subminimum Wage Phase Out report finalized and submitted to Legislature
  - On track 2,000 people out of 4,000 remain, optimistic for zero by January '25
  - Look to see where people are going
- Legislature in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year legislative cycle
  - Feb 16 was bill introduction deadline
  - LPPC reviewing new bills, make recommendations for positions for Council March 2024 meeting



### Master Plan on IDD

- January 2024, Governor Newsom announced creating a Master Plan on IDD
- February 2024, HHS Secretary Mark Ghaly announced members of the Stakeholder Committee:
  - Councilmember Joyce McNair selected to represent SCDD
- Reason:
  - Newsom investments in DD system, average \$1B/yr
  - Leverage investments to strengthen accessibility, quality, and equity
  - Create and improve bridges that connect IDD system to other critical systems: education, housing, employment, transportation, safety
- Timeline: March 2025



### Cycle 45 Grant Showcase

- March 11, 2024 10:30-12:30
- Featuring 2023 grant project successes
  - Acorns to Oak Trees: Tribal Outreach/Training Project on Supports for Children with I/DD
  - Adaptive Parent Project: Furthering Health Education & Opportunities for People w/ IDD
  - Jazz Hands for Autism: Musical Leadership & Employment for Adults with I/DD
  - The Kelsey: Plain Language Housing Forms/Materials
- What you can do
  - Please attend
  - Share the flier in your networks



- Opportunity:
  - SCDD can develop trainings for Councilmembers on one focus area for 2024
- Question:
  - Would Council members benefit from trainings that would support you in your role? What topics? Would Council members engage?
- Topics:
  - Fundamentals
  - Advocacy
  - Supports



#### Fundamentals

- Vision of Council's Role
- Philosophy of Community Inclusion
- Councilmember Roles and Responsibilities
- Training for Council and Committee Chairs
- Ethics, Conflict of Interest, Bagley Keene, Roberts Rules of Order
- State Plan as Strategic Plan
- CRA/VAS Overview
- QA Overview
- Last provided 2018



#### Advocacy

- The legislative process
- How to advocate
- Your story is your authority
- Solutions-based advocacy



- Supports
  - Conflict Management
  - Micro-stressors
  - Strengths-Based Leadership
  - Other area?



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#### Announcements

- Council Membership
  - Kilolo Brodie resigned
  - Interviews for North Valley Hills and Orange County Regions
- Saying goodbye to Personnel Officer Andrea Lynch
- Designated State Agency Evaluation reviewed and approved by Admin
  - Meets or exceeds expectations on all measures





#### **THANK YOU!**





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