

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Networking 5:15-5:30 PM Meeting 5:30-8:00 PM

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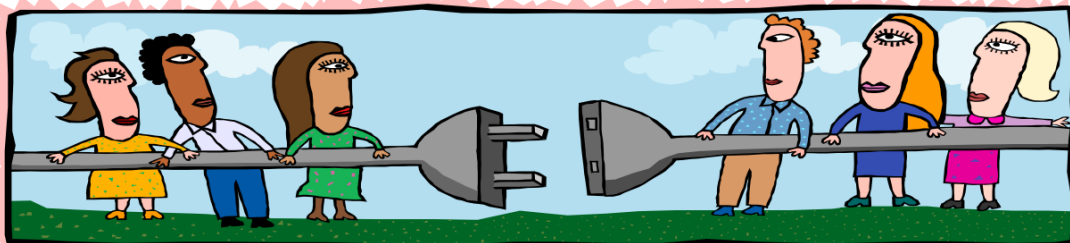
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Concilio Estatal en Discapacidades del Desarrollo Oficina del Área de la Bahía

Alcance Comunitario Y Reunión del Comité Asesor Regional

Miércoles, 28 de febrero de 2024

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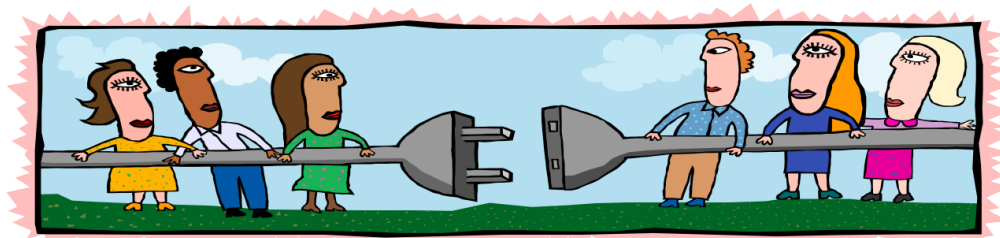
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¡La colaboración es clave! Invitamos a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir aportes, cuestiones y preocupaciones. ***Todos son bienvenidos.*** Destacado en esta reunión: Votación sobre las prioridades del RAC del Área de la Bahía, actualizaciones de los miembros del RAC, actualizaciones de los socios de la comunidad y más.

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

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

NOTICE & AGENDA*



Date Wednesday, February 28, 2024



Time Networking 5:15pm – 5:30p, Meeting 5:30pm – 8:00pm



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5:30p Call to Order

Introductions / Welcomes

Establishment of Quorum

Grigsby



5:37p Approval of the Nov 2023 & Jan 2024 Meeting Minutes

Grigsby



5:40p 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.



5:50p Overview on the Contra Costa County

Health Services' Specialty Ambassador Program

Ifill-Fraser

Meet Nicola Ifill-Fraser, Ed.D., MPH. She is the Program Coordinator for the Specialty Health Ambassador Program. Learn about the Contra Costa County



Health Services' Specialty Ambassador Program. This is a CA Department of Developmental Services (DDS) grant funded project. Specialty Health Ambassadors are professionals with IDD who represent the health department at community events, and do outreach in underserved communities to help connect people to services and supports. Hear about the program's best practices and lessons learned. Hear about how other health departments and large employers can diversify their workforce to include professionals with IDD and other disabilities.

6:15p Bay Area RAC Topics & Potential Projects for Exploration for FY 2023-24

Nicholau



RAC members review their list from November 2023 & January 2024: Topics, regional and statewide issues, areas of exploration, and community need for the Bay Area RAC to collectively learn about and get involved in. RAC members take a vote and select approx. 2 focus areas.



6:45p 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.



6:55p Community Reports

Grigsby

- People First Report



- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports
- National Council on Disability



7:20p Member Reports:

**SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
& SCDD Councilmembers**

Grigsby

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



**7:50p Other Announcements
& Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Grigsby

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



8:00p 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.**



CONCILIO ESTATAL EN DISCAPACIDADES DEL DESARROLLO (SCDD)
REUNIÓN DEL COMITÉ ASESOR REGIONAL (RAC) DEL ÁREA DE LA BAHÍA Y ALCANCE
NOTICIAS Y AGENDA*



Fecha Miércoles, 28 de febrero, 2024



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5:30p Comienza la Reunión

Presentaciones

Establecimiento de Quórum

Grigsby



5:37p Aprobación de las Actas de la Reunión de Noviembre de 2023

y Enero de 2024

Grigsby



5:40p Comentario Publico

Una invitación para brindar al público la oportunidad de comentar y/o presentar información al Comité sobre **cualquier asunto que no esté en la agenda**. Cada miembro del público tendrá 3 minutos para hablar. Las solicitudes por escrito se considerarán primero. El Comité proporcionará un período de comentario público que no exceda los 5 minutos en total para todos los comentarios públicos antes de la acción sobre cualquier punto de la agenda. Los funcionarios electos o el personal de la oficina legislativa también pueden presentarse o hacer comentarios.



5:50p Descripción General del Condado de Contra Costa

Programa de Embajadores de Especialidad de Servicios de Salud

Ifill-Fraser



Conozca a Nicola Ifill-Fraser, Ed.D., MPH. Ella es la Coordinadora del Programa de Embajadores de Salud Especializada. Conozca más sobre el Programa de Embajadores Especializados de los Servicios de Salud del Condado de Contra Costa. Este es un proyecto financiado con una subvención del Departamento de Servicios de Desarrollo (DDS) de California. Los Embajadores de Salud Especializados son profesionales con IDD que representan al departamento de salud en eventos comunitarios y realizan actividades de alcance en comunidades desatendidas para ayudar a conectar a las personas con servicios y apoyos. Escuche las mejores prácticas y las lecciones aprendidas del programa. Escuche cómo otros departamentos de salud y grandes empleadores pueden diversificar su fuerza laboral para incluir profesionales con IDD y otras discapacidades.



**6:15p Temas y Proyectos Potenciales del RAC del Área de la Bahía
Para Explorar Para el Año Fiscal 2023-24**

Nicholau

Los miembros del RAC revisan su lista de noviembre de 2023 y enero de 2024: temas, problemas regionales y estatales, áreas de exploración y necesidades de la comunidad para que el RAC del Área de la Bahía aprenda y participe colectivamente. Los miembros del RAC votan y seleccionan aprox. 2 áreas de enfoque.



6:45p Comentarios Adicionales de las Oficinas Legislativas

Grigsby

Una invitación para que las oficinas legislativas presentes proporcionen declaraciones breves, comentarios sobre temas emergentes o actualizaciones que impactan a sus electores de la comunidad de discapacidades.



6:55p Informes de la Comunidad

Grigsby

- Informes de “Gente Primero”



- Informes del Centro Regional
- Informes de los Concilios de Discapacidades del Desarrollo de los Condados
- Concilio Nacional en Discapacidad



7:20p Informes de Miembros:

Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Area de la Bahía y miembros del Concilio Estatal en Discapacidades del Desarrollo (SCDD) Grigsby

Escuche las actualizaciones de los miembros del RAC y los miembros del Concilio sobre su trabajo regional y estatal, y sus prioridades.



7:50p Otros Anuncios

Y Elementos de la Agenda Para Futuras Reuniones Grigsby

Una oportunidad para que los miembros de la comunidad aporten ideas, necesidades, problemas e inquietudes.



8:00p Fin de Reunión

Grigsby

*** Todos los horarios indicados y el orden del día son aproximados y están sujetos a cambios. Cualquier punto de la agenda tiene el potencial de ser sometido a votación.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
November 29, 2023, Minutes **DRAFT****

This meeting was held through Zoom (video call or call-in)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83790187411?pwd=WnZ5OCthMHpsTWITcUkySFR2M0FGUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 9018 7411 **Passcode:** 561833

Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Jennifer Fung, Elizabeth Grigsby, Marla Silversmith, Emily Witkin, and Florence Wong.

Committee Members Absent: John Marble and Dr. Jennifer Pien.

State Council Members: Alex Reyes.

SCDD Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Gabriela Solval, Jennifer Lucas, and Valerie Buell.

Accessibility Assistance: Interpreter Andres, Interpreter Arturo, Captioner Laura, Captioner Anna, Support Eunice.

Legislative Office Representation: Elaine Schroth from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office, Nicholas Hargis from Representative Anna Eshoo's Office, and Emily Salgado from Assemblymember Diane Papan's Office.

Guests Attending: Lisa Kleinbub, Eric Zigman, Patrick McKay, Vi Ibarra, Teresa Carol, Brandi Auble, and Sandy Chin.

5:31p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell reviewed the housekeeping and took roll call of RAC members.

5:37p Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2023:

Moved: Florence Wong Seconded: Marla Silversmith

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: All ayes

5:40p Elizabeth Grigsby asked for public comments. Highlights included:

- Elaine Schroth from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office shared:
 - The office is putting together the 2024 legislative package and encourages attendees to send their suggestions to the office.
 - Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan has been selected for the privacy committee which will include cyber security.

- Since the last RAC meeting, Elaine has been meeting with others in the community to learn more about how this office can do more and is making connections with community colleges and the internship program for 16+.

5:44p Election of Vice Chair

- Sheraden Nicholau gave an overview of need to fill the Vice Chair position on the RAC
Introduced Marla Silversmith to make a statement.
- Marla's Statement (highlights):
 - Currently live in Pleasanton California since 2001. Currently working as superintendent in Burlingame.
 - Family advocate.
 - Witnessing the education conditions for her sister motivated her to get her education as a teacher to be able to teach any student who comes into her classroom. Thesis on IEPs and educational system missteps.
 - Work on self-advocacy, self-determination, and advocated for students to do self-run IEPs.
 - Doctorate in education and equity, with a focus on student voice.
 - When we talk about equity we need to talk about intersectionality and remember diversity goes beyond multiple things.

Motion to approve Marla Silversmith as the new Vice Chair for the RAC

Moved: Florence Wong Seconded: Elizabeth Grigsby

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: All ayes

5:57p Presentation Part I: Bay Area Year in Review & State Council Year in Review presented by Sheraden Nicholau. Sheraden Nicholau shared screen to show the handouts in the packet. Highlights included.

- A review of the RAC Member work and activity in Fed Fiscal Year 2022-2023:
- A review of SCDD Bay Area Regional Office work and activity in Fed Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

6:07p Presentation Part II: Sheraden Nicholau gave a review of the role of members of the RAC and led discussion on the RAC topics and potential projects for fiscal year 2023-2024.

- Opened discussion on what RAC members want to explore or focus on in the next Fiscal Year.
 - Elizabeth Grigsby commented:
 - Community collaborating and have a bigger voice in healthcare, safety, and supporting families in getting the information they need.
 - Emily Witkin commented:

- A lot of social and recreational programming was cut, and this is an area of need. The government tells us what goals priorities are allowed to be and that doesn't provide much choice.
 - (Lisa Kleinbub added) Regional Centers got a directive a month ago that we must update our social and recreational policies and hold more outreach, so people know what is available. It is an opportunity to develop/redevelop things now that maybe fit better for people today.
- Nutrition and exercise: Some are told from their service coordinator "that is not something we do". People need support in these areas.
- Florence Wong commented:
 - Establishing a registry for caregivers who abuse people who are in their care. We already have the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) in California keeps information/reports available to law enforcement related to substantiated cases of abuse of children. Our workgroup is looking into the possibility of having an adult registry, to be accessed by someone who is looking to hire a caregiver.
- Alex Reyes commented:
 - The Storytellers Blog, once launched by the State Council, will host featuring stories about leaders and others with disabilities talking about the issues that matter to them and the work they are doing, and it would be a good thing for the RAC to be involved and to open this up to anyone who is interested.
- Eric Zigman asked:
 - Supported decision-making listening series done recently: Next steps? Does this RAC want to consider continuing to strengthen supported decision-making (SDM)?
 - (Sheraden Nicholau added) At the end of October, the State Council completed public listening sessions on SDM in different languages. We continue to collect community input; people can email us, they can complete a survey we have online in a few different languages, and we're using this feedback to start to craft grant RFPs.

6:47p Motion to continue the conversation on the RAC topics and potential projects for fiscal year 2023-2024:

Moved: Florence Wong Seconded: Elizabeth Grigsby

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: All ayes

6:50p Legislative Office Comment after the presentation: No further comments.

6:55p Community Partner Reports:

People First Highlights:

- Gabriela Solval read the report from Patrick McKay for Bay Area People First (BAPF):
 - There are two meetings coming up on Zoom:
 - December 5th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM will be to vote on a Bank Account holder for Bay Area People First
 - December 15th from 4:15 to 5:15 PM is our scheduled meeting and we will be planning for 2024. As always all are welcome to join these meetings and the Bay Area People First Chapter.

Regional Center Report Highlights.

- Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC):
 - Regarding staffing, we have done a focused effort on trying to retain our long-term staff and hire new staff. We have grown to 187 social workers and our vacancy rate is the lowest it has been in my eight years.
 - Our Board of Directors services committee held several listening sessions for those who have loved ones with developmental disabilities who live at home about their fears and hopes for future planning. They had a session in Cantonese, one in Spanish, one in English, and one with a large number of our services providers about what they're hearing about future planning.
 - All 21 of our Regional Centers are part of the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) has the budget priorities for the next year. One will be accessible and affordable housing.
- Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - We are experiencing a change in Medi-Cal for people in our counties.
 - Everyone who has Medi-Cal, even those who also have Medicare and other insurance, is moving to Medi-Cal Managed Care, as well as people who reside in a facility called intermediate care facilities. There are people who are a little bit worried about this transition and change, because sometimes Medi-Cal Managed Care plans have not been great for people getting services. There is concern about payments for people who live in intermediate care facilities.
 - Regional Centers are monitoring all this and developing memorandums of understanding with those plans to assure that people get the services that they need.
 - In collaboration with GGRC, this Saturday there will be a conference for the Deaf + community (e.g., people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, especially adults, and have intellectual or developmental disabilities). It is a first of its kind conference in our area and the start of something people around the state are looking at as a model. 150 people registered so far.
 - RCEB is finalizing our strategic plan. Asking for people to complete the strategic plan survey, due by the December 2nd.

- Job fair for case manager applicants on December 5th and 7th at our offices,

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:

- Gabriela Solval read the report from Ben Chen for the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council (ACDDC):
 - Every four years, the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging prepares a Countywide Area Plan that informs services for those 55+ in Alameda County. Please consider taking the survey and sharing among your networks.
 - Several upcoming in-person opportunities being hosted by each of the Alameda County Supervisors listed on our webpage.
 - The World Institute on Disability (WID), a lead agency in global disability inclusion in disasters, has partnered with The Center for Independent Living (CIL) to support disability-inclusive emergency preparedness in Alameda County.
- Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - The Annual Alameda County Transition Fair will now be a joint county transition fair with Contra Costa and Alameda counties. It will be in March 2024, date still to be determined. 2024 will remain geographically in Alameda County and 2025 will be in Contra Costa County, alternating going forward.
 - Also working on our joint county awards event, happening in June. Please keep an eye out for our nomination forms.
 - The Contra Costa DD council will not meet in December.

National Council on Disability:

- Sheraden Nicholau gave the report from Sascha Bittner:
 - National Council on Disability Councilmember, Sascha Bittner, and moderated a National Housing Town Hall on the 17th of November. SCDD Chair, Wesley Witherspoon, attended, made comments, and participated in that meeting.

7:20p Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

Highlights include:

- **Jennifer Fung:**
 - Integrated Community Services (ICS) supports with employment opportunities.
 - Also has continued to attend the Bay Area People First meetings. I would like to start attending local councils/committees of interest and represent as an Asian-American person with disabilities.
- **Elizabeth Grigsby:**
 - The Golden Gate Self-Advocacy Conference was held on November 1st and was held both in person and virtually for the first time. Gabriela Solval of the State Council got an award, among others honored. The theme was Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) final rule.

- **Marla Silversmith:**
 - We had the honor of hosting a combined large Special Olympics event in the area.
 - Working with a company called Wordly AI which allows me to speak in my native language, English, and for the people in the audience to hear in their own native language; on their phone, or translated in written form.
- **Florence Wong:**
 - The Art Showcase Commission on Disabilities in San Mateo County was held this year at the County Center in Redwood City.
 - The upcoming Transition to Independence Fair for San Mateo County will be on February 10, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the San Mateo County Office of Education in Redwood Shores.
- **Alex Reyes:**
 - Alex been appointed as the Council Representative to the Statewide Self Advocacy Network starting January 2024.
 - Six Flags Discovery Kingdom to host a concert to honor my dad's legacy. He was a radio broadcaster for 40 years, especially in the Spanish speaking community.
 - AB248 has been signed by the governor as of October. This law will be implemented January of next year.

7:38p Other Announcements:

- Eric Zigman shared information in chat regarding the exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California.
 - Emily Witkin announced she has a piece in the exhibit.
- Sheraden Nicholau shared a review of SB544 going into effect in January and how that will impact RAC meetings going forward.
- Valerie Buell shared the next RAC meeting will be on February 28, 2024, and the RAC meeting to continue the conversation will need to be scheduled.

7:47p Meeting Adjourned.



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
January 11, 2024, Minutes DRAFT**

This meeting was hybrid: Held in-person, and through Zoom (video call or call-in)

Location: 1515 Clay Street, Room 10, Oakland, CA 94612

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81386088903?pwd=eHo4RzMwTlhjS2QvbjV4NEZ1bjFqUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 8608 8903 **Passcode:** 255658

Committee Members Attending in-person: Elizabeth Grigsby and Marla Silversmith

Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Jennifer Fung, John Marble, Emily Witkin, and Florence Wong.

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Fung and Dr. Jennifer Pien.

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

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Legislative Office Representation: Tiffanee Jones from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office

Guests Attending: Sandy Chin, Khushboo Chabria, Christy Lam-Julian, Sara Desumala, Teresa Nold.

4:05p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell reviewed the housekeeping and took roll call of RAC members.

4:11p Public Comments: Elizabeth Grigsby asked for public comments. Highlights included:

- Khushboo Chabria shared:
 - Invited here by RAC member, John Marble, and am representing Neurodiversity Pathways. This February we are going to be hosting our spring cohort of our career readiness training: a 17-week, learn-by-doing, online course for neurodivergent jobseekers. The program is covered by the Department of Rehabilitation, and it is may also covered by the Regional Center.
- Tiffanee Jones, District Director from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office, out of Solano County, District 11. Serves part of Contra Costa County. We partner with other assembly members in Contra Costa County to do things on behalf of constituents.

- Assemblymember Wilson is currently the chair of the Legislative Black Caucus, and this is her last year chairing that body of legislators. She is also now the Chair of Transportation and Emergency Preparedness for the state.
- She also serves on Appropriations, Budget, Housing and Community Development, Public Safety, Climate, Crisis Response, Emergency, Energy and Transportation, Local Public Safety, Ports and Goods, Students with Disabilities, Streamlining Services for Victims of Interpersonal Violence.
- We are still looking for legislation to be able to support, so if you all have legislation that we need to be looking at, if you have spot bill ideas, please get that to me by the 19th.
- Christy Lam-Julian shared:
 - I just found out about the State Council. Family advocate and resource parent at West Contra Costa Unified, and helping other families navigate the system.
 - Families have challenges getting through the regional center and getting case managers to respond. Is there a network or community that we can get connected with to help navigate this system?
 - Sheraden Nicholau invited Christy Lam-Julian to contact our office and book a meeting to talk about these needs and Valerie Buell put her email address in the chat to request to be added to the eblast list.

4:28p Continuation of the Bay Area RAC Topics & Potential Projects for Exploration for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

- Sheraden Nicholau gave a brief review of the purpose of this meeting, the accomplishments of the RAC over the last year, and the draft list of topic areas of exploration shared in the November RAC meeting and through email (listed below):
 - Collaborate with the San Mateo Commission on Disabilities regarding the statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry.
 - Involvement and advocacy for our community regarding social and recreational programming.
 - The Supportive Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program.
 - The State Council Storyteller's Project.
 - Involvement in advocacy for our community with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
 - Involvement and advocacy for our community with the Association of Bay Area governments.
 - Involvement and advocacy for our community with the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority.
- Sheraden asked for anything else members would like to add to the list and took notes, shown on screen, throughout the brainstorming session, that summarized comments and allowed RAC members to review as the discussion went along.

Noted Suggestion highlights are:

- Marla Silversmith:
 - Regional center recruitment, retention, and support of case managers and staff, as well as timelines such as a time study to see the rate of compliance in responding to requests and calls from clients and potential clients.
 - Intersectionality.
 - Big areas of focus like bay area housing, transportation, are things that affect all of the community.
- Elizabeth Grigsby:
 - Accountability for regional center staff: When people call the regional center, they need to be able to talk to someone or be directed to someone who can answer their questions. If clients and/or their family advocates cannot reach anyone, the regional center should be held accountable.
 - Healthcare access for people with mobility needs and mobility equipment including reproductive care and other care, medical setting physical access.
- John Marble:
 - Barriers to system navigation and expanding opportunities with state programs, particularly around employment:
 - Figuring out what the barriers for job seekers. Esp. for those who are enrolled in the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) but are not regional center clients.
 - Barriers with qualifying for services, but unable to get/access those services.
 - Navigating job development and coaching supports for civil service jobs / government jobs.
 - This could be folded into housing and other services.
- Florence Wong:
 - Tracking companies with a better record of hiring people with disabilities and invite them to present their strategies and best practices to use as a model that other private sector companies can follow.
 - (Sheraden followed up) There are some national models, some national organizations that do just that. So, there are some good practices out there we can look at if this ends up being a focus of the RAC. (Sheraden put information about The Employment First Office in the chat and gave a summary about the office)
 - We may have a RAC member attend the meetings of the Transportation Commission and Housing Authority virtually or just monitor what they are doing and perhaps make public comments at their meetings and report back to the RAC.
- Emily Witkin:

- Barriers in medical healthcare that apply to a larger portion of the community like reproductive healthcare. General healthcare equity and access.
- The Storyteller's Project can be something we do but not necessarily a priority.

Sheraden notified the RAC members the notes would be updated and sent to all RAC members and a vote on the priorities will be put on the agenda for February.

5:22p Other Announcements: No one had any announcements.

5:23p Meeting Adjourned.

Overview of Contra Costa County's

Specialty Health Ambassador Program:

This program is under Contra Costa County's Health Services and is a CA Department of Developmental Services (DDS) grant funded project.

Specialty Health Ambassadors are professionals with IDD who represent the health department at community events and do outreach in underserved communities to help connect people to services and supports.

Specialty Health Ambassadors (SHA) do activities that will help people with disabilities in Contra Costa County get services and improve their health.

Specialty Health Ambassadors receive training to do educational presentations and community outreach that will help people with disabilities, and the whole community, better understand what resources are available to them to help them stay healthy.

Specialty Health Ambassadors:

- Learn about general health department programs and available community resources (such as Regional Center, IHSS, SSI, school district services, and Department of Rehabilitation) in order to share the information with community members.
- Attend community events to talk to people about health department programs and available community resources. Attend meetings hosted by various civic groups, community agencies, businesses, and schools to encourage interest in the promotion of public health.
- Represent the health department with select community organizations.
- Conduct surveys to find out what residents need.
- Review material that the health department creates to make sure it is accessible to people with disabilities.
- Give out program flyers, postcards, or other materials to educate community members. Assist with preparation of visual aids and display materials.
- Share feedback from the community with the Program Coordinator and the rest of the Ambassador team.

- Make recommendations about how services can better help people with disabilities.
- Assist with discussion groups on health for people with disabilities.
- Be aware of and respect the differences and diversity of county residents.

The Program Coordinator position oversees education and health promotion activities for the Specialty Health Ambassador Program and coordinates multiple program elements. This includes advising Ambassadors on health education and preventive health principles, the techniques of community organization, and strategies to support new and existing community-based partner outreach efforts. This role:

- Plans, conducts, and evaluates the health education and health prevention aspects of the Specialty Health Ambassador Program.
- Coordinates various civic groups, community agencies, businesses, schools, and concerned individuals to encourage interest in the promotion of public health.
- Represents the department with various community organizations and citizen committees.
- Reviews promotions for literacy level and cultural competency.
- Maintains and distributes health educational material to Ambassadors and the general public as appropriate. Prepares visual aids and display materials.
- Conducts needs assessments and prepares reports and recommendations on community health needs and services available to meet them.
- Organizes and arranges for discussion groups on priority health issues and barriers.
- Publicizes health programs and services through various media.
- Evaluates reports on health education services and educational programs.

Potential RAC Topic Areas for Exploration Updated list for 02.2024

Understanding systems, systems change and capacity-building work. Think about projects/policies/legislation implementation that impact the broader region—that impact multiple counties.

Bay Area RAC members, please be ready to vote on two (2) topic areas in the Feb 2024 Bay RAC meeting.

- **Healthcare access for people with IDD**
 - Those with mobility needs / equipment.
 - Sexual health and safety, reproductive health care.
 - Mental health / behavioral healthcare.
 - Nutrition and exercise support and services.

- **Services, systems navigation and barrier removal for job seekers and employees with disabilities.**
 - Access to Regional Center services. Access to DOR services.
 - Civil services jobs and private sector jobs. State Internship Program (SIP) and Paid Internship Program (PIP) access.
 - Recommendations to SCDD, to Employment First Office, re SB 639.
 - Identifying companies with good track records hiring diversity / committed to diverse workforces. Sharing best practices. Promote those companies / recognize those companies.

- **Intersectional Advocacy (race/ ethnicity, language, LGBTQIA+, disability) collaborations.**
 - Especially impacting community safety, street safety, and/or systems navigation.

- **Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry (a workgroup project of the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities)**
 - For CA adults looking for caregivers.

- This existing workgroup has collected data and info about related policy efforts, including the current central index (CACI) overseen by DOJ.
- Advocates say the current system is inadequate, and a new system needs to be developed, cross-system (because care workers / direct service professionals move between systems).

- **Involvement and advocacy for Social and Recreational Programming.**
 - Need for more options, more flexibility, person-centered, and more accessible programming.
 - Regional Centers have received a directive from DDS to update their policies on Social and Rec services.

- **Regional Center service capacity and quality.**
 - Regional Center compliance rates for intake and assessment.
 - Recruitment and retention of service coordinators / social workers.
 - Accountability re communication with people-served and families.

- **Supported Decision Making (SDM) Technical Assistance Program.**
 - SDM education and outreach in the Bay Area, to ensure people with IDD and other disabilities have access to SDM and have their SDM respected in education, IDD services, healthcare, financial institutions, and legal / judicial settings.
 - <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdm-tap/>

Other opportunities for advocacy. The below have been determined NOT a priority area for this RAC. However, consider keeping tabs on or having a rep attend related meetings:

- **SCDD's Storytellers:** Contribute to a statewide effort of interviews and blogs, promoting and interviewing highlighting Bay Area leaders with IDD and issues we care about. <https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-communications-blog/>
- **Metropolitan Transportation Commission** (responsible for planning, financing, and coordinating transportation for the 9 county Bay Area.) <https://www.bayareametro.gov/>
- **Association of Bay Area Governments:** Part regional planning agency and part local gov't service provider to build cooperation and collaboration across local governments and communities. <https://abag.ca.gov/>
- **Bay Area Housing Finance Authority:** A first-of-its-kind regional authority created to address the Bay Area's chronic housing challenges. Potential bond measure could bring \$10 billion to \$20 billion to the nine-county Bay Area. <https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/authorities/bay-area-housing-finance-authority-bahfa>

Reference:

The State Council's 2022-2025 State Plan: <https://scdd.ca.gov/stateplan/>



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To: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties
From: State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bay Area Regional Office
Date: January 31, 2024

Re: Projected 2023-2024 Schedule of State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings

Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings. Accessible formats of all agenda and materials can be found at least 10 days prior to the meeting at: www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/.

Starting January 1, 2024, these meetings comply with Government Code Sections 11123.1, 11123.2, and 11125(f). Members may be physically present at one or more teleconference locations. There may be members of the public body who are remotely participating in a meeting that were granted a reasonable accommodation per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals with disabilities who require accessible alternative formats of the agenda and related materials and/or auxiliary aids/services to participate in any meeting should contact us at bayarea@scdd.ca.gov or call us at **510.286.0439**, a least five (5) business days before that meeting.

All committee meetings are open to the public.

For all meetings: Networking from 5:15 PM to 5:30 PM, RAC Meeting from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

- September 27, 2023** Ed Roberts Campus: 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
Main Floor, Osher Foundation Education Center
- November 29, 2023** Virtual Meeting on Zoom
- February 28, 2024** Roosevelt Elementary School, Heron Hall, 1151 Vancouver Ave,
Burlingame, CA 94010
- April 24, 2024** Location TBD
- June 26, 2024** Location TBD

No meetings in July or August 2024

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Para: Miembros del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) y partes interesadas
De: Oficina Regional del Área de la Bahía del Concilio Estatal de Discapacidades del Desarrollo
Fecha: 31 de enero de 2024
Re: Calendario proyectado para 2023-2024 de las reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía

Los miembros del público son bienvenidos y alentados a participar en estas reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional del Área de la Bahía (RAC). Los formatos accesibles de todos los programas y materiales se pueden encontrar al menos 10 días antes de la reunión en:

www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/.

A partir del 1 de enero de 2024, estas reuniones cumplen con las Secciones 11123.1, 11123.2 y 11125(f) del Código de Gobierno. Los miembros pueden estar físicamente presentes en uno o más lugares de teleconferencia. Puede haber miembros del organismo público que están participando de forma remota en una reunión a la que se le concedió un ajuste razonable según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades. Las personas con discapacidades que requieren formatos alternativos accesibles de la agenda y materiales relacionados y/o auxiliares/servicios para participar en cualquier reunión deben contactarnos a bayarea@scdd.ca.gov o llamarnos al **510-286-0439** o bayarea@scdd.ca.gov al menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de la reunión.

Todas las reuniones del comité están abiertas al público.

Para todas las reuniones: Oportunidad de red 5:15 pm a 5:30 pm y las reuniones del RAC son de 5:30 pm a 8:00 pm.

27 de septiembre de 2023	Campus Ed Roberts: 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703 Planta Principal, Centro de Educación de la Fundación Osher
29 de noviembre de 2023	Reunión virtual en Zoom
28 de febrero de 2024	Escuela Primaria Roosevelt, Salón Heron, 1151 Vancouver Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010
24 de abril de 2024	Ubicación por determinar
26 de junio de 2024	Ubicación por determinar

No hay reuniones en **julio y agosto de 2024**

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