



Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

Attending Members

Connie Lapin (FA)
Julie Neward (FA)
Viviana Barnwell
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)
Harold Ashe (FA)

Members Absent

Andy Imparato (DRC)
Karen Millender (FA)
Lee Bycel (FA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Rosie Ryan (SA)

Others Attending

Chris Arroyo
Karen Mulvany
Ken DaRosa
Pamela Perls
Riana Hardin
Veronica Bravo
Victoria Schlussler

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Beth Hurn
Brian Weisel
Bridget Kolakosky

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Lee Bycel called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

It was motioned and seconded (Lapin/Neward [FA]) and carried to adopt the March 2022 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously, see page one for a record of members present.)

6. STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES

Deputy Director Bridget Kolakosky updated members on the status of the current legislative package, including the following 2022 sponsored bills:

AB 2920 – Arambula

Postsecondary education.

Summary: This bill would provide students with a person-centered planning process and the opportunity to pursue an educational credential in alignment with Think College Model Standards.

Status: Funding goal for this bill was not met. This bill may be reintroduced in 2023.

SB 1092 – Hurtado

Revised fair hearing and individual program plan (IPP) process.

Summary: This bill idea was submitted by family advocate Mary Peitso. This bill will require the IPP planning team to include at least one regional center representative authorized to make decisions on behalf of the regional center regarding services. It will revise the procedure for developing the IPP, including making it a requirement that changes to the IPP be made in a program planning meeting with the real-time participation of the consumer or, when appropriate, their parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative (unless specified requirements are satisfied). It will also require that the consumer, or, when appropriate, their parents, legal guardian, or conservator, be allowed to attend a meeting held as part of an internal process to determine the services and supports to be purchased.

Status: This bill did not pass, but about 80% of the contents of the bill were passed in the Budget. The next steps include implementation and observation training. The Council will conduct fair hearing observations and report back to sponsors and stakeholders to ensure that all of the goals of this bill are accomplished

AB 1663 – Maienschein

Supported decision making and conservatorships

Summary: This bill idea was submitted by Erica Jewel, who is a professional in the field. This bill will improve the current conservatorship process and create a Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program, which will be a resource for individuals and organizations to learn more about SDM and receive assistance in using it. The next steps include implementation of SDM-TAP in coordination with DRC and UCD

UCCED with the long-term goal of establishing permanent, ongoing funding.

Status: This bill passed, pending the Governor's signature. If signed, this bill will revise various procedures in the conservatorship process.

AB 2547 – Nazarian

Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Act.

Summary: This bill idea was submitted by self-advocate and former councilmember, Lisa Cooley. It would require the Department of Aging to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program.

Status: This bill failed due to the cost. The legislative coalition is meeting to discuss reintroducing this bill in 2023.

For a complete list of the bills discussed and their status as of this meeting date, please refer to the bill chart at <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2022/09/9.13.22-Final-Bill-Chart.pdf?emrc=e0b24f>

7. 2023 LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

Deputy Director Bridget Kolakosky presented SCDD's 2023 Policy Priorities. Staff recommends that LPPC request that the Council adopt changes to further align the policy documents with the 2022-2026 State Plan. Staff recommends that the LPPC consider adding inclusive language to the policy priorities documents. Proposed language is as follows:

Protecting Rights: Ensuring accessibility of services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families regardless of racial, cultural, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Committee member Lapin stated that she would like LPPC to find ways to advocate for those seeking health and safety waivers and those experiencing abuse. Members were encouraged to email recommendations to Deputy Director Kolakosky.

Policy staff are collecting bill ideas by means of the There Should Be a Law Contest link on the SCDD website. Everyone can participate in this contest. Submissions will be accepted from September 1st to September

30th, 2022. The winning bill idea may become a bill in 2023 and the winner will be included in the legislative process.

Deputy Director Kolakosky provided an overview of the 2023-24 legislative process and timeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Mulvaney followed up on committee member Lapin's comments about prioritizing health and safety. She stated that there is a hole in the system for those who require 24/7 supervision, there are no providers and no funding available for these services. After 7 years of failing to obtain these services she has been given permission to apply for a health and safety waiver. She stated that this approach is not working.

Pamela Perls identified additional health and safety issues for consideration, including crisis intervention, temporary homes, mental health accessibility and locating housing.

8. UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Committee member Connie Lapin reported that there is not enough progress with self-determination and that the SSDAC should be moving more quickly. She's looking to the Council to make this happen.

Committee member Julie Neward discussed the need for family members and caregivers to be educated about the supports and services available to their loved ones because many people are reliant only on the information provided by service coordinators.

9. Member Updates

Members provided brief updates of local legislative and regulatory activities taking place in their regions.

Committee member Connie Lapin reminded members to attend the bi-monthly Disability Voices United SDP connect webinar. Committee members discussed the need for regional centers to provide crisis management resources in response to sexual assault and the importance of going to regular medical check-ups.

10. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. The meeting dates for 2023 are to be announced.