



Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

Attending Members

Viviana Barnwell
Lee Bycel (FA)
Connie Lapin (FA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Karen Millender (FA)
Julie Neward (FA)
Rosie Ryan (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

Members Absent

Harold Ashe (FA)
Andy Imperato (DRC)

Others Attending

Chris Arroyo
Aaron Carruthers
Victoria Schlussler
Bridget Kolakosky

Others Attending

Robin Maitino-Erben
Karen Mulvany
Michelle Cave
Janet Fernandez
Brian Wiesel
Beth Hurn
Mary Peitso
Tina Reszler

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Lee Bycel called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Karen Mulvaney stated that DDS has updated the Self-Determination frequently asked questions (FAQs) to, among other things, provide clarity on Self-Determination and conservatorships. She is relieved for clarification and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Committee. The FAQs can be found at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/>.

Mary Peitso introduced herself to the Committee. She provided a brief background on her experience being on the SCDD Regional Advisory Committee and talked a little about conservatorship stating how happy she was to see SB 1092 introduced.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

It was carried to adopt the January 2022 meeting minutes as presented by acclamation. See page one for a record of members present.

6. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES

Staff member Robin Maitino-Erben directed members to the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) website link in their packets to review the latest legislative and regulatory updates.

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY UPDATES

Deputy Director Bridget Kolakosky provided members with an update on the status of the 2022 sponsored bills and announced the bill contest winners.

AB 2920 – Arambula

Postsecondary education.

If passed, this bill will provide students with a person-centered planning process and the opportunity to pursue an educational credential in alignment with Think College Model Standards.

SB 1092 – Hurtado

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

This bill idea was submitted by family advocate Mary Peitso, and if passed, 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.

AB 1663 – Maienschein

Supported decision making and conservatorships

This bill idea was submitted by Erica Jewel, who is a professional in the field. If passed, this bill will revise various procedures in the conservatorship process. 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.

AB 2547 – Nazarian

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

This bill idea was submitted by self-advocate and former councilmember, Lisa Cooley and if passed, will require the Department of Aging, by December 31, 2023, to create and administer the Housing Stabilization to Prevent and End Homelessness Among Older Adults and People with Disabilities Program.

Deputy Director Kolakosky then presented the following bills for consideration.

Employment - SB 951 (Durazo) Unemployment insurance – paid family leave. Recalculates formula for the state disability insurance program so more money is put in claimants’ pockets (broader than AB 138). Staff recommend supporting this bill.

Health - SB 870 (Portantino/Wilk) Regional Center Services – age 18 to 22. If passed, this bill would align the age requirements defined in the ADA Act with the Lanterman Act. Staff recommend supporting this bill.

Safety - AB 1831 (Seyarto) The Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission. Creates a seat for a person with a disability to on the Seismic Safety Commission. Staff recommend supporting this bill.

Deputy Director Kolakosky provided a status of rollover bills listed below from 2021. For the most recent information, please click on the bill number.

- Community Supports: [AB 813](#); [AB 1007](#); [SB 672](#)
- Education: [AB 126](#); [AB 299](#); [SB 692](#); [SB 291](#)
- Health/Safety: [AB 270](#); [AB 610](#); [AB 971](#); [AB 1400](#); [AB 1417](#)

For a complete list of the bills discussed, what they do and their status, please visit https://scdd.ca.gov/legislative_and_public_policy/.

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to recommend that the Council support the 2021/22 legislative package which include watching one new bill and supporting three new bills. In addition to the roll over bills from 2021, the 2021/22 legislative package include supporting SB 951, SB 870, AB 1831, AB 2483 and watching SB 518.

Deputy Director Kolakosky provided members with a brief on the proposed state budget, stating that there is currently a proposal for establishing dental clinics (Dental Association) for specialized care, but the request must be made in such a way that ensures money is spent on specified needs and used properly.

8. **UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided a summary of the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting, which will include consideration of the 2022 legislative packet, announcing the winners of the Council's 2022 legislative contest, and a presentation on the draft 2022-23 SCDD Budget.

Committee member Maria Marquez reported that her Service Coordinator refused to accept her PCP (person-centered plan) because she could not read it. The Service Coordinator stated that it needed to look like a biography. Committee member Marquez sought assistance from Judy Mark

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 Wesley Witherspoon reported that he attended DDS' Employment Workgroup. He also stated that he thinks a suicide hotline would really help people in distress from COVID. Committee member Julie Neward responded to member Witherspoon, stating that CalHope is a suicide resource.

Hyperlinks for official agency updates on the DDS Taskforce and Workgroup, Self Determination Program and CalABLE were also provided to members in the packet and in the chat.

9. **MEMBER UPDATES**

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

Committee Chair Lee Bycel reminded everyone that Tuesday's Council meeting is important and hopes to see everyone there.

Committee member Neward reported that SibNet is all about the future and establishing stakeholder groups to take on the care of brothers/sisters with I/DD.

Committee member Rosie Ryan reported that she will be doing training for the Community Living Center.

10. **2022 MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The remaining 2022 meeting dates are June 7th and September 13th. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.