



State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024

Attending Members

Aubyn Stahmer (UCEDD)
Harold Fujita (FA)
Jessica Brown (FA)
Julio Garnica (SA)
Michael Ellis (FA)
Nestor Nieves (SA)

Members Absent

None

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Beth Hurn
Brian Weisel
Charles Nguyen
Ibrahim Muttaqi
Janet Fernandez
Kristie Allensworth
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Michael Ellis (FA) called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

5. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Stahmer/Garnica [SA]) and carried to adopt the November 2023 meeting minutes, as presented (passed unanimously [see Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

6. **2024 STATE PLAN COMMITTEE OVERVIEW**

Rihana Ahmad, Manager of Headquarters Operations and State Plan, provided a presentation to inform committee members about the role and responsibilities of the State Plan Committee. This presentation can be found on SCDD's website using the following link: https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/02/State-Plan-Committee-Overview_FINAL.pdf

7. **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

The committee reviewed four potential Cycle 47 Program Development Grant project ideas, which were proposed by SCDD's Disability Expert Advisory Panels (DEAPs) and included projects focused on Employment, Health and Safety, and Self-Advocacy. The committee expressed an interest in all four of the proposed projects and requested that staff develop and present full project descriptions for each of them at the next State Plan Committee Meeting. Members also expressed an interest in increasing the available funding for Cycle 47 Grants from \$260,000 to \$300,000 and requested that the chair of the Administrative Committee propose this increase at the Administrative Committee meeting on February 16, 2024.

8. **2027-2031 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Rihana Ahmad, Manager of Headquarters Operations and State Plan, provided a brief overview of the process for State Plan development. Committee members discussed the next steps in the planning phase of the project, which will include designing a statewide survey to collect input on the Council's focus areas and developing a plan for data collection and outreach. The Committee expressed interest in collaborating with the Council's federal partners in the State Plan development process at the November 16, 2023 meeting. To move this process forward between committee meetings, SCDD staff recommended the creation of a workgroup.

It was moved/seconded (Ellis [FA]/Fujita [SA]) and carried to adopt staff's recommendation to establish a workgroup that will collaborate with staff on survey design, data collection, and outreach plan. (passed unanimously [see Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

9. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2024. Chair Michael Ellis (FA) adjourned at the meeting at 12:12 p.m.