

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

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

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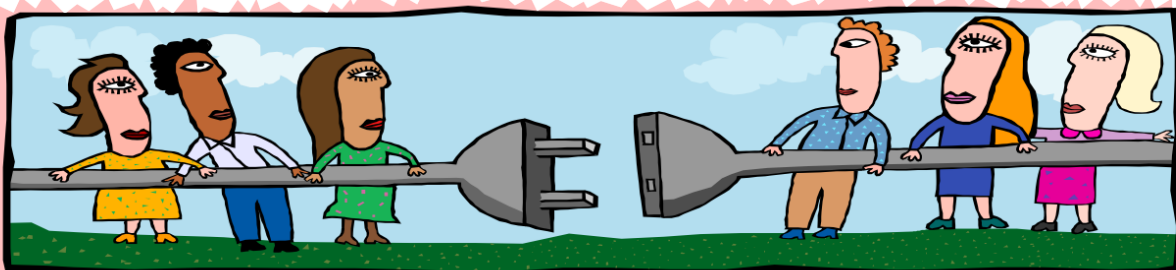
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Collaboration is key! We invite members of the community to share input, issues, and concerns. **All are welcome.** Featured: Updates from the Abuse Roundtable and caregiver abuse registry project, RAC member updates, community partner updates, and more.

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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, 26 de junio de 2024

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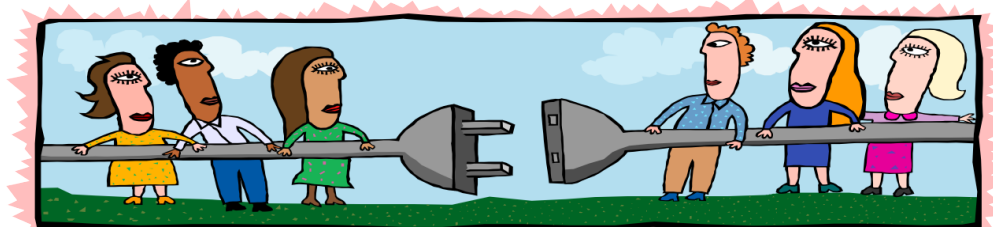
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¡La colaboración es clave! Invitamos a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir aportes, cuestiones y preocupaciones. **Todos son bienvenidos.** Presentado en esta reunión: Actualizaciones de la Mesa Redonda de Abuso y el proyecto de registro de abuso de cuidadores, actualizaciones de miembros de RAC, actualizaciones de socios comunitarios y más.

Esta reunión tendrá subtítulos en vivo e interpretación en español.

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

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

NOTICE & AGENDA*



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5:30p Call to Order

Introductions / Welcomes

Establishment of Quorum

Grigsby



5:37p Approval of the Feb 2024 and April 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 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.



6:20p Community Reports

Grigsby

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



6:50p 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.



7:00p Presentation and Discussion,

San Mateo County Abuse Roundtable Group: Caregiver Abuse Registry: "Why do we need one in CA?"

Wong

Individuals with disabilities have a higher risk of being abused than nondisabled people. Learn: 1) Why this is true, 2) What the Abuse Roundtable Group in San Mateo County has been doing to address this problem, and 3) What a statewide caregiver abuse registry could look like in CA. After the presentation, hold a Q&A session, and then discuss next steps for this work.



7:45p Planning for September

Nicholau

Some RAC members are reaching their term limit for service in the next year. State Council's Bay Area RAC members can consider a Special Session of the RAC before the September 2024 meeting to plan for elections.



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, 26 de junio de 2024



Hora Oportunidad de red 5:15pm – 5:30p, Reunión 5:30pm – 8:00pm



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5:30p Comienza la Reunión

Bienvenida

Establecimiento de Quórum

Grigsby



5:37p Aprobación de Feb 2024 y Abril 2024

Acta de la Reunión

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 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.



6:20p 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



6:50p 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.



7:00p Presentación y Discusión,

Grupo de Mesa Redonda de Abuso del Condado de San Mateo: Registro de abuso de cuidadores: ¿Por qué necesitamos uno en CA?

Wong

Las personas con discapacidades tienen un mayor riesgo de ser abusadas que las personas sin discapacidades. Aprenda: 1) Por qué esto es cierto, 2) Lo que el Grupo de Mesa Redonda de Abuso en el Condado de San Mateo ha estado haciendo para abordar este problema, y 3) Cómo podría verse un registro estatal



de abuso de cuidadores en CA. Después de la presentación, realice una sesión de preguntas y respuestas y luego discuta los siguientes pasos para este trabajo.



7:45p Planificación para septiembre

Nicholau

Algunos miembros del RAC están llegando a su límite de servicio en el próximo año. Los miembros del RAC del Área de la Bahía del Concilio de Estado pueden considerar una Sesión Especial del RAC antes de la reunión de septiembre de 2024 para planificar las elecciones.



**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**

April 24, 2024, Minutes DRAFT

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

Location: Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, Public Health Dept. Creekside Plaza, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82478532905?pwd=Qm9xbVVTMWttRFg1Wm9Ua3dMRkdZUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 7853 2905 **Passcode:** 559222

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

Council Members Attending in-person: Alex Reyes

Committee Members Attending through Zoom: Jennifer Fung, John Marble, Dr. Jennifer Pien, and Emily Witkin.

Council Members Attending through Zoom: Nicole Adler

SCDD Staff: Sheraden Nicholau, Gabriela Solval, Aaron Carruthers, Veronica Bravo, and Valerie Buell.

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Legislative Office Representation: Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office, Wendy Fabian from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office

Guests Attending in-person: Ben Chen, Lisa Kleinbub, Patrick McKay, Jerry Grace, and Sara Desumala

Guests Attending on Zoom: Vi Ibarra, Aparna Kommineni, Sascha Bittner, Ryan Easterly, Dr. Timothy Verceles, Eric Zigman, Will Sanford, Debra Adler, Teresa Carol, Siobhan Burgos, Joyce B, Rachel Sing, Bird, Michai Freeman, Carcel Hutchinson, Jenn.

5:30p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed a quorum was present.

5:32p Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2024:

Moved: Marla Silversmith Seconded: Elizabeth Grigsby

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: All ayes

Minutes for the February 28, 2024, minutes were postponed due to missing information reported by RAC Member, Florence Wong, before the meeting began.

5:35p Public Comments: Elizabeth Grigsby asked for public comments. Highlights included:

- Councilmember Nicole Adler shared thanks for having this meeting in hybrid format.
- Wendy Fabien from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office shared thanks for inviting the office.

5:40p Health Equity panel with panelists Ryan Easterly and Dr. Timothy Verceles. SCDD staff read their bios before starting with questions.

Role and the work in health and healthcare equity:

- Ryan Easterly:
 - Executive Director of The WITH Foundation and oversees the grant portfolio which promotes comprehensive healthcare for adults with developmental disabilities and try to support healthcare delivery models and medical education curriculum as well as training for medical professionals that specifically engages adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) as experts and leaders within the models, within the contributions and within the training programs.
- Dr. Timothy Verceles:
 - Attended University of California San Francisco (UCSF) dental school 30 years ago, then trained at Palo Alto and San Francisco, working with special health care needs populations like veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder. He wanted to see people who needed his skills the most. He maintains a mobile practice in the East Bay and works with registered dental hygienists and RCEB to expand the capacity of dental services to patients with special health care needs to see special needs populations.

Outcomes of equity work / how does this work reduce health and healthcare disparities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other disabilities:

- Ryan Easterly:
 - The Transition Working Group at UCSF informs the strategic plan that the entire healthcare system is undertaking to better serve those transitioning people with disabilities. (Transition means people with disabilities between the ages of 14 and

26 that are still going to pediatric professionals and are looking to find adult health providers.)

- Dr. Timothy Verceles:
 - Partnership with Highland Hospital creates metrics to see how many patients with special needs and disabilities they're able to see at their campus and their ability to treat in the operating room for those who need hospital dentistry. Also measuring how many providers have the ability to see people with disabilities in their dental offices or in patient homes (private homes or care homes or skilled nursing facilities.)

Panelists and attendees discussed AB 2510 authored by Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula, that would require the Department of Developmental Services to create a new program in the regional centers to improve dental care services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. AB2510 aims to create training opportunities so that dental staff are more familiar with the IDD population. Panelists and attendees discussed some of the bill language and what it aimed to accomplish. This legislation is cosponsored by California Dental Association which has been such a great advocacy group for increasing care for people with developmental disabilities for dental care. Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is supporting this bill. Panelists and attendees also discussed an attendee question about connecting with Independent Living Centers for collaboration, and why some patients, due to their special health care needs, will always need sedations dentistry in a hospital setting and with specific procedures and interventions.

How people with disabilities are currently involved in the panelists' work:

- Ryan Easterly:
 - People with disabilities are involved in all aspects of operations – within the board, staff, vendors that are select as grantees. One of our core values is the leadership and expertise of the most impacted. Whenever possible the Foundation prefers to support disability led projects. When that is not possible, they have established a compensation criterion for disability advisers.
- Dr. Timothy Verceles:
 - Interacts with patient advocates, caregivers, and family members daily. Preventative work with patients.

How people can get involved; what else can allies and advocates do to improve equity in the Bay Area and beyond:

- Ryan Easterly:
 - If you are interested in serving on the advisory committee, please apply. Spread the word about the work and let us know about good work happening in the Bay Area.

- Dr. Timothy Verceles:
 - Support our efforts for expansion by donations to the dental school. The dental school is a private entity but with the mission of expanding access to care. The dean really believes in the mission to increase access to care and make that a cornerstone part of our education for our students.

Panelist Dr. Timothy Verceles responded to questions about dental provider compensation because caring for patients with special health care needs takes much longer than for a patient without special health care needs. Providers associated with the University project can leverage different billing codes and can receive reimbursement for the preventive services and products that a private dentist on the outside cannot be reimbursed for. This helps cover some of the costs of the lengthier amount of time and care needed for these patients. Advocacy is needed for improved reimbursement rates in the insurance sector for dentists to be able to spend the time and care needed for patients with specific needs.

7:02p Legislative Office Comment after the presentation:

- Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office shared:
 - Happy to be here and to hear the information shared in the presentation. Advocacy for Denti-Cal (Medi-Cal) is needed, as well. Please reach out to our office if you are in the southern portion of San Mateo County or any part of our district as we are always happy to help people with their interactions with state agencies.
- Wendy Fabian from Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson's Office shared:
 - I will bring AB 2510 to Assemblymember Wilson's attention; our office will keep an eye on it.

7:07p Community Partner Reports:

People First Highlights:

- Patrick McKay read the report for Bay Area People First (BAPF):
 - The BAPF had a meeting to discuss action items and updates from members. We hope to start a planning group for the Carlos Quintong Self-Advocacy Celebration to return in 2025. Next meeting will be June 19, from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM. All are welcome.

Regional Center Report Highlights.

- Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC):
 - The Health Plan of San Mateo is doing a pilot project. They're the Medi-Cal managed care provider in San Mateo to bring Denti-Cal under their umbrella.

- The Governor has recommended delaying the full implementation of the IDD service provider rate change by a year. Assemblymember Damon Connelly listened to stories from the community at the recent Marin County Legislative Breakfast about concerns regarding this delay and shared a commitment to not delay the rate implementation.
- The Legislative Breakfasts for San Mateo County and San Francisco County is coming up; 140 of the 160 spots have been filled, so register if you plan to attend.
- Via letter, Assemblymember Nguyen requested that the state not delay the implementation. The letter now has over 50 signatures of assemblymembers and senators-- if you want your representative to sign the letter, reach out to them.
- Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - Specialized Therapeutic Services (STS) practitioners must have a year or two working with people with developmental disabilities. We use it for a number of different medical services, and it allows us to pay a person's usual customary rate.
 - The East Bay Legislative Coalition (EBLC) held a legislative breakfast back in January 2024. EBLC also invited legislators to day programs and other providers in their areas so they can actually see the programs in action.
 - RCEB is having a living option workshop on May 1 to share the living options and supports available in our catchment area.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:

- Ben Chen gave the report for the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - The Alameda DD Council has been meeting in hybrid format since January. We held our annual transition conference in March and partnered with Contra Costa County DD council in that joint event.
 - We are recruiting board members for our council and are looking for interested self-advocates or family members who live or work in Alameda County.
 - The next board meeting will be May 8, and will be a hybrid meeting.
 - We have been tracking the California State Digital Equity Plan, the state's effort to make sure everyone has access to digital devices and internet. The plan was just recently released and people with disabilities are a population included in the plan. There may be opportunities for organizations and others to support digital equity efforts down the line.
 - HireAble is hosting a series called "What Comes Next" to educate on the value of employment. Session one is April 30, session two is May 7, and session three is May 14. All from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
 - La Familia is hosting their 4th Latino Equity Summit on Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - Please submit your nominations for individuals or entities that are making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities in Alameda County or Contra

Costa County to be recognized at the Joint Awards event on June 6. Nominations are due May 5. The event is in Pleasant Hill; we are returning to in person after using Zoom for the past few years.

- There is a creativity expo taking place this Thursday, April 25, starting at 6:30 PM in Concord.
- The DD Council meeting was this morning and had a presentation from our Specialty Health Ambassador Team who provided an update on their program.

National Council Report Highlights:

- **Sascha Bittner** gave the report for the National Council on Disability:
 - Selected by Representative Nancy Pelosi in 2022 to be on this council, made up of presidential appointees and appointees from the U.S. Congress Majority and Minority House and Senate. The Council meets four times a year, with the next meeting on May 9.
 - We will discuss disability issues on tribal lands at the May meeting and will be posting a request for proposal for a grant to address these issues.
 - Council members will also present proposals, and my proposal will be about barriers with cancer treatment experienced by people with disabilities.

7:49p Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities. Highlights include:

- **Jennifer Fung:**
 - Jennifer has joined the SCDD Statewide Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA). Her focus has been on employment, and she will continue with the program through June.
 - She has applied to serve on the public transportation advisory committee for Marin County and is waiting to hear back on selection.
- **Elizabeth Grigsby:**
 - Shared the need for greater access to Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) for the community. As our conditions and abilities change, we should welcome low tech and high tech communication tools and supports, and welcome a variety of different AAC tools to support with our communication needs.
- **Marla Silversmith:**
 - Shared experience with a barrier in sex education in school for IDD populations. Schools are charged to teach students with puberty related sex health, safety, and education. However, even the program facilitator, who is phenomenal, can't get help and support. Planned Parenthood no longer does this work, and we welcome if others can share resources with us.
 - Michai Freeman shared with Marla the CIL has a project in development.

- Sheraden Nicholau and Elizabeth Grigsby shared resources across CA, including that a local provider, Le Tusa, has a program that included education and support around sexual health and safety education for people with IDD.
- **Emily Witkin**
 - No Report
- **Florence Wong:**
 - The Roundtable for Caregiver Abuse Registry group will meet on May 1, and will have presentations by reps from Foster City Police Department about their crisis response teams and how the program is going.
 - Tiffany Cleveland has a specific sex education program called Passion she shares with adults with IDD, and she may be able to modify it for Marla.
- **Alex Reyes:**
 - No Report
- **Nicole Adler:**
 - I have been working on helping people share individual stories about their experience with health care. People often are not heard by medical professionals, and often their needs are not met. I was on a panel for the San Andreas community and talked about my own experiences with communicating my needs.
 - I created a Rainbow Book Journal with one of my friends about the intersectionality of people with disabilities and in the LGBTQ community. I recommend that as a resource.
 - I have been selected as a Grand Marshal in this year's Pride in San Francisco.

8:07p Other Announcements (highlights):

- Michai Freeman expressed concern with the way sexuality is often treated as a taboo subject around people with developmental disabilities. This creates barriers to medical needs and wants, such as to have a doula for pregnancy care.
- Debra Adler also shared concern about how school districts handle sex education for people with disabilities, and the damaging stereotypes that limits the information provided to them. She also shared her experience with her regional center for Self-Determination Program. It has been difficult working with them to communicate, difficult to get a returned call or an email.
- Sara Desumala shared that many regional center clients cannot afford dental care. She has more questions about dental care equity to ask.

8:18p Meeting Adjourned.



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
February 28, 2023, Minutes DRAFT**

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

Location: Roosevelt Elementary School, Heron Hall, 1151 Vancouver Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271918131?pwd=cG1LNW9FWdV6bkViMEw5eVUreG5idz09>

Meeting ID: 872 7191 8131 **Passcode:** 723838

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

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

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Guests Attending in-person: Jerry Grace, and Sara Desumala

Guests Attending on Zoom: Lisa Kleinbub, Patrick McKay, Vi Ibarra, Aparna Kommineni, Teresa Carol, Ernesto De La Torre, Nicola Ifill-Fraser, Nora Lewis, Caniya Johnson, Will Sanford, Tyler, and Erika M.

5:33p Chair Elizabeth Grigsby called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed a quorum was present.

5:34p Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2023:

Moved: Elizabeth Grigsby Seconded: Marla Silversmith

Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: All ayes

5:37p Public Comments: Elizabeth Grigsby asked for public comments. Highlights included:

- Aidan Lynch from Assemblymember Damon Connolly's Office:
 - Gave overview of services provided by their office and Assembly District 12 in Marin County and part of Sonoma County.
 - Invited constituents to reach out if they have questions about legislation or line items in the budget; he included contact information in the chat.
- Nicholas Hargis from Representative Anna Eshoo's Office:
 - Gave overview of Congressional District served in San Mateo County and part of San Jose, Los Gatos, and Saratoga.
 - Shared he attended the groundbreaking of Mitchell Park Place, a new housing development in Palo Alto, and that 25 of the 50 apartments are being reserved for people with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and more details about the project. (State Council staff were in attendance as well).
 - Representative Eshoo continues to solicit support for her Communications Video and Technology Accessibility Act which would strengthen the closed captioning standards and audio description standards across the board and give government the ability to implement accessibility standards in emerging technologies.
- Leslie Bulbuk from Assemblymember Marc Berman's Office:
 - Shared their office is also excited about the Mitchell Park Place housing project and shared contact information in chat.
- Assemblymember Tim Grayson shared the following:
 - Shared his history as an advocate for the IDD community through his relationship with his sister, who is a person with Down Syndrome.
 - His work with former Assemblymember Jim Frazier, who has been an IDD advocate in and out of the legislature.
 - His work to fight for funding for Special Olympics, and experience attending those events when growing up.
 - Bills authored:
 - AB 2821 which would require higher education faculty and staff to train on compliance with disability accommodations for students with disabilities.
 - AB1914 which would establish a standardized curriculum for a certification program that is tailored to professionals that serve individuals with developmental disabilities as well.
 - AB624 (authored last year and vetoed) would have covered the cost of diagnostic assessments for disability accommodation for students with disabilities.
 - Stressed his continued commitment to advocacy for the IDD community.

5:52p Sheraden Nicholau introduced the panel of speakers for the Specialty Health Ambassador Program: Nicola Ifill-Fraser, Ernesto De La Torres, and Nora Lewis, who gave their presentation.

- Ernesto De La Torres shared:
 - The Community Outreach Program was built with a grant from the Department of Developmental Services and is comprised of eleven ambassadors or community health workers with diverse backgrounds and personal lived experience with IDD.
 - The main goal of the program is for health ambassadors to connect individuals with IDD to services, with a specific focus on outreach to historically marginalized communities, including Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities across Contra Costa County.
 - After collecting contact information, health ambassadors follow up with community members to determine if they were able to connect with the Regional Center of the East Bay and/or other services of need.
 - Health ambassadors are part-time, about 20 hours a week, and are contract based, with rates based on competitive wage for health workers, front line health workers, and community health workers in Contra Costa County.
 - Ambassadors are trained to identify individuals who may fall into one of three categories: Eligible but unaware of services, underserved, or disconnected from service systems and in need help reconnecting.
- Nora Lewis shared:
 - The program bridges the gap between people with IDD and services by the regional center and other systems, meeting them where they are by going to food banks, places of worship, and events they may attend.
 - Training for the program, called the Work Force Essential Training, is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Pittsburgh Health Center.
 - Connections have been built with groups like Care Parent Network and La Familia, to foster collaboration and support.
- Nicola Ifill-Fraser shared the challenges and some outcomes:
 - Understanding it is important for employers (the county) to address the individual needs of the health ambassador, especially when they have diverse learning styles, abilities, and challenges.
 - Primary areas for outreach are low-income areas.
 - It is important that health ambassadors can speak the languages in areas of need.
 - Participation resistance still happens, as there are still biases against people with IDD that persist among communities.
 - Transportation logistics are difficult to manage as many health ambassadors do not have cars. Navigating the target areas and relying on public transportation is especially difficult for early morning and late evening outreach events.

- Approaches are customized to fit the culture of each community, such as providing materials and trainings in the preferred language for, as an example, Spanish speaking communities.
- Peer to Peer learning is fostered to create an environment where health ambassadors can share experiences with each other.
- Leveraging unique strengths of each health ambassador while identifying areas where they need support helps ambassadors to face the challenges of engaging with communities.
- After attending 116 engagements, we have engaged over 5700 individuals. 25% of follow-up sessions happened six months after.
- 20 trainings have been provided to community members with two presentations sharing lessons learned to stakeholders.
- Sheraden informed attendees the Power Point of this presentation will be posted to the SCDD Bay Area Office web page.

6:17p Discussion and vote on RAC Priorities that is a continuation and conclusion of the previous meetings:

- Valerie Buell shared screen so everyone could see the list of seven topics of discussion and vote for two of the seven to be a focus for the 2024-2025 State Fiscal Year.
- Sheraden reviewed with attendees the list of seven topics and led discussion on each:
 1. Healthcare access for people with IDD
 2. Services, systems navigation, and barrier removal for job seekers and employees with disabilities.
 3. Intersectional advocacy.
 4. Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry.
 5. Involvement and advocacy for Social and Recreational Programming.
 6. Regional Center service capacity and quality.
 7. Supported Decision Making (SMD) Technical Assistance Program.
- Valerie Buell took a roll call vote for each topic.
 - Jennifer Fung voted for Healthcare access for people with IDD and Intersectional Advocacy.
 - Elizabeth Grigsby voted for Intersectional Advocacy and Supported Decision Making.
 - John Marble voted for Services, systems navigation, and barrier removal for job seekers and employees with disabilities, and Healthcare access for people with IDD.
 - Marla Silversmith voted for Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry and Supported Decision Making.
 - Emily Witkin voted for Healthcare access for people with IDD and Involvement and advocacy for Social and Recreational Programming.

- Florence Wong voted for Healthcare Access for People with IDD and the Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry.
- After this first vote, **Healthcare access for people with IDD** will be the first topic. Another discussion was held about how to decide the remaining topic. John Marble suggested a fresh vote on all remaining topics.
 - Moved: John Marble
 - Seconded Elizabeth Grigsby
 - Vote: All Ayes
- Discussion was held on the remaining six topics, then Valerie Buell did a second roll call vote for topic choice.
 - Jennifer Fung voted for Intersectional Advocacy.
 - Elizabeth Grigsby voted for Supported Decision Making
 - John Marble voted for Services systems navigation, and barrier removal for job seekers and employees with disabilities.
 - Marla Silversmith voted for Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry.
 - Emily Witkin voted for Involvement and advocacy for Social and Recreational Programming.
 - Florence Wong voted for Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry.
- After the second vote, **Statewide Caregiver Abuse Registry** will be the second topic.

6:52p Legislative Office Comment after the presentation:

- Sara Desumala shared she is with People First and is the secretary for the Northern Alameda County chapter and is the president of the San Francisco chapter.
- Katie Jaycox from Representative Josh Harder's Office shared:
 - Rep. Harder is currently working on making sure we have a federal budget, and we keep the government open.
 - He's cosponsored the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act that would improve services and education opportunities for students who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind, and visually impaired.
 - He is on the House Appropriations Committee and subcommittee that oversee all healthcare activities and supports Health and Human Services funding as well as making sure they set aside funding for disability services.
 - He has been focusing on the shortage of doctors, specialty doctors, and therapists in his district and sponsored a bill to bring more therapists and address the mental health crisis in San Joaquin County and Contra Costa County.
 - Their office welcome constituents to reach out with any questions or concerns and shared contact information in the chat.

6:55p Community Partner Reports:

People First Highlights:

- Jerry Grace read the report from Patrick McKay for Bay Area People First (BAPF):
 - The last meeting had a presentation on the National Core Indicators surveys, by SCDD staff, Ron Usac.
 - The next meeting is April 17th from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM. All are welcome.

Regional Center Report Highlights.

- Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - RCEB is working on a strategic plan for the area after collecting data through surveys and reviewing that data with the board. There will be five focus areas which include person-centered planning and the work culture of RCEB.
 - Community meetings around Purchase of Service (POS) are scheduled around the Bay Area to hear from the community. RCEB is working on updating POS policies and updating procedures for case managers to follow those policies.
 - John Marble asked about previous discussions regarding the difficulties many have had with becoming clients and could Lisa report on success in improving access. Lisa shared they are calling that focus area Progress Improvement and the work they are doing to be more transparent and less complicated with this new plan.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:

- Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council:
 - Both the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council and the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council will have a joint transition conference and resource fair at the College of Alameda. Registration is now open, and flyers are in the chat as well as the registration link.
 - There are upcoming presentations for community members who may not have attended the council meetings before and may be confused by conversations, so this is a way to give updates in a community conversation. They will take place in March and April and the flyer is in the chat.
 - The Joint Awards event for both counties, at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, is scheduled for June 6th and the county councils are asking for nominations. Nomination forms will be sent out in March.

7:19p Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

Highlights include:

- **Jennifer Fung:**
 - Jennifer has applied for the SCDD Statewide Self-Advocacy Leadership Academy (SALA) and is one of two applicants from the Bay Area. These advocates will develop more advanced self-advocacy leadership skills to dive into different systems and work on systems change.

- **Elizabeth Grigsby:**
 - Has been working with an organization for the past month, Valor US, located in Southern California. They've been going to different disability communities talking about sexual assault violence against people with disabilities. Regional centers and other agencies need to work together to combat the violence and to make sure victims are believed when they tell their stories.
- **John Marble:**
 - Thank you all who shared out the Neurodiversity Pathways Program (where John is an instructor). We're in week two now. It is completely full of adults who are either transitioning to employment or have been in employment for a long time but ready to move forward.
 - On March 19th the book John coauthored, "Neurodiversity For Dummies", will be published by Wiley Publishing. Link posted in the chat.
- **Marla Silversmith:**
 - Had the honor of presenting to a community advisory committee for special education with a parent group special educational plan area on transitioning out of high school into adult life.
 - Marla's district has brought two other districts together to expand doing more inclusive sports. She will be present to see the celebration of student athletes tomorrow.
- **Emily Witkin**
 - Has recently experienced difficulties navigating the healthcare system, specifically around access to medical imaging. Many people need accommodations for medical imaging, such as sedation to undergo imaging procedures. Outpatient clinics will not provide that.
- **Florence Wong:**
 - The San Mateo County (SMC) Commission on Disabilities, in collaboration with all the high school districts in San Mateo County, held their Transition to Independence Fair recently. SCDD had a table there. It was well attended with a lot of positive feedback.
 - The SMC Commission on Disabilities several discussions of importance on the updated Brown Act meeting rules impacting the IDD community, and the lack of reliable and safe public transportation.

7:42p Other Announcements:

- Sara Desumala suggested using the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council location for a future RAC meeting.
- Jerry Grace reminded attendees that election day is March 5th.
- Aparna Kommineni shared she met Regional Center of the East Bay Executive, Lisa Kleinbub, and they discussed concerns with getting vendors who provide social and

recreational services, and this is something they are working on and would love to connect with others interested in making this happen.

- Valerie Buell shared; the next RAC meeting is on April 24th, 2024. It will be a hybrid meeting.

7:52p Meeting Adjourned.



Caregiver Abuse Registry

Why do we need one in
California?

What is the problem?

- Individuals with disabilities are at greater risk of being abused than nondisabled individuals.
- Individuals who perpetrate the abuse are often caregivers.
- Abusers are not likely to get caught or prosecuted.
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) requires the recipient to hire their caregiver.
- Ways to screen potential hires are limited and expensive.

Grim Statistics (1 of 2)

In November 2021, the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics publishes [“Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2019 – Statistical Tables”](#):

- 4x higher risk of “violent victimization” compared to nondisabled people
- Disabled individuals constitute 12% of general population, but make up 26% of all victims of nonfatal violent crime

Grim Statistics (2 of 2)

In November 2021, the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics publishes [“Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009-2019 – Statistical Tables”](#):

- Persons with intellectual or cognitive disabilities are the highest risk group
- Under-reporting: Only 19% will report rapes or sexual assault to police compared to 36% of nondisabled victims
- Perpetrator more likely to be a relative compared to a nondisabled victim

Why victimized more? Barriers?

The Arc National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability published ["Crime Victims with Disabilities: Know Your Rights"](#)

- May be viewed as 'vulnerable/easy' target
- May not be listened to or believed when reporting abuse
- May consider abuser a friend
- May be unaware of services for victims
- May lack info about sex, consent, and rights
- Untrained law enforcement, lawyers, victim advocates
- Lack of caregivers available / fear of losing vital care services

Recent Examples

- Financial abuse by paid caregiver in Palo Alto:
<https://padailypost.com/2024/03/22/da-in-home-aides-stealing/>
- Worker who had been previously investigated for rape impregnates a woman with I/DD: <https://news.yahoo.com/da-refiles-case-against-worker-221336011.html?>
- Severe neglect resulting in death:
<https://vermontbiz.com/news/2023/june/22/man-gets-18-months-neglect-vulnerable-adult-who-died-and-medicaid-fraud>
- Cruelty and severe neglect:
https://www.hannapub.com/concordiasentinel/news/local_state_headlines/women-charged-with-cruelty-negligence-of-infirm-person/article_47f20944-ffc5-11ed-88db-df464d9d40af.html

Recent Examples (con'd)

Family Caregivers:

- Financial abuse: <https://www.michigan.gov/ag/news/press-releases/2023/06/30/saginaw-woman-pleads-guilty-to-embezzling-from-a-vulnerable-adult>
- Severe neglect resulting in death: <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2023/06/14/lansing-parents-sentenced-death-son-down-syndrome-john-miller/70322118007/>

States that have some form of an abuse registry for vulnerable adults

In March of 2018, National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) published [“APS Abuse Registry National Report”](#)

- At the time of the report, 26 states had registries
- Definition: “a system for maintaining the identity of individuals who are found, only as a result of an APS investigation, to have abused, neglected or exploited seniors or adults (18 and older) with disabilities living in the community or in a facility. The purpose of such a registry is to makes this information available to individuals, agencies or employers who are authorized to receive such information.”

National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) (1 of 2)

- Goal most often cited: “Reducing access of abusers to vulnerable adults and improving hiring practices . . .”
- Differences between states in operations and uses (e.g., “vulnerable adults” vs. persons with developmental disabilities)
- Common component: Perpetrator notification and due process provisions
- Cost: Many cited insufficient resources to operate
- Limits: Dissatisfaction with scope of offenders included in registry

National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) (2 of 2)

Recommendations for states considering having a registry:

- Provide adequate funding
- Dedicated staff
- Use data to measure effectiveness of registry
- Continue research regarding “alternative due process approaches, employment restrictions, and the scope of abusers included” in the registry

History of current efforts

Abuse Roundtable Group (ARG) established in 2019

- Collaboration with San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities (CoD) and DA's Victim Services Department
- Includes individuals with disabilities, advocates, law enforcement, nonprofits, gov't agencies, local elected office reps, healthcare providers, Disability Rights CA (DRC), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), the CoD, and others
- Purpose: To address barriers to justice for victims of abuse in the disabled community

Solution group #1: Law enforcement training

- Multiple goals identified by Abuse Roundtable Group (ARG)
- Priority: Increase training for law enforcement and educating disabled community members
- ARG workgroup established, includes reps from Rape Trauma Services, mental health service providers, DA's Office inspectors, Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities (CID), SCDD, the CoD, and others
- Contributed to "enhancement of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) section of the San Mateo Co. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training"

Law enforcement training (con'd)

- Collaborated with CBEM LLC (contracted trainers), Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC), and San Mateo Co.'s Sheriff's Office, Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT)
- Doubled Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) module on IDD to 2 hours
- Enhanced training materials, cheat sheets, 3x5 card for response tips and resources
- Community members goal: Regional center contractor created relationship training programs for individuals with disabilities, families, and service providers

Solution Group #2: Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR)

- ARG workgroup on Caregiver Abuse Registry established December of 2021
- Includes individuals with disabilities, advocates, and reps from the CoD, DRC, SCDD, law enforcement, regional centers, APS, CID, & the State Independent Living Council (SILC)
- Compared aspects of other states' registries
- Discussed scope of registry, criteria for placement, appeals process, who can access, mandating use of registry or not
- Created survey to assess community opinion

Community Survey Results (highlights)

- Received 36 completed surveys
- Largest group of respondents (42%) from nonprofit sector
- 86% had never heard of an abuse registry
- 92% were unaware of previous efforts to have one in CA
- 94% were in favor of establishing a registry in CA
- 75% favored a broad scope (i.e., any case involving a victim who is a vulnerable adult)

Community Survey Results (con'd)

- 94% favored mandating hiring agencies to use the registry
- 86% favored including paid and unpaid caregivers, family and non-relatives
- 94% favored collaborating with other states with registries
- 50% favored full public access to the registry
- 22% favored only people hiring a caregiver having access
- 14% favored only mandated hiring agencies having access

2007-2008 Attempt to establish a registry in CA

AB 1192 (Evans)

- Proposed "registry of providers or other persons who have a substantiated history of abuse of persons with developmental disabilities, and make the registry available to regional centers, consumers and their families, guardians, and conservators."
- ". . . many abusive caregivers are able to move from agency to agency, or county to county, and continue to perpetuate their abusive behavior. The lack of a central clearinghouse or registry where information about substantiated abusers may be shared and/or made available to persons about to hire them, whether they are the developmentally disabled person, the family, the guardian, conservator, or the local agency that is providing services . . ."

2007-2008 attempt (con'd)

AB 1192 (Evans)

- Registry to End Abusive Caregiver Hiring (REACH) Project led the effort
- Housed under the CA Health and Human Services Agency
- No known opposition to the bill
- Approved by Legislature
- Vetoed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, citing “budget challenges” and “significant financial resources” to implement

2024 CA Budget realities

- Governor unlikely to approve new expensive programs
- Other registries require additional employees, lots of funding to maintain
- Glimmer of hope: [CA DA Bonta's 8/1/2023 press release](#) shines light on abuse of vulnerable adults. He vows to prosecute abusers of vulnerable adults
- Is there a less costly alternative for collecting and sharing abuser data?

What is the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI)?

- CACI = Child Abuse Central Index
- Housed in the CA Dept. of Justice (DOJ)
- Established in 1965
- Holds investigated reports of child abuse (i.e., physical, sexual, mental/emotional, and/or severe neglect)
- Indexes substantiated reports of abuse

Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) (con'd)

- It has undergone amendments since its establishment to ensure fairness/due process
- 2003: adopted mandatory notification and grievance process for reports added to the CACI
- 2011: removed “inconclusive” and “unfounded” reports and prohibited law enforcement agencies from submitting reports
- Sharing of CACI info is “restricted and controlled by statute”

2023-2024 AB 1544 (Lackey)

- CACI amendment to re-allow reports from law enforcement
- Authorizes “a police or sheriff’s department to which a report of suspected child abuse or severe neglect is made on or after January 1, 2024, to forward to the Department of Justice a report in writing of its investigation of known or suspected child abuse or severe neglect that is determined to be substantiated.”
- It “would require a police or sheriff’s department…to comply with the same requirements placed on other reporting agencies and…to adopt procedures to notify persons reported to the CACI.”
- It “would require the Department of Justice to create a grievance procedure for reports to the CACI…and would prescribe minimum requirements for the notification and grievance procedures, including specifying timelines and rules governing the grievance hearing.”

AB 1544 (con'd)

- Unanimously passed Assembly (71-0)
- Letter of support by Los Angeles Co. DA's Office
- Due process and grievance procedure emphasized in bill
- Stalled in Senate Public Safety committee in June 2023
- Bill appears to be dead (2nd time)
- Learn from the opposition's comments

How the Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR) would look if modeled on the CACI

- Who would be listed: A paid or unpaid caregiver of a vulnerable adult where there is substantiated evidence of committing abuse based on investigations by law enforcement, APS, DA's Offices, CA DOJ's Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse (DMFEA) or other agencies (e.g., regional centers)
- Housed under the CA Dept. of Justice
- Due process similar to CACI due process

Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR) (con'd)

- DOJ maintains database
- Reporting agencies must notify DOJ immediately if a person on the list has been exonerated for timely name removal
- Access to database similar to CACI and includes all vulnerable adults who hire their own caregiver

Key takeaways of the Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR)

- Placement on the registry does not mean jail time
- Placement on the registry does not mean financial liability
- Placement on the registry lowers probability of employment as a caregiver specifically; individuals can work in non-caregiver jobs
- Expands opportunity for recipients to screen for potential abusers at no or minimal cost
- Employment agencies can potentially reduce liability with additional screening tool

What is Next?

- Your questions, comments, presentation opportunities
- Your support / involvement
- Interested in joining the Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR) workgroup or email list?
- Next Caregiver Abuse Registry (CAR) workgroup Zoom meeting sometime around mid-July or early August 2024; a doodle poll will be sent to email list
- Contact: Florence Wong (flowong223@me.com; 415-637-0022)

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities' (SCDD) Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is taking *applications for membership!*

RACs represent the communities they represent, including geographically and ethnically. The Bay Area RAC is especially interested in meeting applicants based in San Francisco, Marin County, and San Mateo County; and/or who identify as a male or nonbinary; and /or identify as a self-advocate; and/or identify as Latino/a or Hispanic, Black or African American.

Thank you for your continued efforts in being a voice for the community!

Appointed RAC members:

- Advise SCDD and its Regional Office on local issues.
- Identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities.
- Provide public information programs /events for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase awareness of areas identified in the SCDD state plan; and more!

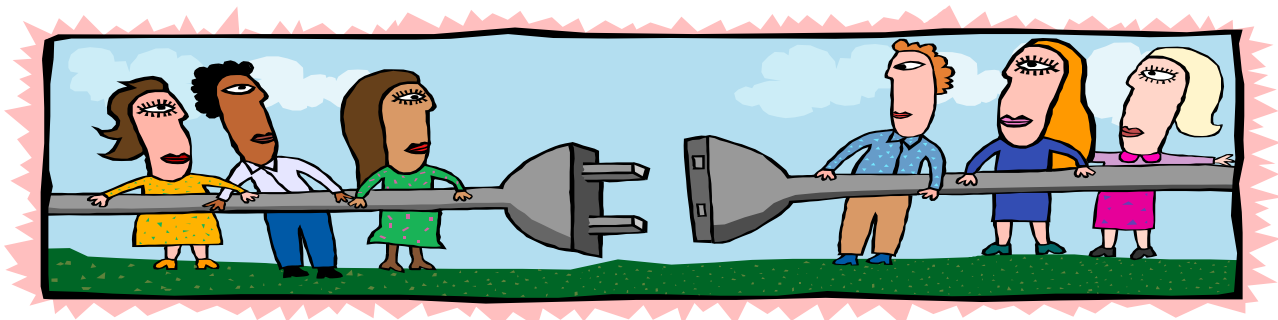
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Or contact us for more information:

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El Concilio Estatal en Discapacidades del Desarrollo (SCDD) Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Area de la Bahía está aceptando *solicitudes de membresía!*

Los RAC representan a las comunidades que representan, incluso geográficamente y étnicamente. El RAC del Área de la Bahía está especialmente interesado en conocer a solicitantes con sede en San Francisco, el Condado de Marin y el Condado de San Mateo; y/o que se identifican como hombres o no binarios; y /o se identifican como auto-defensores; y/o se identifican como latino/a o hispanos, negros o afroamericanos.

¡Gracias por sus continuos esfuerzos en ser una voz para la comunidad!

Miembros designados del RAC:

- Asesorar al SCDD y a su Oficina Regional sobre asuntos locales.
- Identificar y proporcionar información sobre las necesidades sistémicas locales dentro de sus comunidades.
- Proporcionar programas de información pública / eventos para personas con discapacidades intelectuales y de desarrollo, familias, grupos profesionales y el público en general para aumentar la conciencia de las áreas identificadas en el plan estatal SCDD; y más!

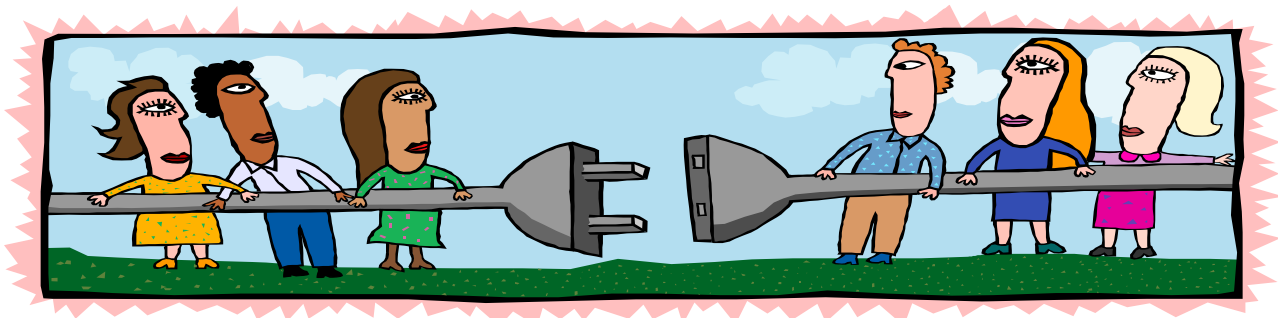
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To: Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties
From: State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bay Area Regional Office
Date: April 4, 2024

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/.

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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 Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, Oak Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577

June 26, 2024 Marin County Office of Education, 1111 Las Gallinas Ave, San Rafael, CA 94903

No meetings in July or August 2024



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: 3 de abril 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, Heron Hall, 1151 Vancouver Ave, Burlingame, CA 94010
24 de abril de 2024	Concilio de Discapacidades del Desarrollo del Condado de Alameda, 1100 San Leandro Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577
26 de junio de 2024	Oficina de Educación del Condado de Marin, 1111 Las Gallinas Ave, San Rafael, CA 94903

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

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"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."