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**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
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DATE: August 27, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Kara Ponton

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This item is for members of the public to provide comments and/or present information to this body on matters not listed on the agenda. There will be up to 20 minutes allocated to hear from the public with each person allotted up to 3 minutes to comment.

Additionally, there will be up to 10 minutes allocated to hear from the public on each Council agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.

Item 5. APPROVAL OF MAY 2024 MINUTES 

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Item 6. DEMOGRAPHIC MAP

Presented by: Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

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Item 7. APPOINTMENT AND VACANCIES

Presented by: Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

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Item 8. APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL 

Presented by: Kara Ponton, Committee Chair

- a. Review Expiring 1st Term Seat(s)*
- b. Review Council Applications for a Vacant Seat*
 - Sequoia Region*

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Item 9. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM 5.

ACTION ITEM

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES –
Membership Committee**

Approval of May 2024 Minutes

Members will review and act on the May 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

Action Recommended

Approve the May 2024, minutes.

Attachment(s)

May 20, 2024, Minutes

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**Membership Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024**

Attending Members

Kara Ponton, Chair (SA)
Eric Ybarra (SA)

Members Absent

Harold Ashe (FA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Alex Reyes
Beth Hurn
Charles Nguyen
Debra Ponton
Dena Hernandez

Others Attending (continued)

Ibrahim Muttaqi
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben
Yaritza Sanchez

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Kara Ponton (SA) called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others introduced themselves as indicated.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2024 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Ponton [SA]/Ybarra [SA]) and carried to approve the February 1, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously, see page one for members present.)

6. DEMOGRAPHIC MAP

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed a map showing the current demographic makeup of the Council.

7. **APPOINTMENT AND VACANCIES**

Executive Director Carruthers presented the current Appointment and Vacancies Tracking Form to the Committee.

Public Comment

Councilmember Alex Reyes asked for clarification about when his term ends and the process for seeking reappointment.

8. **APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

Committee Members reviewed applications for the vacant North Valley Hills Council seat.

It was moved/seconded (Ybarra [SA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried to move applicant 651 forward to the interview process for the open North Valley Hills Council seat. (Unanimous, see page one for members present)

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting at adjourned at 12:23 P.M.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE**

Demographic Map

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will go over the current Council make-up.

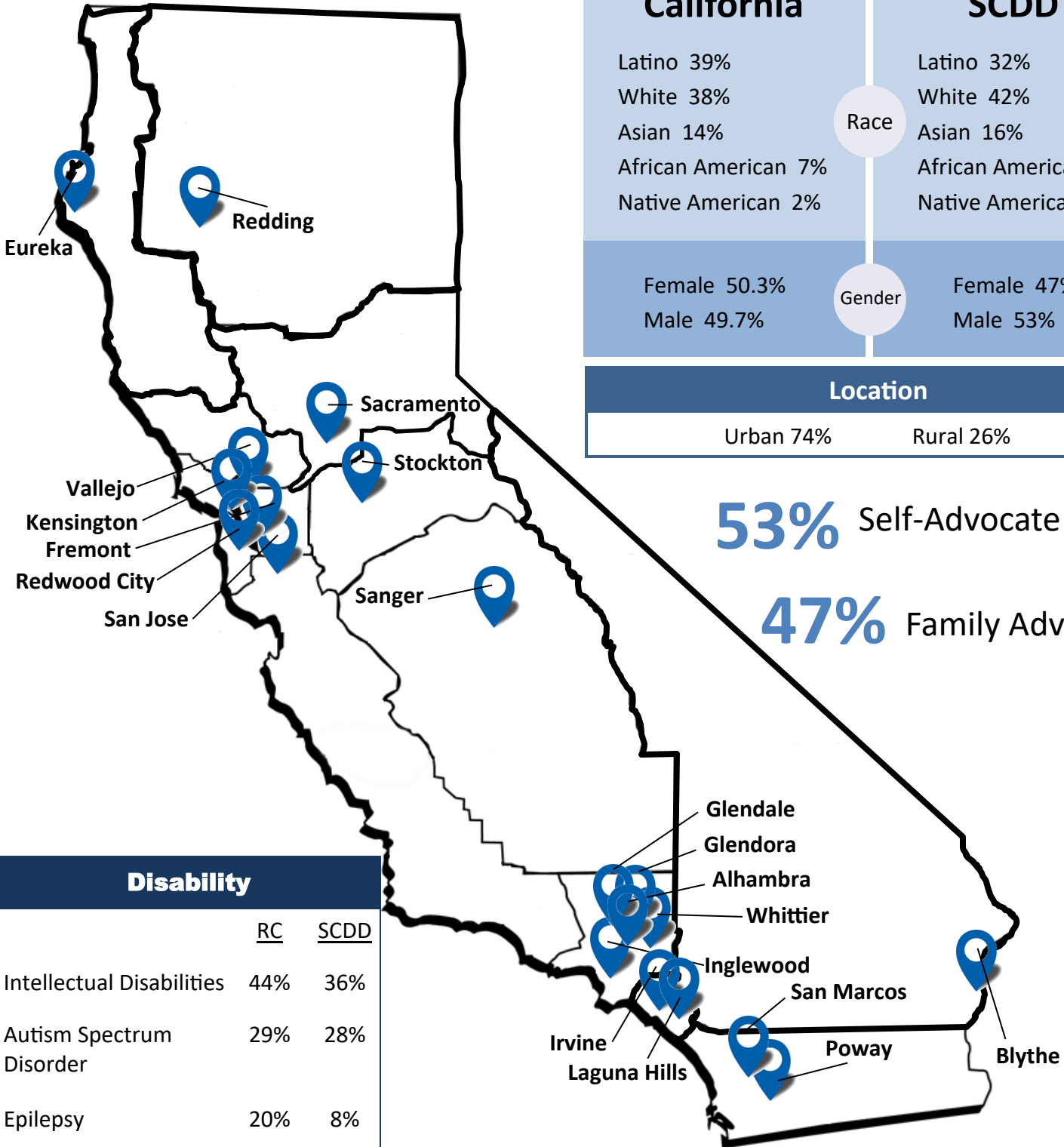
Attachment(s)

Current Demographic Map as of July 2024

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Who Are Our Council Members

Non-Agency
Proposed July 2024



California	SCDD
Race	
Latino 39%	Latino 32%
White 38%	White 42%
Asian 14%	Asian 16%
African American 7%	African American 16%
Native American 2%	Native American 0%
Gender	
Female 50.3%	Female 47%
Male 49.7%	Male 53%
Location	
Urban 74%	Rural 26%

53% Self-Advocate

47% Family Advocate

Disability	Disability	
	RC	SCDD
Intellectual Disabilities	44%	36%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	29%	28%
Epilepsy	20%	8%
Cerebral Palsy	9%	12%
Other	8%	16%

Note: Map displays SCDD regions

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE**

Appointment and Vacancies

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will go over the appointment and vacancy chart in the packet. This chart show Councilmember term limits as well as information on the seat they represent.

Attachment(s)

Appointment and Vacancy Chart

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Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
At Large Institution	Harold Fujita (family advocate)	9/16/2021		9/16/2024			
At Large 1	Eric Ybarra (self-advocate)	3/30/2022		3/30/2025			
At Large 2	Lee Bycel (family advocate)	6/14/2019	8/2/2022	8/2/2025			
At Large 3	Harold Ashe (family advocate)	9/16/2021		9/16/2024			
At Large 4	Wesley Witherspoon (self-advocate)	5/18/2018	3/30/2022	3/30/2025			
At Large 5	Julie Gaona (self-advocate)	10/20/2022		10/20/2025			
At Large 6	Nestor Nieves (self-advocate)	5/18/2023		5/18/2026			
At Large 7	Nicole Adler (self-advocate)	12/7/2018	3/30/2022	3/30/2025			
North Coast Region	Kara Ponton (self-advocate)	6/14/2019	8/2/2022	8/2/2025			
North State Region	Rosanna Ryan (self-advocate)	6/14/2019	8/2/2022	8/2/2025			
Sacramento Region	Joyce McNair (family advocate)	6/14/2019	8/2/2022	8/2/2025			

Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
North Bay Region	Sonia Jones (self-advocate)	5/18/2023		5/18/2026			
Bay Area Region	Alex Reyes (self-advocate)	3/30/2022		3/30/2025			
N. Valley Hills Region	Vacant (February 2024)				x		
Central Coast Region	Viviana Barnwell (family-advocate)	9/16/2021		9/16/2024			
Sequoia Region	Michael Ellis (family advocate)	9/16/2021		9/16/2024			
Los Angeles Region	Cathay Liu (family advocate)	9/16/2021		9/16/2024			
Orange County Region	Lupe Rodriguez (family advocate)	6/25/2024		6/25/2027			
San Bernardino Region	Julio Garnica (self-advocate)	7/9/2019	8/2/2022	8/2/2025			
San Diego Imperial Region	Jessica Brown (family advocate)	5/18/2023		5/18/2026			
Dept. of Rehabilitation	Joe Xavier, Director Jessica Grove, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Education	Tony Thurmond, Director Nick Wavrin, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				

Appointment and Vacancy Tracking Form

Category	Name	*1st Term Appointment	*2nd Term Appointment	Expiration Date	Expired >60	Expired >120	Sent to G.O.
Dept. of Aging	Susan DeMarois, Director Mark Beckley & Adam Willoughby, Designees	Ongoing	Ongoing				
CA Health & Human Services Agency	Mark Ghaly, Secretary Debra Cooper, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Developmental Services	Nancy Bargmann, Director Brian Winfield, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Dept. of Health Care Services	Michelle Baass, Director Joseph Bilingsley, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Disability Rights CA	Andy Imparato, Director Sandra Smith, Designee	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCLA	Elizabeth Laugeson, Director Christine Moody, Yasamin Bolourian, Beth Stoffmacher, Kecia Weller, Designees	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence USC	Larry Yin, Director	Ongoing	Ongoing				
University Center for Excellence UCD	Aubyn Stahmer, Director Janice Enriquez & Kris Wallman, Designees	Ongoing	Ongoing				
Non-Governmental Agency/Group Concerned with Services to Persons with DD	Julie Neward	12/7/2018	3/30/2022	3/30/2025			

Notes:

- 1) 3- Year Term
- 2) Appointee can serve two successive terms.
- 3) Continues to serve until appointment of replacement is done.
- 4) Of the 20 non-agency members, at least 7 are people with DD and at least 7 are parent, family member, guardian or conservator of someone with DD residing in CA. All 20 must fall into one category or the other.

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AGENDA ITEM 8.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Applications for Council

Members will discuss expiring 1st terms and review and make recommendations on applications to fill a Council vacancy for the Sequoia Region.

Recommendation

Move selected applicants forward to the interview process.

Attachment(s)

Applications 664, 778, 826 and 834 for the Sequoia Region

Handout(s)

There may be additional handouts the day of the meeting.

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SEQUOIA APPLICATIONS

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Redacted Membership Application

MM-664

Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **KINGS**

Email : REDACTED

Phone: REDACTED

Race: African- American

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?:

No

Are you a member of a nongovernmental agency that does not receive regional center funding?

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Do you want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:

I had to learn to become an advocate for my special needs child. In 2016, I started The Special Needs Support Group of Kings County which is currently known as Learn and Grow with Special Needs. I was formerly a district representative, but currently I'm serving as president of the C.A.C. of Kings County.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:

Advocacy, education inclusion, community activities for kids with special needs, residential and community support, resources and training.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

The R.A.C. would provide a more direct access to State legislation as a source of information in order for me to better serve my special needs community by voicing their needs and concerns, thereby affecting real change.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?:

I'm a tenacious advocate for my special needs community. This is demonstrated through being a liaison between parents and resources, coordinating events, fund raising, and forging relationships with county leaders and mental health professionals. I have established a Kings County support group for the past 5 years in which we had monthly guest speakers such as psychologists, attorneys, law enforcement, and various mental health professionals to aid us in our mission. In addition, I organized an annual Two-week Summer Day Camp of community activities for the special needs kids.

I acted as a liaison between parents and ABA service agencies directed by Taylor Gaines, such as Autism Learning Partners and FORWARD. My support group was approved by Todd Barlow (the superintendent of HJUSD) to deliver flyers to all 13 school districts that are inclusive of satellite, RSP, SDC and Special Education classrooms. My work in the CAC of Kings County where I'm currently the president of the C.A.C. and the District Representative for the Learn 4 Life charter school has enabled me to have a four-year relationship with Rebecca Jensen (Director of SELPA and Shelly Baird) and Mr. Jared Wood (Director of the CAC).

On 29 Feb 2020, I received the following awards for my contribution to the Special Needs Community: The Wanda Williams-Hinton Community Service Award, The California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition from Rudy Salas (32nd District Assemblyman), Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from T.J. Cox (Member of Congress) and State of California Senate Certificate of Recognition from Melissa Hurtado (14th Senate District).

Redacted Membership Application

MM-778

Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **California**

Email : REDACTED

Phone: REDACTED

Race: Hispanic or Latino

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability, representative of the general public

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?:

No

Are you a member of a nongovernmental agency that does not receive regional center funding?

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Do you want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee:

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:

I developed a interest in persons with disabilities developmental and mental illnesses when i was in third grade actually. I volunteered as a helper after lunch so I can assist the teachers at the class of students with disabilities help them serve snacks wash hands and so on and so forth. I have brothers who are adults now with developmental disabilities as well as schizophrenia and tbi. So i advocate for them and others for three years already making sure they get the care they need according to their unique needs. The importance of everyone receiving the care and treatment they need regardless if they can pay or not is very important to me as I know everyone deserves to be cared for if they are sick or hurt as our human right.

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:

The fact that these are individuals who are vulnerable and need the most help and care. They are people to just need some extra assistance as their brains dont work like ours so having patience and empathy brings me to helping others and my knowledge of navigating the health care system is easy to do just want to build credentials and funding to help more people in my community.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

Having the knowledge and seeking knowledge of our rights and law and ethics i know I would be able to provide a strong sense of collaborating with a respect for diversity and having been able to experience advocating for persons in underserved communities and people living and poverty as well as being born into poverty i will be able to assist with a level of understanding and approach on a the individual level having lived experiences understanding different cultural backgrounds I will provide a sense of balance for the committee and provide feedback with empathy.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?:

My strengths are active listening, knowledge of cultural diversity , team leader skills, assessment skills, and great time management, and detail oriented not to mention my communication and writing skills are exceptional. I will provide a welcoming environment with my presents i am easy to get along with i dont bring personal problems to work i know from experience how to prevent any conflicts and avoid conflict i follow rules and complete my projects or tasks given and i can follow directions with or without supervision.

Redacted Membership Application

MM-826

Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **Kern**

Email : REDACTED

Phone: REDACTED

Race: White

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?:

Yes

Are you a member of a nongovernmental agency that does not receive regional center funding?

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Do you want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:

I read a lot and my son doesn't get the help he deserves or treated like he's equal

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:

I'm interested in every area and all the services people deserve

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I want to make a change and stand up be a voice for every person who can't or needs to be heard.

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?:

Our education system. Sports and Stem academics. Fair Housing and Equal Civil Rights

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Redacted Membership Application

MM-834

Name: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED

County of Residence: **Merced**

Email : REDACTED

Phone: REDACTED

Race: Hispanic or Latino

I am a: parent, family member, legal guardian or conservator of a person with a developmental disability

Are you currently employed by, or a member of the governing board of an organization providing services to persons with developmental disabilities?:

No

Are you a member of a nongovernmental agency that does not receive regional center funding?

No

Do you want to serve on the State Council: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the State Council

Do you want to serve on a Regional Advisory Committee: Yes, I want to apply to serve on the Regional Advisory Committee

How did your interest in, or knowledge of, the developmental disability field and service system develop?:

I worked as an aide in special education for 6 years then became a parent to a nonverbal autistic child

What are your areas of interest in the developmental disability field and service system?:

Advocating for more special needs accommodations and inclusive activities and events in my local community

Please explain why you wish to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, or on one of its Regional Advisory Committees:

I would love to learn how to make meaningful change in my community and be able to give input from someone whose sole job is to care for a special needs child

What strengths would you bring to the State Council and/or Regional Advisory Committee?:

I am committed to advocating in all areas for my son and others like him. I have seen first hand how having support and resources can make lives just a little bit easier and I know what it's like to live in a

community that doesn't support that. I have worked with and maintained many friendships with special education staff members who have donated their time and knowledge to participate in sensory friendly events my husband and I have personally put together and funded. I feel like the experience I have living this everyday can be a valuable asset to a committee