



# NOTICE/AGENDA

## **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL MEETING**

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### **MEETING DETAILS:**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** Holiday Inn, 300 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

**TELECONFERENCE (CALL IN NUMBER):** 1-669-900-9128

**MEETING ID:** 895 9764 9489

**PASSCODE:** 312507

**DATE:** September 24, 2024

**MEETING TIME:** 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAIR:**


Wesley Witherspoon

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**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

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*Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f), there will be an announcement of any publicly reportable actions taken during closed session.*

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*The next Council meeting will be on Zoom on November 19, 2024.*

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Public Comments***

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Approval of July 2024 Minutes***

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The draft minutes from the July 16, 2024, Council meeting have been included in the packet for review. Councilmembers will vote on whether to approve the minutes.

***Attachment***

July Council Meeting Minutes

***Action Recommended***

Approve the July 2024 Council meeting minutes.



**DRAFT**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2024**

**Members Attending**

Adam Willoughby (CDA)  
Alex Reyes (S.A.)  
Andy Imparato (DRC)  
Aubyn Stahmer (UCEDD)  
Cathay Liu (F.A.)  
Harold Fujita (F.A.)  
Julie Gaona (S.A.)  
Jessica Grove (DOR)  
Joseph Billingsley (DHCS)  
Joyce McNair (F.A.)  
Julie Neward (F.A.)  
Julio Garnica (S.A.)  
Kara Ponton (S.A.)  
Kecia Weller (UCEDD)  
Larry Yin (UCEDD)  
Lee Bycel (F.A.)  
Lupe Rodriguez (F.A.)  
Nestor Nieves (S.A.)  
Rosanna Ryan (S.A.)  
Sonia Jones (S.A.)  
Viviana Barnwell (F.A.)  
Nick Wavrin  
Wesley Witherspoon (S.A.)

**Members Absent**

Brian Winfield (DDS)  
Debra Cooper (CHHS)  
Eric Ybarra (S.A.)  
Harold Ashe (F.A.)  
Jessica Brown (F.A.)  
Michael Ellis (F.A.)  
Nicole Adler (S.A.)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Alondra Castillo  
Ashley Gaston  
Brian Hoang  
Carl Argila  
Charles Nguyen  
David Grady  
Dena Hernandez  
Evan Barnwell  
Holly Bins  
Ibrahim Muttaqi  
Irene Valdez  
Jennifer Lucas  
Julie Eby-McKenzie

**Others Attending (cont.)**

Ken DaRosa  
Kenya Martinez  
Lisa Hooks  
Lynn Villoria  
Maria Arrendondo  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Patricia Herrera  
Renee Bauer  
Rihana Ahmad  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Rihana Ahmad  
Scarlett VonThenen  
SCDD Los Angeles  
Sheraden Nicholau  
Susan Sindelar  
Veronica Bravo  
Vivian Haun  
Will Leiner  
Yaritza Sanchez  
Yolanda Cruz  
Zak Ford

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wesley Witherspoon called the meeting to order at 10:36 A.M.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

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### 3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves and disclosed if there were others in the room with them.

### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Argila provided a public comment on this item. As a long-time advocate and parent of two intellectually disabled deaf children, Argila has been involved with the regional center for 25 years and runs a blog on issues related to the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. He referred the public and members to his blog ([www.SGPRC.net](http://www.SGPRC.net)), where he posted an article about his son's conservatorship. Carl alleges that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) uses conservatorship as a means of retaliation against parents, including himself, by becoming the conservator of his youngest son. He has been in Probate Court for seven years, fighting to terminate his son's conservatorship, and reported that DDS indicated that his son would be conserved for life. He urged the Council to consider the systemic issue of DDS using conservatorship as a retaliatory measure against parents and developmentally disabled individuals.

Deaka McClain also provided a public comment on this item. She shared that she was invited by the Chair Witherspoon, and that it was her first time attending a Council meeting.

### 5. **SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER**

Executive Director Carruthers swore in new Councilmember Lupe Rodriguez.

### 6. **APPROVAL OF MAY 2024 MINUTES**

#### **Action 1**

It was moved/seconded (Reyes [S.A]/ Ellis [F.A.]) and carried to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes with a correction involving an error in a reported figure for GGRC GTRC, which was mistakenly recorded as \$27 million instead of \$37 million. (See last page for a voting record of members present)

### 7. **CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chair Witherspoon provided an update on his recent activities, and priorities for the Council. He highlighted that July was Disability Pride Month, marking the anniversary of the ADA, which was signed into law in 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities

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in all areas of public life, removing barriers to employment, transportation, public services, and other critical areas. He noted Governor Gavin Newsom's proclamation for July 2024, emphasizing the state's commitment to inclusion and accessibility for over 7 million adults with disabilities. Councilmember Nicole Adler was recognized for her participation in the SF Pride Parade as a Grand Marshall. Also, the Chair expressed condolences to Councilmember Nestor Nieves for the passing of his brother, Daniel Nieves, followed by a moment of silence. He concluded his report with a reminder to members to complete the ED evaluation by July 26, an announcement of travel plans to Washington DC for the NACDD Conference, and photos of the San Diego People First Conference that he attended in June.

SCDD committee reports were provided in the meeting packet. Chair Witherspoon asked that members read through these reports when they are able. The committee reports can be accessed online at <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

## 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AND STAFF REPORTS

The Executive Director shared that the Governor declared July as Disability Pride Month and hosted a reception highlighting accomplishments in various areas including housing and homelessness, jobs, schools, developmental services, health care, belonging, public safety, and government. He highlighted that the Council sponsored a screening of the documentary *Being Michelle*, which told a story of a deaf and autistic woman's experience in prison. The Council and other DD Councils across the country also participated in the White House's 25th-anniversary celebration of the Olmstead decision. Moreover, the Executive Director was a featured speaker at the National AFN Symposium, discussing trust in emergency management, with about 3,200 participants that attended globally.

The Council's theme for the year, "Health, Home, and Work," was emphasized, with several SCDD supported bills still progressing through the legislature. Under the theme of Health, the Council supported AB 1977 (Ta) for healthcare coverage recertification, SB 1384 (Dodd) for power wheelchair repair, SB 1001 (Skinner) to protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) from the death penalty, SB 1281 (Menjivar) for equity and access in the Self Determination Program, and SB 1197 (Alvarado Gil) for respite services for foster youth. Under the theme of Home, the Council supported SB 37 (Caballero) for

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housing subsidies, SB 1443 (Jones) for the Interagency Council on Homelessness, AB 1876 (Jackson) to allow IPPs to be remote, and AB 3291 (Committee) on caregiver succession and housing expenses for the homeless. Lastly, under the theme of Work, the Council supported AB 1147 (Addis) for regional center accountability and AB 1885 (Addis) to classify 9 units as full-time for students with disabilities.

Executive Director Carruthers reported that the Governor's proposal to fully fund the rate study by July 1, 2025, was rejected by the legislature, which adopted an alternative for full implementation of funding for the rate study by January 2025. He also shared that the Governor secured \$2 million annually to fund inclusive college programs, which was a Council-sponsored initiative. The Council also successfully partnered with the CA Dental Association to obtain a \$50 million grant to improve access to dental care for children with special dental needs. The Governor proposed to move the Employment First Office (E1O) to the Department of Rehabilitation, but it was rejected by the legislature. Therefore, starting July 1, 2024, the E1O will be part of the Health and Human Services Agency, along with the Council's Employment First Committee. Additionally, updates on the Master Plan on Developmental Services were provided, with five workgroups established to address key priorities. He concluded with announcements about ongoing recruitment and collaboration with LA28 to enhance accessibility for the 2028 Olympics.

## 9. **STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT**

SCDD SSAN representative Alex Reyes provided Councilmembers with an update from SSAN's hybrid meeting on June 6, 2024. He also announced his decision to step down as the SCDD SSAN representative due to the demands of his current workload. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve on SSAN. The next SCDD SSAN representative will be announced at the September SAAC meeting. The next SSAN meeting will be held over Zoom in September 2024.

## 10. **UPDATES ON THE LANTERMAN ACT**

Will Leiner and Viviana Haun with Disability Rights California (DRC) presented on changes to the Lanterman Act that were implemented because of updates to the state budget. These changes were part of Assembly Bill 162, which includes trailer bill language necessary for implementing the 2024-2025 developmental services budget. Effective as of July 2, 2024, AB 162 introduced various changes, including the formal recognition of social recreation and camping as expanded services, and

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the permanent option to conduct Individual Program Plan (IPP) and Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) meetings virtually. In addition, new requirements for regional centers were introduced regarding in-person meetings with service coordinators, which must now occur annually for most clients and every six months for those in the Early Start program. AB 162 also detailed adjustments to the Master Plan for Developmental Services, postponed provider rate increases to January 2025, and allowed the use of statistical sampling in fiscal audits of service providers. Furthermore, it removed the family cost participation program and streamlined the process for determining provisional eligibility for Regional Center services.

This year, the legislature made efforts to clarify the definition of social recreation services, emphasizing their importance in promoting full inclusion and independence for individuals with developmental disabilities. The goal was to make services widely accessible, supporting not just socialization but also ensuring consumers lead meaningful lives within their communities. To achieve this, the legislature prioritized reducing administrative barriers that may limit access to these services. The revised policies also introduced key principles for regional centers when purchasing social recreation, camping, and non-medical therapies. Services must take place in settings that are typical for the general population, promoting community inclusion and offering opportunities to build lasting relationships. These services should enable participation in typical community activities without paid support, foster specific interests or skills, and help consumers build informal social networks that provide natural supports and reduce isolation. Additionally, the policies emphasize access for children, consumers who experience disparities in service access, and those unable to pay for services upfront. Purchase of Service (POS) policies can no longer restrict funding to services that are solely specialized or focused on addressing developmental disabilities, nor can they prohibit 1:1 services or generally limit access to social recreation services.

Earlier this year, the legislature removed the June 2024 expiration date, making virtual IPP/IFSP meetings a permanent option upon request. However, a new requirement was introduced mandating that regional centers (RCs) meet with individuals holding an IPP in person at least once a year. These meetings must occur at a time and place that is convenient for the consumer, without the need for them to take place in the consumer's home unless specifically requested. Regional centers are

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prohibited from using the new in-person meeting requirements to delay or obstruct the timely updating of IPPs or the receipt of services. Additionally, IPP meetings cannot be required to occur in person solely to fulfill the annual in-person meeting mandate. If a consumer requests a virtual IPP meeting, RCs must honor that request and schedule a separate in-person meeting at a different time. For IFSPs, the in-person meeting requirement applies only to individuals who have not been seen by their RC in person within the last six months. The statute also mandates that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) conduct a review of these requirements, incorporating feedback from stakeholders, and submit a report to the legislature by May 2026.

To view the full presentation with additional details and history of the Lanterman Act, please visit: <https://scdd.ca.gov/councilmeetings/>.

## 11. **CYCLE 47 GRANT PROPOSALS**

HQ Operations & State Plan Manager Rihana Ahmad and State Plan Committee Chair Michael Ellis discussed the allocation of \$300,000 for Cycle 47 PDG projects, focusing on three proposed areas: self-advocacy related to isolation and loneliness, self-advocacy through plain language, and tribal health. A total of 11 grant proposals were received for consideration, but following an administrative review, seven proposals were disqualified due to incomplete submissions, missing documentation, or a failure to align with the specified focus areas outlined in the RFP.

The scoring team reviewed the remaining four proposals and ultimately recommended two projects for funding. The total recommended funding amounted to \$282,745. The first recommended project aimed to reduce social isolation among self-advocates by helping them explore personal interests, build social skills, and engage with community groups. The second project focused on teaching self-advocates and their families how to translate complex information into plain language and create resumes for competitive integrated employment. Additionally, it sought to educate organizations on implementing plain language policies.

### **Action 2**

It was moved/seconded (Weller [UCEDD]/ Ryan [S.A.]) and carried to approve the State Plan Committee's Cycle 47 Grant funding recommendations and direct the Executive Director to administer the contract process. (See last page for a voting record of members present)

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### **Action 3**

It was moved/seconded (Weller [UCEDD]/ Gaona [S.A.]) and carried to authorize the Executive Committee to review and approve the Cycle 47 Tribal Health RFP, subject to funding availability. (See last page for a voting record of members present)

#### **12. PERSON-CENTERED THINKING**

Self-advocate Evan Barnwell and Councilmember Viviana Barnwell presented on person-centered thinking in planning and services. Evan shared his personal interests and how he enjoys spending his time, while Viviana emphasized the importance of educating people about disabilities through the concept of person-centered thinking. This approach, rooted in self-determination principles, assures that people with disabilities are seen as individuals first. The presentation highlighted the critical role of facilitators in maintaining a person-centered system, ensuring that planning, care, and language focus on the individual's preferences, well-being, and life goals.

#### **13. HISTORY OF PEOPLE FIRST CA**

Councilmember Rosie Ryan discussed her involvement with People First CA, where she gained confidence in advocating for her rights and formed meaningful connections. Her participation in conferences motivated her to further her advocacy efforts, eventually becoming a founding member of People First of California. She highlighted the organization's history, its creation, and its ongoing efforts to support individuals with disabilities.

#### **14. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting will be held in person in Sacramento on September 24, 2024. Chair Witherspoon adjourned the meeting at 2:24 P.M.

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| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Action 1</b> | <b>Action 2</b> | <b>Action 3</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Barnwell, Viviana   | NP              | For             | For             |
| Billingsley, Joseph | For             | For             | For             |
| Bycel, Lee          | For             | For             | For             |
| Ellis, Michael      | For             | For             | For             |
| Fujita, Harold      | For             | For             | For             |
| Gaona, Julie        | For             | For             | For             |
| Garnica, Julio      | For             | For             | For             |
| Grove, Jessica      | For             | For             | For             |
| Imparato, Andy      | For             | NP              | NP              |
| Jones, Sonia        | For             | For             | For             |
| Liu, Cathay         | For             | For             | For             |
| McNair, Joyce       | For             | For             | For             |
| Neward, Julie       | For             | For             | For             |
| Nieves, Nestor      | NP              | NP              | NP              |
| Ponton, Kara        | For             | For             | For             |
| Reyes, Alex         | For             | NP              | NP              |
| Rodriguez, Lupe     | For             | NP              | NP              |
| Ryan, Rosanna       | Abstain         | For             | For             |
| Stahmer, Aubyn      | For             | For             | For             |
| Wavrin, Nick        | For             | For             | For             |
| Weller, Kecia       | Abstain         | For             | For             |
| Willoughby, Adam    | Abstain         | For             | For             |
| Witherspoon, Wesley | For             | For             | For             |
| Yin, Larry          | Abstain         | For             | For             |

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Chair Report and Committee Reports***

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Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon will provide Councilmembers with an oral report about his recent activities, and current priorities for the Council.

SCDD Committee reports have been provided for informational purposes.

***Attachments***

The State Plan Committee (SPC) met on 08/15/24.

The Administrative Committee met on 08/20/24.

The Executive Committee met on 08/20/24.

The Membership Committee met on 08/26/24 & 08/27/24.

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met on 09/10/24.

Membership Committee Report to Council

***Handout***

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) will meet on 09/23/24.

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**Agenda Item 6A.****STATE PLAN COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

August 15, 2024

***Meetings' Focus***

The State Plan Committee met on August 15th to review a proposed project description for a Cycle 47 Program Development Grant focused on Tribal Health. Committee members requested that staff add the length of the project term to the description, and for the word “protective” to be removed.

***Items Acted Upon***

- The Committee approved the June 2024 Meeting Minutes
- The Committee moved to recommend that the Executive Committee approve the Cycle 47 Program Development Grant Tribal Health RFP as amended.

***Next Meeting***

November 14, 2024

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**AGENDA ITEM 6B.****ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

August 15, 2024

***Meeting's Focus***

The Administrative Committee met on August 30th to consider the State Plan Committee's request for additional funding for Cycle 47 Program Development Grants. The State Plan Committee has requested \$108,000 from the Council's unexpended funds for a standalone Request for Proposal focused on Tribal Health.

***Items Acted Upon***

- Approval of the May 2024 meeting minutes.
- The Administrative Committee recommended that the Executive Committee authorize a one-time allocation of \$108,000 prior year unexpended funds to increase the Community Grants/Other Projects line item to \$408,000.

***Future Meeting Date***

To be determined.



## **AGENDA ITEM 6C.**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

#### ***Date of Meeting***

August 20, 2024

#### ***Meeting's Focus***

The Executive Committee met on August 20, 2024. The meeting's focus centered on one sponsorship request, one conflict of interest waiver request, an SCDD budget update, Cycle 47 tribal health RFP, the Executive Director's report, and a closed session to discuss the Executive Director's annual evaluation.

Executive Director Carruthers provided a comprehensive report to members, highlighting updates on Council-supported bills and ongoing projects. He shared photos from the 2024 NACDD Conference, which he attended with Council Chair Witherspoon. Additionally, the Executive Director participated in a national showcase that celebrated the work being done across different states for individuals with developmental disabilities. He was also invited to the White House to attend the "Building Back Better Communities in Action California" meeting, which was attended by 45 California leaders. Prominent speakers at the event included the Second Gentleman, Vice President's Chief of Staff, and other senior officials. The Vice President greeted the California delegation and took group photos. In other updates, the Executive Director welcomed Barbara Imle as the new State Plan Manager and provided an overview of the ongoing recruitment efforts for the Legal Counsel and Deputy of Policy roles. Lastly, he highlighted the upcoming National Disability Employment Month in October, noting that Councilmembers will lead a Town Hall on October 30th to discuss phasing out subminimum wage practices.

#### ***Items Acted Upon***

- Approval of the June 2024 meeting minutes.
- Sponsorship request from San Diego Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (SDCEPD).
- Conflict of interest waiver request from San Diego Regional Center Board Member Laura Oakes.

- Authorizing a one-time allocation of \$108,000 prior year unexpended funds to increase the Community Grants/Other Projects line item to \$408,000.
- Approval of the State Plan Committee's recommendation for the Cycle 47 Tribal Health RFP project description.

***Future Meeting Date***

October 22, 2024

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**AGENDA ITEM 6D.****MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE & WORKGROUP SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

***Meeting Focus***

The Membership Workgroup met on August 26<sup>th</sup> to review applications for Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) and Local Self-Determination Advisory Committees (SDAC). Workgroup members approved three RAC and five local SDAC appointments.

The Membership Committee met on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting focused on expiring 1<sup>st</sup> term Council seats and reviewing applications for an upcoming Council vacancy in the Sequoia Region. Members acted to move three candidates forward to the interview process.

***Items Acted Upon***

- The Committee approved the May 2024 meeting minutes as presented.
- The Committee acted to move applicants 116, 512, and 664 forward to the interview phase of the appointment process for the Sequoia Council vacancy.

***Future Meeting Dates***

To be determined.

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**Agenda Item 6E.****STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSDAC)  
SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

September 10, 2024

***Meeting's Focus***

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) met on September 10, 2024 to hold a Grant Showcase and Chair Training. The SSDAC invited regional center grantee Disability Voices United to present on the variety of projects that they have carried out to support the successful implementation of the Self-Determination Program (SDP). In order to highlight best practices in the use of regional center SDP implementation funds, the SSDAC will continue to look for opportunities to highlight the work of regional center grantees.

Following the Grant Showcase, SCDD Los Angeles Regional Office manager Christofer Arroyo facilitated a training that focused on the role of the SSDAC and local SDACs and provided information to assist members to be effective in their roles on both committees.

***Items Acted Upon***

None.

***Future Meeting Dates***

To be determined.



# September 24, 2024

## Membership Committee Report to the Council

### SEC 1. Existing Vacancies

| Seat                      | Date Seat Became Vacant | Months Vacant<br>Asterisk (*) indicates vacancy of more than 4 months |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| North Valley Hills Region | December 2023           | *   |
| Sequoia Region            | September 2024          | 0   |

### SEC 2. Expired Appointments

| Seat | Date Appointment Expired<br>Number of Months Expired<br>Asterisk (*) indicates eligible for reappointment |
|------|---|
| None |   |
|      |   |

### SEC 3. Upcoming Terms Set to Expire

| Seat | Date Appointment Will Expire<br>Asterisk (*) indicates eligible for reappointment |
|------|---|
| None |   |
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## **SEC 4. Recommendations Solicited**

**Has a solicitation for multiple recommendations for Council appointment been distributed?**

Yes

No

**Agencies Solicited**

**Date**

SCDD Website

Continuous

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## **SEC 5. Councilmember Terms**

**Appointment Roster Listing Each Members Term Attached?**

Yes

No

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## **SEC 6. Nominees**

**Number of candidates forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration: 1 (North Valley Hills)**

**Number of candidates the Membership Committee moved forward to the interview process: 3 (Sequoia Region)**

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 7.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Executive Director Report and Staff Reports***

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SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide Councilmembers with an oral report regarding recent Council activities. Additionally, SCDD Staff reports have been included in the packet for informational purposes.

***Attachments***

Chief Deputy Director Report  
Policy and Public Affairs Report  
C.R.A./V.A.S. Update Report  
QA Project Update Report

***Handouts***

Executive Director Report  
Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report

## Chief Deputy Director's Report: September 2024

The Chief Deputy Director (CDD) continues overseeing operational matters, in concert with staff, and identifying organizational tools to assist the team. Time also has been spent meeting with staff, management, and external partners on various programs, program policy, and implementation, including the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM TAP).

Other projects include collaborative conversations with DDS partners regarding the CRA/VAS and QA programs, and other opportunities/project ideas regarding employment and quality assessment surveys. Conversations address funding and contracting matters as well as program efficiencies.

The Chief Deputy Director continues to facilitate and oversee SCDD's administrative functions such as budget management, contracts, and day-to-day operations.

- Continued planning, organizing, and implementation steps with the Supported Decision-making Technical Assistance Program team and external partners.
- Reviewed and approved SDM-TAP grant/program support contracts for project evaluation (UC Davis) and a resource library (UCLA).
- Supported the SDM-TAP team in finalizing grant documents and reviewing and approving final grant commitments. As noted in prior reports, the content has been informed by, and responsive to, community conversations—a series of stakeholder discussions regarding individual and family experience with supported decision making and what was successful and/or challenging for those pursuing or interested in supported decision making. Awardees began their projects on July 1, 2024, with one additional grant awarded in August 2024 who began work in September.



- Reviewed and approved program and operational contracts.
- Reviewed and approved numerous invoices for program, administrative, and operational services, including translation and interpretation services and support for self-advocates presenting at self-determination project trainings.
- Worked with the budget manager on numerous fiscal matters and reporting (e.g., accounting and expenditure tracking, year-end procedures) and drills from control agencies such as the Department of Finance and began the annual state budget development process for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
- Worked with the Operations and State Plan Manager on the development of an Employee Technical Assistance Guide –an internal document providing points-of-contact, access to standard forms, and summaries of various administrative and operational processes (e.g., contracts).
- Continued work on several key recruitments including staff counsel and the Deputy Director for Policy and Public Affairs. Interviews are planned for September and October. Concluded recruitment for a new Quality Assessment Program Manager to backfill Ruby Villanueva who retired in August.
- Finalized the purchase and regional office distribution of 1,425 additional go-kits. This purchase, added to our purchase in late 2023, results in a total purchase of nearly 5,000 go-kits funded by from a \$365,000 grant to SCDD.

## SEPTEMBER 2024 REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### POLICY UPDATE

- ✓ **2024 Bills:** The Policy Team continues to monitor all the bills that could affect the I/DD community and continues to review all bill alerts daily. This year's list of bills we support are now at the Governor's desk (except for 3 bills that failed). We have submitted support letters to the Governor's office to advocate for the bills.
- ✓ **2025 Policy Priorities:** We continue to review and research issues brought to our attention. These issues are considered for future policy priorities.
- ✓ The ***There Should Be a Law*** bill ideas contest is now up and running. Bill Ideas can be submitted all month of September. A report will follow in October. The bill ideas submitted will be reviewed for possible policy priorities in 2025.
- ✓ **SB 37:** a housing subsidy bill for aging individuals and people with disabilities age 50 and over, continues to move through the legislative process. SCDD is a co-sponsor. Due to the current and growing budget deficit, the bill was amended to reduce its cost from \$500,000 to \$25,000 and made it a pilot program. The bill passed both Senate and Assembly and is now awaiting approval by the Governor. We continue to advocate for the bill with the Governor and have created a sign-on letter in both English and Spanish to gather more support for SB 37. Additionally, a communications committee was formed to recommend strategic ideas to help advocate for the bill next year, should the Governor veto it this year.
- ✓ **Employment First Coalition:** In 2023 this diverse coalition championed the creation of the Employment First Office at HHS. We continue to meet on a weekly basis, compiling recommendations, and expertise that we will share with HHS. It is our hope that they will use our recommendations in implementing the new office, but so far have not received any updates on the creation of the new office. The coalition has also decided to focus their efforts on creating recommendations for the Master Plan on Developmental Disabilities.
- ✓ **Inclusive College Opportunities Coalition (ICA).** This year the ICA Coalition successfully advocated for \$2Million recurring funding for a CA Center for Inclusive College (the CA Center). The CA Center will be administered by a County of Education office. Its responsibilities will include identifying best practices for colleges that want to establish inclusive programs and assisting with identifying funding sources to establish, sustain and expand inclusive college programs. It will also require up to \$500,000 to be available for the CA Center to convene an advisory workgroup consisting of representatives from existing inclusive college programs. Currently an RFA (request for applications) is being

created for different counties to apply for the grant. ICA has created recommendations to offer assistance in implementing the CA Center.

- ✓ **Deaf Steering Committee:** The Deaf Steering Committee gave an update on July 17th about the Service Access Equity Grant Program with \$11M in funds annually for regional centers and community-based organizations to engage with diverse communities to improve access to services. Many of the organizations that have been granted funding are creating training for staff to learn sign language, creating supports for parents of children that are deaf/hard of hearing, and increasing access to services for deaf clients.

## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

### OUTREACH

- ✓ July 9, 2024, News Release for the announcement of the new California Center for Inclusive College. Distribution tactics included an email blast disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and shared via the Council's primary social media pages: Facebook, X(formerly Twitter), Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- ✓ July 28, 2024, News Release for the announcement of the White House Communities in Action: Building a Better America event on July 30. Social media creative was also developed to support the event and use as evergreen content (<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=908791824625610&set=pb.100064844014593.-2207520000&type=3>, <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=908193101352149&set=pb.100064844014593.-2207520000>). Distribution tactics included an email blast disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and shared via the Council's primary social media pages: Facebook, X(formerly Twitter), Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- ✓ August News & Events email blast: Included messaging that highlighted National Back to School Month and National Immunization Awareness Month. Also included, buttons for My Voter Status and Official Voter Information Guide, recruitment for an SDP Analyst, contracted interviewers for the quality assessment project, and SCDD meetings. Messaging was disseminated to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and shared via the Council's primary social media pages.
- ✓ August Blog Feature Post: "[With Proper Love and Support it is Easy to Thrive—A Video Interview with Cole B.](#)" An email blast was sent to nearly 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and shared via the Council's primary social media pages. Creative for the rotating banner on the Council's website was developed to promote the post.

- ✓ SCDD HR Recruitment (July-August): To aid in SCDD staff recruitment efforts, Comms created a flyer to promote the re-advertisement of the Self-Determination Program Analyst position. The position was advertised via SCDD social media platforms on [July 24 for the 8/5 ffd](#) and [August 22 for the 8/28 ffd](#): Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and LinkedIn to a collective social media audience over 8,700 followers. Additionally, the 8/5 ffd flyer was included in the August News and Events Blast to over 11,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact.
- ✓ [3rd Annual Back-to-School Resources Guide in English and Spanish](#). The guide was updated for the 24-25 school year with direction from the educational D.E.A.P. The guides were distributed via an email blast disseminated to over 20,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature, and shared social media Facebook, (X formerly Twitter), Instagram and LinkedIn.
- ✓ Comms updated [social media creative](#) in conjunction with the coalition of sponsors and co-sponsors of SB 37 (Caballero) The Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act for use in email and social media posts, urging the Governor to sign the bill.
- ✓ September News & Events email blast: Included messaging about National Preparedness Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month, and California Native American Day. Also included, buttons for My Voter Status and Official Voter Information Guide. Additional messaging included, Cycle 47 Tribal Health RFP grant, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Idea Contest, Registration for the Webinar Series of NEON CoP 2.0 series for NDEAM, QAP contractor recruitment. Messaging was disseminated to over 21,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature via Constant Contact, and shared via the Council's primary social media pages.
- ✓ Launched the [4th Annual There Should Be a Law Contest](#) in English and Spanish. Promoted via a call-to-action on the homepage of the SCDD website, Facebook, X(formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram, and shared via the September News & Events email blast to over 20,000 unique email addresses, including the CA Legislature.
- ✓ Developed a Save the Date flyer for use on social media to promote the Council's Subminimum Wage Town Hall to close out NDEAM on October 30. The flyer is posted to the Council's primary social media pages.
- ✓ Participated in legislative outreach planning and coalition meetings.
- ✓ Assisted regional offices, Council committees, and partners with brainstorming, and disseminating information about existing and upcoming initiatives (including webinars and live in-person events) via statewide email or social media.

## **BRANDING**

- ✓ **Completed:** Developed creative for social media banners and virtual background, and Save the Date flyer for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).
- ✓ **In Progress:** Development of an annual report.

# CRA/VAS

## SCDD AT WORK INSIDE CALIFORNIA DDS STATE-OPERATED FACILITIES

CENSUS As Of September 1, 2024: 221

SCDD commemorates 25 years of interagency collaboration with DDS to serve individuals residing in and transitioning from the DDS California state facilities. SCDD, through the CRA/VAS Program, facilitated the successful closures of the following Developmental Centers - Sonoma, Agnews, Fairview, and Lanterman and Sierra Vista Community Facility. Stockton and Camarillo DC closed prior to 1998. CRA and VAS serves the newly created DDS STAR crisis units. From an institutional population of approximately 5000 individuals in 1998 down to approximately 300 in 2023, SCDD was a key partner in California's deinstitutionalization of individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities. Thank You current and former CRA and VAS team members. Your work these past 25 years improved thousands of lives.

### Program Activity for July and August 2024

#### **Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR Unit**

CRA is monitoring impact of SB 639 on vocational services. CS instituted career technical education training to focus on long term goals. CRA attended 5 IPP/special meetings, 4 human rights/behavior meetings, 2 denial of rights; conducted 2 staff trainings on rights, and a voter information session. VAS filed a WIC Section 4731 complaint for violation of least restrictive environment for one individual awaiting transition. VAS attended 31 IPP/specials, 24 transition meetings, a human rights/behavior meetings, 24 provider trainings, attended 5 court hearing, facilitated 4 self advocacy events. Desert STAR unit stopped admitting new individuals on June 30, 2024.



Census  
Canyon Springs: 34  
Desert STAR: 10

#### **Porterville Developmental Center**

CRA assisted individuals in the areas of religious expression, dietary needs, alleged abuse, and court access. CRA attended 14 IPP/special meetings; 1 transition meeting, 19 Human Rights and Behavior committee meetings, 6 denial of rights reviews; and 1 self advocacy event. CRA and VAS reviewing the lack of voting rights for people committed to PDC. VAS is actively recruiting for advocates in Northern California. VAS advocating for placements in community. VAS program attended 9 IPP/special team meetings; and 48 transition planning meetings, 2 escort review meetings, facilitated 1 People First event, and 1 court hearing.



Census  
Porterville DC:  
177



# Quality Assessment Project (QAP) Report

## September 2024

### **Eligibility for Family Surveys**

*Family Surveys collect demographic information on both the individual receiving services (“family member”) as well as the person who fills out the survey (the ‘respondent’) and information on services and supports received.*

Child Family Survey (CFS): Mailed to families who have a child family member (ages 17 and under) who lives with the respondent and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

Adult Family Surveys (AFS): Mailed to families who have an adult family member (ages 18+) who lives with the respondent and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

Family Guardian Survey (FGS): Mailed to families who have an adult family member (ages 18+) who lives in the community (outside the family home) and receives at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management.

### **Recent Past Cycle - Family Survey Cycle**

The NCI Family Survey Cycle collection has now been completed with **22,089** completed surveys received in the mail and an additional **6,250** surveys directly entered online by family members, for a total of **28,339** submitted surveys.

The online direct entry (DE) system was available to English speaking family members only, but DDS continues to make plans to offer the system in the future in multiple languages.

Currently, the print version of each survey is available in 18 different languages including the following: *English, Spanish, Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Laotian, Mien, Portuguese, Russian, Tagalog, Urdu and Vietnamese*

SCDD mails each survey in the language identified by the Regional Center.

The breakdown of these completed surveys by regional center and survey type, as well as by ethn racial categories can be found in the following pages. Those ethn racial categories identified

in the Population Plan completed by UC Davis include Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic, Other and White.

Important Note: Statistical results are based on the ethnoracial categories identified in the Population Plan and not the Ethnicity identified by the respondent in the survey.

### **Current Cycle: In-Person Survey (IPS)**

The upcoming IPS cycle is scheduled to begin October 2024. During this cycle, a random sample of individuals 18 years or older, receiving at least one regional center funded service in addition to case management will be surveyed.

Respondents will be given the option to have their survey conducted face-to-face at their preferred location or remotely using Zoom Healthcare, a HIPPA compliant video conferencing platform.

The target for all 21 regional centers remains 400 each for a statewide goal of 8400 surveys.

To conduct these remote surveys, SCDD has so far contracted with 154 surveyors statewide covering languages such as Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese.

Training for all surveyors and QACs are being conducted September/October, implemented through live webinars and self-paced online training modules.



Chart 1: AFS Responses by Regional Center

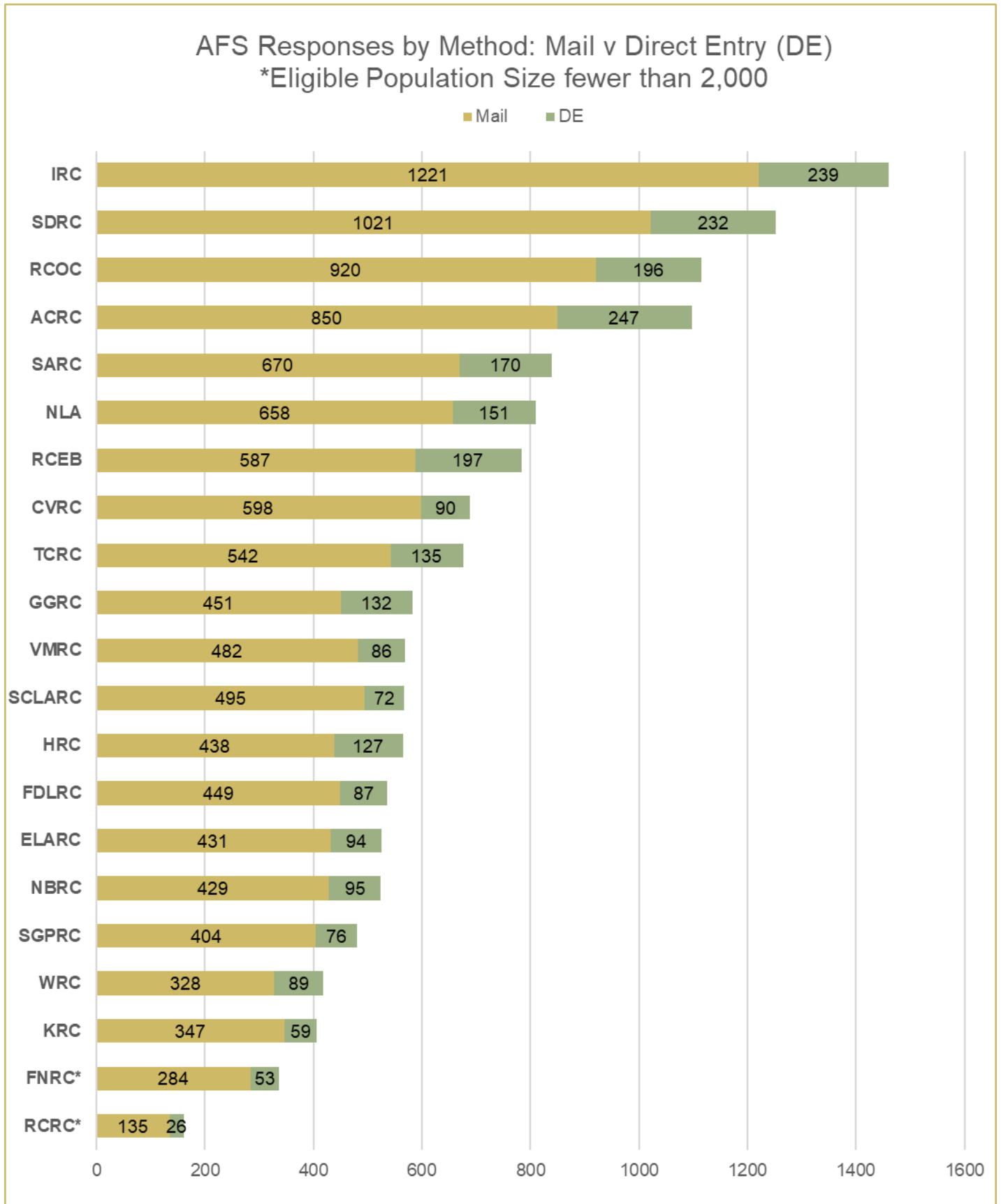


Chart 2: CFS Responses by Regional Center

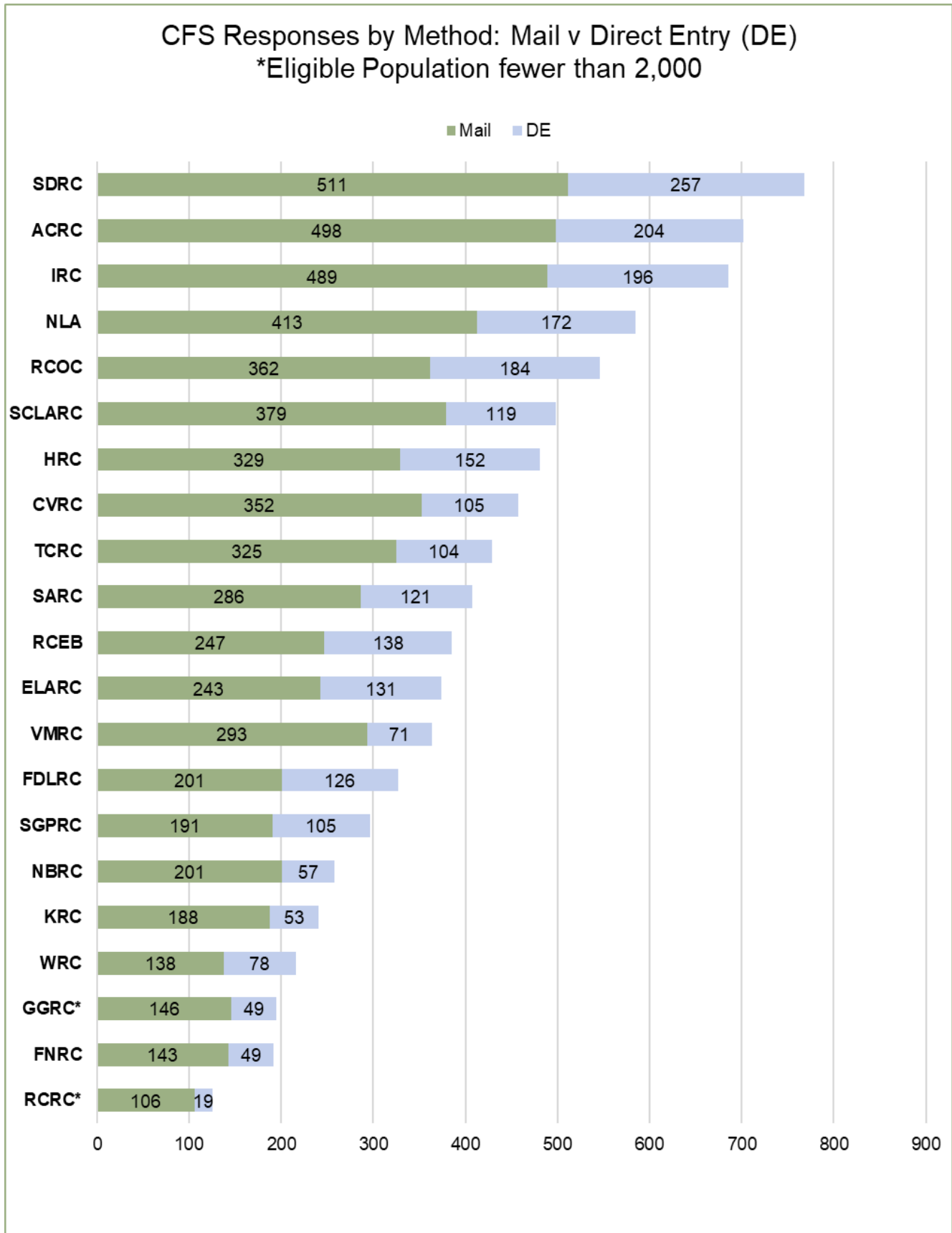


Chart 3: FGS Responses by Regional Center

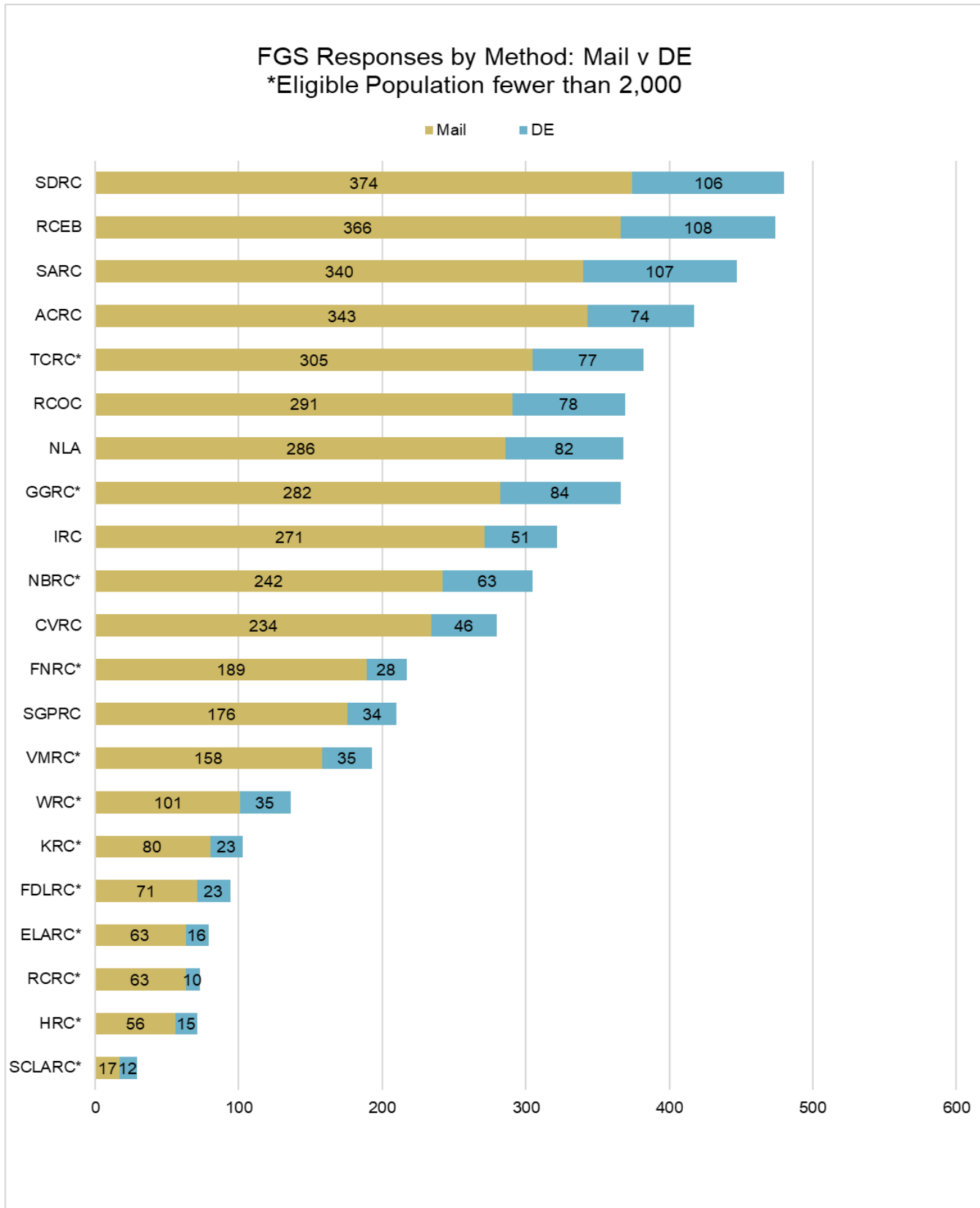


Figure 1: AFS Completed by Race Ethnicity

| <b>AFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity</b>  |             |                 |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>** Regional Centers where the eligible population (N) is less than 2,000</b> |             |                 |                 |
|   | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Complete</b> | <b>% Goal</b>   |
| <b>Alta California</b>  | 400         | 1095            |                 |
| Asian   | 45          | 118             | 262%            |
| Black   | 49          | 91              | 186%            |
| Hispanic  | 78          | 132             | 169%            |
| Other   | 33          | 129             | 391%            |
| White   | 195         | 625             | 321%            |
| <b>Central Valley</b>   | 400         | 689             |                 |
| Asian   | 30          | 40              | 133%            |
| Black   | 23          | 34              | 148%            |
| Hispanic  | 241         | 343             | 142%            |
| Other   | 13          | 42              | 323%            |
| White   | 93          | 230             | 247%            |
| <b>East Bay</b>   | 400         | 782             |                 |
| Asian   | 92          | 160             | 174%            |
| Black   | 77          | 108             | 140%            |
| Hispanic  | 96          | 144             | 150%            |
| Other   | 26          | 86              | 331%            |
| White   | 109         | 284             | 261%            |
| <b>Eastern LA</b>   | 400         | 520             |                 |
| Asian   | 59          | 106             | 180%            |
| Black   | 4           | 6               | 150%            |
| Hispanic  | 294         | 336             | 114%            |
| Other   | 10          | 17              | 170%            |
| White   | 33          | 55              | 167%            |
| <b>Far Northern**</b>   | <b>400</b>  | <b>333</b>      | <b>N = 1712</b> |
| Asian   | 13          | 5               | 38%             |
| Black   | 9           | 5               | 56%             |
| Hispanic  | 63          | 27              | 43%             |
| Other   | 19          | 29              | 153%            |
| White   | 296         | 267             | 90%             |
| <b>Frank D. Lanterman</b>   | 400         | 530             |                 |
| Asian   | 55          | 99              | 180%            |
| Black   | 29          | 34              | 117%            |
| Hispanic  | 199         | 241             | 121%            |
| Other   | 9           | 14              | 156%            |
| White   | 108         | 142             | 131%            |
| <b>Golden Gate</b>  | 400         | 577             |                 |
| Asian   | 148         | 216             | 146%            |
| Black   | 27          | 28              | 104%            |
| Hispanic  | 100         | 86              | 86%             |
| Other   | 27          | 60              | 222%            |
| White   | 98          | 187             | 191%            |

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Figure 2: AFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity (Continued)

|                        |            |             |               |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Harbor</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>565</b>  |               |
| Asian                  | 61         | 98          | 161%          |
| Black                  | 44         | 36          | 82%           |
| Hispanic               | 178        | 178         | 100%          |
| Other                  | 37         | 75          | 203%          |
| White                  | 80         | 178         | 223%          |
| <b>Inland</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>1451</b> |               |
| Asian                  | 19         | 84          | 442%          |
| Black                  | 50         | 161         | 322%          |
| Hispanic               | 211        | 614         | 291%          |
| Other                  | 20         | 84          | 420%          |
| White                  | 100        | 508         | 508%          |
| <b>Kern</b>            | <b>400</b> | <b>411</b>  |               |
| Asian                  | 14         | 20          | 143%          |
| Black                  | 35         | 27          | 77%           |
| Hispanic               | 217        | 203         | 94%           |
| Other                  | 19         | 20          | 105%          |
| White                  | 115        | 141         | 123%          |
| <b>North Bay</b>       | <b>400</b> | <b>524</b>  |               |
| Asian                  | 35         | 39          | 111%          |
| Black                  | 42         | 40          | 95%           |
| Hispanic               | 118        | 118         | 100%          |
| Other                  | 35         | 58          | 166%          |
| White                  | 170        | 269         | 158%          |
| <b>North LA County</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>818</b>  |               |
| Asian                  | 30         | 77          | 257%          |
| Black                  | 42         | 58          | 138%          |
| Hispanic               | 195        | 321         | 165%          |
| Other                  | 11         | 48          | 436%          |
| White                  | 122        | 314         | 257%          |
| <b>Orange County</b>   | <b>400</b> | <b>1116</b> |               |
| Asian                  | 78         | 227         | 291%          |
| Black                  | 7          | 18          | 257%          |
| Hispanic               | 145        | 328         | 226%          |
| Other                  | 44         | 103         | 234%          |
| White                  | 126        | 440         | 349%          |
| <b>Redwood Coast**</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>161</b>  | <b>N= 954</b> |
| Asian                  | 7          | 6           | 86%           |
| Black                  | 12         | 2           | 17%           |
| Hispanic               | 67         | 16          | 24%           |
| Other                  | 26         | 11          | 42%           |
| White                  | 288        | 126         | 44%           |

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Figure 3: AFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity (Continued)

|                           |             |                 |               |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>San Andreas</b>        | <b>400</b>  | <b>841</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 108         | 221             | 205%          |
| Black                     | 9           | 10              | 111%          |
| Hispanic                  | 160         | 257             | 161%          |
| Other                     | 27          | 81              | 300%          |
| White                     | 96          | 272             | 283%          |
| <b>San Diego</b>          | <b>400</b>  | <b>1251</b>     |               |
| Asian                     | 38          | 131             | 345%          |
| Black                     | 27          | 54              | 200%          |
| Hispanic                  | 185         | 457             | 247%          |
| Other                     | 28          | 120             | 429%          |
| White                     | 122         | 489             | 401%          |
| <b>San Gabriel/Pomona</b> | <b>400</b>  | <b>481</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 60          | 77              | 128%          |
| Black                     | 21          | 22              | 105%          |
| Hispanic                  | 244         | 250             | 102%          |
| Other                     | 21          | 31              | 148%          |
| White                     | 54          | 101             | 187%          |
| <b>South Central LA</b>   | <b>400</b>  | <b>566</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 4           | 7               | 175%          |
| Black                     | 90          | 139             | 154%          |
| Hispanic                  | 292         | 398             | 136%          |
| Other                     | 8           | 8               | 100%          |
| White                     | 6           | 14              | 233%          |
| <b>Tri-Counties</b>       | <b>400</b>  | <b>681</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 19          | 43              | 226%          |
| Black                     | 7           | 9               | 129%          |
| Hispanic                  | 185         | 257             | 139%          |
| Other                     | 16          | 44              | 275%          |
| White                     | 173         | 328             | 190%          |
| <b>Valley Mountain</b>    | <b>400</b>  | <b>567</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 42          | 66              | 157%          |
| Black                     | 35          | 40              | 114%          |
| Hispanic                  | 167         | 170             | 102%          |
| Other                     | 22          | 44              | 200%          |
| White                     | 134         | 247             | 184%          |
| <b>Westside</b>           | <b>400</b>  | <b>417</b>      |               |
| Asian                     | 20          | 35              | 175%          |
| Black                     | 107         | 104             | 97%           |
| Hispanic                  | 155         | 125             | 81%           |
| Other                     | 33          | 35              | 106%          |
| White                     | 85          | 118             | 139%          |
|                           | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Complete</b> | <b>% Goal</b> |
| <b>Report Totals</b>      | <b>8400</b> | <b>14376</b>    | <b>171%</b>   |
| Asian                     | 977         | 1875            | 192%          |
| Black                     | 746         | 1026            | 138%          |
| Hispanic                  | 3590        | 5001            | 139%          |
| Other                     | 484         | 1139            | 235%          |
| White                     | 2603        | 5335            | 205%          |

Figure 4: CFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity

| <b>CFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity</b>  |      |          |        |  |
|---|------|----------|--------|--|
| <b>** Regional Centers where the eligible population (N) is less than 2,000</b> |      |          |        |  |
|   | Goal | Complete | % Goal |  |
| <b>Alta California</b>  | 400  | 701      |        |  |
| Asian   | 53   | 96       | 181%   |  |
| Black   | 42   | 35       | 83%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 92   | 155      | 168%   |  |
| Other   | 69   | 131      | 190%   |  |
| White   | 144  | 284      | 197%   |  |
| <b>Central Valley</b>   | 400  | 456      |        |  |
| Asian   | 23   | 34       | 148%   |  |
| Black   | 15   | 11       | 73%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 253  | 292      | 115%   |  |
| Other   | 49   | 54       | 110%   |  |
| White   | 60   | 65       | 108%   |  |
| <b>East Bay</b>   | 400  | 373      |        |  |
| Asian   | 99   | 80       | 81%    |  |
| Black   | 50   | 25       | 50%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 137  | 94       | 69%    |  |
| Other   | 44   | 97       | 220%   |  |
| White   | 70   | 77       | 110%   |  |
| <b>Eastern LA</b>   | 400  | 374      |        |  |
| Asian   | 52   | 76       | 146%   |  |
| Black   | 5    | 4        | 80%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 296  | 232      | 78%    |  |
| Other   | 25   | 37       | 148%   |  |
| White   | 22   | 25       | 114%   |  |
| <b>Far Northern</b>   | 400  | 191      |        |  |
| Asian   | 9    | 2        | 22%    |  |
| Black   | 7    | 1        | 14%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 81   | 43       | 53%    |  |
| Other   | 28   | 18       | 64%    |  |
| White   | 275  | 127      | 46%    |  |
| <b>Frank D. Lanterman</b>   | 400  | 327      |        |  |
| Asian   | 52   | 63       | 121%   |  |
| Black   | 24   | 12       | 50%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 210  | 128      | 61%    |  |
| Other   | 8    | 11       | 138%   |  |
| White   | 106  | 113      | 107%   |  |
| <b>Golden Gate</b>  | 400  | 190      |        |  |
| Asian   | 117  | 75       | 64%    |  |
| Black   | 17   | 5        | 29%    |  |
| Hispanic  | 143  | 50       | 35%    |  |
| Other   | 49   | 17       | 35%    |  |
| White   | 74   | 43       | 58%    |  |

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Figure 5: CFS Completed Race Ethnicity (continued)

|                        |            |            |                |
|------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Harbor</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>481</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 49         | 71         | 145%           |
| Black                  | 36         | 30         | 83%            |
| Hispanic               | 203        | 234        | 115%           |
| Other                  | 69         | 82         | 119%           |
| White                  | 43         | 64         | 149%           |
| <b>Inland</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>682</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 18         | 41         | 228%           |
| Black                  | 32         | 40         | 125%           |
| Hispanic               | 181        | 305        | 169%           |
| Other                  | 103        | 163        | 158%           |
| White                  | 66         | 133        | 202%           |
| <b>Kern</b>            | <b>400</b> | <b>241</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 16         | 6          | 38%            |
| Black                  | 30         | 11         | 37%            |
| Hispanic               | 244        | 151        | 62%            |
| Other                  | 25         | 18         | 72%            |
| White                  | 85         | 55         | 65%            |
| <b>North Bay</b>       | <b>400</b> | <b>258</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 26         | 14         | 54%            |
| Black                  | 28         | 16         | 57%            |
| Hispanic               | 165        | 100        | 61%            |
| Other                  | 74         | 51         | 69%            |
| White                  | 107        | 77         | 72%            |
| <b>North LA County</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>586</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 28         | 45         | 161%           |
| Black                  | 39         | 28         | 72%            |
| Hispanic               | 224        | 320        | 143%           |
| Other                  | 17         | 48         | 282%           |
| White                  | 92         | 145        | 158%           |
| <b>Orange County</b>   | <b>400</b> | <b>541</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 85         | 142        | 167%           |
| Black                  | 7          | 3          | 43%            |
| Hispanic               | 144        | 173        | 120%           |
| Other                  | 83         | 103        | 124%           |
| White                  | 81         | 120        | 148%           |
| <b>Redwood Coast**</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>N= 1088</b> |
| Asian                  | 7          | 1          | 14%            |
| Black                  | 7          | 0          | 0%             |
| Hispanic               | 100        | 26         | 26%            |
| Other                  | 48         | 16         | 33%            |
| White                  | 238        | 81         | 34%            |

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Figure 6: CFS Completed by Race/Ethnicity (Continued)

|                    |             |                 |               |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| San Andreas        | 400         | 419             |               |
| Asian              | 103         | 115             | 112%          |
| Black              | 4           | 4               | 100%          |
| Hispanic           | 187         | 172             | 92%           |
| Other              | 54          | 58              | 107%          |
| White              | 52          | 70              | 135%          |
| San Diego          | 400         | 765             |               |
| Asian              | 35          | 96              | 274%          |
| Black              | 16          | 26              | 163%          |
| Hispanic           | 186         | 311             | 167%          |
| Other              | 83          | 160             | 193%          |
| White              | 80          | 172             | 215%          |
| San Gabriel/Pomona | 400         | 296             |               |
| Asian              | 71          | 73              | 103%          |
| Black              | 14          | 7               | 50%           |
| Hispanic           | 269         | 145             | 54%           |
| Other              | 16          | 46              | 288%          |
| White              | 30          | 25              | 83%           |
| South Central LA   | 400         | 495             |               |
| Asian              | 2           | 2               | 100%          |
| Black              | 57          | 61              | 107%          |
| Hispanic           | 317         | 416             | 131%          |
| Other              | 20          | 13              | 65%           |
| White              | 4           | 3               | 75%           |
| Tri-Counties       | 400         | 431             |               |
| Asian              | 12          | 16              | 133%          |
| Black              | 4           | 3               | 75%           |
| Hispanic           | 225         | 245             | 109%          |
| Other              | 32          | 35              | 109%          |
| White              | 127         | 132             | 104%          |
| Valley Mountain    | 400         | 366             |               |
| Asian              | 45          | 45              | 100%          |
| Black              | 31          | 16              | 52%           |
| Hispanic           | 202         | 197             | 98%           |
| Other              | 42          | 40              | 95%           |
| White              | 80          | 68              | 85%           |
| Westside           | 400         | 216             |               |
| Asian              | 17          | 14              | 82%           |
| Black              | 94          | 49              | 52%           |
| Hispanic           | 169         | 66              | 39%           |
| Other              | 45          | 43              | 96%           |
| White              | 75          | 44              | 59%           |
|                    | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Complete</b> | <b>% Goal</b> |
| Report Totals      | 8400        | 8513            | 101%          |
| Asian              | 919         | 1107            | 120%          |
| Black              | 559         | 387             | 69%           |
| Hispanic           | 4028        | 3855            | 96%           |
| Other              | 983         | 1241            | 126%          |
| White              | 1911        | 1923            | 101%          |

Figure 7: FGS Completed by Race/Ethnicity

| <b>FGS Completed by Race/Ethnicity</b>  |             |                 |               |
|---|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>** Regional Centers where the eligible population (N) is less than 2,000</b> |             |                 |               |
|   | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Complete</b> | <b>% Goal</b> |
| <b>Alta California</b>  | 400         | 416             |               |
| Asian   | 18          | 20              | 111%          |
| Black   | 55          | 25              | 45%           |
| Hispanic  | 34          | 17              | 50%           |
| Other   | 20          | 27              | 135%          |
| White   | 273         | 327             | 120%          |
| <b>Central Valley</b>   | 400         | 278             |               |
| Asian   | 14          | 7               | 50%           |
| Black   | 37          | 16              | 14%           |
| Hispanic  | 129         | 53              | 41%           |
| Other   | 11          | 8               | 73%           |
| White   | 209         | 194             | 93%           |
| <b>East Bay</b>   | 400         | 469             |               |
| Asian   | 44          | 47              | 107%          |
| Black   | 82          | 44              | 54%           |
| Hispanic  | 38          | 30              | 79%           |
| Other   | 14          | 38              | 271%          |
| White   | 222         | 310             | 140%          |
| <b>Eastern LA**</b>   | 400         | 78              | N = 797       |
| Asian   | 49          | 10              | 20%           |
| Black   | 14          | 2               | 14%           |
| Hispanic  | 194         | 23              | 12%           |
| Other   | 6           | 3               | 50%           |
| White   | 137         | 40              | 29%           |
| <b>Far Northern**</b>   | 400         | 216             | N = 1665      |
| Asian   | 4           | 3               | 75%           |
| Black   | 10          | 5               | 50%           |
| Hispanic  | 18          | 9               | 50%           |
| Other   | 18          | 11              | 61%           |
| White   | 350         | 188             | 54%           |
| <b>Frank D. Lanterman**</b>   | 400         | 95              | N = 721       |
| Asian   | 60          | 14              | 23%           |
| Black   | 41          | 7               | 17%           |
| Hispanic  | 86          | 12              | 14%           |
| Other   | 7           | 4               | 57%           |
| White   | 206         | 58              | 28%           |
| <b>Golden Gate**</b>  | 400         | 363             | N = 1683      |
| Asian   | 54          | 35              | 65%           |
| Black   | 46          | 16              | 35%           |
| Hispanic  | 36          | 20              | 56%           |
| Other   | 18          | 24              | 133%          |
| White   | 246         | 268             | 109%          |

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Figure 8: FGS Completed by Race/Ethnicity (continued)

|                        |            |            |                |
|------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Harbor**</b>        | <b>400</b> | <b>71</b>  | <b>N=997</b>   |
| Asian                  | 48         | 9          | 19%            |
| Black                  | 64         | 8          | 13%            |
| Hispanic               | 83         | 8          | 10%            |
| Other                  | 21         | 8          | 38%            |
| White                  | 184        | 38         | 21%            |
| <b>Inland</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>319</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 10         | 13         | 130%           |
| Black                  | 51         | 23         | 45%            |
| Hispanic               | 93         | 46         | 49%            |
| Other                  | 13         | 9          | 69%            |
| White                  | 233        | 228        | 98%            |
| <b>Kern**</b>          | <b>400</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>N=1115</b>  |
| Asian                  | 12         | 5          | 42%            |
| Black                  | 46         | 3          | 7%             |
| Hispanic               | 96         | 12         | 13%            |
| Other                  | 15         | 5          | 33%            |
| White                  | 231        | 78         | 34%            |
| <b>North Bay**</b>     | <b>400</b> | <b>305</b> | <b>N= 1675</b> |
| Asian                  | 14         | 9          | 64%            |
| Black                  | 41         | 18         | 44%            |
| Hispanic               | 32         | 10         | 31%            |
| Other                  | 16         | 12         | 75%            |
| White                  | 297        | 256        | 86%            |
| <b>North LA County</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>370</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 20         | 20         | 100%           |
| Black                  | 44         | 13         | 30%            |
| Hispanic               | 73         | 41         | 56%            |
| Other                  | 6          | 10         | 167%           |
| White                  | 257        | 286        | 111%           |
| <b>Orange County</b>   | <b>400</b> | <b>366</b> |                |
| Asian                  | 40         | 44         | 110%           |
| Black                  | 11         | 8          | 73%            |
| Hispanic               | 56         | 32         | 57%            |
| Other                  | 30         | 31         | 103%           |
| White                  | 263        | 251        | 95%            |
| <b>Redwood Coast**</b> | <b>400</b> | <b>73</b>  | <b>N=653</b>   |
| Asian                  | 4          | 0          | 0%             |
| Black                  | 6          | 0          | 0%             |
| Hispanic               | 15         | 1          | 7%             |
| Other                  | 24         | 4          | 17%            |
| White                  | 351        | 68         | 19%            |

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Figure 9: FGS Completed by Race/Ethnicity (continued)

|                           |             |                 |                |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>San Andreas</b>        | <b>400</b>  | <b>448</b>      |                |
| Asian                     | 40          | 40              | 100%           |
| Black                     | 18          | 10              | 56%            |
| Hispanic                  | 80          | 48              | 60%            |
| Other                     | 18          | 30              | 167%           |
| White                     | 244         | 320             | 131%           |
| <b>San Diego</b>          | <b>400</b>  | <b>479</b>      |                |
| Asian                     | 18          | 16              | 89%            |
| Black                     | 35          | 18              | 51%            |
| Hispanic                  | 78          | 47              | 60%            |
| Other                     | 15          | 29              | 193%           |
| White                     | 254         | 369             | 145%           |
| <b>San Gabriel/Pomona</b> | <b>400</b>  | <b>210</b>      |                |
| Asian                     | 32          | 21              | 66%            |
| Black                     | 40          | 17              | 43%            |
| Hispanic                  | 122         | 29              | 24%            |
| Other                     | 16          | 9               | 56%            |
| White                     | 190         | 134             | 71%            |
| <b>South Central LA**</b> | <b>400</b>  | <b>29</b>       | <b>N=549</b>   |
| Asian                     | 11          | 1               | 9%             |
| Black                     | 200         | 13              | 7%             |
| Hispanic                  | 124         | 5               | 4%             |
| Other                     | 15          | 3               | 20%            |
| White                     | 50          | 7               | 14%            |
| <b>Tri-Counties**</b>     | <b>400</b>  | <b>383</b>      | <b>N=1939</b>  |
| Asian                     | 13          | 13              | 100%           |
| Black                     | 12          | 7               | 58%            |
| Hispanic                  | 74          | 26              | 35%            |
| Other                     | 12          | 23              | 192%           |
| White                     | 289         | 314             | 109%           |
| <b>Valley Mountain**</b>  | <b>400</b>  | <b>194</b>      | <b>N= 1649</b> |
| Asian                     | 20          | 10              | 50%            |
| Black                     | 42          | 5               | 12%            |
| Hispanic                  | 62          | 26              | 42%            |
| Other                     | 14          | 6               | 43%            |
| White                     | 262         | 147             | 56%            |
| <b>Westside**</b>         | <b>400</b>  | <b>135</b>      | <b>N=848</b>   |
| Asian                     | 19          | 8               | 42%            |
| Black                     | 100         | 24              | 24%            |
| Hispanic                  | 68          | 9               | 13%            |
| Other                     | 22          | 6               | 27%            |
| White                     | 191         | 88              | 46%            |
|                           | <b>Goal</b> | <b>Complete</b> | <b>% Goal</b>  |
| <b>Report Totals</b>      | <b>8400</b> | <b>5400</b>     | <b>64%</b>     |
| Asian                     | 544         | 345             | 63%            |
| Black                     | 995         | 282             | 28%            |
| Hispanic                  | 1591        | 504             | 32%            |
| Other                     | 331         | 300             | 91%            |
| White                     | 4939        | 3969            | 80%            |

## About National Core Indicators

National Core Indicators™ (NCI) strives to provide states with valid and reliable tools to help improve system performance and better serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Through a contract with Department of Developmental Services (DDS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), using the NCI Survey tools, collects quantitative data on consumer satisfaction, provision of services, and personal outcomes. Data collection is completed through face to face interviews with consumers as well as mail-in surveys from families.

This data collection effort will enable DDS to evaluate the quality and performance of California's developmental disability service delivery system and among all the 21 regional centers over time.

To view the DDS NCI Dashboard go to:  
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/nci/>

For more information about the NCI go to:  
<https://www.nationalcoreindicators.org/>

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Scan QR code below to go to QA Project Webpage  
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## QAC Regional Center Assignments

QAC: *Vacant*

Support Staff: *Sarah Wirrig*

**Far Northern**

**North Bay**

**Redwood Coast**

*Ron Usac*

Support Staff: *Valerie Buell*

**East Bay**

**San Andreas**

*George Lewis*

Support Staff: *Vacant*

**Alta California**

**Central Valley**

**Valley Mountain**

*Lia Cervantes-Lerma ▪ Brianna Reynoso ▪*

*Jenny Villanueva*

Support Staff: *Austin Murphy and Marina Bchtkian*

**East Los Angeles**

**Frank D. Lanterman**

**Harbor**

**North Los Angeles**

**San Gabriel Pomona**

**South Central Los Angeles**

**Westside**

*Angel Wiley*

*Priscilla Huang, SSA*

*SSA: Vacant*

Staff Support: *Vacant*

**Golden Gate**

**Orange County**

**San Diego**

QAC: *Vacant*

Support Staff: *Jose Valle*

**Inland**

**Kern**

**Tri-Counties**

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 8.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report***

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The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a project of the Council. Members will hear updates from Councilmember Julie Gaona on recent activities.

***Handout***

September 2024 SSAN Update Report

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 9.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Nominations for Chair & Vice Chair***

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) has two officers, Chair and Vice-Chair. The Council holds elections for these officers every two years during the last Council meeting of the appropriate calendar year. The Council begins the election process by taking nominations from all members at the second to last meeting of meeting of an election year. This item will be to make nominations for the election in November 2024.

***Attachment***

Detail Sheet on 2024 Officer Elections

## COUNCIL MEETING DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** 2024 Officer Elections

**SUMMARY:** The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) has two officers, Chair and Vice-Chair. The Council holds elections for these officers every two years during the last Council meeting of the appropriate calendar year. The Council begins the election process by taking nominations from all members at the second to last meeting of meeting of an election year.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** On September 24, 2024, the Council will begin the process of electing a new Chair and Vice-Chair by asking members for nominations for both Chair and Vice-Chair.

### WHO CAN BE AN OFFICER?

Only self and family advocate members are eligible to hold these positions. See [Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4521\(b\)\(1\)](#) for information on membership.

The Chair and Vice-Chair will be held by one self-advocates and one family advocates. See page 9 Article VII, Section 2 of the Council [Bylaws](#).

### WHO CANNOT SERVE?

A self or family advocate member with less than one year left on their second term.

An agency representative.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THESE RULES?

Harold Ashe  
Viviana Barnwell  
Jessica Brown  
Harold Fujita  
Julie Gaona  
Sonya Jones  
Cathay Liu  
Nestor Nieves  
Alex Reyes



Lupe Rodriguez  
Eric Ybarra

#### WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION?

- An eligible Councilmember may nominate themselves.
- Any Councilmember can nominate an eligible Councilmember.

#### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR?

Along with the typical duties of all Councilmembers, the Chair

- Leads all Council meetings.
- Sets the agenda for Council meetings.
- Appoints committee chairpersons and members to all Council committees.
- Appoints Council representatives in relation to other agencies and consumer groups.
- Represents the Council as needed.

#### WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIR?

Along with the typical duties of all Councilmembers, the Vice-Chair

- Performs all the duties of the Chair if the Chair is absent or upon request of the Chair.
- Serves as Chair of the Executive Committee.
- Serves as the Council's Parliamentarian.
- Serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee.

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Before the next meeting, nominated members will be sent a candidate statement form that explains why they wish to serve as an officer. The completed form will be included in the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting packet.

At the November 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting members will vote for their next Chair and Vice-Chair.

On January 1, 2025, the new officers will begin serving.

**PREPARED:** September 11, 2024, by Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director and Robin Maitino-Erben, Manager, HQ Business Ops and Committee Support.

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**AGENDA ITEM 10.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Master Plan Discussion***

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This agenda item will focus on the Master Plan, an initiative to enhance California's developmental services through recent investments. It aims to make services more accessible and equitable, and to connect the developmental services system with other essential health and social services, including education, housing, employment, transportation, and safety. The plan recognizes the changing demographics and needs of service recipients, advocating for improvements that make the system easier to use and more responsive to various cultural backgrounds.

The Stakeholder Committee, consisting of a diverse group of individuals appointed by the CalHHS Secretary, will work with CalHHS and its departments to develop a Master Plan for Developmental Services to be released by March 2025. Councilmember Joyce McNair was appointed to serve on the Stakeholder Committee and represent SCDD. In addition to the Stakeholder Committee, there will be topical subcommittees formed to include subject matter experts, community partners, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and family members in the discussion. Victor Duran with the Department of Rehabilitation was invited lead the conversation and Councilmembers will provide feedback on the Master Plan.

***Handout(s)***

May be handouts the day of the meeting.

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 11.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Closed Session: Personnel***

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1), the Council will have a closed session to determine the evaluation of a public employee.

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**AGENDA ITEM 12.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Reconvene Open Session***

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f), there will be an announcement of any publicly reportable actions taken during closed session.

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**AGENDA ITEM 13.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Next Meeting Date and Adjournment***

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The Council's next meeting date is scheduled on Zoom on November 19, 2024.