

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

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

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

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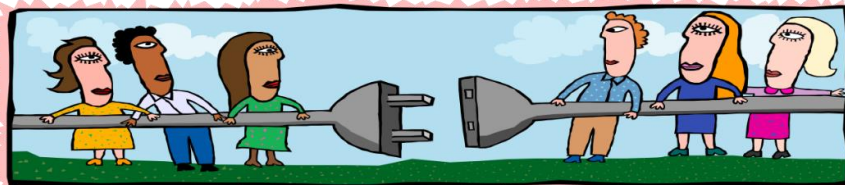
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## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

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

### NOTICE & AGENDA\*



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**5:30p Call to Order**

**Introductions / Welcomes  
Establishment of Quorum**

**Witkin**



**5:37p Approval of the Dec 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Witkin**



**5:40p Public Comment**

An invitation to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present information to the Committee on **any matter that is not on the agenda**. Each public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5 minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item. Legislative office elected officials or staff may also introduce themselves or provide comment.



**5:50p Member Reports**

**SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)  
& SCDD Councilmembers**

**Witkin**

Hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, trends / needs in their county, and priorities.



### **6:15p Community Reports**

**Witkin**

- People First Report
- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN)
- National Council on Disability



### **6:45p BREAK (5 mins)**



### **6:50p Legislative Office Comments**

**Witkin**

An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide brief statements, comments on emerging issues, or updates impacting their constituents from disability communities.



### **7:05p Bay Area RAC Year in Review &**

#### **State Council Bay Area Regional Office Year in Review**

**Nicholau**

Review a summary of the State Council's Bay Area RAC's work in Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Review a summary of the State Council's Bay Area Regional Office's work in Federal Fiscal Year 2023- 2024.



### **7:15p Legislative Cycle Overview & Updates**

**Nicholau**

Review a summary of 2025 CA State legislative cycle for the next quarter, and hear about the State Council's updates and priorities for this cycle.



### **7:45p Update on the Caregiver Abuse Registry**

**Wong**

Hear an update from RAC member, Florence Wong, on the progress of the Caregiver Abuse Registry Workgroup.



### **7:55p Other Announcements & Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

**Witkin**

An opportunity of members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues, and concerns.



### **8:00p Meeting Adjourned**

**Witkin**

**\*All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)  
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting  
December 4, 2024, Minutes DRAFT**

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

**Location:** Regional Center of the East Bay's Concord Office, 1320 Willow Pass Road, #300, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, John Rodriguez Conference Room, Concord, CA 94520

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**Committee Members attending in-person:** Terri Carol, Emily Witkin, and Florence Wong.

**Committee Members attending through Zoom:** Jennifer Fung and Bird Sellergren.

**Committee Members not attending:** Marla Silversmith.

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

**Accessibility Assistance:** Captioner Carilyn, Captioner Laura, ASL Interpreter Mara, ASL Interpreter Guthrie.

**Legislative Office Representation in-person:** Nicholas Hargis from Representative Anna Eshoo's office.

**Guests Attending in-person:** Jerry Grace and Ashley Harmon.

**Guests Attending on Zoom:** Sara Desumala, Jessica Gould, Enedina Rosas, Francis Biderman, J. Terhaar, Sana Shooshtari, Denise Lambert, Machi Freeman, Jazmin, Rachael Sing, Jennifer Walsh, Paco Melgar, Lisa Kleinbub, Patrick McKay, Dr. Clarissa Kripke, and Ben Chen.

**5:32p** Chair Emily Witkin called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed a quorum was present.

**5:34p** Approval of meeting minutes for September 2024:

Moved: Terri Carol    Seconded: Emily Witkin

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

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

- Nicholas Hargis shared:

- The Department of Labor announced a new rule to phase out exceptions certificates (14C) that would allow for employers to pay less than federal minimum wage to workers with disabilities.
- Jessica Gould shared:
  - J. Gould Consulting is an advocate-led legislative consulting agency available to help those interested in their services.
- Michai Freeman shared:
  - Would like to be connected to the State Council Bay Area regional office to discuss the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and to get more info about independent facilitators. Sheraden will be connecting.

### 5:43p Member Reports

RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

One or two highlights include:

- **Terri Carol:**
  - The Big Wave Group in San Mateo County is in the process of building housing units, focused on coast side community members with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD). They will have on-site recreational and socialization spaces and programs will be operated by One Step Beyond.
- **Jennifer Fung:**
  - In Marin County, she has been focused on people with developmental disabilities having access to service providers to find jobs, to make a living. She continues to monitor and look for info on upcoming programs, events, trainings, and other activities for her community.
- **Bird Sellergren:**
  - Bay Area Autism Collective hosts peer support groups for autistic adults, and in these groups individual and systemic issues arise in the discussions. They discuss a variety of issues/challenges related to generational autism, the difficulties finding family support, affirming mental health resources, and workplace accommodation issues.
  - The Disability Cultural Center in San Francisco is actively operating online. They are set to open their brick-and-mortar in downtown San Francisco in summer of 2025.
- **Emily Witkin**
  - Echoed what Member Sellergren shared because their report parallels Chair Witkin's experience. Many services and supports are aimed at certain subsets of autistic adults, based on stereotypes and assumptions. She shared the importance of discussing accommodation issues and needs. E.g., air travel accommodations for individuals that experience sensory overload.

- **Florence Wong:**

- San Mateo County designated October 2024 Disability Awareness Month. Member Wong made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors about the various goals of the many committees on the Commission on Disabilities and talked about the work on the caregiver abuse registry. The county has honored Representative Anna Eshoo, who is retiring from Congress and who has been a proud supporter of disability communities.
- San Mateo Co also has a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a workforce development opportunity for transitional age youth and young adults, targeting those who fall under the education system classification of ‘moderate to severe’ autism. \$500,000 of Measure K funds have been allocated. The contract proposals will have a due date in February 2025.

## **6:03p Community Reports**

### **People First Highlights:**

- Patrick McKay read a report for Bay Area People First (BAPF):
  - The last meeting was in October; they recognized National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and reviewed voting rights and resources.
  - The next meeting will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:15 to 5:15 PM and will be the annual planning meeting discussing the 2025 schedules and events.

### **Regional Center Report Highlights.**

- Lisa Kleinbub gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
  - Most providers will be getting rate increases starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, and RCEB is working to make sure everyone’s rates are available for them to bill from January on.
  - The state is implementing a standard individual program plan format (IPP format) for everyone served by regional centers across the state. There is also a change to some of the demographic information collected from individuals, to give more insight to Californians served, and how people identify.
  - RCEB is planning forums for people served and families to learn about the new IPP format. These will be on Zoom, so everyone can participate.
  - Lisa is retiring in February 2025. The RCEB Board of Directors is in the process of recruitment and interviewing to secure a new Executive Director, with a firm.

### **Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:**

- Ben Chen gave the report for the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council (ACDDC).
  - Ben Chen has accepted a promotional opportunity for the Public Health Department. He will be overseeing the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Ryan White Council, among other councils in the county.



- In October 2024, a county focused Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Advisory Committee was developed.
- Planning has begun for the annual joint transition fair & conference, planned for a Saturday in March 2025. It will be held in Contra Costa County this year.
- The last council board meeting in November held a listening session regarding supporting the CA Master Plan on Developmental Services.
- Adults and children with disabilities can attend free dental screenings, cleaning, and oral health tips on February 22, 2025, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As part of the event, optometry services will be provided.
- Gabriela Solval gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council (CCDDC), on behalf of Vi Ibarra.
  - Health Equity and Transportation work groups have been established under the Contra Costa Co DD Council to explore these topics further and to identify resources, identify gaps and challenges.
  - The East Bay Legislative Coalition is planning the annual Legislative Breakfast Event on January 31, 2025, in San Leandro.

#### **National Council on Disability (NCD) Report Highlights:**

- Sheraden Nicholau read the NCD report, on behalf of Sascha Bittner.
  - The National Council on Disability (NCD) issued a press release recommending ending the 14C subminimum wage discrimination. The community should be aware and can make comment.

#### **Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN):**

- Sara Desumala shared:
  - The last meeting was in September 2024. SSAN reviewed a tip sheet created by SSAN members, heard an update from State Council Director Aaron Carruthers, and the following presentations: 'Voting is Your Voice and Your Choice', 'Disability History, Understanding the Department of Rehabilitation Services', and an 'Update on the Master Plan on Disabilities'.

#### **6:35p Health Equity Practice & Policy Next Steps: Best Practice Overview**

- Sheraden gave a short update on the workgroup:
  - They met specifically to work on more inclusive and accessible emergency departments, looking at both physical environment, protocol, staff training, and brainstorming with healthcare partners in the region who they might reach out to in support of this work.
  - The work could look a few different ways: E.g., Including developing materials that the RAC distributes across the region and to partners, including tips and tool sheets, best practice sheets, and targeting stakeholder groups such as emergency department clinical staff, emergency department admin staff, security

- staff, community members and patients, disability services & advocacy agencies, and patient advocacy groups.
- Things to consider: Processes, protocols, and tools that are not subject to gatekeeping; making sure patients can self-select and opt in to accommodations or supports; accessible materials in plain language and in non-English languages, and tools like QR codes.
  - Dr. Clarissa Kripke from the University of CA, San Francisco, gave a presentation to support the health equity and access work. Some highlights were:
    - Dr. Kripke is a family physician and professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is a doctor for medically fragile and behaviorally complex people with mental health disabilities for 20 years and is the parent of an adult with complex needs.
    - Emergency Departments do not diagnose and treat illness. They decide if something needs immediate attention to save lives or prevent long term problems.
    - Primary Care helps to diagnose what is wrong and help with treatment. They help patients understand everything about their health, help prevent disease, and help diagnose and treat common illnesses and/or refer patients to a specialist.
    - Some policy and procedure recommendations:
      - Patients should see their primary care doctors/clinicians between two and twelve times per year to ensure needs are met, as there may not be time in one visit to go over all needs.
      - A checklist should be in the patient's chart.
      - Options like home visit programs and telehealth should be available to the patients if a health advocate, friend, or staff are unavailable to help with transportation issues.
      - Plans should be in place for transitioning from pediatric care to adult care to help prepare both the patient and the healthcare staff. This is an important transition.
      - Mobile psychiatric emergency services, and other protocols and services should be available. These are ones that do not involve calling 911 and dispatching police.
      - Patients should have a go-bag with things they need if they must go to the emergency department, e.g., insurance information, a health profile, advanced directive, a summary of medical problems/allergies and medications, care and communication needs, things that help them stay calm, and who their supporters/decision makers are if they need assistance.
  - Comments, Questions, and Answers:
    - Emily Witkin talked about START Services, funded through regional centers, using 988, and the county mobile crisis response teams in Alameda and Contra

Costa counties. It is important for these services and for emergency departments to listen to patients, read anything that is given to them, and make the accommodations needed.

- Florence Wong talked about the experiences in changes in care that patients have when transitioning to adult care and asked what kind of training is needed in emergency rooms to do better with adults.
- Sana Shoostari shared she is an aspiring Child Life Specialist. These specialists serve in healthcare settings.
- Jennifer Fung asked about access to hospital beds and durable medical equipment at home if receiving home care which can help some people.
- Lisa Kleinbub talked about the shifting staff set up in many emergency departments, including traveling medical staff who are not local and are not learning the needs for a given region / community. They are often not trained in these areas, even though the regional centers are doing outreach on a routine basis to hospitals.

**7:43p Florence Wong gave the Update on the Caregiver Abuse Registry:**

- Review of legislation in other states, and the bill in 2017 pushed to establish a registry to track elder abuse by caregivers. That 2017 bill that did not advance out of committee.
- Florence wrote to the California Department of Justice asking about costs related to managing the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI), with the thought that this program may be expanded to serve adults and seniors.
- Senator Josh Becker's office hosted a "There ought to be a law" effort in his district. Florence submitted a PDF of the slides presented to this RAC about the background and needs for a caregiver abuse registry in CA.

**7:50p Other Announcements (highlights):**

- Frances Biderman shared Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) is seeking a new Administrative Assistant under their Community Outreach Program.
- Jerry Grace shared that this meeting location was difficult for him to find. He shared that Bay Area People First did not meet in November.

**7:56p Meeting Adjourned.**



## FY 2023 -24 Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

- Nine Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) members, representing five Bay Area counties.
- Member expertise & involvement in: Disability policy, peer support systems, special education & inclusion, transportation access, regional center services, employment, health & healthcare access, family support groups, diversity and equity, children's mental health access, LGBTQIA+ rights, and more.
- Priorities & focuses: Healthcare access and healthcare equity work, caregiver abuse registry analysis, health specialty ambassadors work, legislative office engagement, self-advocacy leadership, National Core Indicators, and more.

## FY 2023-24 Bay Area RAC Community Engagement

- Over 25 legislative office electeds and/or their staff engaged and/or reporting out in RAC meetings.
- 192 attendees across 7 RAC community meetings (71 self-advocates, 35 family advocates, 86 professionals).
- Community partner presentations & updates: WITH Foundation, University of the Pacific's Dugoni School of Dentistry, Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council, Bay Area People First, Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council, National Council on Disability, Golden Gate Regional Center, San Mateo Commission on Disabilities, Regional Center of the East Bay, Contra Costa Co Health Services Specialty Ambassador Program.



## FY 2023 -24 Bay Area Basic State Grant (BSG) Work

- 288 Activities, trainings, & events serving the community: Serving 1,229 self-advocates, 1,77 family advocates, and 4,551 professionals. Over 200 new people engaged this year.
- 15 curricula developed, four translated, and nine updated. Four internal State Council Expert Advisory Panels served & SCDD Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) served.
- Statewide lead for SCDD's DSS Community Care Licensing Training Contract with U.C. Davis
- Technical assistance cases addressed across five counties and beyond, for 927 Californians.
- Events, opportunities, rights updates, and activities shared in 51 e-blasts out to over 74k community members.

## FY 2023-24 Bay Area National Core Indicators (NCI) Cycle

- 3,337 National Core Indicators Surveys collected and recorded across three catchment areas / nine counties, in multiple languages.
- Trained & supported fellow SCDD regional offices in National Core Indicators and Quality Assurance work.
- NCI outreach & ed for four regional centers, community resource fairs, self-advocacy, and family support groups to prepare region for cycle kick-off. 52 interviewer applications reviewed.

**Independent Defender of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance  
and Bill of Rights Act**

# 2025 The Legislative and Budget Process: January through March

Christofer Arroyo

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# Focus: Dates and Process

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At each LPPC meeting this year, we will walk you through important dates and next steps. You all also have opportunity to tell us your thoughts on new bills.

- ✓ Learn About Important Dates
- ✓ Learn About Important Steps
- ✓ Give Feedback on Bills Introduced

# Legislative Process

## January

- **January 6th** - the legislators return to Sacramento for the first of a two-year session.
- **January through mid February** - Legislators are busy introducing the bills they will champion this year.
- Assembly bills, or “AB,” start in the Assembly.
- Senate bills or “SB” start in the Senate.





# Legislative Process February

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- **February 21st** – Bill Introduction Deadline: Bills cannot be introduced after the 21st except for some limited situations, such as a Governor announcing an emergency or special rules approved by the house.
- **New Rule:** Usually, more than 1,500 bills are introduced every year! But there is now a rule that limits the number of bills that legislators can file. Previously, assembly members could file up to 50 bills and senators up to 40. Now, they're both limited to 35.
- **30 Day Rule** – all bills must be published and available to the public for 30 days before they can be heard and voted on in a committee hearing. This rule is meant to give everyone a chance to understand the bill and have time to write the committee and support or oppose the bill. This means many policy committees will not be meeting until late March.

# Legislative Process March – Committees



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- Policy committees begin their committee hearings mid- to late-March and all the way through the first week in May. A lot of work goes into preparing the staff and the voting legislators for each bill. This is their first chance to review and discuss the bills, sometimes making changes to improve them.
- LPPC will meet again in March, by then we will have a list of bills that impact our community, and we will review them with LPPC to make recommendations for the next Council meeting.

# Budget Process

## January

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- **On January 10<sup>th</sup>**, every year the Governor releases his proposed budget for 2025 (Fiscal year runs from July 2025 – July 2026).
- Remember, it is only a proposal, the Legislature will submit a final recommended proposal to the Governor in June.
- I can share some highlights from the Governor's press release.

# Budget Process February

- The Assembly and the Senate have their own Budget committees, these include subcommittees, which focus on different policy areas.
- Once the Governor's budget is released, the committees prepare for hearings in Feb, March, April and May. We are mostly impacted by the committees that specialize in **human services, healthcare and education**.
- SCDD staff track these hearings. Sometimes we are asked to testify on issues in their agendas, like employment, regional centers, or healthcare.



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# Budget Process

## March

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- After the budget committees have their initial hearings and can cover the most important issues for the budget, they will pause until mid-May, when the state's financial status is made clear.
- Looking ahead - by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** the Governor releases an updated budget proposal, this is called “May Revise” and often includes more details than his January budget proposal. It will also include some information learned in the budget committee hearings.

# What Happens Next?

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- The next big date in the legislative process is **June 6th**, when all the bills must pass to the second house, or they will fail.
- The next big date in the budget process is on the **15<sup>th</sup> of June**, when the Legislature must agree to a budget, vote on it in both houses, and if it passes, send it to the Governor.
- **After June**, there will be more budget related bills that make changes to the final budget and tell the state how to spend the money.



# Questions?

# Update on Phasing Out Subminimum Wage

- SCDD co-sponsored legislation to phase out subminimum wage (SB 639 Durazo)
- No one is to be paid less than minimum wage by January 2025!
- News: DDS Reports no is being paid subminimum wage anymore!
- Where did people go?
  - Over 700 people who were making subminimum wage are now making minimum wage!
  - Over 500 people are in a training program for people leaving a sheltered workshop
  - 500 are in a day or lookalike program
- Note: The Employment First Office Defunded as part of 2024-45 budget savings



# Update on 2025 Priorities

Policy analyses and research for ideas/issues submitted through the ***There Should Be a Law Contest*** have been conducted. The identified priorities include:

- **Plain Language:** Drafted legislative language requiring state agencies to use plain language in their materials for the public; Seeking a legislative author.
- ***Exceptional Medically Underserved Population (EMUP)*.** Some individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) have exceptional medical needs. If individuals with IDD are designated federally as part of the “exceptional medically underserved population,” disparities in health care services could be addressed, such as providing additional funding for programs and research. A variety of strategies are being explored to make this a reality.
- **Chronic Absenteeism in Schools:** Chronic absenteeism policies impact some students with disabilities and the Policy Unit is evaluating if and how changes are needed.

# 2024 SCDD Impact



## 2024 SCDD HIGHLIGHTS

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- **9,323,902** CALIFORNIANS IMPACTED
- **78,000** PEOPLE REACHED VIA IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS, CHATS, AND EVENTS
- **20,961** PEOPLE TRAINED
- **13,300** ADVISED ON SOLVING THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS
- **1,488** ACTIVITIES FOR TARGETED DISPARITIES
- COLLABORATED WITH **1,347** COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- PROVIDED TRAINING AND RESOURCES IN **16** LANGUAGES

# 2022-26 State Plan

## Goal 1: Self-Advocacy

**By 2026, the Council will maintain and/or increase the number of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to become strong self-advocates, peer trainers and community leaders.**

### Objectives

**1.1**

The Council will provide information and resources through 300 regional/statewide self-advocacy chats, 40 regional/statewide projects/events and 200 trainings to strengthen 15,000 self-advocates in:

- 1) Achieving self-governance with supports, as requested;
- 2) Identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need;
- 3) Becoming and serving as peer trainers;
- 4) Developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families; and,
- 5) Participating in culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions.

**1.2**

The Council will collaborate with and/or support self-advocates in peer networks, including culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions, by providing facilitation, tangible supports and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities through at least 1 statewide and 12 regional self-advocacy entities, reaching 6,000 self-advocates.

**1.3**

In the event of unforeseen project opportunities, emerging needs, and/or community, cross-regional or statewide requests, the Council may engage in additional activities with and/or on behalf of self-advocates and those who support and serve them.

**Goal 2: Systems Change/Advocacy**

**By 2026, the Council will lead in partnership with family/self-advocates and others to protect and enhance civil rights to improve community-based systems and be more fully inclusive and supportive of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.**

**Objectives**

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| <b>2.1</b> | The Council will monitor and collaborate with local, regional and/or statewide entities to develop, improve and/or change 85 practices, 70 policies, and 20 regulations (or guidance), statutes and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, and governmental entities. This work will include the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or emerging issues in ways that will benefit people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and protect their civil rights, promote full inclusion, and/or provide additional supports and services, improving their lives in tangible ways.  |
| <b>2.2</b> | The Council will engage in 40 regional and 5 statewide innovative/special projects and/or events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety and/or self-determination to:<br><br><b>1)</b> Support 45,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) in systems change efforts and give them information, skills and/or supports to increase their abilities to become effective advocates;<br><b>2)</b> Engage in professional training and/or other efforts to implement systems, demonstrate or support systems change; and/or,<br><b>3)</b> Increase services and/or improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.   |
| <b>2.3</b> | The Council, in collaboration with California’s four (4) partners (one Protection and Advocacy agency and three University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), will seek to improve the generic service system that impacts people with intellectual/developmental disabilities by choosing one or more areas of emphasis in the State Plan, such as education, employment, housing, and/or health/safety, and report on how that system is serving people with I/DD, gaps in that service delivery system, recommendations on how to improve the systems to meet the goals of the DD Act, and/or pursue policy and practice changes in those areas. The collaboration will result in the review or development of 2 reports, 6 recommendations for policy or practice changes, and 2 Legislative or Administrative changes to policy or practice. |

## Goal 3: Capacity-Building/Advocacy

**By 2026, the Council will increase partnerships with and support of more people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, so they know their rights and can advocate for and receive supports and services.**

### Objectives

**3.1**

The Council will increase the capacity of 60,000 people with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services to help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live a safer and healthier life, by:

- 1.** Establishing and/or collaborating with and supporting 10 family-advocate groups/networks,
- 2.** Providing (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training to 35,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person, and
- 3.** Providing technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics and/or resources, reaching 25,000 people.

**3.2**

The Council will engage in 150 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and/or emerging issues, reaching 45,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them.

**3.3**

In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.



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

RACs represent the communities they represent, including geographically and ethnically. The Bay Area RAC is especially interested in meeting applicants from the following demographics: identifying as a male or nonbinary; and /or identifying as a self-advocate; and/or identifying as Latino/a or Hispanic, Black or African American.

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

### Appointed RAC members:

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

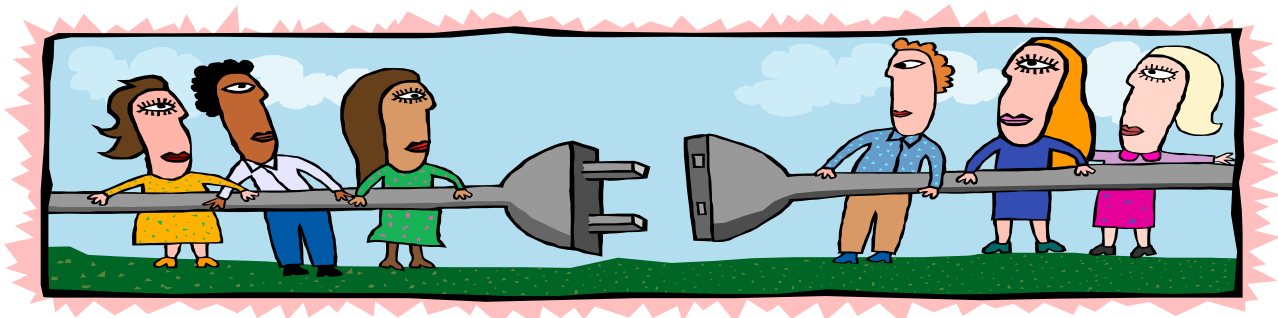
To apply online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepqt80u578ELHgcPjNzsjO71PPvxZ1txZn77P5Cm6iVbvBzg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

Or contact us for more information:

[bayarea@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:bayarea@scdd.ca.gov)

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**To:** Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Members & Interested Parties  
**From:** State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Bay Area Regional Office  
**Date:** February 13, 2025

**Re: 2024-2025 Schedule of State Council Bay Area  
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings**

**Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings.**

Specific meeting details and accessible formats of all agenda and materials can be found at least 10 days prior to the meeting at: [www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/). These meetings comply with Government Code Sections 11123.1, 11123.2, and 11125(f).

Individuals with disabilities who require accessible alternative formats of the agenda and related materials and/or auxiliary aids/services to participate in any meeting should contact us at [bayarea@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:bayarea@scdd.ca.gov) or call us at **510.286.0439**, a least five (5) business days before that meeting.

**Networking from 5:15 PM to 5:30 PM, RAC Meeting from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.**

**September 25, 2024** Hybrid meeting, in-person location in Alameda County

**December 04, 2024** Hybrid meeting, in-person location in Contra Costa County

**February 26, 2025** Hybrid meeting, in-person location in San Mateo County

**April 30, 2025** Hybrid meeting, in-person location in Marin County

**June 25, 2025** Hybrid meeting, in-person location in San Francisco



**Para:** Miembros del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) y partes interesadas  
**De:** Oficina Regional del Área de la Bahía del Concilio Estatal de Discapacidades del Desarrollo  
**Fecha:** 4 de septiembre de 2024  
**Re:** **Calendario 2024-2025 del Concilio Estatal Reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Área de la Bahía**

**Se da la bienvenida y se alienta a los miembros del público a participar en estas reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Area de la Bahía.**

Los formatos accesibles del programa y materiales pueden encontrarse al menos 10 días antes de la reunión en: [www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/). Estas reuniones cumplen con las secciones 11123.1, 11123.2 y 11125(f)

Las personas con discapacidad que necesiten formatos alternativos accesibles del programa y los materiales relacionados y/o ayudas auxiliares/servicios para participar en cualquier reunión deben comunicarse con nosotros a través de [bayarea@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:bayarea@scdd.ca.gov) o llámenos al **510.286.0439** al menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de esa reunión.

**Oportunidad de red 5:15 PM a 5:30 PM, Reunión de 5:30 PM a 8:00 PM.**

**25 de septiembre de 2024** Reunión híbrida, ubicación en persona en el condado de Alameda

**4 de diciembre de 2024** Reunión híbrida, ubicación en persona en el condado de Contra Costa

**26 de febrero de 2025** Reunión híbrida, ubicación en persona en el condado de San Mateo

**30 de abril de 2025** Reunión híbrida, ubicación en persona en el condado de Marin

**25 de junio de 2025** Reunión híbrida, ubicación en persona en el condado de San Francisco