

## NOTICE/AGENDA

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STATE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

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San Diego Imperial Regional Office 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 1015 San Diego, CA 92108-1634

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August 26, 2025 DATE:

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM TIME:

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:** 

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### JOIN BY TELECONFERENCE:

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### Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

## Item 5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 MINUTES VMTE

#### Item 6. UPDATE ON 2022 - 2026 STATE PLAN PROGRESS

Barbara Imle, State Plan and Self-Advocacy Manager Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director

#### Item 7. 2027 – 2031 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

David Delgado, Branch Chief of Headquarters Operations Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director

- Statewide Survey Updates
- Goal & Objective Development
- State Plan Development Workgroup

#### Item 8. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

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## **August 26, 2025**

## AGENDA ITEM 5 ACTION ITEM

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STATE PLAN COMMITTEE

## Approval of April 23, 2025 Minutes

Members will review and approve the April 23, 2025 meeting minutes.

#### **Action Recommended**

Approve the April 23, 2025 minutes.

## Attachment(s)

April 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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#### DRAFT

# State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

Attending Members	<u>Members Absent</u>	Others Attending
Jessica Brown (FA)	Cathay Liu (FA)	Aaron Carruthers
Harold Ashe (FA)		Austin Murphy
Julio Garnica (SA)		Barbara Imle
Nestor Nieves (SA)		Beth Hurn
Larry Yin (UCEDD)		Brian Hoang
Larry Till (OOLDD)		Janet Fernandez
		Kristie Allensworth
		Rihana Ahmad

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Jessica Brown (FA) called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

#### 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

### 3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others introduced themselves.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Ashe [FA]/Brown [FA]) and carried to adopt the January 2025 meeting minutes, as presented (Motion passed with one abstention: Larry Yin. Committee member Julio Garnica was not available for the vote. [See page one for a list of members present]).

#### 6. 2025 STATE PLAN COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad provided a presentation to inform committee members about the role and responsibilities of the State Plan Committee.

This presentation can be found on SCDD's website using the following link: <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/04/State-Plan-Committee-Overview-Updated-1.pdf">https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/04/State-Plan-Committee-Overview-Updated-1.pdf</a>

#### 7. CYCLE 48 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided a brief reminder that while the Council has traditionally issued Program Development Grants on an annual basis, there is no federal requirement to do so. He suggested that, with shifting priorities and workloads, the use of external contracts, and potential funding changes, the Committee may want to consider a pause on releasing cycle grants for the upcoming year.

It was moved/seconded (Garnica [SA]/Larry Yin [UCEDD]) and carried to recommend that the Council not issue any Cycle 48 grants for FFY 2025-2026 at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Motion passed unanimously. [See page one for a list of members present]).

#### 8. STATE PLAN UPDATES

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad and State Plan and Self-Advocacy Manager Barbara Imle provided updates on the 2024 Program Performance Report (PPR) and the development of the 2027–2031 State Plan Survey. They also announced the formation of a new State Plan Committee Workgroup, which aims to streamline the review and analysis of survey data between SPC meetings.

This presentation can be found on SCDD's website using the following link: <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/04/State-Plan-Updates-and-Meeting-Dates-1.pdf">https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/04/State-Plan-Updates-and-Meeting-Dates-1.pdf</a>

#### 9. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee will meet on August 14th, Sept. 18th, October 16th, and Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

## STATE PLAN COMMITTEE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## Update on 2022 - 2026 State Plan Progress

Barbara Imle, Manager of State Plan and Self-Advocacy, and Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director, will provide a progress update on the 2022 –2026 State Plan, which will include strategies for closing this five-year plan cycle.

Discussion will include minor changes to the language of three objectives.

### Attachment(s)

2022 – 2026 State Plan (updated)

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## **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**

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 cross-disability coalitions representing California's population.
- The Council will collaborate with and/or support self-advocates in peer networks, including cross-disability coalitions representing California's population, 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.
- 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.

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Objectives		
2.1	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.	
	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:	
	1) 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;	
	Engage in professional training and/or other efforts to implement systems, demonstrate or support systems change; and/or,	
	3) Increase services and/or improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.	
2.3	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	
	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:
2.1	1. Establishing and/or collaborating with and supporting 10 family-advocate groups/networks,
3.1	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
	<b>3.</b> 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 barriers 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.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 7**

## STATE PLAN COMMITTEE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## 2027-2031 State Plan Development

David Delgado, SCDD Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan, and Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director, will provide an update on the statewide survey.

Committee members will review and edit goal and objective language, as necessary.

Members will review options in regard to establishing a State Plan Development workgroup.

## Handout(s)

There may be additional handouts the day of the meeting.

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