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## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Harold Fujita

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

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Christofer Arroyo, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs

- a. 2025 Bill Update
  - ✓ Civil Rights: <u>AB 1225; SB 84; SB 470;</u>
  - ✓ Education: <u>AB 784; SB 244; SB 373; SB 389;</u>
  - ✓ Employment: SB 422;
  - ✓ Health: <u>AB 308; AB 315; AB 350; AB 517;</u> <u>AB 951; AB 974; SB 363;</u>
  - ✓ Informal & Formal Community Supports: <u>AB 1099</u>; AB 1172; AB 1220;
  - √ Safety: SB 671;
- b. Budget Update

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## AGENDA ITEM 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

#### **Public Comment**

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 5.**

#### **ACTION ITEM**

### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

### Approval of March 2025 Minutes

Members will review and approve the March 2025 meeting minutes.

#### **Action Recommended**

Approve the March 11, 2025, minutes.

### Attachment(s)

March 2025 Meeting Minutes



# DRAFT Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025

#### **Attending Members**

Andy Imparato (DRC)
Irene Valdez (FA)
Jessica Brown (FA)
Julie Neward (FA)
Lee Bycel (FA)
Lupe Rodriguez (FA)
Nicole Adler (SA)

### **Members Absent**

Harold Fujita (FA)

### **Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers
Austin Murphy
Akshita Goswami
Barbara Imle
Beth Hurn

#### Others Attending (cont.)

Brian Capra
Christofer Arroyo
Ibrahim Muttaqi
Lynn Villoria
Robin Maitino-Erben
Sabrina Epstein
Veronica Bravo

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee designated Julie Neward [FA] to act as Chair pro tempore for the remainder of the meeting. Chair Pro Tem Julie Neward called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

#### 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

#### 3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Christofer Arroyo provided public comment to inform committee members about Senate Bill 422. This bill, which came to staff's attention after the meeting agenda was finalized, would require the California Workforce Development Board to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature detailing existing workforce recommendations within the developmental services system. Due to Bagley-Keene open meeting rules, SB 422 will be presented

directly to the Council instead of the committee. Members were encouraged to review the bill independently.

A written statement was read on behalf of Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit with the non-profit organization Educate. Advocate., requesting that the Committee change its position on AB 350 from "support" to "watch." She expressed concern about the lack of informed consent for fluoride treatment during dental visits and referenced a recent federal court ruling regarding fluoride's potential health risks to children. She provided the following link for reference: <a href="https://fluoridealert.org/content/federal-court-rules-that-water-fluoridation-poses-an-unreasonable-risk-to-children/">https://fluoridealert.org/content/federal-court-rules-that-water-fluoridation-poses-an-unreasonable-risk-to-children/</a>.

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers clarified that AB 350 would expand fluoride treatment as a covered Medi-Cal benefit and that, as with all healthcare services, informed consent would still be required. Deputy Director Chris Arroyo confirmed that the bill's focus is coverage expansion under Medi-Cal, not altering consent procedures.

## 5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Imparato [DRC]/Rodriguez [FA]) and carried to approve the October 2024 meeting minutes. (Motion passed with three abstentions: Brown, Bycel, Valdez. [See page one for a record of members present]).

It was moved/seconded (Rodriguez [FA]/Brown [FA]) and carried to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously. [See page one for a record of members present]).

## 6. OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROCESS FOR MARCH THROUGH JUNE

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Christofer Arroyo provided an overview of the legislative and budget processes, informing members about bill introduction deadlines, spot and intent bills, and the importance of policy and fiscal committees. The full presentation can be found at the following link: <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-">https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-</a>

<u>content/uploads/sites/33/2025/03/Legislative-and-Budget-Overview-Updates-Presentation.pdf</u>

#### 7. STATE LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATES

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Chris Arroyo reminded committee members of the Council's 2025 legislative priorities and highlighted the annual theme of "Taking Charge." The theme reflects the principle of self-determination, emphasizing that people with disabilities should lead the way in deciding what changes they want to see in the systems and policies that affect their lives. He also provided updates on priority initiatives developed through the Council's "There Should Be a Law" contest, including efforts to address medical underservice, chronic absenteeism, and plain language access in state communications.

The following 2025 bills were introduced to the committee for consideration:

- SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing
- AB 1225 (Bennett) State parks and state beaches: Accessibility Advisory Committee
- AB 784 (Hoover) Special education
- SB 244 (Grayson) Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments
- SB 389 (Ochoa-Bogh) Pupil health: individuals with exceptional needs: specialized physical health care services
- AB 277 (Alanis) Behavioral health centers, facilities, and programs: background checks
- AB 308 (Ramos) The Family Urgent Response System
- AB 315 (Bonta) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver
- AB 350 (Bonta) Health care coverage: fluoride treatments
- AB 517 (Krell) Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology: wheelchairs
- AB 951 (Ta) Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses
- AB 974 (Patterson) Medi-Cal managed care plans: exemption from mandatory enrollment
- SB 363 (Wiener) Health care coverage: independent medical review
- SB 660 (Menjivar) California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework
- AB 617 (McKinnor) Aging and Disability Resource Connection program: No Wrong Door System

- AB 1099 (Bryan) Developmental services: initial intake: assessment
- AB 1172 (Nguyen) Adult Day programs: administration of inhalable emergency antiseizure medications
- AB 1335 (Gonzalez, Jeff) Habilitation services
- SB 471 (Menjivar) Office of the Lanterman Ombudsperson
- SB 671(Cervantes) Pedestrian crossing signals

It was moved/seconded (Bycel [FA]/Imparato [DRC]) and carried to recommend that the Council support the following bills: SB470, AB 1225, AB 784, SB 244, SB 389, AB 308, AB 315, AB 350, AB 517, AB 951, AB 974, AB 363, AB 617, AB 1099, AB 1172, and SB 671. (Motion passed unanimously. [See page one for a list of members present]).

#### 8. UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Pro Tem Julie Neward [FA] departed prior to the conclusion of the meeting. Lee Bycel [FA] assumed the role of Chair Pro Tem to lead the committee through the final two agenda items.

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided an update on federal budget activity related to Medicaid. He explained that the U.S. House and Senate have introduced conflicting budget resolutions, with the House version proposing up to \$2 trillion in spending cuts. While Medicaid is not named explicitly, proposed instructions directing the Energy and Commerce Committee to cut \$880 billion strongly indicate that Medicaid-funded programs such as Medi-Cal, IHSS, and Regional Center services may be impacted.

Mr. Carruthers noted that approximately 43% of Californians rely on Medicaid-funded services, and reductions of this scale could severely limit access or reduce available supports. He shared that SCDD has trained over 1,600 individuals statewide to advocate through storytelling and highlighted available tools, including a printable story link and the SCDD Storytellers blog. He emphasized that advocacy remains essential as the federal reconciliation process continues and public input can still influence the outcome.

#### 9. MEMBER UPDATES

Chair Pro Tem Lee Bycel invited members to share personal updates or concerns and expressed feeling overwhelmed, while praising team members for their contributions and engaging presentations.

## 10. 2025 MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT The committee will meet on a to-be-determined to the committee will be a to-be-determined to the committee will be accommittee will be a to-be-determined to the committee will be a

The committee will meet on a to-be-determined date in June or July, and again on October 28th. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.

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## AGENDA ITEM 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

### State Legislative and Budget Updates

The goal of this agenda item is to review the status of the 2025 Legislative package and to receive any available updates on the budget and other significant legislative and regulatory matters.

A legislative presentation and updated Bill Chart will be provided to assist in this discussion.

### Attachment(s)

2025 Bill Chart

### Handout(s)

This item may have additional handouts provided at the meeting.

## LPPC – 2025 Legislation

### Civil Rights

Bill Number/Author	SCDD Position	Summary	Status
AB 1225 (Bennett- D) State parks and state beaches: Accessibility Advisory Committee  SB 84 (Niello – R) Disability access: construction-related	SUPPORT	Requires the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee to make recommendations for improving the accessibility of the state park system and state beaches for individuals with disabilities  Would establish waiting periods and procedural barriers before a person with a disability who encounters an access barrier can enforce their civil rights in court or bring lawsuits.	SEN Appropriations - Suspense File  ASM Judiciary - Failed Deadline
accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct			
SB 470 (Laird - D) Bagley- Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.	SUPPORT	Authorizes the alternative set of teleconferencing provisions until a further date, January 1, 2030.	ASM Appropriations since 7/10/25

### Education

Bill Number/Author	Position	Summary	Status
<u>AB 784 (Hoover – R)</u>	SUPPORT	Clarifies the inclusion of specialized Deaf/Hard of Hearing services	SIGNED by
Special education:		in an IEP, more consistent practices and specialized instruction for	Governor
specialized deaf and hard-		students with hearing impairments would be authorized.	
of-hearing services		Additionally, allowing non-public agencies to provide specialized	
		instruction will expand the resources to provide such services and	
		ensure the provision of a free appropriate public education.	
SB 244 (Grayson - D)	SUPPORT	Requires the Trustees of CA State University and request Regents	ASM Appropriations
Public postsecondary		of the University of CA to cover diagnostic assessment costs for	since 7/9/25
education: disabled		students with disabilities who seek academic accommodations in	
student services:		colleges	
assessments			

SB 373 (Grove - R) Special education: nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies	SUPPORT	Would create stronger safeguards and require the Superintendent to do more, including collecting and sharing information and documentation relating to certification of a nonpublic/nonsectarian school, to review grievance policies and investigation/reporting procedures of these schools. This bill also requires more oversight of students with disabilities who attend certain private special education schools. and ensure pupils are informed about their rights and are provided with a copy of their rights and procedural safeguards	ASM Appropriations since 7/17/25
SB 389 (Ochoa Bogh - R) Pupil health: individuals with exceptional needs: specialized physical health care services	SUPPORT	Authorizes a licensed vocational nurse, under the supervision of a credentialed school nurse, to assist students with disabilities with basic respiratory services.	ASM Appropriations Consent Calendar since 7/8/25

### Employment

Bill Number/Author	Position	Summary	Status
SB 422 (Grayson)	SUPPORT	Would direct the California Workforce Development Board	SEN Appropriations
California Workforce		(CWDB) to analyze the factors behind the workforce shortage in	- Held Under
Development Board:		supporting individuals with developmental disabilities-to improve	Submission since
developmental services		services they need	5/23/25

### Health

Bill Number/Author	Position	Summary	Status
AB 308 (Ramos - D)	SUPPORT	Would authorize the county behavioral health director to develop	ASM Hum Services-
Mobile crisis teams or		procedures for mobile crisis response teams focused on the	Failed Deadline
units: procedures		proper response to cases involving individuals with autism,	
		behavioral health issues, or any other developmental disability.	
AB 315 (Bonta - D) Medi-	SUPPORT	Would among other things, expand capacity in the Medi-Cal Home	Failed in ASM
Cal: Home and		and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver- by removing	Appropriations
Community-Based		the current limit on how many people can join the program	
Alternatives Waiver		(previously capped at 5,000 extra slots). Instead, it will require the	
		state to enroll all eligible applicants.	

AB 350 (Bonta – D) Health care coverage: fluoride treatments	SUPPORT	Would make the application of fluoride, including fluoride varnish, a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal, program and also a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy-for children under 21 years of age- starting January 1, 2026.	Senate Appropriations since 7/7/25
AB 517 (Krell - D) Medi- Cal: complex rehabilitation technology: wheelchairs	SUPPORT	Would prohibit the requirement for prior authorization for the repair of powered wheelchairs if the cost does not exceed \$1,250 and removes the need for an individual prescription or medical necessity documentation for approved powered wheelchair repairs	ASM Appropriations- Held under Submission
AB 951 (Ta - R) Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses.	SUPPORT	Starting January 1, 2026, health insurance plans cannot require people with a past diagnosis of autism or a related developmental disorder to get re-diagnosed to maintain health coverage.	Signed by Governor
AB 974 (Patterson - R) Medi-Cal managed care plans: exemption from mandatory enrollment.	SUPPORT	The bill sets new rules to help Medi-Cal managed care enrollees who also have other health insurance-ensures that providers and insurers can still accept Medi-Cal feefor-service clients once they move into managed healthcare	ASM Appropriations- Held Under Submission
SB 363 (Wiener- D) Health care coverage: independent medical review.	SUPPORT	Require health care service plans or health insurers to annually report its number of denials of treatment, and hold them liable for administrative fines in specific circumstances	ASM Appropriations since 7/17/25

### Informal and Formal Community Supports

Bill Number/Author	Position	Summary	Status
AB 1099 (Bryan - D)	SUPPORT	Would streamline and expedite the eligibility process for child	SEN Appropriations-
Developmental services:		welfare and juvenile justice-involved youth suspected of having	Suspense File
initial intake: assessment.		I/DD, improving disparities in regional center services among	
		these vulnerable youth	
AB 1172 (Nguyen - D)	SUPPORT	Would establish a training program and create procedure to allow	SEN Appropriations
Adult Day programs:		staff in adult day programs facilities to volunteer to administer	since 7/17/25
administration of inhalable		emergency anti-seizure medication, and to provide immediate	
emergency antiseizure		medical intervention	
medications.			
AB 1220 (Arambula - D)	SUPPORT	Would require a regional center to track disagreements and	SEN Appropriations-
Developmental services:		denials of service in the individual program plan (IEP), providing	Suspense File
denials of services and		stronger oversight and improve disparities in regional centers	
notices of actions			

### Safety

Bill Number/Author	Position	Summary	Status
SB 671(Cervantes- D) Pedestrian crossing signals.	SUPPORT	Codifies Caltrans' current practices for installing Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI) and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)	ASM Appropriations since 7/15/25

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## AGENDA ITEM 7. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

### 2026 Legislative Planning

Members will be given an overview of the submissions for the 5th Annual "There Should Be a Law" contest and start planning activities for 2026.

Members will review the Council's legislative priorities and discuss policy ideas for 2026.

To help with these discussions, the 2022-2026 State Plan and the 2025-2026 Policy Priorities documents are being shared as a guide.

#### Attachment(s)

2022-26 State Plan 2025-26 Policy Priorities

### Handout(s)

2024 "There Should Be A Law" Report This item may have additional handouts provided at the meeting.

### **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 culturally diverse, cross-disability coalitions.
- 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.
- 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**

### 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:

### 2.2

- 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;
- **2)** 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:
3.1	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 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.



# California State Council on Developmental Disabilities

## Policy Priorities 2025–2026

### **Protecting and Enhancing Civil Rights**

A Every person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) has the right to self-determination, equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency, no matter their disability.

The Council will work to ensure civil rights, including identification and reduction of racial and ethnic inequalities and disparities are protected and enhanced and full implementation of state and federal policies, including but not limited to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule, Every Student Succeeds Act and Achieving Better Life Experience Act.

### **Guaranteeing Access to Education and Employment**

Every student with I/DD has the right to a quality inclusive education with their peers that prepares them for post-secondary education and/or competitive integrated employment (CIE). Students with disabilities must be provided the same learning opportunities, in the classroom and online, as students without disabilities.

Every person with I/DD should have the opportunity to be employed in CIE. Individuals must have access to information, benefits counseling, transition planning, job training, career exploration and information and support for inclusive post-secondary education. New or expanded pathways to CIE must be developed and supported, including apprenticeships and internships.

The Council will work to ensure the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Every Student Succeeds Act, and other federal and state policies to ensure that students with disabilities are provided the services and supports needed to receive quality inclusive education.

The Council will work to ensure the full and robust implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and California's Employment First Law, that policies and practices improve opportunities for and incentivize CIE, to create hiring incentives and supports for all employers and contractors and make the state a model employer.

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### Identifying & Prioritizing Emerging Issues in the I/DD Community

Every person with a developmental disability should not have to deal with problems that arise due to the emergence of inequality issues in the community. Events in our everyday lives, both due to policy changes and unforeseen events, have the ability to cause unintended consequences for the I/DD community. These issues must be identified and acted upon swiftly to ensure as little harm as possible is inflicted.

The Council will work to ensure any and all emerging issues, including but not limited to dealing with disparity across all I/DD issues, barriers to participating in a community setting, and roadblocks to access for people with I/DD, are dealt with through policy changes.

The Council will work to ensure the Self-Determination Ombudsperson program at the Department of Developmental Services uses its authority to ensure people with I/DD become successful participants in the Self-Determination Program.

### Promoting Access to Quality Supports in the Community

Every person with I/DD should be able to fully participate in their communities. The ability to receive quality, individualized services, is the cornerstone for people with I/DD to be safe, healthy, and to promote self-determination, interdependence, and inclusion.

Community-based services/supports require adequate wages for providers; therefore, the state must restore rates. Disparities in access, outcomes, and quality of services and supports must be addressed, and complexities in the service delivery systems must be reduced.

The Council will work to continue to restore the Department of Developmental Services programs cut in 2009, to make meaningful improvements to the service delivery system to reduce disparities, increase transparency and accountability, and increase quality outcomes, support efforts to provide adequate wages to providers for inclusive and quality supports, and work to ensure successful implementation of the Self-Determination Program.

### **Ensuring Safety in the Community**

Every person with I/DD has a right to be safe and must receive emergency preparedness training and training in personal safety. Law enforcement personnel, first responders, emergency medical professionals, and the judicial system must be trained in how to work with people with I/DD (including those who are suspects, victims or witnesses of crimes).

The Council will work to ensure people with I/DD are safe, free from abuse and neglect and have access to services and supports in their communities during all types of disasters or emergencies and an adequate safety net for people in crisis and access to adequate crisis intervention services.

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### **Improving Housing and Community Living**

Every person with I/DD should have the opportunity to live in the community. Permanent, affordable, accessible, safe, and sustained housing options must be continually developed. Statewide inclusive living options for individuals with I/DD must be increased and enhanced through access to housing and subsidies, paired promptly, with needed services and supports.

The Council will work to implement the policy recommendations in the Statewide Strategic Framework for Housing and create a dedicated housing fund to support integrated community housing for people with I/DD.

For more information contact: Policy@scdd.ca.gov | (916) 263-7919

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## AGENDA ITEM 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

### **Updates and Standing Agenda Items**

The goal of this agenda item is to share any available updates on the following topics.

Details and updates from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) are available by clicking the hyperlink below.

- a. Council Updates
- b. Federal Updates
- c. DDS Updates (Initiatives)

### Handout(s)

This item may have additional handouts provided at the meeting.

### **August 26, 2025**

## AGENDA ITEM 9. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

#### STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - LPPC

### **Member Updates**

The goal of this agenda item is to allow Committee members time to provide local updates from their community on policy related issues not included in the agenda.

### Handout(s)

This item may have additional handouts provided at the meeting.