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DATE: January 15, 2026
TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jessica Brown

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 agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.

Item 5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES 

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Item 6. 2027-2031 STATE PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW 

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Jessica Brown, Committee Chair, Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director, and David Delgado, SCDD Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan

Item 7. NEXT MEETINGS & ADJOURNMENT

June 11th and November 12th

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AGENDA ITEM 5.

ACTION ITEM

STATE PLAN COMMITTEE

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of November 2025 Minutes

Members will review and approve the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

Action Recommended

Approve the November 13, 2025 minutes.

Attachment(s):

November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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**State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025**

Attending Members

Jessica Brown, Chair (FA)
Cathay Liu (FA)
Larry Yin (UCEDD)
Nestor Nieves (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Austin Murphy
Barbara Imle
Beth Hurn
Brian Hoang
Charles Nguyen

Others Attending

David Delgado
Janet Fernandez
Michelle Padilla
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben

Members Absent

Harold Ashe (FA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Jessica Brown (FA) called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 OCTOBER 2025 MINUTES

It was moved, seconded (Liu [FA]/Yin [UCEDD]) and carried to approve the October 29, 2025 meeting minutes, as presented. All member present voted to approve. (See Page 1 for the full list of voting members).

6. 2025 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE DRAFT REPORT

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad, Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan David Delgado, and Manager of State Plan and Self-Advocacy Barbara Imle presented the draft 2025 Program Performance Report (PPR). The presentation highlighted data, outcomes, impact, and anecdotal stories demonstrating what the Council achieved in the federal fiscal year. This overview reflects what will be submitted to the federal government for this year's PPR. The full presentation can be found [here](#).

7. 2027-2031 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad and Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan David Delgado presented proposed finalized language for Goals 1 and 3, incorporating federal feedback on language and numerical targets. Staff then led the Committee through development of the remaining objectives. The finalized, approved SPC plan is available [here](#). A detailed discussion for each goal and objective can be found below.

Goal 1 (Self-Advocacy):

Staff presented federal feedback recommending changing "stronger" to "effective" as a more measurable term. Members discussed whether to use "effective" or "more effective," determining that "effective" is preferable as "more effective" would require baseline measurements. Members also removed "more" before "active leaders" for consistency.

Objective 1.1 - Staff explained the target of 10,000 self-advocates was based on current performance and represents a middle ground between the initial 2020 projection and the current target of 15,000. Members agreed on the language below:

“By 2031, the Council will reach 10,000 self-advocates with community-building activities, training, events, projects and resources that build their capacity for self-governance and to become effective, active leaders, peer trainers and mentors.”

Objective 1.2 - The target of 5,000 was based on consultation with the Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations. Members agreed on the language below:

“By 2031, the Council will reach 5,000 self-advocates, representing California's population, to be active in cross-disability and peer networks and groups by providing support and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities.”

Objective 1.3 - No changes were made to this objective.

Goal 2 (Systems Change/Advocacy):

Staff presented federal feedback addressing the phrase "and be" which ITACC found confusing. Members revised the language by removing "and be" and "more" before "fully inclusive." Members agreed on the final goal language below:

“By 2031, the Council will lead, in partnership with family/self-advocates and others, to protect and enhance civil rights and improve statewide and community-based systems to be fully inclusive and supportive of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.”

Objective 2.1 - Members discussed how regional center issues would be addressed through the objective language rather than as a separate focus area. Staff shared a preview of the Regional Center Services website launching January 2026 and noted current trends show more openness to uniformity among regional centers. Members raised concerns about the effectiveness of regional center policy work and emphasized the importance of standardized language and service codes.

Members discussed focus areas using statewide survey data and SCDD staff-prepared analysis. Members identified health/safety, employment, housing, and emerging issues as policy focus areas. Members also discussed adding education to the systems list to ensure the Council can engage in education policy work when needed. Members agreed on the language below:

“By 2031, the Council will develop, improve and/or change 40 practices, 25 policies, and 15 regulations (or guidance) and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, education, and government entities. This work will include the areas of health/safety, employment, housing, 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.”

Objective 2.2 - Members identified health/safety, employment, housing, self-determination, and emerging issues as focus areas for systems change projects and professional training. Adding self-determination allows the Council to continue supporting Self-Determination Advisory Committees. Members agreed on the language below:

“By 2031, the Council will support 50,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) by engaging in 20 Statewide/Cross-regional/regional systems change efforts/projects/events in the areas of health/safety, employment, housing, self-determination, and/or emerging issues to:

- 1. Provide 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.”*

Goal 3 (Capacity-Building/Advocacy):

No changes were made to the goal language.

Objective 3.1 – Staff incorporated federal feedback removing language that was difficult to measure and reformatted the objective. Members discussed how the work would be measured. Detailed targets will be included in annual work plans. After discussion, members agreed on the language below:

“By 2031, the Council will increase the capacity of 50,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services they need, by:

- 1. Providing (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training,*
- 2. Providing technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics and/or resources, and*
- 3. Establishing and/or collaborating with and supporting family-advocate groups/networks”*

Objective 3.2 - No changes were made to this objective.

Discussion on State Plan Flexibility

Members raised concerns about potential federal policy changes. Staff confirmed the state plan can be updated annually without public comment and its language provides real-time flexibility to address unforeseen circumstances.

Staff compiled all finalized language and presented it to the Committee for final review. Staff will format the document for improved readability and prepare a detailed background sheet for Council members.

It was moved/seconded (Yin [UCEDD]/Brown [FA]) and carried to recommend approval of the 2027-2031 State Plan to the full Council at the November 18, 2025 Council meeting. All members present voted to approve. (See Page 1 for a list of members present).

8. **FUTURE MEETINGS & ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting dates for 2026 will be announced soon. Chair Jessica Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 6.

ACTION ITEM

**STATE PLAN COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

2027-2031 State Plan

On November 21st, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) posted its proposed 2027-2031 5-year State Plan online to open a 45-day Public Comment Period. SCDD used Qualtrics as its survey collection/data platform. The State Plan Team (SPT) will close the SCDD Public Comment Period on January 5th. SPT will then collect information from all surveys, put together a report and analysis, and present the analysis and recommendations to the Committee for review and consideration.

Committee members will consider public comments and the SPT's analysis and recommendations. Members will then decide if changes are needed to ensure that the 5-year State Plan adequately reflects the needs of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in the state of California.

If no changes are made, the Council will be notified that no changes were required, and the State Plan will then be posted online and submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) on or before August 15, 2026.

If minor, non-substantive changes are made, such as grammar or formatting edits, those changes will be incorporated, and the Council will be notified. The revised State Plan will be posted online and submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) on or before August 15, 2026.

If major, substantive changes are made that significantly alter the meaning or intent of the goals and or objectives, the revised State Plan will be presented to the Council for approval. Once approved, it will be re-posted for a new 45-day Public Comment Period. The Council is required to submit its final 2027-2031 State Plan on or before August 15, 2027, for implementation on October 1, 2027.

Action Recommended

Adopt and recommend final version of 2027-2031 State Plan.

Attachment(s)

None – there will be handouts the day of the meeting