



## Policy Questions About the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

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**Bold**= Policy Question

Plain text=Policy Adopted by the Council

### **Who is eligible to be a RAC member?**

RACs should reflect the geographic, ethnic, and language diversity of the state, as described in statutes.

### **What about prior Area Board members?**

Any Area Board member on December 31, 2014 may continue to serve on the RAC for that RO area until his/her term expires.

### **Who cannot be a member of a RAC?**

Sitting SCDD Council members cannot be also be members of the RAC. Councilmembers from a region are required to participate in his or her local RAC.

Any member of a Regional Center Governing Board, or a committee of a Regional Center Governing Board (excluding Self-Determination Advisory Committees and Self-Advocate Advisory Committees), shall not be eligible to serve on a SCDD Regional Advisory Committee.

### **How many members will the RAC have?**

The goal is for each RAC to have 9-15 members, based on need, geographic area covered, or population. The Council's Membership Committee may determine the total number between 9 and 15 based on need and recommendations from the Regional Office and RAC. The RACs that inherited more than 15 members may reach the maximum number through attrition as the initial members terms expire.

### **Should every county be represented?**

The RAC should have at least one member from each county in the RAC's region.

**Are there other limitations on membership?**

Providers are allowed to be members of a RAC. Providers are not to be more than 25% of total RAC membership.

**What's the self-advocate percentage representation on each RAC?**

At least 35% of RAC members shall be self-advocates. At least 35% of RAC members shall be family-advocates. The remaining 30% shall be self-advocates, family advocates, or other.

**Will there be term limits?**

Each RAC member serves at the pleasure of the Council. Each individual is eligible for two 3-year terms. The term limits begin anew as of January 1, 2015

**What is the attendance policy for RAC members?**

If a member of a RAC has unexcused absences for more than 25% of the RAC meetings within a calendar year, the member shall be considered as having ceased to discharge the duties of RAC membership.

**What about conflicts of interest?**

While it is not anticipated that RAC members will be making governmental decisions, if that happens and an individual has a conflict, that individual is expected to not be a part of the conversation or decision for that item.

**RAC Membership Appointments**

- Each RAC and RO can forward names to the SCDD Membership Committee for consideration.
- Each RAC may have its own Membership Committee for purposes of identifying and recruiting potential members and referring them to SCDD Membership Committee for consideration of referral to the SCDD.
- Candidates complete the standardize online application which is forwarded to the SCDD Membership Committee for consideration.
- The SCDD's Membership Committee appoints applicants, regardless of whether a vacancy exists. If there is not a current vacancy, the selected candidate becomes active once a vacancy occurs on their local committee. In the interim, the candidate is encouraged to participate as members of the public to stay engaged.

**What are the officers of the RAC?**

RAC members shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its membership. The role of the Chair and Vice Chair is to run the RAC meetings.

**What subcommittees may a RAC have?**

A RAC may convene a Membership Committee for the purpose of screening and making recommendations to the Council's Membership Committee on candidates for the RAC.

**Member Conduct**

Each member of a RAC shall comply with the Council's Zero-Tolerance Policies which include:

- Discrimination
- Drug Free Workplace Statement
- Sexual Harassment
- Unprofessional Conduct
- Workplace Violence Prevention

A copy of these policies will be provided to the member upon appointment.

**What is the role of the RAC?**

Per statute, the role of the RAC is to:

- Advise SCDD and its RO on local issues and identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities;
- Provide input and be a source for data for the SCDD to consider in the formulation of the state plan;
- Provide public information programs for consumers, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase professional and public awareness of areas identified within the state plan;
- Engage in other activities as requested by SCDD.

The RAC may make recommendations to the Council. The RAC may not take positions independent of the Council.

*\*Please note that percentages do not total 100% due to the exclusion of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander as a demographic category.*

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

Population and Demographic statistics as of 2020

### North Coast

County	Del Norte	Humboldt	Mendocino	Lake	Total Population
<b>Population</b>	27,743	136,463	91,601	68,163	323,970
<b>White</b>	62.0%	71.9%	65.0%	68.7%	68.4%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	3.1%	1.4%	0.70%	1.8%	1.4%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	8.8%	6.2%	5.1%	3.5%	5.5%
<b>Asian</b>	3.0%	2.6%	2.0%	1.5%	2.2%
<b>Latino</b>	19.2%	13.6%	26.1%	22.7%	19.5%

### Bay Area

County	Alameda	Contra Costa	Marin	San Francisco	San Mateo	Total Population
<b>Population</b>	1,682,353	1,165,927	262,321	873,965	764,442	4,749,008
<b>White</b>	31.1%	43%	68.4%	41.3%	39.3%	39.3%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	9.8%	8.7%	2.4%	5.3%	2.1%	7.1%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	1.2%	1.0%	1.5%	0.74%	0.89%	1%
<b>Asian</b>	32.4%	18.7%	6.3%	33.9%	30.1%	27.5%
<b>Latino</b>	23.4%	27%	18.8%	15.6%	25%	22.9%

### North Valley Hills

County	Amador	Calaveras	Tuolumne	Stanislaus	San Joaquin	Total Population
<b>Population</b>	40,474	45,292	55,620	552,878	779,233	1,473,497
<b>White</b>	76.8%	80.2%	79.5%	46.4%	34.3%	43.1%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	3.1%	0.80%	1.8%	2.9%	7.7%	5.4%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	1.9%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	1.6%	1.7%
<b>Asian</b>	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%	6.3%	17.9%	12%
<b>Latino</b>	14.9%	12.9%	12.8%	48.1%	41.8%	41.4%

## Los Angeles

<b>County</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
<b>Population</b>	10,014,009
<b>White</b>	32.5%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	7.9%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	1.6%
<b>Asian</b>	15%
<b>Latino</b>	48%

## Orange County

<b>County</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Population</b>	3,186,989
<b>White</b>	43.4%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	1.7%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	1.2%
<b>Asian</b>	22.2%
<b>Latino</b>	34.1%

## San Bernardino

<b>County</b>	<b>Mono</b>	<b>Inyo</b>	<b>San Bernardino</b>	<b>Riverside</b>	<b>Total Population</b>
<b>Population</b>	13,195	19,016	2,181,654	2,418,185	4,632,050
<b>White</b>	70.9%	61.8%	35.9%	41.2%	38.8%
<b>Afr. Amer.</b>	0.56%	0.51%	8.5%	6.5%	7.4%
<b>Am. Indian</b>	2.2%	13%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%
<b>Asian</b>	1.2%	1.5%	8.4%	7.1%	7.6%
<b>Latino</b>	26.6%	23.1%	53.7%	49.7%	51.4%