



# NOTICE/AGENDA

## STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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**PASSCODE:** 233777

**DATE:** February 24, 2026

**TIME:** 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

Harold Ashe

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Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

**Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Item 5. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2025 MINUTES **

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**Item 6. 2026 KICK OFF**

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*Harold Ashe, Executive Committee Chair*

**Item 7. SCDD BUDGET UPDATE **

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*Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director*

*A. FY 2025/26 Budget*

*B. FY 2025/26 Sponsorship Increase*

*C. FY 2026/27 Proposed Budget*

**Item 8. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS **

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*Rihana Ahmad, Chief Deputy Director*

*A. ARC of Ventura County*

*B. Autism Society of Los Angeles*

*C. Beacon AAC*

*D. Choices Institute*

*E. Family Resource Network*

*F. Special Care Services*

*G. Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego*

*H. The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)*

*I. We Rock The Spectrum – Clovis*

**Item 9. CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLANS – REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL **

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*Michael Santiago, Legal Counsel*

*A. David Glasser, Board Member, Regional Center of the East Bay*

*B. Nilo Choudhry, Board Member, Westside Regional Center*

*C. Terry Magady, Board Member, Westside Regional Center*

*D. Tina Daley, Board Member, Lanterman Regional Center*

- E. Mike Sawyer, Board Member, Redwood Coast Regional Center
- F. Joseph Cullis, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- G. Jacqueline Dubois, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- H. Patricia McCarthy, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- I. Cali McKinzie, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- J. William Moore, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center

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*The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on April 14, 2026.*

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Public Comments***

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Approval of October 2025 Minutes***

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The draft minutes from the October 21, 2025, Executive Committee meeting have been included in the packet for review. Committee members will vote on whether to approve the minutes.

***Attachment***

October 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes

***Action Recommended***

Approve the October 2025 meeting minutes.



**DRAFT**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2025**

**Members Attending**

Nicole Adler (S.A.)  
Harold Ashe, Chair (F.A.)  
Jessica Brown (F.A.)  
Julie Gaona (S.A.)  
Julio Garnica (S.A.)  
Nestor Nieves (S.A.)  
Kara Ponton (S.A.)

**Members Absent**

Lee Bycel (F.A.)  
Harold Fujita (F.A.)

**Others Attending**

Rihana Ahmad  
Aaron Carruthers  
David Delgado

**Others Attending (cont.)**

Beth Hurn  
Thuy Le  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Austin Murphy  
Kevin Rowell  
Yaritza Sanchez  
Michael Santiago

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Executive Committee Chair Harold Ashe called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee Chair Ashe invited members to introduce themselves. Members introduced themselves and disclosed if there were others in the room with them.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2025 MINUTES**

**Action 1**

It was moved/seconded (Gaona [S.A.]/Garnica [S.A.]) and carried to approve the August 2025 meeting minutes as presented. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

**6. STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

SCDD's staff spotlight featured HR Officer Thuy Le. She spoke about her family life, sharing that she has been married for 12 years and is a proud mother of three boys, along with their family dog, Goku. She also reflected on her years of

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state service, passion for helping others, and commitment to finding creative solutions that improve workplace efficiency and solving problems.

## 7. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS

Executive Director Carruthers presented two sponsorship requests for the Committee's consideration.

The first request for \$2,500 was from the San Diego Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities (SDCEPD) to support their Jobtoberfest 2025 event. If approved, the funds would be used to support accessibility improvements, including print materials and other resources. The SDCEPD was awarded sponsorships from SCDD in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2024.

The second request for \$2,500 was from the Special Needs In My City (SNIMC) to support their 7th Annual Health and Wellness Conference. If approved, the funds would be used to support the Conference's first-time livestream service and cover expenses for Spanish interpretation, speaker fees, printing, and outreach. SNIMC was awarded one sponsorship from SCDD in 2021 for \$500.

### **Action 2**

It was moved/seconded (Brown [F.A.]/Gaona [S.A.]) and carried to approve the sponsorship requests from the San Diego Committee on Employment for People with Disabilities (SDCEPD) and Special Needs In My City (SNIMC) in the amounts requested. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

## 8. CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLANS – REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Legal Counsel Michael Santiago presented six conflict-of-interest (COI) resolution plans for the Committee's consideration. Renewals were submitted Regional Center Executive Director Dexter Henderson and Regional Center Board Members Jacqueline Armstrong, Lisa Soloway, Anna Hurst, Jacquie Colton, and Dylan Sepull. Initial requests were submitted for Central Valley Regional Center Board Member Dylan Sepull. Detailed mitigation plans were provided in the meeting packet.

### **Action 3**

It was moved/seconded (Brown [F.A.]/Adler [S.A.]) and carried to approve the conflict-of-interest resolution plans for Regional Center Executive Director Dexter Henderson and Regional Center Board Members Jacqueline Armstrong, Lisa Soloway, Anna Hurst, Jacquie Colton, and Dylan Sepull. (See last page of minutes for a voting record of members present.)

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## 9. SCDD BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad provided the Committee with a budget update covering expenditures through August 31, 2025. She noted that programs such as the Quality Assessment (QA) Program were expected to see increased spending in the coming months as the mailing cycle began and contracts were finalized.

She reported that the Basic State Grant budget remained within projections. Personal Services reflected 86% of funds remaining, and Operating Expenses and Equipment had nearly 92% remaining. She stated that SCDD was able to operate without interruption during the federal government shutdown through fiscal management tools, such as the Council's Reserve.

Regarding the Quality Assessment Project, Personal Services had 89% remaining and Operating Expenses and Equipment reflected nearly 91% remaining. She reported that the Clients' Rights Advocacy and Volunteer Advocacy Services program reflected 83% remaining in Personal Services and 91% remaining in Operating Expenses and Equipment.

Ms. Ahmad concluded with an update on the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program, noting that the program was entering its third full year. She reported a remaining Operating Expenses and Equipment balance of approximately \$493,596 and approximately \$75,000 in unspent grant funding. SDM-TAP staff were reviewing additional technical assistance and translation contract needs that could be supported with the remaining funds.

For additional information on the budget, please access the meeting packet found at [https://scdd.ca.gov/executive\\_committee/](https://scdd.ca.gov/executive_committee/).

## 10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided a policy update, reporting that the Legislature had sent 917 bills to the Governor with 794 signed and 123 vetoed. Of those measures, he highlighted bills the Council had supported or opposed, including SB 470 (Laird), which maintained teleconference provisions allowing pandemic-era flexibility for meetings. He also reported that SB 84 (Niello), which would have created waiting periods and barriers to disability access lawsuits, had failed in the Legislature. In education, he reported that AB 784 (Hoover) clarified that Deaf and Hard of Hearing services were to be included in IEPs, and that SB 373 (Grove) strengthened oversight of students with disabilities in nonpublic schools. He also reported that SB 389 (Ochoa Bogh) authorized licensed vocational nurses to deliver certain basic respiratory services under

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supervision at school sites. In health, he reported that AB 951 (Ta) was scheduled to take effect January 1, 2026, and would prohibit health plans from requiring re-diagnosis for individuals with a prior autism diagnosis to maintain coverage. In community supports, he reported that AB 1172 (Nguyen) allowed adult day program staff to administer emergency anti-seizure medication and provide immediate medical interventions. In safety and accessibility, he reported that SB 671 (Cervantes) addressed accessible pedestrian crossing signals, including the implementation of touchless activation features at crosswalks. Mr. Carruthers stated that the Council's advocacy and priorities had produced meaningful systemic policy outcomes.

Mr. Carruthers also provided an update on the federal government shutdown, explaining that the federal government had not adopted a budget or continuing resolution, limiting federal spending authority. He stated that SCDD was positioned to continue operating due to Council planning and fiscal management. He discussed potential program impacts over time, noting that many Medicaid-funded disability services were generally paid quarterly in advance and could remain stable for a period, while some programs administered by the Department of Social Services could experience impacts sooner. He reported that the Governor had issued a notice indicating potential impacts to CalFresh and other food supports beginning November 1.

Additionally, he discussed the State Plan, noting that SCDD was entering the final year of its current five-year plan and that the Council had achieved its goals. He shared that staff would continue core work during the final year while maintaining capacity to respond to emerging issues requiring rapid action. He also reported that the Council will launch a survey to obtain feedback from the community regarding the next five-year plan. The State Plan Committee will analyze the results and develop recommendations for Council review and approval of the 2027-2031 State Plan.

Mr. Carruthers concluded with administrative updates, noting the President's federal budget proposal of \$80 million for Developmental Disability Councils nationally and that Congress would next draft the federal 2026 budget. He also reported renewed contracts with the Department of Developmental Services for Quality Assurance and Self-Determination Orientation Training. Lastly, he announced that Yolanda Cruz had transitioned from managing the Fresno office to managing the San Diego office, Sheraden Nicholau had been promoted to Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, and Sam Wijesiriwardane had joined the team as the new travel coordinator.

## 11. YEAR-END DISCUSSION

The Executive Committee held a year-end discussion focused on reflection, strengthening committee leadership, and recommendations for new Councilmembers. Members were invited to share ideas about what the Council could do differently in the coming year and what helped them when they first joined. Committee members Julie Gaona and Jessica Brown noted that connecting with other members and staff helped them understand expectations, feel supported, and gain confidence in their roles. Committee member Nicole Adler encouraged new members to build relationships, find a support system, and speak up about issues they are passionate about. Committee member Nestor Nieves recommended providing clear information about committees, meeting schedules, and points of contact so new members can stay engaged and plan their participation.

Members also discussed the importance of respectful, mission-focused leadership. Committee member Kara Ponton emphasized that serving on the Council is a privilege and a significant responsibility, and she urged new members to remain focused on the Council's mission and bipartisan role. Members discussed ways committee chairs could continue supporting one another, including one-on-one check-ins and continued collaboration across committees. Committee member Jessica Brown also suggested providing a simple guide to staff roles and points of contact to help new members know who to reach out to. Members further discussed the value of continuing staff spotlights and creating more opportunities to connect in person. The Executive Director expressed appreciation to Committee members for their leadership and service on the Council.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Executive Committee meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 P.M.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Action 1 Minutes</b>	<b>Action 2 Sponsorships</b>	<b>Action 3 COIs</b>
Adler, Nicole	Aye	Aye	Aye
Ashe, Harold	Aye	Aye	Aye
Brown, Jessica	Abstain	Aye	Aye
Gaona, Julie	Aye	Aye	Aye
Garnica, Julio	Aye	Aye	Aye
Nieves, Nestor	Aye	Aye	Aye
Ponton, Kara	Aye	Aye	Aye

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***2026 Kick Off***

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Executive Committee Chair Harold Ashe will introduce the public and new members to the Executive Committee and lead members in a discussion.

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 7.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***SCDD Budget Update***

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Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad will provide an update on current year (FY 2025-2026) budget expenditures and present the proposed SCDD FY 2026-2027 budget for consideration.

In 2025, the Administrative and Executive Committees set aside \$360,000 from the External Contracts budget to use for other needs.

On February 23, 2026, the Administrative Committee will decide whether to use \$25,000 of that amount to increase sponsorship funding by \$25,000 for fiscal year 2025–26.

The Executive Committee will then review the Administrative Committee’s recommendation and decide whether to approve it.

***Attachments***

FY 2025-26 Budget Narrative

FY 2025-26 Budget Projections

FY 2025-26 Line-Item Summary

FY 2025-26 Budget Display

FY 2026-27 SCDD Draft Budget Proposal

***Handout(s)***

Budget PPT

FY 2026-28 Budget Narrative

Additional handouts may be provided on the day of the meeting.

***Actions Recommended***

Approve the Administrative Committee’s recommendation for a one-time increase of \$25,000 to fund sponsorships.

Recommend that the Council approve the draft proposal of the FY 2026-27 SCDD budget.



## SFY 2025-26 Budget Update

### Key Takeaways:

- All expenditures and projected balances are as of December 31, 2025.
- Spending trends are, generally, consistent with spending rates this time last fiscal year. At mid-year, it is expected that at least 50 percent of the budget will remain unspent, which aligns with the planned timing of expenditures.

### Discussion:

The package before the Committee includes the second budget report for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025-26 expenditures through December 31, 2025, and a summary of program budget balances.

### SFY 2025-26 Basic State Grant (BSG) Expenditures

The SFY 2025-26 BSG budget is \$8,391,000. Expenditures for the fiscal year, so far, total \$3,762,675. The budget balance is \$4,628,325, or 55.2 percent.

- Personal Services: Total expenditures to date (\$3,172,223) result in a remaining balance of \$3,499,777 (52.5 percent). As of February 1, 2026, there were 6 vacancies. This excludes 3 positions recently filled effective February 9<sup>th</sup>. (Bay Area and Sequoia ROM, NVH OT)
- OE&E: Expenses under this category total \$590,451, with a remaining balance of \$1,128,549 (65.7%).
- Unexpended Funds and Council Reserve: On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the federal government ended a brief government shutdown that began January 1<sup>st</sup>. The legislation will ensure full-year funding for the federal government through the end of September, with the lone exception of the Department of Homeland Security. The Council continues to maintain a reserve of approximately \$1.75 million and Council staff will continue to work as usual.

### SFY 2025-26 Quality Assessment Project (QA) Reimbursements from DDS

Total QA funding available is \$4,214,308. Expenditures for the fiscal year, so far, total \$1,412,836. The budget balance is \$2,801,472, or 66.5 percent.

- Personal Services: Year-to-date expenditures of \$839,432 give us a remaining balance of \$1,620,604 (65.9 percent). There are 2 vacancies.
- OE&E: Year-to-date expenditures of \$573,404 give us a remaining balance of \$1,180,868 (67.3 percent).

## **SFY 2025-26 Rights Advocacy Program (RAP) Reimbursements from DDS**

Total RAP funding available is \$1,660,000. Year-to-date expenditures are \$716,313 with a remaining balance of \$943,687 (56.8 percent).

- Personal Services: Expenditures to-date total \$619,711 and reflect a remaining balance of \$630,289 (50.4 percent). There is one vacancy.
- OE&E: Spending for this category totals \$96,602, with a remaining balance of \$313,398 (76.4 percent).

It's important to note that the QA and RAP programs are funded by reimbursement from DDS, and that SCDD is reimbursed for actual expenses. Any projected savings have no fiscal impact on other programs.

## **SFY 2025-26 Supported Decision-making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP)**

Total program funding for the SDM-TAP program was \$5 million. This supported a two-year program funded by a special appropriation to SCDD in 2022 and was extended for a third year effective July 1, 2025. The funding is designated for grants (\$3 million) and program operation (\$2 million).

- Personal Services: Expenditures to-date total \$67,405 and reflect a remaining balance of \$204,595 (75.2 percent).
- OE&E: Spending for this category totals \$45,869, with a remaining balance of \$454,131 (90.8 percent). The remaining balance reflects outstanding invoices and funds that have been allocated for the translation of resources developed by grantees.
- Grants: Out of the \$3 million designated for grant funding, there is a balance of \$75,000 that has not been awarded.



## State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Council Report for State Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

As of January 1, 2026

Expenditures through December 31, 2025

Federal Grant	Annual Budget	Monthly Expenditures	Year-To-Date Expenditures	Balance	Positions
Personal Services & Benefits	\$ 6,672,000	\$ 551,881	\$ 3,172,223	\$ 3,499,777	# Positions 50
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,719,000	\$ 142,188	\$ 590,451	\$ 1,128,549	# Vacancies 6
Grants / Special Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,391,000</b>	<b>\$ 694,069</b>	<b>\$ 3,762,675</b>	<b>\$ 4,628,325</b>	<b>Vacancy % 12%</b>

Quality Assessment	Annual Budget	Monthly Expenditures	Year-To-Date Expenditures	Balance	Positions
Personal Services & Benefits	\$ 2,460,036	\$ 145,170	\$ 839,432	\$ 1,620,604	# Positions 17
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,754,272	\$ 27,971	\$ 573,404	\$ 1,180,868	# Vacancies 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,214,308</b>	<b>\$ 173,142</b>	<b>\$ 1,412,836</b>	<b>\$ 2,801,472</b>	<b>Vacancy % 12%</b>

Clients' Rights Advocates/ Voluntary	Annual Budget	Monthly Expenditures	Year-To-Date Expenditures	Balance	Positions
Personal Services & Benefits	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 102,717	\$ 619,711	\$ 630,289	# Positions 6
Operating Expenses	\$ 410,000	\$ 22,817	\$ 96,602	\$ 313,398	# Vacancies 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,000</b>	<b>\$ 125,534</b>	<b>\$ 716,313</b>	<b>\$ 943,687</b>	<b>Vacancy % 17%</b>

Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program	Annual Budget	Monthly Expenditures	Year-To-Date Expenditures	Balance	Positions
Personal Services & Benefits	\$ 272,000	\$ 11,008	\$ 67,405	\$ 204,595	# Positions 2
Operating Expenses	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,098	\$ 45,869	\$ 454,131	# Vacancies 0
Grant Awards	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 847,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,105</b>	<b>\$ 113,274</b>	<b>\$ 733,726</b>	<b>Vacancy % 0%</b>

Total	
# Positions	75
# Vacancies	9
<b>Vacancy %</b>	<b>12%</b>



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities**  
**Council Report for State Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026**

As of January 1, 2026

Expenditures through December 31, 2025

<b>Federal Grant</b>	<b>Budgeted Base</b>	<b>Current Month Expenditure</b>	<b>YTD Expenditure</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Remaining Percentage</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES (PS &amp; PB)</b>					
Salaries & Wages w/ Benefits	6,672,000	551,881	3,172,223	3,499,777	52.5%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE (OE&amp;E)</b>					
General Expense (Meeting/Conf/ Office Equip)	38,000	26,108	42,200	(4,200)	-11.1%
Printing	20,000	559	6,427	13,573	67.9%
Communications	45,000	5,483	25,399	19,601	43.6%
Postage	7,000	-	(13,265)	20,265	289.5%
Travel-in-State	150,000	7,405	49,559	100,441	67.0%
Out-of-State Travel	7,000	-	-	7,000	100.0%
Training (Tuition and Registration)	29,000	1,175	6,112	22,888	78.9%
Facilities Operations (Rent)	585,000	51,343	307,443	277,557	47.4%
Facilities Plng/Maint. & Utilities	8,000	684	2,213	5,787	72.3%
Interdepartmental Services	250,000	2,646	2,946	247,054	98.8%
External Contract Services	360,000	8,522	51,581	308,419	85.7%
Information Technology (Computer, Software)	190,000	13,262	84,787	105,213	55.4%
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP)	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	0.0%
Other Items of Expense	5,000	-	48	4,952	99.0%
<b>Subtotal OE&amp;E</b>	<b>1,719,000</b>	<b>142,188</b>	<b>590,451</b>	<b>1,128,549</b>	<b>65.7%</b>
<b>SPECIAL ITEM (PROGRAM 20)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,391,000</b>	<b>694,069</b>	<b>3,762,675</b>	<b>4,628,325</b>	<b>55.2%</b>

<b>Quality Assessment</b>	<b>Budgeted Base</b>	<b>Current Month Expenditure</b>	<b>YTD Expenditure</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Remaining Percentage</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES (PS &amp; PB)</b>					
Salaries & Wages w/ Benefits	2,460,036	145,170	839,432	1,620,604	65.9%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE (OE&amp;E)</b>					
General Expense (Meeting/Conf/ Equipment)	40,000	193	857	39,143	97.9%
Printing	370,000	1,585	4,718	365,282	98.7%
Communications	75,000	1,377	5,526	69,474	92.6%
Postage	501,792	206	302,182	199,610	39.8%
Travel-in-State	30,000	563	3,844	26,156	87.2%
Training (Tuition and Registration)	10,000	-	-	10,000	100.0%
Facilities Operations (Rent)	255,840	18,610	117,026	138,814	54.3%
Facilities Plng/Maint. & Utilities	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interdepartmental Services	140,000	-	-	140,000	100.0%
External Contract Services	10,000	21	336	9,664	96.6%
Data Processing (Software, Supplies & Misc.)	196,640	5,417	138,910	57,730	29.4%
Other Items/ Client Services	125,000	-	4	124,996	100.0%
<b>Subtotal OE&amp;E</b>	<b>1,754,272</b>	<b>27,971</b>	<b>573,404</b>	<b>1,180,868</b>	<b>67.3%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,214,308</b>	<b>173,142</b>	<b>1,412,836</b>	<b>2,801,472</b>	<b>66.5%</b>



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities**  
**Council Report for State Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026**

As of January 1, 2026

Expenditures through December 31, 2025

<b>Rights and Advocacy Program</b>	<b>Budgeted Base</b>	<b>Current Month Expenditure</b>	<b>YTD Expenditure</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Remaining Percentage</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES (PS &amp; PB)</b>					
Salaries & Wages w/ Benefits	1,250,000	102,717	619,711	630,289	50.4%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE (OE&amp;E)</b>					
General Expense (Meeting/Conf/ Equipment)	5,000	-	850	4,150	83.0%
Printing	9,000	-	198	8,802	97.8%
Communications	10,000	606	2,501	7,499	75.0%
Postage	1,000	-	-	1,000	100.0%
Travel-in-State	32,000	5,895	12,445	19,555	61.1%
Training (Tuition and Registration)	15,000	-	519	14,481	96.5%
Facilities Operations (Rent)	24,000	2,033	11,386	12,614	52.6%
Interdepartmental Services	134,000	-	-	134,000	100.0%
External Contract Services	3,000	-	-	3,000	100.0%
Data Processing (Software, Supplies & Misc.)	45,000	4,423	17,534	27,466	61.0%
Other Items/ Client Services	132,000	9,860	51,170	80,830	61.2%
<b>Subtotal OE&amp;E</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>22,817</b>	<b>96,602</b>	<b>313,398</b>	<b>76.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,660,000</b>	<b>125,534</b>	<b>716,313</b>	<b>943,687</b>	<b>56.8%</b>

<b>Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program</b>	<b>Budgeted Base</b>	<b>Current Month Expenditure</b>	<b>YTD Expenditure</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>Remaining Percentage</b>
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES (PS &amp; PB)</b>					
Salaries & Wages w/ Benefits	272,000	11,008	67,405	204,595	75.2%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE (OE&amp;E)</b>					
General Expense (Meeting/Conf/ Equipment)	125,000	-	-	125,000	100.0%
Printing	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Communications	2,000	81	161	1,839	91.9%
Postage	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Travel-in-State	-	1,034	1,034	(1,034)	0.0%
Training (Tuition and Registration)	2,000	-	27	1,973	98.7%
Facilities Operations (Rent)	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Facilities Plng/Maint. & Utilities	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interdepartmental Services	28,000	-	-	28,000	100.0%
External Contract Services	326,000	-	-	326,000	100.0%
Data Processing (Software, Supplies & Misc.)	17,000	983	44,647	(27,647)	-162.6%
Other Items/ Client Services	-	-	-	-	0.0%
<b>Subtotal OE&amp;E</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>45,869</b>	<b>454,131</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>Grant Awards</b>	75,000	-	-	75,000	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847,000</b>	<b>13,105</b>	<b>113,274</b>	<b>733,726</b>	<b>86.6%</b>



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities

## Fiscal Year 2025-26 Approved Budget

May 2025

Categories	Council Budget	SCDD Budget - Other Sources			TOTAL
	*Basic State Grant	Quality Assessment	Clients' Rights Advocates/ Volunteer Advocacy	Supported Decisionmaking Technical Assistance Program	
	Federal Grant	State Contract	State Contract	Limited Term Program	
<b>1. Personal Services:</b>					
Net Salaries & Wages	\$ 4,647,000	\$ 1,597,426	\$ 833,000	\$ 179,000	\$ 7,256,000
Temporary Help / Honorarium	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Worker's Compensation	\$ 45,000	\$ 2,610	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 55,000
Staff Benefits	\$ 2,511,000	\$ 860,000	\$ 412,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 3,874,000
Less 12% Salary Savings From Vacancies	\$ (561,000)				\$ (561,000)
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$ 6,672,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,460,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 272,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,654,000</b>
<b>2. Operating Expense and Equipment:</b>					
General Expense	\$ 38,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 186,000
Printing	\$ 20,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 449,000
Communications	\$ 45,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 84,000
Postage	\$ 7,000	\$ 501,792	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 716,000
Travel-in-State :	\$ 150,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -	\$ 202,000
Out-of-State Travel	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Training (Tuition and Registration)	\$ 29,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 56,000
Facilities Operations (Rent)	\$ 585,000	\$ 255,840	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ 839,000
Utilities	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Interdepartmental Services	\$ 250,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 616,000
External Contract Services	\$ 360,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 326,000	\$ 699,000
Information Technology	\$ 190,000	\$ 196,640	\$ 45,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 337,000
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other Items of Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 132,000	\$ -	\$ 232,000
<b>Total Operating Expense and Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 1,719,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,754,272</b>	<b>\$ 410,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,458,000</b>
<b>3. Community Grants / Other Projects</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>4. Total SCDD Budget by Source</b>	<b>\$ 8,391,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,214,308</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,000</b>	<b>\$ 847,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,112,000</b>
<b>5. Total Basic State Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 8,036,000</b>				
<b>6. Transfer from Estimated Unexpended Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 355,000</b>				
<b>7. Total SCDD Budget minus Basic State Grant Award and Transfer from Estimated Unexpended Funds</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				
<b>*Footnotes</b>					
Cash Reserve	\$ 1,750,000				
Estimated Unexpended Funds Available	\$ -				



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget  
February 2026

Categories	Council Budget		Department Budget - Other Programs			TOTAL
	*Basic State Grant	Quality Assessment	Rights and Advocacy Program	Self-Determination Orientation	Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee	
	Federal Grant	State Contract	State Contract	State Contract	State Contract	
<b>1. Personal Services:</b>						
Net Salaries & Wages	\$ 4,340,533	\$ 1,674,000	\$ 833,000	\$ 203,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 7,154,533
Temporary Help / Honorarium	\$ 148,064	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,064
Staff Benefits	\$ 2,427,127	\$ 904,000	\$ 417,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 3,907,127
Less 8% Salary Savings from Vacancies	\$ (534,754)					\$ (534,754)
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$ 6,381,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,578,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 308,000</b>	<b>\$ 158,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,675,000</b>
<b>2. Operating Expense and Equipment:</b>						
General Expense	\$ 125,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 161,000
Printing	\$ 34,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 70,000
Communications	\$ 76,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 161,000
Postage	\$ 10,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 48,000
Travel-in-State :	\$ 175,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 293,000
Out-of-State Travel	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Training	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Facilities Operations (Rent)	\$ 633,000	\$ 266,000	\$ 24,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 923,000
Utilities	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Interdepartmental Services	\$ 100,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 134,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 374,000
External Contract Services	\$ 360,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 681,000
Information Technology	\$ 203,000	\$ 166,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 428,000
Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP)	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Other Items of Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 132,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 1,129,000
<b>Total Operating Expense and Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 1,786,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,935,000</b>	<b>\$ 410,000</b>	<b>\$ 170,000</b>	<b>\$ 57,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,358,000</b>
<b>3. Community Grants / Other Projects</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>4. Total SCDD Budget by Source</b>	<b>\$ 8,167,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,513,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,000</b>	<b>\$ 478,000</b>	<b>\$ 215,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,033,000</b>
<b>5. Total Basic State Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ 8,032,000</b>					
<b>6. Difference between Total Council Budget and Basic State Grant Award</b>	<b>\$ (135,000)</b>					
<b>*Footnotes</b>						
<b>3 Month Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,000</b>					
<b>Estimated Unexpended Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 169,000</b>					

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 8.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Sponsorship Requests***

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 a year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership, and education, thereby enabling people with developmental disabilities and their family members to expand their knowledge and skills. This is commonly referred to as a Sponsorship request.

To date, the Council has expended \$15,000 on funds, leaving \$10,000 available to award for the remaining fiscal year. Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad will present nine sponsorship requests for the Committee's consideration. The requests are from the ARC of Ventura County, the Autism Society of Los Angeles, Beacon AAC, Choices Institute, Family Resource Network, Special Care Services, the Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego, the Orange County Department of Education, and We Rock The Spectrum – Clovis.

To assist the Executive Committee in making funding decisions, members were provided with a detailed sheet that summarizes the event, indicates any prior Council funding, identifies the relevant State Plan Goal(s), and includes any other pertinent information. Following Chief Deputy Ahmad's presentation, members will vote on whether to approve the requests.

***Attachments***

Staff analysis detail sheets for the ARC of Ventura County, the Autism Society of Los Angeles, Beacon AAC, Choices Institute, Family Resource Network, Special Care Services, the Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego, the Orange County Department of Education, and We Rock The Spectrum – Clovis.

***Action Recommended***

Approve the sponsorship requests from the ARC of Ventura County, the Autism Society of Los Angeles, Beacon AAC, Choices Institute, Family Resource Network, Special Care Services, the Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego, the Orange County Department of Education, and We Rock The Spectrum – Clovis.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** ARC of Ventura County

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** ARC of Ventura County is requesting sponsorship for its *Let's Talk: Ability, Sexuality, Interpersonal Relationships and Staying Safe*, scheduled for Spring 2026 in Ventura County.

The event aims to provide individuals with IDD and their support networks opportunities to discuss and problem-solve challenges related to relationships, safety, and informed decision-making. It addresses the unique challenge of balancing dignity of risk with needed support for individuals seeking intimate relationships, helping individuals live lives of their own choosing with greater autonomy.

The event will feature individuals with lived experience sharing their perspectives in breakout sessions and panel discussions. Panel discussions and educational sessions will cover topics including informed decision-making, maintaining personal and digital safety in local communities, sexual and body awareness and health, emergency preparedness, and choice. The event builds on local advocacy history and will also feature topics such as inter-abled relationship stories, parenting with a disability, and Get Safe training resources.

They anticipate 150+ people, including families, individuals with disabilities, service providers, community partners, and legislative representatives. Approximately 25% to 50% of attendees will be consumers.

A work group will be assembled including individuals supported by Tri-Counties Regional Center, TCRC Peer Advocates and staff, service provider agencies, and community partners to assist with outreach and engagement. Tri-Counties Regional Center will also serve as an event sponsor.

The SCDD sponsorship would be used to support speaker stipends for individuals sharing their lived experience.

ARC of Ventura County has not previously received SCDD sponsorship.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy December 9th, 2025

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Autism Society of Los Angeles

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$1,000

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Autism Society of Los Angeles is requesting sponsorship for "A Journey of Learning – Navigating Life Together," an ASLA Education Summit, scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2026, at The California Endowment (1000 Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA).

The conference aims to increase the ability of self-advocates and family members to exercise control, choice, and flexibility through education on options and networking with professionals and role models. Consumers and families will understand the options for their futures and will appreciate person-centered thinking to navigate these options. They will participate in discussions regarding the opportunities and challenges.

The conference features life stage tracks: Foundations and Futures (Early & Teen Years) focusing on supporting communication, visioning for the future, and mapping services early on; Crossing the Bridge (Transition to Adulthood) covering navigating systems, post-school opportunities, and fostering autonomy; and Living Fully (Adulthood & Quality of Life) addressing housing, friendships, wellness, and aging with dignity.

They anticipate approximately 150 to 200 attendees from throughout California. The attendees will include consumers, parents, family members, traditional and Self-Determination Program service providers, regional center and Area Board staff, advocates, special education attorneys, and others. At least half of the attendees are expected to be consumers and family members.

The conference will feature approximately 20 panelists, at least one-quarter of whom will be self-advocates. ASLA has a proven track record of engaging panelists and presenters with lived and real-life experience navigating systems of support.

Outreach efforts include an email and social media campaign targeted throughout the state. Various coalitions and panelists are being asked to share information with their networks. SCDD regional offices and regional centers are being asked to put information in their newsletters and on their websites. ASLA typically facilitates 1 to 6 trainings per week and has a rich network of trainees who want to engage in further training.

The SCDD sponsorship will support self-advocate speaker fees.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy, January 21, 2026

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Beacon AAC

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Beacon AAC is requesting sponsorship for its *Re-inspire: The Letterboard and Beyond*, the Fourth Annual Bay Area Family Conference. It is scheduled for May 2, 2026, at the Open Mind School in Menlo Park, CA.

The conference aims to connect and build community among nonspeaking Bay Area Regional Center clients who communicate by spelling on a letterboard or typing, along with their families. It provides a safe space for families to learn, share experiences, and advocate for their needs. Families are encouraged to attend together, and childcare will be available.

The event will feature topics suggested by spellers and include sessions by spellers, family members, and professionals. Programming includes a Q&A session about Rapid Prompting Method (a teaching methodology designed for nonspeakers), a celebration of graduates from high school, college, and other programs, and a listening session for regional center representatives to learn about the unmet needs of the community.

They anticipate 200+ attendees, primarily Regional Center clients and their families. The event will feature approximately 9 sessions with 15 speakers, six of which will be led by or include panels of regional center clients.

The SCDD sponsorship would help cover behavioral support and speaker fees.

For security reasons and to ensure a safe environment, the conference is not broadly advertised to or open to the general community. Outreach is conducted through a list-serve for families of nonspeakers, service providers, and closed Facebook groups.

Beacon AAC is a new nonprofit created by and for the non-speaking community. This grassroots effort has not previously received SCDD sponsorship.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy December 16th, 2025

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** CHOICES Institute

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** CHOICES Institute is requesting sponsorship for the CHOICES 2026 Conference: *Power of Your CHOICES*, scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026 at the San Joaquin County Office of Education in Stockton, California.

The CHOICES Institute provides education through an annual conference and training seminars for persons with developmental disabilities, their families, professionals, volunteers, service providers, regional center staff, and others. The conference aims to help participants learn to exercise control, choice, and flexibility in the services they receive through knowledge gained from peers and shared experiences.

The annual event typically sells out with 500 attendees. The majority of the audience is made up of self-advocates, including transition-aged students. Service providers, educators, family advocates, and regional center staff also attend.

The conference will feature three self-advocate emcees and three self-advocate keynote speakers. The event will include a Microbusiness Fair where business owners with developmental disabilities exhibit at no charge, entertainment during lunch by The Advocates (a group of 20 adults with developmental disabilities who are paid for their performance), and video recording and editing by Futures Explored.

All attendees will pay a registration fee of \$30, which includes lunch, conference handouts, and a CHOICES t-shirt.

The SCDD sponsorship will support the cost of keynote speaker fees and printing costs.

Other sponsors include Valley Mountain Regional Center Self Determination Advisory Committee.

CHOICES Institute has received SCDD sponsorships in 2015 (\$999), 2018 (\$999), 2023 (\$1,500), 2024 (\$1,500), and 2025 (\$1,625).

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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 achieving self-governance with supports, as requested; identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need; becoming and serving as peer trainers; developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families; and participating in cross-disability coalitions representing California's population.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy, January 30, 2026

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Family Resource Network

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Family Resource Network is requesting sponsorship for the Annual Autism Forum, The Power of Partnership: Promoting Inclusion and Safety for Individuals with Autism, scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in Stockton, California.

The event aims to empower individuals with autism by increasing choice, inclusion, and safety within the community. Attendees will learn about key areas where safety training is essential, including community safety, relationships and sexuality, emergency preparedness, financial safety, and independent and community living. Presentations will also highlight resources and programs available through first responders and community partners.

The event is expected to attract approximately 200 to 225 attendees from the five-county catchment area. An estimated 75 participants will be family members or self advocates. The remaining attendees will include school district professionals such as administrators, teachers, autism coaches, program specialists, and paraprofessionals, as well as regional center staff and other service providers, including ABA, day program, and residential providers. Spanish interpretation will be provided for Spanish speaking individuals and families.

Attendance is free for family members and self advocates. Professional attendees will be charged a registration fee. The event will feature

approximately twelve presenters, including a panel of three parents or family members and three self advocates. A resource fair will also be held, inviting family support organizations to share information and resources with attendees.

The SCDD sponsorship will be used to purchase supplies and printed materials for attendees. These materials may be used by individuals with autism, their families, or other individuals with disabilities, and will include items such as icon cards, safety and ID cards, schedules, and related tools.

Additional sponsors and major contributors include Valley Mountain Regional Center, San Joaquin SELPA and local school districts, San Joaquin County Office of Education, Stanislaus SELPA and local districts, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne SELPAs and local districts, and SCDD North Valley Hills.

Family Resource Network previously received SCDD sponsorships in November 2024 and November 2025.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy, January 30, 2026

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Special Care Services

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Special Care Services is requesting sponsorship for their *3rd Annual Regional Developmental Disability and Neurodiversity Conference*, scheduled for April 3-4, 2026, at the Sunrise Banquet Hall.

The conference aims to raise awareness and provide up-to-date education and resources about intellectual and developmental disabilities, specifically autism spectrum disorders, developmental and behavioral intervention, interdisciplinary practice, advocacy, and intervention techniques. It serves individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers, service providers, and stakeholders.

This two-day hybrid conference covers developmental and behavioral interventions, advocacy, evidence-based practices, and emerging trends. Day One focuses on professionals and caregivers. Day Two features hands-on sessions for neurodiverse individuals and families, including sensory-friendly activities, wellness programming, and early childhood support. The event will also offer free developmental screenings for children three and under.

Expected attendance is 350 or more in-person participants, with additional virtual attendees. Approximately 50 percent of participants will be consumers and family members. More than 50 service providers are expected to participate in the Vendor Expo.

The event will feature over 20 presenters, including three consumers who will share their lived experiences as self-advocates. Speakers include healthcare professionals, educators, and individuals with IDD, such as Dani Bowman from *Love on the Spectrum*.

The requested SCDD sponsorship would support outreach supplies for underserved families and provide honoraria for self-advocate speakers.

Special Care Services received its first SCDD sponsorship in 2025.

Additional partners include First 5 Solano, North Bay Regional Center, and Touro University Medical School.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy December 9th, 2025

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2,500.00**

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego is requesting sponsorship for the 3rd Annual All-Inclusive Day of Play: Starry Cinema & Resource Fair, scheduled for April 19, 2026, at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Corner Zone.

This free, movie-themed Resource Fair is designed to connect individuals with disabilities and their families to services, resources, and opportunities that promote inclusion and enhance quality of life. The event aims to create a welcoming, family-friendly environment where attendees can engage with service providers, explore community resources, and participate in inclusive activities designed for children of all abilities.

The Resource Fair will run from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and feature approximately 29+ vendor booths offering information and resources. Inclusive short films will be screened throughout the event, accompanied by movie-themed activities and crafts. A new literacy area will allow each child to select a free book inspired by popular films, tailored to their age, reading level, and interests. There will be a *ShopAble* area that will highlight adult artists with disabilities from California's Self-Determination Program, who will be selling their work.

All attendees will receive a copy of the 2026 Flourishing Families Resource Guide; The 2025 version included over 1,375 listings of services and resources. The anticipate 300-500 attendees, primarily individuals with IDD and their families. The event will not feature presenters or panelists.

SCDD sponsorship will support advertising and media costs for the event.

Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego has received SCDD sponsorships in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 for their Day of Play and Starry Cinema events.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy January, 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Orange County Competitive Integrated Employment Local Partnership Agreement (OCLPA)

**AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$2,500.00**

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), on behalf of OCLPA, is requesting sponsorship for its second annual *Empowering Transitions, Building Futures* event, scheduled for March 10, 2026, at the Irvine Unified School District Learning Center (3387 Barranca Parkway, Irvine).

The event aims to strengthen pathways to competitive integrated employment for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The OCLPA brings together Orange County school districts, OCDE, Chapman University, Regional Center of Orange County, and the Orange County Office of SCDD, among other community partners.

The event will feature a resource fair with more than 75 service providers, including dedicated space for providers serving South Orange County. A concurrent Student Leadership Conference will focus on developing self-advocacy and self-determination skills through sessions co-facilitated by self-advocates. Organizers are confirming three self-advocate keynote speakers. Five self-advocates will serve as panelists in breakout sessions, and five will showcase their microenterprises during the resource fair.

They anticipate attendance will exceed 500 self-advocates and family advocates, based on strong turnout from the March 2025 inaugural event.

Approximately 30 self-advocates will participate in the Student Leadership Conference.

The event is free for all attendees. Outreach includes multilingual flyers (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean) distributed through school districts and community colleges, plus Regional Center of Orange County announcements to their 22,000-subscriber listserv.

The SCDD sponsorship will support keynote speaker honoraria, translation of materials, printing costs, and supplies for binders provided to each attendee.

This is the first SCDD sponsorship request from OCLPA, with OCDE serving as fiscal agent.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy, November 6, 2025

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SPONSORSHIP DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$2,500.00

**BACKGROUND:** The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities allocates \$25,000 each fiscal year to support events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education so people with developmental disabilities and their family members can increase their knowledge and skills.

Organizations can request up to \$2,500 per event. Priority is given to events that are free or low-cost for consumers and families, or that feature them as speakers or panelists.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis is requesting sponsorship for *Special Kids Fest I*, scheduled for April 18, 2026, at the Clovis Senior Activity Center in Clovis, California.

The event aims to launch an inclusive Autism Month tradition where children can play freely in sensory play areas, build friendships, and participate in low-stimulation shows and adaptive activities. The event will connect families with local resources by bringing supportive organizations and service providers together where caregivers can explore options, ask questions, and strengthen support networks. It will also introduce the newly opened We Rock the Spectrum - Clovis kids' gym, the first Central Valley branch of this global franchise of inclusive children's gyms.

They anticipate approximately 200 children will attend, accompanied by parents and family members, for a total of around 600 attendees. The majority are potential consumers of the play area and participating community resource providers.

As of January 9, 2026, there are 15 confirmed participating vendors, including behavioral health providers, speech therapy services, dental care, the Down Syndrome Association of Central California, Easterseals Central California, and other service providers. Additional vendors will continue to be accepted until March 2026.

The SCDD sponsorship will support marketing expenses to promote *Special Kids Fest I* and drive community attendance.

Other sponsors include Golden 1 Credit Union (\$2,500).

We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis has not previously received SCDD sponsorship.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE:** Objective 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.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY:** Since the beginning of FY 2025-26 the Council has awarded \$15,000 in funds for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2025.

**PREPARED:** Austin Murphy, January 30, 2026

Applicant	Event	Date	\$ requested	SCDD funds for:	Total Budget	#/Type Attendees	Event Details:	Funded Before?	Focus
ARC of Ventura County	<i>Let's Talk: Ability, Sexuality, Interpersonal Relationships and Staying Safe</i>	Spring 2026	\$2,500	Speaker fees	\$5,750	Expect 150+ Approximately 25-50% will be consumers. The majority will consist of families, individuals with disabilities, service provide+G2:H6rs, community partners, and legislative representatives.	<b>Details:</b> A free educational event providing individuals with IDD and support networks opportunities to discuss relationships, safety, and informed decision-making. The vent will address balancing dignity of risk with needed support for individuals seeking intimate relationships. Topics include: informed decision-making, personal/digital safety, sexual/body awareness, emergency preparedness, HCBS Final Rule, choice. The first 150 attendees will receive a \$10 food voucher.  <b>Highlights:</b> - Panel discussions with individuals with lived experience who will share their perspectives - Educational materials (E.g."Let's Talk: Ability & Sexuality" DVD) - Work group includes TCRC supported individuals, peer advocates, service providers  <b>Goals:</b> - Help individuals with IDD live lives of their own choosing with greater autonomy - Address unique challenges around intimate relationships and personal safety - Build on local advocacy history (People First-SLO, COHRS) - Foster real-time discussion and problem-solving among diverse stakeholders	No	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition
Autism Society of Los Angeles	<i>A Journey of Learning</i>	4/24/2026	\$1,000	Speaker fees	\$39,600	Expect 150-200 They anticipatet half will be consumers and family members. with the remainder being service providers (traditional and Self-Determination Program), regional center and Area Board staff, advocates, and special education attorneys.	<b>Details:</b> Registration: \$132. An educational summit aimed to help increase the ability of self-advocates and families to exercise control, choice, and flexibility through education and networking. Attendees will choose from three life stage tracks tailored to their needs: Foundations and Futures (Early & Teen Years), Crossing the Bridge (Transition to Adulthood), and Living Fully (Adulthood & Quality of Life). Sessions will include panels, workshops, and discussions led by professionals and individuals with lived experience.  <b>Highlights:</b> - Approximately 20 panelists. 1/4 will be self-advocates with lived experience - Three life stage tracks: Foundations and Futures, Crossing the Bridge, Living Fully - Topics include communication, visioning, navigating systems, post-school opportunities, housing, friendships, wellness, aging with dignity - ASLA has proven track record engaging presenters with lived and real-life experience navigating systems of support  <b>Goals:</b> - Help consumers and families understand options for their futures - Provide person-centered thinking to navigate available options - Facilitate discussions on opportunities and challenges - Connect participants with professionals and role models	2014 2016 2019	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition
Beacon AAC	<i>Re-inspire: The Letterboard and Beyond</i>	5/2/2025	\$2,500	Behavioral support & Speaker fees	\$13,000	Expect 200 Primarily Regional Center clients and their families.	<b>Details:</b> Registration: \$100 per family. The fourth annual conference connecting nonspeaking Regional Center clients who communicate by letterboard/typing and their families. Grassroots organizing by and for the nonspeaking community. Childcare will be available.  <b>Highlights:</b> - 9 sessions with 15 speakers; 6 will be led by Regional Center clients or client panels - Q&A on Rapid Prompting Method (teaching methodology for nonspeakers) - Celebration of graduates from high school, college, and other programs - Listening session for regional center representatives to learn about unmet needs - Childcare available for families  <b>Goals:</b> - Connect and build community among nonspeaking individuals and families - Provide safe space for families to learn, share experiences, and advocate - Address unmet needs of the nonspeaking community - Support families through shared knowledge and resources	No	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition

Applicant	Event	Date	\$ requested	SCDD funds for:	Total Budget	#/Type Attendees	Event Details:	Funded Before?	Focus
Choices Intitute	Power of Your CHOICES	3/27/2026	\$2,500	Speaker fees and printing costs	\$22,500	<p><b>Expect 500+</b></p> <p>The majority will be self-advocates including transition-aged students, with the remainder being service providers, educators, family advocates, and regional center staff.</p>	<p><b>Details:</b> Registration: \$30 (includes lunch, handouts, CHOICES t-shirt). Annual conference empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise control, choice, and flexibility in the services they receive. Attendees gain knowledge and information from peers and professionals through keynote presentations, microbusiness fair, and interactive sessions. Event sells out every year.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> - Three self-advocate emcees and three self-advocate keynote speakers - Microbusiness Fair (Free booth for business owners with developmental disabilities) - Entertainment by The Advocates (20 adults with developmental disabilities, paid) - Futures Explored will record &amp; edit event - T-shirt and video contest for community engagement - Collaborative effort across five counties</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Help participants exercise control, choice, and flexibility in services received - Provide knowledge gained from peers and shared experiences - Foster networking among self-advocates, service providers, educators - Keep registration fees low to ensure accessibility</p>	2015 2018 2023 2024 2025	<b>Goal 1:</b> Self-Advocacy
Family Resource Network	Annual Autism Forum	4/22/2026	\$2,500	Print/Media costs	\$12,200	<p><b>Expect 200-225</b></p> <p>Made up of participants from the five-county catchment area. Approximately 75 attendees will be family members or self-advocates, with the remainder consisting of school district staff, regional center staff, and other service providers.</p>	<p><b>Details:</b> Free daylong conference for families and self-advocates focused on autism safety training across key life aspects: community navigation, relationships/sexuality, emergency preparedness, financial literacy, and independent living. Spanish interpretation provided.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> - 12 presenters including a parent/self-advocate panel - Resource fair with family support groups - Make-and-take activity stations (icon cards, safety/ID cards, schedules) - Spanish interpretation and translated materials</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Educate attendees on safety strategies across life domains - Connect families with first responders and community resources - Empower individuals with autism toward greater choice, control, and inclusion - Foster collaboration among consumers, families, providers, and educators across five counties</p>	2024 2025	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition
Special Care Services	3rd Annual Regional Developmental Disability and Neurodiversity Conference	4/3-4/26	\$2,500	Outreach supplies for underserved families and honoraria for self-advocate speakers	\$145,250	<p><b>Expect 350+ in-person</b></p> <p>With additional virtual participants. Approximately 50% will be consumers and family members, with the remainder being healthcare providers, caregivers, and service providers.</p>	<p><b>Details:</b> Registration: \$150 per day. A Two-day hybrid conference providing education on intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, developmental/behavioral intervention, advocacy, and intervention techniques. Day One focuses on professionals and caregivers. Day Two features hands-on sessions for neurodiverse individuals and families, including sensory-friendly activities, wellness programming, and early childhood support. The event will also offer free developmental screenings for children three and under.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> - 20+ presenters including three consumer self-advocates who will share lived experiences including healthcare professionals, educators, and Dani Bowman from "Love on the Spectrum" - Free developmental screenings for children ages 0-3 with targeted outreach to monolingual Spanish-speaking families - Over 50 service providers in Vendor Expo offering resources, research, and best practices - Virtual participation via Zoom for accessibility</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Raise awareness and provide up-to-date education on neurodevelopmental conditions - Empower consumers and families to exercise greater control and choice in services - Connect families to resources through developmental screenings and vendor connections - Expand access to underserved populations through multilingual virtual participation</p>	2025	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition

Applicant	Event	Date	\$ requested	SCDD funds for:	Total Budget	#/Type Attendees	Event Details:	Funded Before?	Focus
Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego	All-Inclusive Day of Play: Starry Cinema & Resource Fair	4/19/2026	\$2,500	Print/Media & AV rental	\$8,050	Expect 300-500  The primary audience is families raising children with special needs, and the event is open to the entire San Diego community.	<p><b>Details:</b> Free movie-themed family event connecting families and individuals with IDD to resources and services. There will be a resource fair with vendor booths, short films with inclusive themes, movie-themed activities and crafts designed for all levels and interests.</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> - Vendor booths offering information and resources - Movie-themed activities and crafts (SpongeBob, Inside Out, Brave, Frozen) - Literacy area with free books for every child suited to age/reading level -ShopAble area showcasing adult artists with IDD from the Self-Determination Program - Flourishing Families Resource Guide distributed to all attendees</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Connect families to resources, services, and opportunities in San Diego County - Encourage inclusive community and enhance quality of life - Provide movie-themed experience where all children can participate regardless of ability</p>	2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition
The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)	Empowering Transitions, Building Futures	3/10/2026	\$2,500	Speaker fees, translation of materials, printing costs, and materials for attendees	\$11,950	Expect 500+  self-advocates and family advocates. Along with	<p><b>Details:</b> Free multi-agency countywide transition event strengthening pathways to competitive integrated employment for youth and adults with IDD. The event will feature a resource fair with over 75 service providers grouped by service type, with dedicated space for South Orange County providers. A concurrent Student Leadership Conference will focus on developing self-advocacy and self-determination skills through sessions co-facilitated by self-advocates, giving participants opportunities to practice leadership skills. All attendees will receive Life Care Portfolio binders. They will have multilingual outreach in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, &amp; Korean.</p> <p><b>Highlights &amp; Goals:</b> - Resource fair with 75+ service providers grouped by service type - Student Leadership Conference with sessions co-facilitated by self-advocates - Three self-advocate keynote speakers who will set the tone for the day - Five self-advocates will serve as panelists in breakout sessions &amp; will showcase microenterprises - Life Care Portfolio binders for all attendees - Multilingual outreach and materials (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean)</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Strengthen pathways to competitive integrated employment - Develop self-advocacy and self-determination skills among individuals with IDD - Connect families to service providers and resources in one accessible setting - Address South Orange County "service desert" through dedicated provider space</p>	No	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition
We Rock The Spectrum - Clovis	Special Kids Fest 1	4/18/2026	\$2,500	Print/Media costs	\$7,935	Expect ~600, (200 expected to be children with IDD)  The majority will consist of consumers and their families and/or caregivers, with vendors and service providers also participating.	<p><b>Details:</b> Free inaugural Autism Month celebration bringing together children with special needs, families, and local resources. Features sensory play areas, low-stimulation shows, and adaptive activities designed for diverse sensory/developmental/behavioral needs. Connects families with local vendors and service providers in a welcoming, low-pressure setting where caregivers can explore options, ask questions, and strengthen support networks. Introduces newly opened We Rock the Spectrum–Clovis kids' gym (first Central Valley branch).</p> <p><b>Highlights:</b> - 15 confirmed vendors offering behavioral health, speech therapy, dental care, and other supportive services - Sensory-friendly activities and judgment-free play spaces designed for neurodivergent children</p> <p><b>Goals:</b> - Launch event for first inclusive children's gym in Central Valley - Launch inclusive, joyful annual Autism Month tradition - Connect families with local resources and service providers in welcoming setting - Introduce sensory-friendly, judgment-free play space for neurodivergent children - Build support networks within neurodivergent community</p>	No	<b>Goal 3:</b> Capacity-Building Focus: Education/Transition

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 9.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Conflict Resolution Plans – Requests for Approval***

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Legal Counsel Michael Santiago will present ten conflict-of-interest resolution plans from the following members:

- A. David Glasser, Board Member, Regional Center of the East Bay
- B. Nilo Choudhry, Board Member, Westside Regional Center
- C. Terry Magady, Board Member, Westside Regional Center
- D. Tina Daley, Board Member, Lanterman Regional Center
- E. Mike Sawyer, Board Member, Redwood Coast Regional Center
- F. Joseph Cullis, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- G. Jacqueline Dubois, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- H. Patricia McCarthy, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- I. Cali McKinzie, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center
- J. William Moore, Board Member, Far Northern Regional Center

Committee members will vote on whether to approve the requests.

***Attachments***

Staff analysis detail sheets for Regional Center Board Members David Glasser, Nilo Choudhry, Terry Magady, Tina Daley, Mike Sawyer, Joseph Cullis, Jacqueline Dubois, Patricia McCarthy, Cali McKinzie, and William Moore.

***Action Recommended***

Approve the conflict-of-interest resolution plans.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: David Glasser

REGIONAL CENTER: Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Initial

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member's wife works as the Executive Director for Family Resource Navigators of Alameda County, which is a nonprofit family resource center, and is one of RCEB's contracted providers.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Glasser will not have any role or involvement in decisions that might affect contracts with Family Resource Navigators, including but not limited to, participation in any discussions, recommendations, or decisions about contracts, and service agreements, or any other fiduciary related items that may apply to Family Resource Navigators' services for families of children and adults with disabilities.
2. Glasser will disclose the existence and nature of the conflict of interest to RCEB's board and have it noted in board records.
3. Glasser will abstain from voting on any matter pertaining to Family Resource Navigators or any matter which could impact services and supports or any competitor in the same services categories.
4. Glasser will not use his position as a board member of RCEB's board to exert influence on decision making regarding Family Resource Navigators or any competitor in the same service categories.
5. If any matter related to Family Resource Navigators arises during any RCEB board meetings (e.g. Board or committee meetings), Glasser will refrain from participating in the discussion.
6. RCEB's board president and other board members are responsible for ensuring Glasser complies with Welfare & Institutions Code section 4622(k)(2). RCEB's board president and members are responsible for ensuring that the plan and its safeguards are applied and monitored.
7. Glasser will abstain from participation in any discussions, recommendations, or decisions about contracts, service agreements or any other fiduciary related items that may apply to Family Resource Navigators.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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<sup>i i</sup> W&I Code § 4626, subd. (l).

<sup>ii ii</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 17, §54525. DDS' current regulations are published at California Code of Regulations, title 17, § 50201 et seq.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Nilo Choudhry

REGIONAL CENTER: Westside Regional Center (WRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Initial

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member's brother works for Maxim Health Services, which is one of WRB's contracted providers.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Choudhry will take no action as a board or committee member on any matter that would impact Maxim or any competitor service provider, and specifically, she will recuse herself from any vote or decision on any matter that would impact Maxim or any competitor service provider.
2. Choudhry will cease taking action on any matter that would impact Maxim or any competitor service provider.
3. Choudhry will not participate in the vote to approve any report, plan, opinion, recommendation, or action regarding Maxim or any competitor service provider.
4. Choudhry will not participate in referrals or placement for Maxim or any competitor service provider. For any client served by Maxim or any competitor service provider, she will not participate in any review or discussion of any client's service issues brought to the attention of the board, rather, such tasks will be addressed by other board members or regional center employees.
5. Choudhry will not participate in any decisions about Purchase of Service authorizations for Maxim or any competitor service provider.
6. Choudhry will not participate in the preparation, consideration, or any follow-up related to Special Incident Reports from or about Maxim or any competitor service provider.
7. Choudhry will not create or review any corrective action plans for Maxim or any competitor service provider.
8. Choudhry will not participate in any action or resolution of any complaints pertaining to Maxim or any competitor service provider.
9. Choudhry will take no part in decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving Maxim or any competitor service provider.
10. Choudhry will not access vendor files, either in electronic or hard copy form, which the regional center maintains about Maxim or any competitor service provider.
11. Choudhry shall not participate in approving any policies that apply to Maxim or any competitor service provider. Instead, these tasks will be the responsibility of other board members.
12. WRC will ensure that Maxim is informed of this Plan to ensure that there is no expectation that Choudhry, in her role as board and committee member, can take part in actions that impact Maxim or any competitor service provider.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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<sup>i</sup> W&I Code § 4626, subd. (f).

<sup>ii</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 17, §54525. DDS' current regulations are published at California Code of Regulations, title 17, § 50201 et seq.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Terry Magady

REGIONAL CENTER: Westside Regional Center (WRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member is a consultant for Etta, which is one of WRB's contracted providers.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Magady will not participate in any vote or decision on any matter regarding Etta.
2. Magady will not participate in the vote to approve any report, plan, opinion, recommendation, or action regarding Etta.
3. For any client served by Etta, Magady will not participate in any review or discussion of any client's service issues brought to the attention of the board; rather, such tasks will be addressed by other board members or WRC employees.
4. Magady will not participate in any decisions about Purchase of Service authorizations for Etta.
5. Magady will not participate in the preparation, consideration, or any follow-up related to complaints or Special Incident Reports from or about Etta.
6. Magady will not create or review any corrective action plans for Etta.
7. Magady will not participate in any action or resolution of any complaints pertaining to Etta.
8. Magady will take no part in decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving Etta.
9. Magady will not access vendor files, either in electronic or hard copy form, which WRC maintains about Etta.
10. Magady shall not participate in voting on any policies that will directly apply to Etta. Instead, these tasks will be the responsibility of the other board members.
11. WRC will ensure that Etta is informed of this plan to ensure that there is no expectation that Magady, in his role as a WRC board member, can vote on any actions regarding Etta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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<sup>i i</sup> W&I Code § 4626, subd. (I).

<sup>ii ii</sup> California Code of Regulations, title 17, §54525. DDS' current regulations are published at California Code of Regulations, title 17, § 50201 et seq.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Tina Daley

REGIONAL CENTER: Lanterman Regional Center (WRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member is an employee of Financial Management Service (FMS), in that she receives payments and reimbursements from FMS, which is a vendor of the Lanterman Regional Center.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Daley will not have any role or involvement with any matter, such as discussions, recommendations, or decisions that might affect FMS or general funding of FMS services.
2. Daley shall abstain from voting on any matter pertaining to the FMS or any matter that could impact FMS services.
3. Daley shall not use her position on the Board of Directors to exert influence on decision-making regarding FMS services or its competitors.
4. The Lanterman Regional Center board president and other board members are responsible for ensuring the successful implementation of this COI Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Mike Sawyer

REGIONAL CENTER: Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member's son works for Community & Employment Links, which is a vendor of RCRC.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Sawyer shall have no role or involvement with any matter that might affect Community & Employment Links, including but not limited to, participate in the preparation, recommendations, or decisions about contracts, service agreements, or any fiduciary related items that may apply to Community & Employment Links.
2. Sawyer shall fully disclose the existence and nature of the conflict of interest to the full board and have it noted in the official board records.
3. Sawyer shall abstain from voting on any matter pertaining to Community & Employment Links or any matter that could impact Community & Employment Links or any competitor in the same service categories.
4. Sawyer shall not use his position as an RCRC board member to exert influence on decision-making regarding Community & Employment Links and supports or any competitor in the same service categories.
5. Sawyer will refrain from participating in any decision in any board or committee meeting that is related to Community & Employment Links
6. The RCRC board president and other board members are responsible for ensuring Sawyer complies with all applicable laws, and that the plan and its safeguards are applied and monitored.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Joseph Cullis

REGIONAL CENTER: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member has a family member who is employed by FNRC.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Cullis will not use his position as a FNRC board member to exert influence on decision making regarding FNRC's employee salaries, positions, or benefits that could impact the family member who works for FNRC.
2. Cullis will refrain from participating in the discussion and voting on any matter related to FNRC employee salaries, positions, or benefits that arise during any board meeting that could impact the family member employed by FNRC.
3. The Board of Directors' officers, with support from the remaining board members, shall be responsible for ensuring the conditions stated in the plan are applied and monitored.
4. Cullis will not access any file or any other information that FNRC maintains about the family member employed by FNRC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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<sup>i</sup> W&I Code § 4626, subd. (f).

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Jacqueline Dubois

REGIONAL CENTER: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member works for Plumas Rural Services, which is a vendor of FNRC.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Dubois will not participate as a board member in any discussion, recommendations, action, or resolution of any complaints pertaining to Plumas Rural Services, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
2. Dubois will not use his position as a board member to exert influence on decision making regarding Plumas Rural Services, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
3. Dubois will not promote Plumas Rural Services to FNRC staff or consumers.
4. Dubois will not participate individually or as part of a group, in the preparation, presentation, formulation, or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions, or recommendations pertaining to Plumas Rural Services, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
5. Dubois will not take part in any decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving Plumas Rural Services, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
6. Dubois will not access vendor files or any other information the regional center maintains about Plumas Rural Services, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
7. The Board of Directors' officers, with support from the remaining board members, shall be responsible for ensuring the conditions stated in the plan are applied and monitored.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Patricia McCarthy

REGIONAL CENTER: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

According to section 54520 of DDS' regulations, a conflict exists when the board member/executive director or a family member of a Regional Center board member/executive director holds any of the following positions for a provider:

- (1) a governing board member;
- (2) a board committee member;
- (3) a director;
- (4) an officer;
- (5) an owner;
- (6) a partner;
- (7) a shareholder;
- (8) a trustee;
- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member has a family member who is employed by FNRC vendors.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. McCarthy will not participate as a board member in any discussion, recommendations, actions, or resolution of any complaints pertaining to Siskiyou County Opportunity Center, O2 Staffing, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
2. McCarthy will not use their position as a FNRC board member to exert influence on decision making regarding Siskiyou County Opportunity Center or O2 Staffing to FNRC staff or consumers.
3. McCarthy will not promote Siskiyou County Opportunity Center or O2 Staffing to FNRC staff or consumers.
4. McCarthy will not participate individually or as part of a group, in the preparation, presentation, formulations, or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions, or recommendations pertaining to Siskiyou County Opportunity Center or O2 Staffing or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
5. McCarthy will not take part in any decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving Siskiyou County Opportunity Center or O2 Staffing or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
6. McCarthy will not access vendor files or any other information FNRC maintains about Siskiyou County Opportunity Center or O2 Staffing or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
7. The Board of Directors' officers, with support from the remaining board members, shall be responsible for ensuring the conditions stated in the plan are applied and monitored.
8. Cullis will not access any file or any other information that FNRC maintains about the family member employed by FNRC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: Cali McKinzie

REGIONAL CENTER: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

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- (9) an agent;
- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member is also a board member for Rowell Family Empowerment Center, which is a vendor of FNRC.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. McKinzie will not use her position as a FNRC board member to exert influence on decision making regarding Rowell Family Empowerment Center, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
2. McKinzie will not promote the Rowell Family Empowerment Center to FNRC staff or consumers.
3. McKinzie will not participate as a board member in any discussion, recommendations, action, or resolution of any complaints pertaining to Rowell Family Empowerment Center or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
4. McKinzie will not participate individually or as part of a group, in the preparation, presentation, formulation, or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions, or recommendations pertaining to Rowell Family Empowerment Center or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
5. McKinzie will not take part in any decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving Rowell Family Empowerment Center or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
6. McKinzie will not access vendor files or any other information the regional center maintains about Rowell Family Empowerment Center or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
7. The Board of Directors' officers, with support from the remaining board members, shall be responsible for ensuring the conditions stated in the plan are applied and monitored.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST RESOLUTION PLAN  
APPROVAL REQUEST

NAME: William Moore

REGIONAL CENTER: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)

REGIONAL CENTER POSITION: Board Member

REPORTING STATUS: Renewal

BACKGROUND:

Codified in Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code sections 4500 et. Seq., the Lanterman Act requires Regional Centers to submit Conflict of Interest Reporting Statements and where applicable, a proposed Conflict Resolution Plan (Plan) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council).<sup>i</sup> In the event of an identified conflict of interest, an individual must either eliminate the conflict of interest or obtain an approved Plan.<sup>ii</sup> The Council is being presented with information reviewed under the existing criteria and process approved by the Council. This approach provides for staff analysis of regional center conflict of interest issues.

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- (10) an employee;
- (11) a contractor;
- (12) a consultant;
- (13) a person who holds any position of management; or
- (14) a person who has decision or policy making authority.

ACTUAL CONFLICT: This board member works for We Care a Lot Foundation, and The Little Red Hen, both of which are vendors of FNRC.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PLAN:

1. Moore will not participate as a board member in any discussion, recommendations, action, or resolution of any complaints pertaining to We Care a Lot Foundation, The Little Red Hen, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
2. Moore will not use his position as a board member to exert influence on decision making regarding We Care a Lot Foundation, The Little Red Hen, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
3. Moore will not promote the We Care a Lot Foundation or The Little Red Hen, to FNRC staff or consumers.
4. Moore will not participate individually or as part of a group, in the preparation, presentation, formulation, or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions, or recommendations pertaining to We Care a Lot Foundation, The Little Red Hen, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
5. Moore will not take part in any decisions regarding vendor appeals, or fair hearings involving We Care a Lot Foundation, The Little Red Hen, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
6. Moore will not access vendor files or any other information the regional center maintains about We Care a Lot Foundation, The Little Red Hen, or any other vendor/competitor in the same services categories.
7. The Board of Directors' officers, with support from the remaining board members, shall be responsible for ensuring the conditions stated in the plan are applied and monitored.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Conflict Resolution Plan.

PREPARED BY: Michael R. Santiago, Legal Counsel – February, 2026

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**FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 10.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Council Administrative Policy: Travel Update***

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Members will receive an update to the Councilmember Administrative Policy on Travel. The Administrative Committee reviewed and approved recommended revisions to reflect changes that have taken effect since the policy was last formally reviewed.

Key updates include:

- Updated federal per diem rates, effective October 2025.
- Updated airfare rates, effective January 2026.

The enclosed revised policy reflects all current updates and is provided for Executive Committee review.

***Attachments***

Travel Policy with Tracked Changes  
Updated Travel Policy

***Handout(s)***

May be handouts on the day of the meeting.

Federal Law: No State Law: Yes

## TRAVEL PLANNING AND REIMBURSEMENTS

### **Purpose:**

To provide guidance to Councilmembers for adherence to the state rules and regulations for travel and expense planning and reimbursements

### **Authority/Reference:**

Welfare & Institutions Code §4550  
State Administrative Manual (SAM)  
California Department of Human Resources

### **Applies To:**

Council, Committee, and SSAN members

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## POLICY

### **Policy Statement**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) shall reimburse councilmembers for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties (Welfare & Institutions Code §4550). Reimbursement rates are limited to those allowed by state rules and regulations such as those contained in the Government Code, California Department of Human Resources regulations, and the California State Administrative Manual.

### **Procedures**

#### **Travel Requests**

Council, Committee, and SSAN members who are required to travel on state business (“travelers”) are responsible for submitting all travel requests, via email, to the Business Operations and Logistics Analysis. All travel questions and requests are to be submitted to [travelclaims@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:travelclaims@scdd.ca.gov). Travel requests are

to be submitted no less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting and must contain the following information.

- Three (3) flight/train options in order of preference. The Business Operations and Logistics Analysis will make every attempt to accommodate the traveler’s first preference whenever possible. However, should the first preference be unavailable, the Travel Coordinator will book either the second or third preference.
- Name as it appears on your California I.D., date of birth, Southwest Rapids Rewards and, TSA number (if applicable).

The Business Operations and Logistics Analysis will book travel at least 5 business days prior to a meeting or event requiring travel. Upon completion of the reservation, an email confirmation will be sent to the traveler and to relevant SCDD staff (when appropriate).

~~***“Wanna Get Away” Fares and Flight Change Requests***~~

~~SCDD is required to use “Wanna Get Away” fares whenever possible. These fares are non-refundable and costly to change. Therefore, flight change requests are limited to emergency situations only (e.g., illness, injury, or other serious and urgent personal matters). In non-emergency situations, the traveler will be responsible for making changes and for any fees and fare difference associated with flight change requests.~~

***“Choice” Fares and Flight Change Requests***

SCDD is required to use Southwest “Choice” fares whenever available. These fares can be costly to change. Therefore, flight change requests are limited to emergency situations only (e.g., illness, injury, or other serious and urgent personal matters). In non-emergency situations, the traveler will be responsible for making changes and for any fees and fare difference associated with flight change requests.

***Hotel Reservations***

Council members typically arrive and depart on the same day of the Council meeting. If it is not reasonable for the traveler to arrive on the day

of the meeting, a traveler residing outside a 50-mile radius of Sacramento may request hotel accommodations. Travelers that meet this requirement may request a room for one (1) night prior to meeting date. Hotel room requests must be submitted to the Travel Coordinator at [TravelClaims@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:TravelClaims@scdd.ca.gov) at least 7 days prior to travel. Any Travelers requesting a room for more than one (1) night must submit their request in writing prior to the meeting. Written requests should include the following information: 1) meeting location, date, and time; 2) nature of request (e.g. “Additional Hotel Stay”); and 3) reason for additional night’s stay. If you require a reasonable accommodation such as a roll-in shower, adjoining room, etc., please include that information in your request.

### ***Room Cancellations***

It is the responsibility of the traveler to notify the Business Operations and Logistics Analysis at least 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel your reservation. Should you need to cancel your reservation after regular business hours, it is the traveler’s responsibility to contact the hotel directly to cancel, get a confirmation number for the cancellation, and follow-up with an email informing the Travel Coordinator. Failure to do so, will result in the following actions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will receive a written warning via email.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will receive a formal warning letter from SCDD, and will be responsible for any charges incurred due to the cancellation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will lose SCDD travel booking privileges for 6 months, and will be responsible for reserving their own hotel rooms and seeking reimbursement after the fact. In addition, the traveler will be responsible for any charges incurred due to the cancellation.

### ***Transportation***

Reimbursement for transportation expenses will only be for the method of transportation that is in the best interest of the state considering both direct expense and the traveler’s time. When a traveler chooses a method of transportation that is not considered to be in the best interest of the state (i.e. driving a personal vehicle instead of flying or taking a taxi rather than sharing an Uber/Lyft when possible), whatever is most cost effective per

individual location/needs, reimbursement will be at the rate of the least expensive option.

***Airport Parking***

Parking at the airport must be in the best interest of the State. (i.e. parking in long-term lot versus parking in short-term or daily lots). Parking will be reimbursed at the economy lot rate.

***Third Party Flight and Lodging Vendors***

Expedia.com, Travelocity.com, etc., shall not be used. All reservations must be made through the SCDD Travel Coordinator.

***Meals and Incidentals (M&IE)***

**What is the applicable M&IE rate for travel?**

<b><u>M&amp;IE Total</u></b>	<b><u>First &amp; Last Day of Travel</u></b>	<b><u>Breakfast*</u></b>	<b><u>Lunch*</u></b>	<b><u>Dinner*</u></b>	<b><u>Incidental Expenses</u></b>
<u>Up to \$68</u>	<u>Up to \$51</u>	<u>\$16</u>	<u>\$19</u>	<u>\$28</u>	<u>\$5</u>

- **M&IE Total** – Up to the full daily amount received for a single calendar day of travel when that day is neither the first nor last day of travel.
- **\*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner** – M&IE Total = Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner + Incidentals. Separate amounts for meals are listed for reference as meal amounts must be deducted when such meals are provided to the traveler or included in a conference registration, etc. For meals provided, the traveler must deduct the meal cost from the applicable M&IE rate.
- **First & Last Day of Travel** – Up to the amount received on the first and last day of travel and equals 75% of total M&IE.  
~~Reimbursements for each 24-hour period are made using the rates listed below. The time base for which meal reimbursements are based is also listed in the below table.~~

**Reimbursement Rates and Time Frames**

<b><i>Meal</i></b>	<b><i>Trip Begins</i></b>	<b><i>Trip Ends</i></b>	<b><i>Reimbursement Rate</i></b>
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Breakfast	at or before 6 am	at or after 8 am	<del>\$13.00</del>
Lunch	at or before 11 am	at or after 2 pm	<del>\$15.00</del>
Dinner	at or before 5 pm	at or after 7 pm	<del>\$26.00</del>

*Exception: Council members attending a full day meeting will receive lunch reimbursement.*

Members will be reimbursed for tips related to allowable meal and transportation (taxi, shuttle, etc.) expenses incurred while traveling at the rate of 20% or up to \$2.00, whichever amount is greater.

***Rental Vehicles***

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Federal Law: No State Law: Yes

## TRAVEL PLANNING AND REIMBURSEMENTS

### **Purpose:**

To provide guidance to Councilmembers for adherence to the state rules and regulations for travel and expense planning and reimbursements

### **Authority/Reference:**

Welfare & Institutions Code §4550  
State Administrative Manual (SAM)  
California Department of Human Resources

### **Applies To:**

Council, Committee, and SSAN members

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## POLICY

### **Policy Statement**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) shall reimburse councilmembers for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties (Welfare & Institutions Code §4550). Reimbursement rates are limited to those allowed by state rules and regulations such as those contained in the Government Code, California Department of Human Resources regulations, and the California State Administrative Manual.

### **Procedures**

#### **Travel Requests**

Council, Committee, and SSAN members who are required to travel on state business (“travelers”) are responsible for submitting all travel requests, via email, to the Business Operations and Logistics Analysis. All travel questions and requests are to be submitted to [travelclaims@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:travelclaims@scdd.ca.gov). Travel requests are

to be submitted no less than 14 days prior to the date of the meeting and must contain the following information.

- Three (3) flight/train options in order of preference. The Business Operations and Logistics Analysis will make every attempt to accommodate the traveler's first preference whenever possible. However, should the first preference be unavailable, the Travel Coordinator will book either the second or third preference.
- Name as it appears on your California I.D., date of birth, Southwest Rapids Rewards and, TSA number (if applicable).

The Business Operations and Logistics Analysis will book travel at least 5 business days prior to a meeting or event requiring travel. Upon completion of the reservation, an email confirmation will be sent to the traveler and to relevant SCDD staff (when appropriate).

### ***“Choice” Fares and Flight Change Requests***

SCDD is required to use Southwest “Choice” fares whenever available. These fares can be costly to change. Therefore, flight change requests are limited to emergency situations only (e.g., illness, injury, or other serious and urgent personal matters). In non-emergency situations, the traveler will be responsible for making changes and for any fees and fare difference associated with flight change requests.

### ***Hotel Reservations***

Council members typically arrive and depart on the same day of the Council meeting. If it is not reasonable for the traveler to arrive on the day of the meeting, a traveler residing outside a 50-mile radius of Sacramento may request hotel accommodations. Travelers that meet this requirement may request a room for one (1) night prior to meeting date. Hotel room requests must be submitted to the Travel Coordinator at [TravelClaims@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:TravelClaims@scdd.ca.gov) at least 7 days prior to travel. Any Travelers requesting a room for more than one (1) night must submit their request in writing prior to the meeting. Written requests should include the following information: 1) meeting location, date, and time; 2) nature of request (e.g.

“Additional Hotel Stay”); and 3) reason for additional night’s stay. If you require a reasonable accommodation such as a roll-in shower, adjoining room, etc., please include that information in your request.

### ***Room Cancellations***

It is the responsibility of the traveler to notify the Business Operations and Logistics Analysis at least 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel your reservation. Should you need to cancel your reservation after regular business hours, it is the traveler’s responsibility to contact the hotel directly to cancel, get a confirmation number for the cancellation, and follow-up with an email informing the Travel Coordinator. Failure to do so, will result in the following actions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will receive a written warning via email.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will receive a formal warning letter from SCDD, and will be responsible for any charges incurred due to the cancellation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Occurrence – Traveler will lose SCDD travel booking privileges for 6 months, and will be responsible for reserving their own hotel rooms and seeking reimbursement after the fact. In addition, the traveler will be responsible for any charges incurred due to the cancellation.

### ***Transportation***

Reimbursement for transportation expenses will only be for the method of transportation that is in the best interest of the state considering both direct expense and the traveler’s time. When a traveler chooses a method of transportation that is not considered to be in the best interest of the state (i.e. driving a personal vehicle instead of flying or taking a taxi rather than sharing an Uber/Lyft when possible), whatever is most cost effective per individual location/needs, reimbursement will be at the rate of the least expensive option.

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Parking at the airport must be in the best interest of the State. (i.e. parking in long-term lot versus parking in short-term or daily lots). Parking will be reimbursed at the economy lot rate.

**Third Party Flight and Lodging Vendors**

Expedia.com, Travelocity.com, etc., shall not be used. All reservations must be made through the SCDD Travel Coordinator.

**Meals and Incidentals (M&IE)**

**What is the applicable M&IE rate for travel?**

**M&IE Total First & Last Day of Travel Breakfast\* Lunch\* Dinner\* Incidental Expenses**

Up to \$68                      Up to \$51                      \$16                      \$19                      \$28                      \$5

- **M&IE Total** – Up to the full daily amount received for a single calendar day of travel when that day is neither the first nor last day of travel.
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**Reimbursement Time Frames**

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**AGENDA ITEM 11.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Executive Director Report***

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SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will update Committee members on recent Council activities and upcoming goals.

***Handout***  
Executive Director Report

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**AGENDA ITEM 12.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Adjournment and Next Meeting Date***

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The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on April 14, 2026.