



State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes April 23, 2025

Attending Members

Jessica Brown (FA)
Harold Ashe (FA)
Julio Garnica (SA)
Nestor Nieves (SA)
Larry Yin (UCEDD)

Members Absent

Cathay Liu (FA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Austin Murphy
Barbara Imle
Beth Hurn
Brian Hoang
Janet Fernandez
Kristie Allensworth
Rihana Ahmad

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

5. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES**

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

6. **2025 STATE PLAN COMMITTEE OVERVIEW**

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

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

7. **CYCLE 48 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

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

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

8. **STATE PLAN UPDATES**

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

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9. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

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