



State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes August 26, 2025

Attending Members

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

Others Attending

Amethyst E. (FA)
Austin Murphy
Barbara Imle
Brian Hoang
David Delgado

Others Attending

Janet Fernandez
Maureen Fitzgerald
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino-Erben

Members Absent

Harold Ashe (FA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Jessica Brown (FA) called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

5. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2025 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Yin [UCEDD]/Garnica [SA]) and carried to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes, as presented (Motion passed with abstention from Cathay Liu. All other members voted to approve. See Page 1 for a list of members present).

6. UPDATE ON 2022 – 2026 STATE PLAN PROGRESS

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad and State Plan and Self-Advocacy Manager Barbara Imle provided an update on the current State Plan. They reported that the Council has met or exceeded targeted metrics for all

objectives in Goals One and Two. Strong progress has been made on all Objectives in Goal 3, the Council’s capacity building and advocacy goal. Progress on Objective 3.3 currently stands at sixty percent, with a target of eighty percent by the end of 2025 and full completion anticipated by October 2026.

Deputy Director Ahmad noted that annual updates were submitted to the Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities with no changes to target numbers. Minor edits were made to Objective language in response to federal technical assistance, which recommended avoiding certain terms without altering the original intent.

Committee members were informed that the final year of the 2022–2026 State Plan will focus on closing out projects, gathering outcomes, and collecting impact stories for federal reporting.

Members raised questions about references to Spanish-speaking families in Objective 3.3. Deputy Director Ahmad clarified that this reference remains necessary to comply with current federal mandates, though such requirements will not continue in the next State Plan.

7. **2027 – 2031 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad and Branch Chief of Headquarters Operations David Delgado provided an update on the development of the 2027–2031 State Plan. Mr. Delgado highlighted the launch of SCDD’s [State Plan Development](#) webpage where members can find updates and meeting information. He also presented an infographic outlining the [State Plan Survey Timeline](#) and projected milestones.

The Committee reviewed and refined draft language for the 2027–2031 State Plan goals, addressing clarity, plain language, and mandated objectives. Some edits included: simplifying phrasing in the self-advocacy goal, adding “statewide” to systems change work, and considering descriptors such as “personalized” for supports and services in the capacity-building goal.

During the discussion, Chief Deputy Director Rihana Ahmad read a public comment submitted by Amethyst E., which recommended adding a comma and using “and/or” in the phrase “peer advocates, and/or community leaders”

to clarify that the goal allows for any of the three, rather than requiring all.

The Committee confirmed revised goal language and agreed to revisit certain terms based on federal guidance. Next steps include data analysis and development of Objectives at the October SPC meeting, and the possible formation of a workgroup for additional drafting support.

8. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.