



## State Plan Committee Meeting Minutes January 16, 2025

### Attending Members

Harold Fujita (FA)  
Jessica Brown (FA)  
Julio Garnica (SA)  
Michael Ellis (FA)  
Nestor Nieves (SA)

### Members Absent

Larry Yin

### Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers  
Austin Murphy  
Barbara Imle  
Beth Hurn  
Brian Hoang  
Christofer Arroyo  
Charles Nguyen  
Ibrahim Muttaqi  
Janet Fernandez  
Kristie Allensworth  
Letty  
Michael Young  
Riana Hardin  
Rihana Ahmad  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Tumboura Hill

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee designated Jessica Brown [FA] to act as Chair pro tempore for the remainder of the meeting. Chair Pro Tem Jessica Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

#### 2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

#### 3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others introduced themselves.

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tumborah Hill, a community advocate of the Valley Mountain Regional Center, expressed concerns about the lack of African American representation on committees and the need for broader outreach. Letty, a family advocate, introduced herself but left no public comment. Michael

Young suggested expanding survey distribution beyond regional centers, including outreach to university disability offices to engage students with disabilities. He also voiced his concerns about potential accessibility issues with screen readers.

**5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2024 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Garnica [SA]/Brown [FA]) and carried to adopt the November 2024 meeting minutes, as presented. The motion passed unanimously. [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members].

**6. 2027-2031 STATE PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Rihana Ahmad, Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan, and Barbara Imle, Manager of State Plan and Self-Advocacy, discussed the development of the 2027-2031 State Plan, including the structure and content of the statewide survey.

Committee members discussed the inclusion of demographic questions and survey accessibility, emphasizing the need for language consistency and clarity in questions regarding familiarity with the Council's work.

Members proposed modifications, including the addition of a text box for additional information, alphabetical ordering of multiple-choice responses, and clarifying terminology related to respondent's familiarity with SCDD.

Members also discussed methods to reach underserved communities and the importance of including a question about whether respondents feel they are receiving necessary services from the State Council.

It was moved/seconded (Brown [FA]/Garnica [SA]) and carried to approve the State Plan Development Survey, pending edits from the committee, and recommend it to the Council for approval. The motion passed unanimously. [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members].

**7. CYCLE 48 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Rihana Ahmad, the Branch Chief of HQ Operations and State Plan, provided an update on potential focus areas for Cycle 48 Program Development Grants.

Committee members discussed priorities, including emergency and disaster response outreach for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, access to medical support services, and Tribal Health needs.

Members emphasized the need for targeted outreach and adjustments to the request for proposals (RFP) process to ensure greater participation from Tribal communities. Staff will incorporate feedback and refine the

proposed grant areas for further discussion at the next meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is to be determined. Chair Pro Tem Jessica Brown [FA] adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.