

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
Public Meeting Summary / Minutes
February 10th, 2026**



1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 AM. Members and participants introduced themselves. The agenda was reviewed and approved by vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Attendees

RAC members:

Glenda Servantes
Hugo Hinshaw
July Wiesner
Margaux De Leon
Roslyn Seitz

SCDD staff:

Lisa Hooks
Rondale Holloway

Other attendees:

John Decker
Maureen Fitzgerald
Michelle Padilla

2. Transportation Services – GoGo Grandparent Pilot

The Committee discussed transportation options for individuals with developmental disabilities and older adults. Information was shared about the GoGo Grandparent transportation pilot program, which allows individuals to access rides without a smartphone.

- The program is available in some areas through local transportation providers and paratransit services.
- Members noted the need for better outreach and education so individuals and families know about available transportation options.
- Positive feedback was shared about how transportation supports independence, and concerns were raised about challenges traveling across county lines.

- SCDD will explore a future presentation focused on transportation services and access.
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3. Housing and Caregiver Succession Planning

John Decker, Community Services Director at Alta California Regional Center, shared updates on housing initiatives and outlined requirements for caregiver succession planning.

- New state law requires caregiver succession plans to be documented in the Individual Program Plan (IPP).
 - The regional center continues to partner with affordable housing developers and use project-based vouchers to expand housing opportunities.
 - Housing access services and assistive technology supports were discussed as tools to help individuals live more independently.
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4. Affordable Housing and Regional Initiatives

Updates were shared on affordable housing development in the Yuba-Sutter area and across the region.

- Partnerships with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity are underway.
 - Members emphasized the importance of local representation in housing advocacy groups, including the Disability Housing Alliance.
 - New affordable housing sites, including recent developments serving regional center clients, were highlighted.
 - Housing access services are expanding statewide to all 21 regional centers.
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5. Roommate Matching and Supports for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals

The Committee received information about “Oom,” a roommate matching program.

- The program has successfully matched individuals and is expanding to better support people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Pilot efforts also included remote assistive technology supports, including services provided in American Sign Language (ASL).
- The program showed positive results but also identified cost and technology challenges that continue to be addressed.

6. Assistive Technology and Independent Living

Updates were shared on statewide assistive technology initiatives.

- Pilot programs have improved independence, safety, and communication for participants.
- Ongoing work continues to expand access and improve implementation.
- The importance of accessible information, including food safety materials, was also discussed.

7. Legislative and Budget Updates

SCDD shared current legislative priorities and budget information.

- Legislative proposals include improving plain language in state information, clarifying authorized representative roles, and reducing barriers to employment for students with disabilities.
- Updates were provided on dental care access and telehealth services.
- Budget challenges were noted for the current fiscal year, with possible service impacts. Members were encouraged to use authorized services so funds are not lost.

8. Announcements and Next Steps

- Upcoming events include Disability Awareness Month activities and a listening session for the Black community.
- Planning is underway for a future in-person RAC event in Auburn this summer.
- Future RAC meetings will include additional presentations on transportation, housing, and assistive technology.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with thanks to all members, presenters, and community participants.