

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area Office

Community Outreach & Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Networking 5:15-5:30 PM Meeting 5:30-8:00 PM

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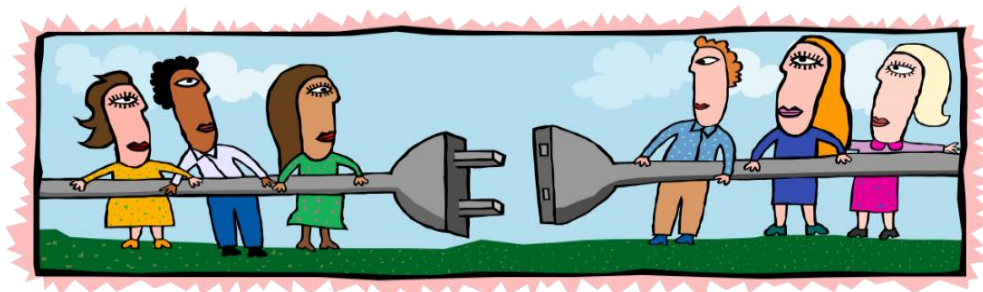
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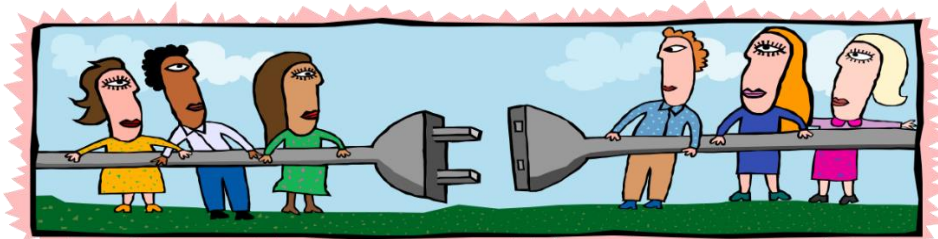
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La colaboración es clave! Invitamos a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir sus opiniones, problemas e inquietudes. **Todos son bienvenidos.** Destacado: Discusión de servicios bajo demanda, actualización del grupo de trabajo sobre el trauma intergeneracional en familias autistas; actualizaciones de los miembros del RAC y del Concilio; actualizaciones de los socios de la comunidad y más.

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (SCDD)

BAY AREA REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

NOTICE & AGENDA*

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**Time**

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5:30p Call to Order

**Introductions / Welcomes
Establishment of Quorum**

Witkin



5:40p Approval of the February 2026 and April 2026

Meeting Minutes

Witkin



5:45p Public Comment

An invitation to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on and/or present information to the Committee on **any matter that is not on the agenda**. Each public member has up to 3 minutes to speak. Written requests will be considered first. The Committee will provide a public comment period not to exceed 5 minutes total for all public comments prior to action on any agenda item. Legislative office elected officials, or staff may also introduce themselves or provide comment.



5:55p Member Reports

**SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
& SCDD Councilmembers**

Witkin

Hear updates from RAC members and Councilmembers on their regional and statewide advocacy work, trends / needs in their county, and priorities.



6:15p Community Reports

Witkin

- People First Report
- Regional Center Reports
- County Developmental Disabilities Councils Reports
- Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN)
- National Council on Disability (NCD)



6:50p BREAK (10 mins)



7:00p Legislative Office Comments

Witkin

An invitation for legislative offices in attendance to provide brief statements, comments on emerging issues, or updates impacting their constituents from disability communities.



7:10p Update on the Intergenerational Trauma in Autistic Families Workgroup

Gonzalez

Hear a brief update on the developments with this workgroup.
Learn how you can help with outreach.



7:20p Services on Demand Discussion

Shooshtari

Discussion on the lack of availability for on demand services. Should this committee form a Services on Demand Workgroup?



**7:50p Other Announcements
& Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Witkin

An opportunity for members of the community to bring up ideas, needs, issues, and concerns.



8:00p Meeting Adjourned

Witkin

***All times indicated, and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. Any agenda items have the potential to be brought for a vote.**



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
February 25, 2026, Minutes DRAFT (This is an initial draft and is summarized in many places)**

This meeting was hybrid--held in person, and through Zoom (video call or call-in)

Location: San Mateo City Hall, Council Chambers, 330 W. 20th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785354068?pwd=x8SXNbxHkNli2gZ1dH5CivaVbqlv6o.1>

Meeting ID: 847 8535 4068 **Passcode:** 618882

Committee Members attending in-person: Terri Carol, Florence Wong.

Committee Members attending on Zoom: Eyan Gilder, Kevin Mintz, Kerry Rich, Sana Shooshtari, Emily Witkin.

Committee Members absent: Evan Milburn, Bird Sellergren.

Council Members attending on Zoom: Bob Twomey.

SCDD Staff: Valerie Buell, Sheraden Nicholau, Greg Gonzalez, Ron Usac.

Accessibility Assistance: Captioner Carilyn, Captioner Savannah.

Legislative office representation on Zoom: Nicole Cuellar-Nelson from Senator Christopher Cabaldon's office, Donna Browne from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's office, Ho-Yin Mo (Mo) from Assemblymember Catherine Stefani's office.

Community Partners attending in-person: Jerry Grace.

Community Partners attending on Zoom: Eric Zigman, Patrick McKay, Dr. Rebecca Nanyonjo, Sara Desumala, Sabreena Sahota.

Guests attending on Zoom: J.M, Ila Duong, Meena Tadimeti, Patricia Albeno, Elyse Brummer.

5:30p Emily Witkin called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed there was a quorum. New RAC member Eyan Gilder and new Regional Manager Greg Gonzalez were introduced.

5:37p Approval of meeting minutes for December 3, 2025:

Moved: Kevin Mintz Seconded: Kerry Rich

Roll Call Vote:

- Abstain: Eyan Gilder.
- Aye: Terri Carol, Kevin Mintz, Kerry Rich, Sana Shooshtari, Emily Witkin, Florence Wong.

Public Comments: Emily Witkin asked for public comments.

- Donna Brown shared Assembly District 16 covers three cities in Alameda County and some parts of Contra Costa County, and staff attended the recent legislative breakfast hosted by the East Bay Legislative Coalition.
- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson shared Senate Bill (SB) SB 417 is the affordable housing bond that would support \$10 Billion to support housing if it is passed, and SB 1114 requires the collection of data related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex, or variations in sex characteristics be protected from disclosure to entities outside California state government or contracted vendors, except under specific exceptions if it passes.
- Mo shared Assemblymember Stefani is on the Health Committee. Assembly Bill (AB) 2208 will cap costs for low income Medi-Cal patients and require clear communication of benefits if it passes. AB 871 has passed and is now in the senate and it will expand protections against elder financial abuse requiring financial institutions with training to proactively prevent, identify, and report suspected fraud.

Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

- **Terri Carol:**
 - Attended a screening of the documentary by Samuel Habib called "The Ride Ahead" about Samuel going to college and transitioning into the world living with Cerebral Palsy.
 - Big Wave is accepting applications for ten housing scholarships.
- **Eyan Gilder:**
 - Was on a panel earlier this month and learned a lot about jobs and opportunities that made him a better speaker.
- **Kevin Mintz:**
 - Had a high-profile publication come out at the end of last year about the engagement of Cerebral Palsy research called "My Call for Community Engaged Genetic Research into Cerebral Palsy".
- **Kerry Rich:**
 - The foundation Joshua's Gift advocates and supports the autism neurodiverse community to make life better and safer for them and will partner with Fremont Police in April training first responders and law enforcement on how to safely and respectfully interact with autistic people and other individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD).
- **Sana Shoostari:**
 - AB 1250 passed recently and is related to paratransit eligibility and will permit individuals who have permanent disabilities to no longer need to renew eligibility status.

- Sana is working with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission to ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal access to their rights, enabling them to perform their professional duties effectively. This includes assessing their abilities equitably and addressing barriers due to a lack of accommodations, such as assistive technology or additional time.
- **Emily Witkin:**
 - Will represent the RAC next week at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Annual Conference for updates in Developmental Disabilities in March.
- **Florence Wong:**
 - The Transition to Independence Fair will be on March 7th at the San Mateo County Office of Education.
 - San Mateo County declared a Public Health Emergency in 2024 to combat loneliness, becoming the first in the nation to do so. The initiative was prompted by reports that 45% of residents experienced loneliness, leading to investments in resources and a consulting firm to assess needs, particularly for seniors and adults with disabilities. Younger adults with disabilities experience even higher levels of loneliness than the elderly, a revelation that surprised the advisory group involved in the initiative.
- **Bob Twomey:**
 - The recent council meeting was in-person for the first time since COVID. Kevin Mintz presented on paratransit and his presentation was appreciated.

Community Reports:

Bay Area People First Report (BAPF):

- Patrick McKay gave the report:
 - The last meeting was in December, and the next meeting will be on March 18, 2026. There will be a presentation on Disability Awareness. All are welcome.

Regional Center Reports:

- Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC):
 - GGRC is focused primarily on analyzing the Trailer Bills, which are linked to the state budget and significantly impact Regional Centers, including Golden Gate and East Bay.
 - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has provided a summary of current laws and proposals affecting oversight and the composition of board members, as well as remote services for day programs and independent living. There are plans to convene a summit to gather input from individuals, families, service providers, and advocates regarding remote service usage.
- Dr. Becky Nanyonjo gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - Over the weekend, the Regional Center of the East Bay is hosting two events: a deaf plus community listening session on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m. at The Deaf Plus Adult Center in Newark, led by executive director Teresa Nold, and a Black History Month celebration at the San Leandro Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additionally, an Asian American community conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the same San Leandro location.

- The Master Plan for the regional center system will be presented to the California Legislature in March 2026 for finalization.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report:

- Sabreena Sahota gave the report for both the Alameda County and Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Councils.
 - The annual transition conference on March 28th at Chabot College, running from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM, with a call for volunteers and vendors. There will be approximately 16 presentations at the event, and participants can RSVP.
 - Additionally, planning for a June awards event is underway, with nominations for awards from Alameda and Contra Costa counties to be solicited in April. Interested individuals can contact Sabreena Sahota or Vi Ibarra.

Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN):

- Sara Desumala read the report:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th and 5th, and the featured guest speaker will be Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director for the State Council. Chris Arroyo from SCDD will also be providing a legislative update. All are welcome.

National Council on Disabilities (NCOD):

- Sheraden Nicholau read the report from Sasha Bittner:
 - The next National Council on Disability meeting is scheduled for May 7th, with meeting details to be posted on the website soon. A new council member was appointed last month, and they're looking forward to getting into some great resources and policy work later in the year.

6:49p Break – Resumed at 6:59

Legislative Office Comments:

- No Comments

Sheraden Nicholau presented on the Update on the Intergenerational Trauma in Autistic Families Workgroup:

- Bird reports that they, along with Emily and Kevin, have collaborated on this work group. Draft surveys and transcripts are ready for translation, with minor updates needed for fliers before public launch. The project aims to gather insights from autistic individuals

and families about their policy and service support needs, particularly those who have faced trauma due to inadequate services. The Bay Area team of the State Council will assist with translation. As Bird steps away, the work group will require additional RAC members, community members, and core partners to volunteer for sharing the survey link and supporting focus groups or interviews.

7:08p SCDD Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Vice Chair Elections

Sheraden Nicholau read out loud each candidate statement for Kevin Mintz and Sana Shooshtari.

7:16p Roll Call Vote: Each member was asked which person should be the next vice chair.

- Sana Shooshtari: Eyan Gilder, Kerry Rich, Sana Shooshtari
- Kevin Mintz: Terri Carol, Kevin Mintz, Florence Wong
- Abstain: Emily Witkin.

The committee agreed that both Sana Shooshtari and Kevin Mintz should be co-Vice Chairs after the vote.

An Overview of Air Travel Rights & Areas for Traveler Advocacy:

- Sheraden Nicholau gave a power point presentation on this topic that was requested by the RAC members at the last RAC meeting. One or two highlights are:
 - There was a review of the Air Traveler's Bill of Rights and some of the optional or voluntary programs around accessibility that local airports have engaged as well as what is required by law. There was also a review of FAA rules disabled passengers must conform to.
 - Around September of 2025, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice to temporarily pause enforcement of four requirements in its disability regulation; liability when equipment or devices are not timely returned in the same condition, frequency of required trainings, predeparture notification to passengers that check wheelchairs or scooters of their right to contact a complaint resolution official to file a complaint, and reimbursements of the difference in fare for wheelchair or scooter users based on the flight they would have taken if their mobility device had fit on that flight.
- Valerie noted the request to have an agenda item in the April 2026 RAC meeting that continues the conversation about advocacy, both individual and collective, around air travel and specifically around the temporary pause in enforcement on those four areas. Also include an introductory conversation of traveler's rights for trains.

Other Announcements:

- The Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Accessibility Taskforce (BATF) had their annual reception for BART staff and executives to meet with members of the taskforce and their

guests in January 2026. Their next meeting will be on February 26, 2026, at the East Bay Paratransit location in Oakland.

- Sana Shooshtari would like the RAC to look at ADA housing as many units are not accessible for everyone who has a disability and treat ADA accessibility as a “one size fits all”.

8:05p Meeting Adjourned.



**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting
April 22, 2026, Notes DRAFT (This is an initial draft and is summarized in
many places)**

This meeting was hybrid--held in person, and through Zoom (video call or call-in)

Location: Marin County Office of Education, Board Room, 1111 Las Gallinas Ave, San Rafael, CA

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84435763914?pwd=DwFJtC04X2b5uX5PdmEqCqkJmB02RP.1>

Meeting ID: 844 3576 3914 **Passcode:** 569060

Committee Members attending in-person: None.

Committee Members attending on Zoom: Sana Shooshtari, Emily Witkin, Florence Wong.

Committee Members absent: Terri Carol, Eyan Gilder, Evan Milburn, Kevin Mintz, Kerry Rich.

SCDD Staff: Valerie Buell, Greg Gonzalez, Gabriela Solval.

Accessibility Assistance: Captioner Carilyn, Captioner Savannah.

Legislative office representation in-person: Melissa Apuya from Assemblymember Damon Connolly's office.

Legislative office representation on Zoom: Hildelisa Murillo from Assemblymember Catherine Stefani's office, Eboni Odior from Assemblymember Liz Ortega's office, Nicole Cuellar-Nelson from Senator Christopher Cabaldon's office, Elizabeth Vacca from Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab's office, Ronnie Boyd from Representative Lateefah Simon's office, Gabriella Skarka from Representative Jared Huffman's office.

Community Partners attending on Zoom: Eric Zigman, Patrick McKay, Dr. Rebecca Nanyonjo, Sara Desumala, Vi Ibarra.

Guests attending on Zoom: Joyce Butz, Jim Engval, Sheila Sanchez, Alexandra Herron, Jenifer Walsh, Lauren.

5:29p Emily Witkin called the meeting to order. Valerie Buell took roll call of RAC members and confirmed there was not a quorum. No votes could be taken at this meeting.

Public Comments: Emily Witkin asked for public comments.

- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson from Senator Christopher Cabaldon’s office shared, Senator Cabaldon one of the bills moving through the policy committees will look at requiring employers to track some of the hours worked and some of the metrics that will now be required for folks to use to apply for or to confirm eligibility for Medi-Cal. He also established the Privacy, Digital, and Technology committee tracking a lot of the digital privacy and AI focused bills there.
- Eboni Odior from Assemblymember Liz Ortega’s office shared her office is seeing an uptick in cases and if constituents are having an issue with an agency, please reach out to her office.
- Melissa Mia from Assemblymember Damon Connelly’s office shared, in addition to the legislature being busy with policy committees and legislation, they are also in the middle of the budget negotiation process. As a member of the Budget Committee, they welcome attendees to reach out with budget issues and concerns. One bill he is supporting is AB 1790 which would eliminate tax breaks for multinational corporations, estimated to bring in \$3-4 billion in state revenue.
- Elizabeth Hinshaw from Representative Dr. Aisha Wahab’s office shared, Representative Wahab has advocated for legislation over the past three years to enhance services for families, including SB 341 for oral health support for individuals with disabilities and AB 951 for improved access to behavioral health. She also supports funding for equitable wages.
- Gabriella Skarka from Representative Jered Huffman’s office shared the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding bill is a piece of legislation that he has reintroduced each legislative session, most recently with the 119th term, HR2598. This last March he led the appropriations level for fiscal year 2027, requesting an increase in IDEA Part B grants to states program to be funded at \$16.66 billion.
- Ronnie Boyd from Representative Lateefah Simon’s office shared a Disability Rights Roundtable held in March at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley addressed critical issues faced by disabled individuals. The office is currently

collaborating with the coalition formed from this event. A bill was introduced to prohibit discrimination based on disability or age in federal jury service, alongside a bipartisan initiative called the “Think Differently Act,” aimed at expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities and enhancing accessibility for small businesses. This bill has passed in the House.

Member Reports: RAC Members and Councilmembers reported on their regional and statewide advocacy work and priorities.

One or two highlights include:

- **Eyan Gilder: Report read aloud by Valerie Buell**

- Eyan helped plan the Joint County Transition Conference held on March 28, 2026, which provided accurate and up-to-date information for the East Bay Region. During that event, he served as a navigator, answering questions and giving directions helping people find their way through the conference.

- **Sana Shoostari:**

- Sana successfully participated in two training panels for Community Care Licensing’s (CCL) Licensed Program Analysts (LPAs) and designed and led an immersive icebreaker that prompted LPAs to reflect on times they lacked needed help. This served as a gateway for them to understand nonverbal cues, observe care settings more critically, and grasp the weight of their roles.

- **Emily Witkin:**

- Quality of life can be impacted by response times of service providers such as Paratransit, and investigators such as LPAs. Even things that are supposed to be on demand are not. While others can just decide to do something and go do it without a support person, those who need a support person often cannot get support on the same day. These hurdles reduce quality of life.

- **Florence Wong:**

- The Transition to Independence Fair was held on March 7th and was a success. The next is already in planning and are hoping to improve the venue as this year’s location wasn’t ideal for the event.
- For those interested in learning more about available disability resources and services in San Mateo and San Francisco counties, there will be an event on May 30th at the Pomeroy Center in San Francisco.

Community Reports:

Bay Area People First Report (BAPF) Highlights:

- Patrick McKay gave the report:
 - The BAPF had their monthly meeting in March and discussed recent updates on disability awareness. Members informed the BAPF advisor of all chapter business conducted while she was on leave. The next meeting will be on June 17th from 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM on Zoom.

Regional Center Reports Highlights:

- Eric Zigman gave the report for Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC):
 - GGRC is preparing to launch the new GGRC website.
 - There will be two legislative breakfasts in May; May 8th at Pomeroy Center in San Francisco and May 15th at The Key Room in Novato
 - Last week, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 — the Human Services Subcommittee — held a hearing on the state budget. The agenda focused on several high-level issues affecting California, with much of the discussion centered on how the federal H.R. 1 bill could impact the state.
- Dr. Becky Nanyonjo gave the report for Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB):
 - Over the past year, RCEB has conducted roughly 16 to 19 Community Listening Sessions, and one request that emerged was for the community to receive feedback. As a result, we have transitioned to question-and-answer sessions. The next one will be at the Concord office at 1320 Willow Pass Road on Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
 - The upcoming RCEB Board Meeting will take place on Monday, April 27, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The Board of Directors is currently seeking new board members as part of its ongoing recruitment efforts. Individuals who are interested in serving on the RCEB Board of Directors and who meet eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply. Applications are available on the RCEB website.
 - Regional Centers have been working with the Department of Developmental Services (DSS) to standardize approaches to service delivery and are exploring ways to automate processes and ensure that services are delivered more quickly and efficiently.
 - RCEB is also closely monitoring the State budget process. The Governor's revised budget proposal for the State of California is expected to be released on May 14, 2026, and there is hope that it will not include significant funding cuts that could impact services and supports.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils Report Highlights:

- Vi Ibarra gave the report for the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Councils.
 - The Contra Costa County DD Council meeting was held April 22nd in the morning. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27th, which will include an overview of several transportation systems in Contra Costa County. The focus will be on understanding how these systems connect and serve transportation needs across the county.
 - The Contra Costa and Alameda County Developmental Disabilities (DD) Councils are partnering to host the annual award celebration recognizing individuals and organizations who are making a meaningful difference in the lives of people with disabilities. The nomination form is open now and nominations will be accepted until May 13th, and awards will be presented at our celebration on June 17th that will be held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center

Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN):

- Sara Desumala read the report:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th and 5th, and the featured guest speaker will be Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director for the State Council. Chris Arroyo from SCDD will also be providing a legislative update. All are welcome.

6:37p Break – Resumed at 6:47

Legislative Office Comments:

- Hildelisa Murillo from Assemblymember Catherine Stefani’s office shared information on two pieces of legislation. AB 871 mandates financial institutions to report suspected financial abuse of elders or dependent adults. It has successfully passed the Assembly and is now awaiting committee assignment in the Senate.
- AB 2052 aims to enhance criminal procedures for vulnerable individuals by ensuring they are assigned a consistent attorney throughout their legal process, mitigating trauma from multiple reassignments. This bill has passed its second reading in the Assembly and requires one more reading before moving to the Senate.

Emily Witkin and Greg Gonzalez presented on the Update on the Intergenerational Trauma in Autistic Families Workgroup:

- The group completed the survey, interview, and focus group questionnaire at the most recent meeting. The questions are basically the same for each, but depending on how you ask them, they are somewhat modified to make sense.
- Additionally, we are continuing to work on the flyer and attempting to determine what platform we will be able to use to host the survey.
- If any other RAC members have access to SurveyMonkey account and would be willing to let the work group use that for the survey that would be helpful.

Greg Gonzalez gave a Power Point presentation on An Overview of Air Travel Rights & Areas for Traveler Advocacy:

- Review of the Air Carrier Access Act.
- Review of the Department of Transportation notice to temporarily pause enforcement of specific requirements in the disability regulation.
- Review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that oversees agencies that serve the bay area counties.
- Review of Amtrak policies, buses, rapid transit, Paratransit and Caltrain.
- Review of ways to file complaints, and to give comment on the National Council for Disability.

RAC members shared experiences and discussed the need for on-demand needs of this community when it comes to travel.

Future Agenda Items and Other Announcements:

- Sana requested exploring respite care options for individuals who are above the age of 25. Especially for those who cannot attend a day program.

7:53p Meeting Adjourned.



The State Council on Developmental Disabilities' (SCDD) Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is taking applications for membership!

RACs represent the communities they represent, including geographically and ethnically. The Bay Area RAC is especially interested in meeting applicants from the following demographics: identifying as a male or nonbinary; and /or identifying as a self-advocate; and/or identifying as Latino/a or Hispanic, Black or African American.

Thank you for your continued efforts in being a voice for the community!

Appointed RAC members:

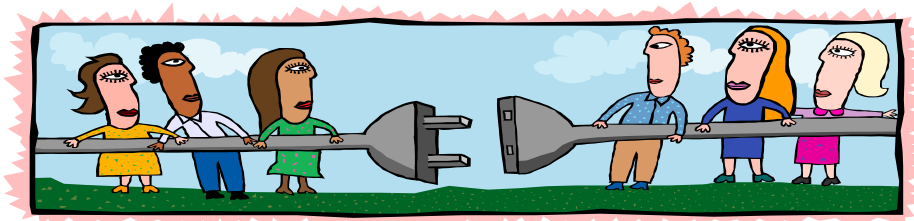
- Advise SCDD and its Regional Office on local issues in Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties.
- Identify and provide input regarding local systemic needs within its communities.
- Provide public information programs /events for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, professional groups, and the general public to increase awareness of areas identified in the SCDD state plan; and more!

To apply online:

<https://tinyurl.com/joinSCDD>

Or contact us for more information:

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El Concilio Estatal en Discapacidades del Desarrollo (SCDD) Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Area de la Bahía está aceptando **solicitudes de membresía!**

Los RAC representan a las comunidades que representan, incluidos los grupos geográficos y étnicos. El RAC del Área de la Bahía está especialmente interesado en conocer a los solicitantes de los siguientes demográficos: identificándose como un hombre o no binario; y/o identificándose como un auto defensor; y/o identificándose como Latino/a o Hispano, Negro o Afroamericano.

¡Gracias por sus continuos esfuerzos en ser una voz para la comunidad!

Miembros designados del RAC:

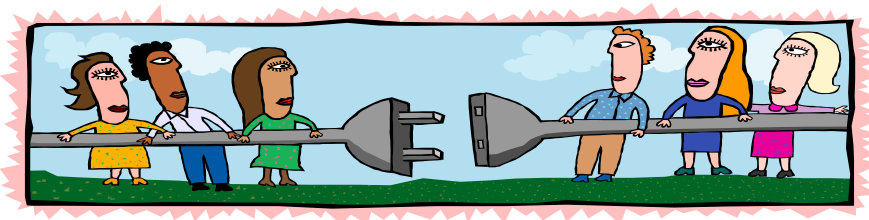
- Asesorar al SCDD y a su Oficina Regional sobre asuntos locales.
- Identificar y proporcionar información sobre las necesidades sistémicas locales dentro de sus comunidades.
- Proporcionar programas de información pública / eventos para personas con discapacidades intelectuales y de desarrollo, familias, grupos profesionales y el público en general para aumentar la conciencia de las áreas identificadas en el plan estatal SCDD; y más!

Para solicitar en línea:

<https://tinyurl.com/joinSCDD>

O contáctenos para más información:

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2026-2027 Schedule of State Council Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meetings (Hybrid meetings)

Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to participate in these Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings.

Networking from 5:15 PM to 5:30 PM, RAC Meeting from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

All meetings will be hybrid; In-person and on Zoom.

September 30, 2026: In-person location in Alameda County

December 02, 2026: In-person location in Contra Costa County

February 24, 2027: In-person location in San Mateo County

April 28, 2027: In-person location in Marin County

June 30, 2027: In-person location in San Francisco County

These meetings follow Government Code Sections 11123.1, 11123.2, and 11125(f).

Meeting details and accessible formats of all agenda and materials will be available at least 10 days before the meeting at www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/. Some members of the public body may receive accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and may be present at different teleconference locations.

For accessible formats or auxiliary aids, contact bayarea@scdd.ca.gov or call **(510) 286-0439** at least five business days before the meeting.



Calendario 2026-2027 del Concilio Estatal Reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Área de la Bahía (reuniones híbridas)

Se da la bienvenida y se alienta a los miembros del público a participar en estas reuniones del Comité Asesor Regional (RAC) del Area de la Bahía.

Oportunidad de red 5:15 PM a 5:30 PM, Reunión de 5:30 PM a 8:00 PM.

Todas las reuniones serán híbridas; en persona y en Zoom.

9/30/2026: Ubicación presencial en el condado de Alameda

12/2/2026: Ubicación presencial en el condado de Contra Costa

2/24/2027: Ubicación presencial en el condado de San Mateo

4/28/2027: Ubicación presencial en el condado de Marin

6/30/2027: Ubicación presencial en el condado de San Francisco

Estas reuniones siguen a las secciones 11123.1, 11123.2 y 11125(f) del Código de Gobierno.

Los detalles de la reunión y los formatos accesibles de toda la agenda y los materiales estarán disponibles al menos 10 días antes de la reunión en www.scdd.ca.gov/bayarea/. Algunos miembros del organismo público pueden recibir ajustes bajo la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) y pueden estar presentes en diferentes lugares de teleconferencia.

Para formatos accesibles o ayudas auxiliares, póngase en contacto con bayarea@scdd.ca.gov o llame al **(510) 286-0439** al menos cinco días hábiles antes de la reunión.