



Regional Advisory Committee Agenda

Date	Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Time	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.* * Ending time may vary depending on RAC action.
Location	Sacramento Office 2033 Howe Avenue, Ste. 160 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 263-3085
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| 1) | Call to Order, Chairperson, Dan Clift (FA) | 11:00 |
| | a.m. | |
| | Welcome & Introductions | |
| 2) | Approval of Agenda, Dan Clift (FA) | |
| | (action) | |
| 3) | Approval of RAC Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2015, | |
| | Dan Clift (FA) | |
| | (action) | |

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4) Brief reports from RAC members on issues in their counties

5) Public Comment Period

This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the RAC on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The RAC will provide a public comment period, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.

6) Regional Center Report (5 minutes) Peter Tiedemann

**7) Regional Office Manager's Report & Discussion
Sonya Bingaman**

**8) Presentation: What is it like to be an NCI interviewer?
(Sue Anne Bennett, NCI Interviewer) 11:40 a.m.**

Break (5 minutes)

**9) Presentation: Ability Tools, Device Lending Library
(Rachel Anderson) 12:15 p.m.**

Adjournment – Dan Clift (FA) 1:00 p.m.

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**Regional Advisory Committee – Sacramento Office
July 28, 2015 Minutes**

Unapproved

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Attending</u>
Dan Clift (FA)	Lisa Tomasello (FA)	Sonya Bingaman, SCDD
Tyler Busselen (SA)	Regina Collins (FA)	Monique von Schimmelmann, SCDD
Elaine Linn (FA)		Aaron Carruthers, SCDD
Christine Hickey (FA)		Kathy Brain, SCDD
Donnell Kenworthy (FA)		Joyce McNair (FA)
Jane Taylor (FA)		Richard Royce, Inalliance
Robert Rogers (SA)		Lisa Cooley (SA)
David Kelly (SA) remote		Dawn Morley, SCDD
		Tony Biondi (SA)
		Lori Wentz (FA, Facilitator RR)
		Dana Wentz (SA)
		Peter Tiedemann, ACRC

- 1) Call to Order/Establishment of quorum.
Chairperson Dan Clift (FA) called meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. and a quorum was established. Members and others attending introduced themselves.

- 2) Approval of Agenda (action) Dan Clift (FA)
It was moved/seconded (Elaine Linn (FA) / Tyler Busselen (SA) and carried to approve the agenda. (No Abstentions)

- 3) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2015 (action)
Dan Clift (FA)

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It was moved/seconded (Chris Hickey (FA) / Jane Taylor (FA) and carried to approve the Meeting minutes as presented. (No Abstention)

4) Brief reports from RAC members on issues in their counties

- Elaine Linn (FA) reported working on the issue of the transition of California Children's Service to managed care. She stated that the system currently works well and there are many specialized service providers connected with CCS. There is concern that transitioning this program to managed care would be challenging since managed care agencies do not have appropriate networks in place and are currently overwhelmed trying to provide existing medical services.

5) Public Comment Period

- No public comment

6) Regional Center Report (5 minutes)

Pete Tiedemann – ACRC - Sacramento

- Tiedemann reported the Regional Center's last fiscal year deficit, but was confident that the governor will sign an amendment in October.
- The closure of Sonoma Development Center is in process, Alta Regional Center has approximately 54 consumers who will need to be transitioned to the community.

7) Presentation: History, Mission, and Activities of SCDD (Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director - SCDD)

- Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Federal DD Act, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act, and State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) State Plan 2011-2016. For more information visit:
www.scdd.ca.gov

8) Staff Reports

Sonya Bingaman (Sacramento Office Manager)

- Introduced the new CPS II employee, Kathy Brian. Kathy gave a brief overview of her background and is pleased to be on board with SCDD.

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- Bingaman announced that Justin Salenik is no longer on the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC).
- Bingaman continues attending meetings and conferences, while participating in several committees.

Break at 12:10 p.m. for 10 minutes.

9) Presentation: The Neuro-Developmental Approach (Dan Clift, FA)

- Dan Clift (FA) gave a presentation on the Neuro-Developmental Approach that he used with his son. For more information on this method, visit www.nacd.org.

Adjournment – Dan Clift (FA)

1:00 p.m.

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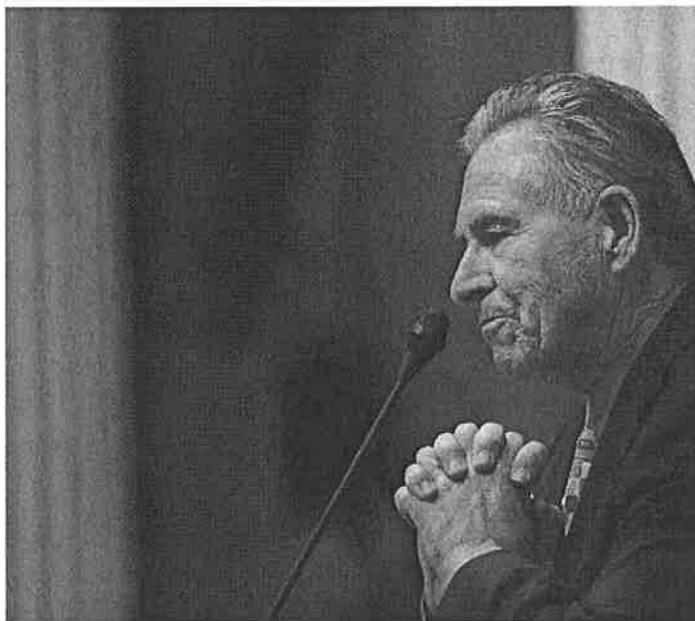
Enough speechifying, boost pay for care of disabled people

HIGHLIGHTS

Democrats urge tax hikes to fund care for developmentally disabled people

Republicans oppose tax hikes and call on Democrats to use some of the surplus

Democrats, Republicans should get over themselves and find common ground



Sen. Jim Nielsen, R-GerberHector Amezcua - hamezcua@sacbee.com

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Once again, California legislators are speechifying passionately about the need for more money to pay for the care of 290,000 people with intellectual disabilities served by California's regional centers.

State government has a budget surplus once more. And yet efforts to raise rates for the care of people with autism, cerebral palsy and other severe lifelong disabilities are sputtering, needlessly.

At a hearing Thursday, Senate Health Committee Chairman Ed Hernandez and other Democratic senators urged Republicans to provide the necessary two-thirds vote to approve \$2.5 billion in combined annual tax hikes on managed care organizations and tobacco and e-cigarettes.

Lawmakers intend that of the \$2.5 billion, \$230 million would go to the 21 regional centers. That would amount to a 7.5 percent raise for centers and workers who care for individuals with lifelong developmental disabilities. The remainder of the money would go to all manner of health-related programs.

Republicans, led by Sen. Jim Nielsen of Gerber, countered that Californians are taxed too heavily as it is, and that Democrats who control the \$170 billion budget should use some of the surplus to pay for the care of such people.

UNLESS THE LOGJAM BREAKS SOON, CAREGIVERS WHO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR 290,000 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE WILL HAVE GONE WITHOUT A RAISE FOR A 15TH YEAR.

Unless the logjam breaks soon – Friday is the last day of the regular 2015 legislative session – caregivers who provide services for developmentally disabled people will have gone without a raise for more than a decade.

Both sides speak some truth.

The state does have money this year. On Thursday, state Controller Betty T. Yee issued a monthly cash report showing that in August, state tax revenue was \$637.8 million above the projections made two months ago when lawmakers approved the budget.

It's also good policy to raise tobacco taxes. Price hikes will dissuade young people from smoking. And e-cigarettes should be taxed and regulated for what they are, nicotine delivery devices. Additionally, the Medi-Cal budget faces a \$1 billion-plus hole if the tax on managed care organizations expires next year.

Senators, being politicians, resorted to clichés as they struggled to sound oh-so-sincere about the importance of the rate increases.

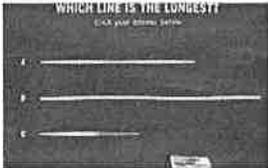
"History is watching us," one said. "The safety net should not be shredded," another said. "The time to act is now," yet another one declared. One lamented the need to care for the most vulnerable among us. Undoubtedly, they believe their trite rhetoric.

But, please, spare intellectually disabled people and their families and caregivers the speeches. It is unseemly to use them as pawns in end-of-session games. Find common ground.

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**Public Hearing on Denti-Cal
Thursday, September 24, 2015
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9:00 a.m.

Policymakers: Why Denti-Cal needs reform

1. Senator Richard Pan, M.D.
2. Assemblymember Jim Wood, DDS

Administrators: Inside California's \$1.3 Billion Denti-Cal Program

3. Mari Cantwell, State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs, Department of Health Care Services
4. Joe Ruiz, Vice President, Government Affairs, Delta Dental of California

The Dental Establishment: Why Denti-Cal Isn't Working Better

5. Peter DuBois, Executive Director, California Dental Association.
6. Dr. John Blake, Executive Director, Children's Dental Health Clinic

The Stakeholder Perspective: How Children Pay the Price

7. Jenny Kattlove, Senior Director, Programs, The Children's Partnership

The State Dental Director: Building a Plan to Reduce Disparities

8. Dr. Jayanth V.Kumar, DDS., M.P.H., California State Dental Director, Department of Public Health

**Business Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Legislative Counsel Conference Room
Lower Level, 925 L Street
Sacramento**

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.) Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Draft Report – Salton Sea
- II. Minutes from June 25, 2015, and August 27, 2015
- III. Project Selection
- IV. Implementation
- V. Reports from California State Auditor's Office