



Regional Advisory Committee Agenda

Date	Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Time	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
Location	SCDD Sacramento Office 2033 Howe Avenue, Ste. 160, Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 263-3085

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1) Call to Order, Chairperson, Elaine Linn (FA) 11:00 a.m.
 a. Welcome new RAC Members & Introductions

2) Approval of RAC Agenda, Elaine Linn (FA) (action)

3) Approval of RAC Minutes from March 15, 2016, Elaine Linn (FA) (action)

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

5) Public Comment Period

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6) Rachael Frederick –Vigary, Mutual Housing Presentation (5 minutes)

7) Regional Center Report, Peter Tiedemann (5 minutes)

8) Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report, Lisa Cooley (SA) (5 minutes)

9) Regional Office Manager’s Report & Discussion, Sonya Bingaman

- a. Grant Cycle 39 Update
- b. Budget Update (State of CA)
- c. Self-Determination (SDAC & SSDAC)
- d. Outreach
- e. Conferences
- f. Trainings
- g. Issue Advisory Request Forms submitted to SCDD HQ on CCS (Linn) and Gap between Medi-Cal eligibility between 18-19 years of age for regional center consumers who were institutionally deemed as children (Mulvaney).

- 10) Community Program Specialist Report, Kathy Brian
 - a. NCI Child Family Survey Update
 - b. Longitudinal Study and Movers Study
 - c. Employment and BAC activities
- 11) Presentation on **Lessons learned from Educational Inclusion and What It Means for all Children, Nelia Nunes (FA)**
- 12) Proposed Agenda items for next meeting, Elaine Linn (FA) (action)
- 13) Next regular RAC meeting is July 26, 2016, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 14) Adjournment – Elaine Linn (FA) 1:00 p.m.



Regional Advisory Committee – Sacramento Office
Minutes
March 15, 2016
Unapproved

Members Present	Members Absent	Other Attending
Elaine Linn (FA)	Jane Taylor (FA)	Sandra Smith (FA) Council Member
Robert Rogers (SA)	Tyler Busselen (SA)	Karen Mulvaney (FA)
Christine Hickey (FA)		Kathy Brian
Donnell Kenworthy (FA)		Sonya Bingaman
		Tony Biondi (SA)
		Carol Drebin (FA)

- 15) Call to Order, Chairperson, Elaine Linn (FA) 11:00 a.m.
 Welcome & Introductions
- 16) Approval of RAC Agenda, Elaine Linn (FA) (action)
 Approval of the agenda, 1st Christine Hickey and 2nd Donnell Kenworthy
- 17) Approval of RAC Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2016,
 Elaine Linn (FA) (action)
 Approval of the Minutes, 1st Donnell Kenworthy and 2nd Christine Hickey
- 18) Brief reports from RAC members on issues in their counties
Yolo County: Donnell Kenworthy reported the SELPA CAC’s training with presenter Kevin Bracy on “Raising Greatness” was cancelled due to lack of attendance.
Yuba County: Robert Rogers announced there will be a dance on March 25th with Friday Night Live.
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 - Karen Mulvaney, (FA) reported that regional center consumers are reapplying for eligibility for medical. Medi-Cal considers them children until they are 19 years old. For 1 year a child could lose HCBS waiver.
 A report from the ARC-UCP Conference was given by Ms. Mulvaney: Eileen Richie (ARCA) stated that residential facilities break even with 4 beds so 6 beds offer more income to

providers. As care home development moves forward, DDS will look to make adjustments in their reimbursement rates with the 4 bed homes.

- The ACRC CAC will be going to Sonoma Developmental Center in June, tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2016.
- ACRC will have 2 public meetings to discuss their disparity report; a meeting on March 15th (today) and in Yuba City on March 22, 2016 at the Sacramento office.

20) Regional Center Report, Peter Tiedemann

Unable to attend meeting.

21) SSAN Report, Lisa Cooley

SSAN is going to have a cross disability network. Lisa is doing community presentations on Self-Determination at faith-based organizations and the community transition fair in Carmichael.

22) Regional Office Manager's Report & Discussion Sonya Bingaman

a. SCDD administrative updates

The Council has approved a plan to reduce expenditures by \$700,000 to reduce a structural deficit. It will include statewide reductions of vacant staff position; reducing the frequency of some statewide meetings, and possibly closing the Central Coast office which is currently vacant. That area would be served by the Silicon Valley-Monterey office. Our office will be co-located with headquarters – in a new location at some point in the near future.

b. Self-Determination

DDS has submitted a response to CMS's questions on the Waiver application. Attended SDAC at ACRC on March 9th. On March 3, SCDD organized the first Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Attended Statewide DDS SDP Workgroup.

c. QA National Core Indicators (NCI), Child Family Survey

Received 922 completed surveys so far. Please continue to spread the word to have families return survey. Working on data entry (deadline June 30, 2016).

d. Outreach

SCDD staff continues to attend SELPA Community Advisory Committee meetings (San Juan Unified School District, Sac County, Nevada County, Yolo County) to inform people of the SCDD mission and encourage NCI follow through. Sonya offered for RAC members to join any program tours.

Conferences

- Cal-TASH Conference (Sonya)
- The ARC Public Policy Conference (Kathy)
- Lanterman Housing Alliance Conference (Sonya)

- Family Voices Health Summit (Sonya and Holly)
- California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (Kathy)
- Employment Summit Conference (Kathy)
- CMS Transition Plan in Chico (Kathy and Sonya)
- Helping to plan SLI Self-Advocacy and Supported Life Conferences.

Additional outreach efforts

- Toured DDSO Short Center South (Sonya, Kathy, Holly)
- Used Mailchimp and email list to educate community on local and statewide events
- Attended City of Sacramento Disability Advisory Committee (Sonya)
- Attended Alternatives to Conservatorship Forum (Kathy)
- Attended ACRC Board Meeting, February 25 (Sonya)
- Attended ACRC RFP Vendor Provider Forum (Kathy)
- Attended California Health and Wellness Disability Advisory Committee (Sonya)
- Attended UCD Mind Transition meetings and hosted Business Advisory Committee meetings (Kathy)
- Attended Special Education Training by Warmline and assisted families to learn how to access Regional Center services
- Mailed 85 letters to law enforcement agencies in our 10-county catchment area to inquire about their interactions with people with I/DD
- 26 calls for special education and other advocacy areas in February

23) Proposed Agenda items for next meeting, Elaine Linn (FA) (action)

Karen Mulvaney proposed information on areas of interest to the RAC, possibly information for a high school presentation.

24) Presentation on CCS: How services are offered Now, How it will be in 2017:

a. Elaine Linn, Chair CCS 4Families

CCS is a Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services program, which provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children and young adults under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. CCS 4Families is helping to spread information about the end of the “CCS carve out” and how CCS services will soon be organized under managed care.

b. Ian Gayton, Informing First Responders about interacting with ID/DD

Ian shared his experiences doing presentations to First Responders about people with disabilities. He has participated in these trainings for many years, does role plays, and collaborates with other self-advocates and family members to train responders.

25) Adjournment – Elaine Linn (FA)

1:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 1:30pm

May. 9, 2016 3:22 PM ET

Brown preps California budget revision amid tighter revenue

By JONATHAN J. COOPER, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As Gov. Jerry Brown prepares to release his revised state budget this week, he's hearing a chorus of calls from Democratic lawmakers, liberal interest groups and even some Republicans urging him to significantly boost spending to help California's poorest residents.

Brown's budget comes after tax collections in April, the state's biggest revenue month, fell \$1 billion short of expectations and cast uncertainty on what the state can afford.

The governor is required to release his budget by Saturday. He then hands the process over to lawmakers who have a month to mold their own spending plan by June 15.

In January, Brown proposed a \$122.6 billion spending plan that avoided sweeping new initiatives or substantial increases in ongoing programs, even as the state saw a revenue spike thanks to an improving economy.

Instead, warning that a recession may be imminent, Brown urged spending the surplus revenue to rehab state buildings and pre-fund employee retirement benefits — costs that can more easily be curtailed if revenue plummets. He also wanted to set aside an extra \$2 billion in a rainy-day fund.

"It would be short-sighted in the extreme to now embark upon a host of new spending only to see massive cuts when the next recession hits," Brown told lawmakers then.

By law, about half the state's spending goes to K-12 education and higher education. One of every \$5 in Brown's January budget went to health care, and 9 percent was for prisons.

The state has already committed to about \$1 billion in new spending since January. Much of it was part of an agreement to modify health insurance taxes to fund Medi-Cal, the publicly funded health plan for the poor. **The agreement included promises to boost funding for developmental disability services and save money for future health care costs for retired state workers.**

Other new costs include raising the minimum wage by 50 cents Jan. 1 on its way to \$15 by 2022, which will cost \$3.6 billion annually once fully implemented. New state-worker contracts also will cost more than planned after the administration made labor concessions to corrections officers that it's likely to match for other union bargaining units.

Despite the governor's reluctance to bless new ongoing costs, legislative Democrats are pushing several initiatives to help people they say continue to struggle through the economic recovery.

"We're very focused on assuring that people get access to food, people get access to shelter, and much of the devastation that was done in 2008 gets slowly repaired," said Assemblyman Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, who heads the Assembly Budget Committee.

The Senate wants \$2 billion to build more than 10,000 permanent housing units for the homeless. The money would come from Proposition 63, a 2004 ballot measure that increased taxes on the wealthy to pay for mental health treatment.

Democrats are also pushing to repeal the maximum family grant in CalWorks, which prevents families from getting additional welfare benefits if they have another child while receiving state assistance.

The legislative women's caucus is seeking \$800 million to increase childcare provider rates and offer care to more families. Advocacy group Parent Voices says 194,000 children are waiting for child care.

"California is one of the most expensive states in the country, so I want to be able to provide for them," said Vaea Sanft, 31, a father of two from East Palo Alto who joined hundreds of parents rallying for childcare funding last week in Sacramento.

Republicans have their own budget ideas, though they face long odds in a Legislature dominated by Democrats.

The top legislative Republicans sent Brown a letter asking him to prioritize funding for Denti-Cal, a dental program for people with low incomes. State watchdogs have said the program pays so little that many dentists won't participate.

GOP lawmakers also have proposed a variety of tax breaks they say would make California more affordable.

"We're trying to put the money where it's going to be used efficiently and effectively," said Sen. Mike Morrell, R-Rancho Cucamonga.

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A Talk With The Head Of California's Troubled Dental Program

By [Ana B. Ibarra](#) April 27, 2016

[A damning report](#) released earlier this month by a state oversight commission described California's dental program for low income people as an "outright mess," detailing its severe shortcomings and poor performance.

In a seven-month review, the [Little Hoover Commission](#) found that fewer than half the people eligible for benefits in the Denti-Cal program actually get dental appointments — in part because of a serious shortage of dentists. The commission found that most dentists in California don't participate in Denti-Cal — a division of the Medi-Cal insurance program for low-income residents — because of its low reimbursement rates and administrative barriers.

On top of that, many California residents don't know they are eligible for the program, according to the report.

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Because of these problems, among others, "millions of Californians are going through life with rotting or missing teeth, debilitating pain, poor oral health habits and no preventative care," the report said.

But Alani Jackson, chief of Denti-Cal for a year now, said the Little Hoover report only reinforced her agency's determination to improve the program. In an interview with California Healthline last week. Jackson suggested her agency was not surprised by the findings and sought to emphasize her detailed plans for rectifying them, some of them already underway.

The transcript has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Do you think the Little Hoover Commission report was fair? What are some of the steps you are taking to address its findings?

A: These are not new items for us overall and we think the items that matter the most are things the department is already ahead of and currently working on.

As the report mentions, we have been approved for the Dental Transformation Initiative, which gives us \$750 million [state and federal] dollars over a five-year period to direct at a variety of areas to improve access to dental services, including preventive services, increasing utilization of services for kids, and establishing continuity of care for beneficiaries. It also allows the opportunity for up to 15 dental pilot programs, which gives the community the opportunity to come up with some ideas and be innovative and creative on how to address the prevention issues we are looking at.

Q: There is also a 10-year statewide Oral Health Plan expected to be announced in June. Can you provide any details of the 10-year plan? And how would it work in relation to the 5-year program you just mentioned?

A: The statewide Oral Health Plan is still a proposal. It is led through the Department of Public Health and it's basically a plan that proposes to the state its goal and objectives for oral health care over the next 10 years. Its focus is the expansion of preventive care but it is not tied to any resources or mechanisms to implement it – whereas the [Dental Transformation Initiative] is a five-year [federally]-approved plan with a finite amount of funding with certain objectives we are being held to.

We do believe that at the end of the day [the two programs] will complement each other and support each other's goals. Both work to improve access and increase utilization. The only overlap would be in similar efforts toward prevention, and that's not a negative thing.

Q: Beyond prevention efforts, what can your agency do now to address the more immediate problems identified in the report?

A: With beneficiaries, the focus is to make sure they are aware that they have dental benefits and how to access them. We do direct outreach to ... counties that are below a certain percentage of utilization. We've sent mobile vans, for example, to reach some of the rural areas. Last year they went to five counties (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Merced) and rendered services to 274 beneficiaries, both children and adults.

For providers, we're sharing information on how we're streamlining our application process, the benefits of being enrolled, updates in the program that might attract them. Obviously, the Dental Transformation Initiative is a big issue and we're hoping the new incentive programs will attract new providers and expand the capacity of current providers to see more Denti-Cal beneficiaries.

Last year we also started the 0 to 3 Outreach effort where we targeted children ages 0 to 3 who had not previously accessed services. Through that effort, 15 percent of the population in that age range who had never accessed services ended up accessing services after we sent mailers and had an automated phone call. That's something we plan to continue.

Q: Many people are not even aware that they are eligible for dental benefits as part of their Medi-Cal coverage. How does this happen and how do you make them aware of the benefits?

A: When beneficiaries becomes newly eligible [for Medi-Cal], they receive dental materials along with the medical portion of their benefits package. They get information on how to access these benefits: phone numbers, websites. There are lots of attempts to make them aware and educate them on their dental benefits. I don't know if everyone looks at their materials, and maybe the priority is on the medical side. I'm not sure, and maybe we're not as clear as we need to be, so that's something we can look into to find the best ways to communicate.

In addition, we're working on medical and dental collaborations. There's a pilot program in Los Angeles County where a physician can do an oral screening or provide fluoride and then also give them a referral to a [dentist]. We're very interested to see how it plays out and how it will impact utilization and prevention.

Q: The report cites dentist shortages as one of the biggest issues with the Denti-Cal program. Can the legislature be prevailed upon to raise the rates California pays to dentists and other dental care professionals?

We are required to do a dental rate review study that we deliver to the legislature. It compares California to other states and their Medicaid populations — the top 25 procedures and the rates set for those procedures. Our way of relaying the comparisons [of reimbursement rates] is through our rate review study. That's what we can do. Once we provide this information, it's really up to the legislature how they choose to utilize that resource.



Request for Proposals FY 2016-2017

Program Development Grant Cycle 39

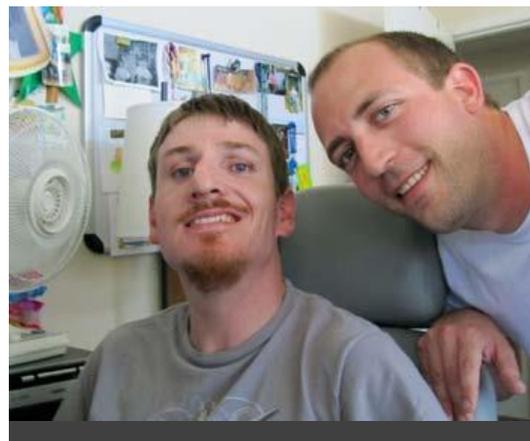
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Interested parties, please access the SCDD State Plan and all grant information and instructions at www.scdd.ca.gov/sacramento. A Program Development Grant will be awarded up to \$20,000.

Proposals must relate to one of the following SCDD State Plan Goals:



Californians with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information and supports to advocate for civil and service rights to achieve self-determination, integration and inclusion in all areas of community life.

Objectives:

- 1.1 The Council will increase knowledge about self-determination and person-centered planning by monitoring, supporting and actively engaging in the implementation of the Self Determination Program.
- 1.2 The Council will promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks 1) through the strengthening of a statewide self-advocacy organization and by supporting self-advocates; 2) within cross-disability leadership coalitions; and 3) in training other self-advocates to become leaders.

Goal #2- EMPLOYMENT

Californians with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information to obtain competitive, integrated employment.

Objectives:

- 2.1 The Council will increase and promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of people with I/DD.
- 2.2 The Council, in consultation with its federal partners will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase CIE for people with I/DD.

Preference will be given to projects that are collaborative, address underserved populations, have built in assessment of outcomes, and can be replicated or serve as models.

Important Dates:

- **Deadline for Applications: Must be mailed or hand delivered to headquarters at: SCDD 1507 21st Street, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95811 by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2016.**
 - Winning proposals will be announced on July 25, 2016.
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- Funding is anticipated to be available on October 1, 2016 and projects must be completed by September 30, 2017.



May 10, 2016

SACRAMENTO CA- SB 1072, authored by Sen. Tony Mendoza, D-Artesia and sponsored by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), passed out of the California State Senate yesterday on a 35-0 vote.

"We are grateful to the legislators who supported this bill, and proud SB 1072 made it through the entire Senate unanimously", said Dr. April Lopez, Chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. SB 1072 now moves on to the Assembly.

The primary goal of SB 1072 is to require school buses, school pupil activity buses, and youth buses to be equipped with a "child safety alarm system." Located at the interior rear of the bus, the alarm device would require the driver to manually make contact with it before exiting the vehicle. This in turn would encourage the driver to inspect the bus to make sure no kids had been left behind. The legislation was introduced as the result of the tragic death of Paul Lee, who perished after being left on a bus in very hot weather.

"This bill is extremely important to the Council and the people we serve," added Dr. Lopez. "We cannot have another child lose his or her life. California needs SB 1072."

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.