



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities North Valley Hills Office

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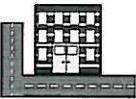
## BOARD MEETING INFORMATION



**DATE:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016



**TIME:** 6:00pm to 8:30pm



**WHERE:** Valley Mountain Regional Center  
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Thursday, September 22, 2016*

# AGENDA

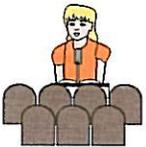


6:00pm - **Call to Order and Introductions – Putz**  
Welcome to newly appointed RAC Members



## **Approval of Minutes and Agenda - ALL ACTION**

Minutes from July 26, 2016



## **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

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



## **PRESENTATION – Brad Putz & Dena Hernandez**

Recognition to Ann Cirimele- retired Executive Director of Family Resource Network & to Paul Billodeau- VMRC Executive Director  
Recognition for years of service to departing RAC Members- Jill Ames, Paula Weihrouch and Ericka Yanez

## **INFORMATION**

## **REPORTS – INFORMATION**



- 1) VMRC Report- Paul Billodeau- Executive Director
- 2) SCDD Report- Kerstin Williams
- 3) Statewide Self-Advocacy Network(SSAN)-packet
- 4) Staff Report- Hernandez/Lewis
  - Quality Assurance Project- update
  - SCDD Legislative & Public Policy input request
  - 2017 Meeting Schedule
  - Announcements of upcoming events
- 5) Member Reports- ALL- **Information**



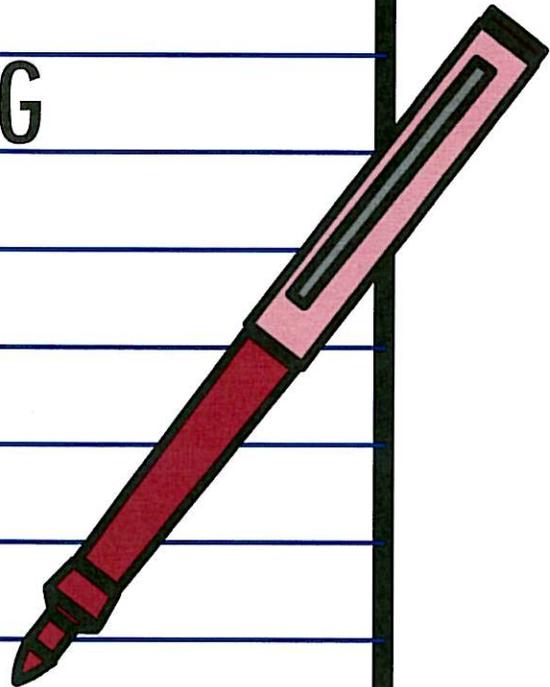
8:30pm – **Adjourn**

# MINUTES

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**DRAFT**

**State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities  
North Valley Hills Office  
Regional Advisory Committee  
Meeting  
Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Calvary Chapel of Sonora  
19889 Soulsbyville Rd.  
Soulsbyville, CA 95372**

**RAC Members Present:**

Karen Andersen  
Gary Del Nero (FA)  
Brad Putz (SA)  
Virginia Sanchez (FA)  
Art Valdez (FA)  
Paula Weihrouch  
Kerstin Williams (SA) SCDD Rep.

**RAC Members Absent:**

Jill Ames (SA)  
Dr. Kilolo Brodie (FA)  
Erika Yanez (SA)

**Staff Present:**

Dena Hernandez, Regional Manager  
Neil Fromm; CPS II

**Facilitators:**

Angela Lewis

**Guests:**

Katherine Evje  
Jaime Florez  
Diana Powell  
David Simerley

**Legend: (SA)=Self Advocate  
(FA) =Family Advocate**

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 P.M. by Brad Putz (SA) the Chairperson and introductions were completed. A quorum was established. **Motion: To approve minutes, Weihrouch/Andersen second-PASSED, voting yes; Andersen, Del Nero (FA), Putz (SA), Sanchez (FA), Valdez (FA) and Weihrouch, voting no; none Motion: To approve agenda Andersen/Weihrouch (SA) second-PASSED, voting yes; Andersen, Del Nero (FA), Putz (SA), Sanchez (FA), Valdez (FA) and Weihrouch, voting no; none.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Presentation:** Dena provided a power point presentation on the Self-Determination program noting that all regional centers now have a self-determination committee meeting regularly and that representatives from these committees are meeting as part of the SCDD State committee on self-determination. This group has met once and has had one conference call with another meeting scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. Dena spoke briefly about anticipated changes in service delivery systems for individuals with developmental disability served by the regional center system and asked that the RAC

review the section on CMS Community Based Services regulations that will promote these changes with an implementation date of March 17 2019.

## **Reports and information**

**VMRC Update:** No one was present from Valley Mountain Regional Center to provide a report on VMRC activities. Dena directed the RAC to review the section in their packet on the VMRC report. She shared that she will be participating on the panel to select a new Executive Director of VMRC upon Paul Billodeau's retirement effective December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016. She asked that the RAC review the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 public meeting where the 2014-2015 purchase of service variance was discussed and recommendations were made to address this issue.

Dena also noted that at the last VMRC Board meeting she was honored to receive the 2016 VMRC Communitas Award. This award is given annually by VMRC to recognize dedication and sustained effort to support and improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

**SCDD Report:** Dena asked that the RAC review material in the packet on SCDD activities. She noted that the packet includes a summary of the July 22<sup>nd</sup> SCDD Board meeting that describes a summary of actions taken, significant items/events, legislative information, State Plan information, other committee updates and a future meeting date of September 22, 2016. Kirsten shared that she participated in both the SCDD board meeting and a meeting of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN).

**SSAN Report:** Dena shared SSAN information in the RAC packet with members noting that the SSAN finalized a Memorandum of Understanding reflecting a change in approach from a group of self-advocates representing individuals with developmental disabilities from specific geographical areas of the state to a group drawn from individuals having all types of disabilities. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7-8, 2016.

**Staff Report:** Dena noted that the Child Family Survey has been completed as has the Adult Mover Survey and that all SCDD regional offices have met their goals for this cycle. The Mover Longitudinal Study continues. She spoke of Project College and shared that she recently attended a conference in San Diego focused on this program with the hope of duplicating the program at some point at the University of the Pacific in Stockton. She noted that Grant Cycle 37 is complete and that no grant proposal from the North Valley Hills Office was selected by SCDD to receive funding for Grant Cycle 39. Dena shared with the RAC that committee member reapplication for continuing RAC participation and new applicant approval is taking place at SCDD and that she will have finalized details at the September meeting of the RAC. She will also share the finalized and approved State plan for 2017-2021 at the September meeting.

She also passed along a copy of the SCDD- NVHO e- newsletter and shared that it is available on the SCDD website. She asked that RAC members submit any articles they would like to include in the next newsletter to Dena. Dena read a certificate of appreciation for Ann Cirimele (the retired executive director of Family Resource Network) and asked that it be signed by the Chairperson.

**Announcements:** Dena highlighted material in the RAC packet including the Self Advocacy Council 6 Area meeting scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> at Turner Park in San Andreas that will focus on voter registration and voter rights. She spoke of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference *Best Practices in the Education of Children with Down Syndrome* scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 and where SCDD contributed a \$999.00 grant to help sponsor this event. She noted the California Memorial Project scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016.

Dena also stated to the RAC that the approved defensive driving course must be completed by individuals driving to and from SCCD functions.

### **Board Member Reports:**

**Karen Andersen:** Karen spoke of attending meetings for assistive technology noting that the group is trying to change how adaptive equipment is managed after an individual leaves the educational setting and how difficult it is to allow these individual to keep and use this equipment after the transition.

**Gary Del Nero (FA):** Gary shared that he continues to support Special Olympics with softball scheduled for this month in Tuolumne County and Bowling beginning in September.

**Brad Putz (SA):** Brad has been participating in planning for the 2017 State Wide Conference.

**Art Valdez (FA):** Art noted sensory friendly trampoline available on Fridays and Sundays at Sky Zone in Stockton. He spoke of Special needs gymnastics available at Champion Gymnastics also located in Stockton.

### **Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes: Neil Fromm

# PRESENTATION



## **Recognizes the following people:**

- Ann Cirimele- retired Executive Director from Family Resource Network
- Paul Billodeau- soon to be retired Executive Director of VMRC

## **Recognizes to the following Regional Advisory Members for years of service:**

- Jill Ames- Tuolumne County
- Paula Weihrouch- San Joaquin County
- Ericka Yanez- Calaveras County



## **Board Meeting Information**

- **No August Meeting**
- **September 12, 2016**



Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
VMRC, 702 N. Aurora Street, Stockton, CA 95202  
(Enter through rear of building)



Monday, September 12, 2016 - 6:00PM

MEETING AGENDA

*The mission of Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is to support people with developmental disabilities as they enrich their lives through choices and inclusion. VMRC is committed to securing quality, individualized services in collaboration with families and the community.*



A. Call to Order, Introductions, Reading of Mission Statement



B. Review and Approval of Agenda



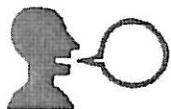
C. Adoption of Consent Calendar

- Minutes of July 11, 2016 Board Meeting ..... 1
- Minutes of June 13, 2016 Board Meeting ..... 9

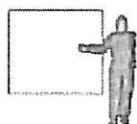


D. Vote to Accept the Following:

- Acceptance of Contract Status Report ..... 17
- Approval of Contracts over \$250,000 ..... 21
- Restricted Donations ..... 29



E. Announcements & Public Comment



F. Presentation: Strategic Plan Update, Paul Billodeau



**G. Board Member Program Visits**



**H. Executive Director's Report**

**I. Committee Reports**

**i. Consumer Services**

**(Paula Newman, Chair)**



- o Report from Sept 12 meeting
- o Next meeting October 10, 2016

**ii. VMRC Consumer Advisory Committee**

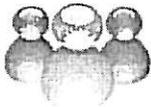
**(Dena Pfeifer, SAC6 Rep.)**

**iii. Finance and Personnel Committee**

**(Tom Bowe, Treasurer)**



- o Minutes of July 6, 2016 meeting ..... 31
- o Summary of September 7, 2016 meeting
- o New Position: IT Application Support Technician (information only)
- o Human Resources Report – Aug/Sept 2016 (meeting handout)
- o Caseload Report – Aug/Sept 2016 (meeting handout)
- o Next meeting – October 5, 2016



**iv. Executive Committee**

**(Melinda Gonser, President)**

- o Summary of September 7, 2016 meeting
- o Approval of Contracts Policy (information only) ..... 35
- o Annual Performance Contract Data ..... 37
- o 2016-17 Committee Assignments ..... 47
- o Next meeting – October 5, 2016



**v. Strategic Planning Committee**

**(Melinda Gonser, Chair)**



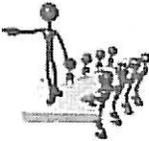
**vi. Nominating Committee**

**(Nancy Meier, Chair)**

- o Vote to Accept new Board Member



vii. **Executive Director Search Committee**  
(Melinda Gonser)



viii. **VMRC Professional Advisory Committee (CLASP)**  
(Candice Bright, CLASP Representative)



Vii. **Association of Regional Center Agencies Report**  
(Melinda Gonser, ARCA Representative)

- o August 18/19, 2016 Harbor Regional Center/Torrance (Tom Bowe)
- o Next meeting October 20/21, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center



I. **Other Matters**



J. **Executive Session**

- o Executive Director Performance Evaluation 2015-16



K. **Next Meeting**

Date: **Monday, October 10, 2016**

Time: **6:00PM**

Location: **VMRC, 702 N. Aurora St. Stockton, CA 95202**



L. **Adjournment**

Information = The item is brought to the board for information and is likely to be an action item at a future meeting.

**\*VMRC Policy on Public Input**

In accordance with California Welfare & Institutions Code sections 4660 through 4669, meetings of the Valley Mountain Regional Center Board of Directors are open and public, with only those exceptions provided in statute. Accordingly, time is allowed at each Board of Directors meeting for public input on any issue whether or not it is on the agenda for that particular meeting. Such input shall be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

"Public Input" is defined as verbal comment or written submissions provided to the Board by any person who is not a member of the VMRC Board. Materials will be maintained by VMRC for at least two years from the date of the meeting.

The VMRC Board of Directors reserves the right to determine the form or manner of its response. As a general rule, the Board will not respond to comments or questions that relate to agency personnel policies, the union contract, or collective bargaining issues. However, the Board may, at its discretion, direct staff in executive session to investigate and report on such issues raised under public comment.

**\*VMRC Policy on Executive Sessions**

As provided in California Welfare & Institutions Code sections 4660 through 4669, the Valley Mountain Regional Center Board of Directors may hold an executive session to consider real estate negotiations, appointment, employment, evaluation or dismissal of an employee, staff salaries and benefits, labor negotiations, and any matter dealing with a specifically identified consumer for whom appropriate authorization has not been provided to enable public discussion of the matter.

The Executive Assistant shall keep confidential minutes of executive sessions. The subject of each executive session shall be announced prior to and at the conclusion of each such session.

*The VMRC Board requests that all participants refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, and other fragrances, and use unscented personal care products in order to promote an irritant-free environment.*

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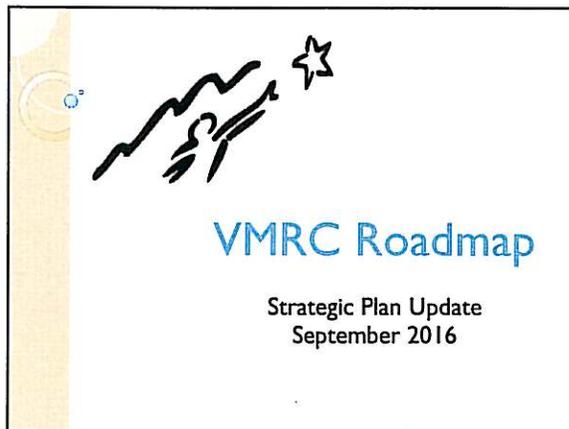
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District Office



### Focus Area: Housing

- Increase the number of housing models from 6 to 11 by December 31, 2018.
- Completed research of models in other states and California and identified 5 new housing models
- Secure start up funding and develop RFP's to develop these new housing models.

### Focus Area: Housing continued...

- Housing models in development or in the initial stage of development:
  - Shared Living (Housemates): DDS grant funding has not been secured, but will be requested 2/1/17.
  - Country Life: DDS grant funding has not been secured, but will be requested 2/1/17.
  - Healthy Way of Life: DDS grant approved 7/1/16 (\$90,000). RFP will be distributed 11/16.

### Focus Area: Housing

- Life Skills: DDS grant funding approved 7/1/16 (\$90,000). RFP will be distributed 11/16.
- Secured Perimeter/Delayed Egress: Developed in collaboration with CVRC. Projected opening date 1/17 (Paulsen Community).

### Focus Area: Employment

- Consumers with employment IPP objective.
  - From Sept. 2014 – 55 consumers to July, 2016 – 1361 consumers
- Increase the number of consumers employed part or full time.
  - In 2014 day program redefined
  - In July, 2013, 317 consumers, 22 and over, were employed part or full time. In July 2016, there were 460 consumers employed.

### Focus Area: Employment continued...

- 2016 Strategic Plan that are in progress:
  - Partner with employment vendors to conduct outreach to area employers.
  - Develop educational presentation for potential employers. Make contacts and advocate for job opportunities with employers.

### Focus Area: **Employment continued...**

- **Employment Stories:**
  - **Modesto VMRC** – (Supported employment clerical)
    - One consumer working for over one year.
  - **Stockton VMRC** – (Supported employment clerical)
    - One consumer started Sept. 2015. Open Doors operates a coffee kiosk in the Stockton Office.
  - **San Andreas Area** – ARC Amador/Calaveras has 36 consumers in individual placements. WATCH Resources has 13 consumers in individual placements.
  - **San Joaquin County** - Tesla Motors in Lathrop is considering a contract with ARC San Joaquin for a landscape crew.

### Focus Area: **Employment continued...**

- **Employment Resources**
  - **Lincoln Training Center** – has a contract with San Joaquin County for 27 janitorial positions.
  - **Pride** – being developed in the Stanislaus County.
  - **Options Day Program / Service First** – Added a pre-employment / employment soft skills curriculum / training to their program.
  - **Service First** – Vernell Hill is developing a mattress warehouse. The plan is to develop an integrated employment opportunity.

### Focus Area: **Communication**

- **Quarterly all-team staff meetings**
  - Has been occurring for almost two years. Survey staff for feedback at meetings.
- **New mediums of internal communication**
  - Unveiled "insideXchange" in Oct. 2015. It is being used more for internal communications.
- **Agency Newsletter**
  - Valley Mountain Connection created and distributed in winter 2015 and summer 2016.
- **Improve website and begin use of social media outlets**
  - Website revision has occurred and ongoing changes continue. Facebook page implemented and recent post showed over 10,000 views.

### Focus Area: **Communication continued...**

- **Increase frequency contacts with consumers**
  - Semi-Annual Contact process began; SANDIS system used to develop mid-year contact plan. "Complaint Line" script revised; suggestions can be made through "insideXchange".
- **Increase communication**
  - Hiring of SC's continues to decrease caseload size.
  - Report generated to identify number of consumers/families using translation services.

### Focus Area: **Communication continued...**

- **Develop formal VMRC/Provider Liaison plan for Day Activity and SLS programs.**
  - PM reps assigned as contact person for a DP and SLS vendors.
  - Form developed and documentation saved on P-drive for all staff to review.
- **Develop agency Speaker's Bureau**
  - 9 presentations made in 2016.
  - Developed tracking system and received feedback
  - Powerpoint revised and looking at making a Spanish version.

### Focus Area: **Resource Development**

- **Identify and analyze service gaps and develop data collection system**
  - Polled all SC's and PM's to gather info. on what generic resources are available. Compared to existing list and added to new resource list—placed on internal Public folder.
- **Develop training for RC staff and pilot use of new data collection system**
  - In July 2016, Community Services staff provided Unmet Needs Assessment training to Modesto two Case Management children's teams.

### Focus Area: Resource Development

- Collect data and report on comparison of current and anticipated needs from database.
  - Res. Dev. Team meets monthly to review Unmet Needs reports, prioritize needs and address accordingly with existing resources or attempt to develop new resources.
- RFP's issued and four projects approved and in development.
  - Adult Crisis Services Step-Down Residential Facility.
  - Children's Step-Down Residential Facility.
  - Adult Crisis Services Step-Down Residential Facility.
  - Intermediate Care Facility/DD-Continuous Nursing.

### Focus Area: Organizational Structure

- Improve Employee Engagement.
  - The Focus Area on Communication has taken the lead in developing activities to improve employee engagement. The Focus Area on Organizational Structure has been reviewing the effects these activities have had on employee morale and it appears to be improving especially with the final Three Year Agreement with SEIU 1021 in the Fall 2015, which included salary increases for 2015 and 2016.
- Create Succession Planning Policy and Procedures.
  - This Focus Group developed a comprehensive Succession Planning Policy, which was approved by the VMRC Board Of Directors and Procedures were created by this Focus Group.

### Focus Area: Organizational Structure

- The VMRC Executive Management Team selected three current positions to pilot succession planning mentoring. The positions selected were:
  - Executive Director
  - Chief Financial Office
  - Assistant Director of Case Management Special Projects/Quality Assurance
- Staff were selected to participate in this program and are currently being mentored by the ED, CFO and Assistant Director of Case Management.

# Valley Mountain Regional Center

## Human Resources Report

August 2016

### Personnel Activity

July New Hires: 2 Service Coordinators

July Separations: 3 Service Coordinator

### Total VMRC Employees

Regular Employees: 283

Temporary Employees: 13

Employees by location including temporary employees: 296

- Stockton: 200
- Modesto: 78
- San Andreas: 18

### Total Number of Vacancies: 7

- Clinical Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (4)
- Community Services Liaison (2)

**July 2016 Turnover: 1.01%**

July 2015 Turnover: 1.44%

**Current Fiscal Year to Date Turnover: 1.01%**

Fiscal Year to Date Turnover as of July 2015: 1.44%

| Fiscal Year | Turnover |
|-------------|----------|
| 15 - 16     | 9.95%    |
| 14 - 15     | 9.44%    |
| 13-14       | 15.69%   |
| 12 -13      | 12.67%   |
| 11 -12      | 12.80%   |
| 10 - 11     | 8.50%    |
| 09 - 10     | 7.30%    |
| 08 - 09     | 8.21%    |
| 07 -08      | 16.51%   |

| Date      | Monthly Turnover |
|-----------|------------------|
| July - 16 | 1.01%            |
| June-16   | 0.34%            |
| May -16   | 0.00%            |
| April -16 | 1.75%            |
| Mar - 16  | 0.35%            |
| Feb - 16  | 0.70%            |
| Jan - 16  | 0.35%            |
| Dec - 15  | 0.70%            |
| Nov - 15  | 0.69%            |
| Oct - 15  | 0.70%            |
| Sept - 15 | 0.00%            |
| August-15 | 2.94%            |
| July-15   | 1.44%            |

## Caseload Averages Report for August 2016

### STOCKTON

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie     | 73 |
| Early Start (0-3)- Simmons       | 68 |
| Children (3-16)-Farinelli-Mikita | 83 |
| Children (3-16)- de Diego        | 75 |
| Children (3-16) - Jimenez        | 75 |
| Transition (16-23) - Vodden      | 82 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau      | 78 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Weiss         | 77 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Jensen        | 84 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez      | 78 |
| Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*   | 42 |
| Stockton Office Average:         | 77 |

\* Deflection not included in avg.

### MODESTO

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Early Start (0-3) - Barr       | 81 |
| Children (3-16) - Diaz         | 83 |
| Children (3-16)- Kidroske      | 89 |
| Transition (16-24) - Dickinson | 94 |
| Adult (24 and up)- Groves      | 76 |
| Adult (24 and up) - Margarite  | 79 |
| Modesto Office Average:        | 84 |

### SAN ANDREAS

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Early Start (0-3) - Simmons      | 69 |
| Children/Transition (3-24)-Green | 74 |
| Adult (24 and up)- Green         | 75 |
| San Andreas Office Average:      | 72 |

### Caseloads Ranked Highest to Lowest

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Transition (16-24) - Dickinson   | 94        |
| Children (3-16)- Kidroske        | 89        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Jensen        | 84        |
| Children (3-16) - Diaz           | 83        |
| Children (3-16)-Farinelli-Mikita | 83        |
| Transition (16-23) - Vodden      | 82        |
| Early Start (0-3) - Barr         | 81        |
| Adult (24 and up) - Margarite    | 79        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau      | 78        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez      | 78        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Weiss         | 77        |
| Adult (24 and up)- Groves        | 76        |
| Children (3-16)- de Diego        | 75        |
| Children (3-16) - Jimenez        | 75        |
| Adult (24 and up)- Green         | 75        |
| Children/Transition (3-24)-Green | 74        |
| Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie     | 73        |
| Early Start (0-3) - Simmons      | 69        |
| Early Start (0-3)- Simmons       | 68        |
| Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*   | 42        |
| <b>Agency Caseload Average</b>   | <b>78</b> |

### Historical Caseload Average

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| August-16    | 78 |
| July-16      | 80 |
| June-16      | 85 |
| May-16       | 84 |
| April-16     | 83 |
| March-16     | 83 |
| February-16  | 83 |
| January-16   | 83 |
| December-15  | 82 |
| November-15  | 84 |
| October-15   | 83 |
| September-15 | 87 |
| August-15    | 85 |

# Valley Mountain Regional Center

## Human Resources Report

September 2016

Report covers August 1 – August 31

### Personnel Activity

August New Hires: 4 Service Coordinators

August Separations: 1 Service Coordinator, 1 Office Tech

### Total VMRC Employees

Regular Employees: 285

Temporary Employees: 13

Employees by location including temporary employees: 298

- Stockton: 202
- Modesto: 78
- San Andreas: 18

Total Number of Vacancies: 7

- Clinical Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (5)
- Clinical Manager of Nursing

**August 2016 Turnover: 0.67%**

August 2015 Turnover: 2.94%

**Current Fiscal Year to Date Turnover: 1.68%**

Fiscal Year to Date Turnover as of August 2015: 4.38%

| Fiscal Year | Turnover |
|-------------|----------|
| 15 - 16     | 9.95%    |
| 14 - 15     | 9.44%    |
| 13-14       | 15.69%   |
| 12 -13      | 12.67%   |
| 11 -12      | 12.80%   |
| 10 - 11     | 8.50%    |
| 09 - 10     | 7.30%    |
| 08 - 09     | 8.21%    |
| 07 -08      | 16.51%   |

| Date        | Monthly Turnover |
|-------------|------------------|
| August - 16 | 0.67%            |
| July - 16   | 1.01%            |
| June-16     | 0.34%            |
| May -16     | 0.00%            |
| April -16   | 1.75%            |
| Mar - 16    | 0.35%            |
| Feb - 16    | 0.70%            |
| Jan - 16    | 0.35%            |
| Dec - 15    | 0.70%            |
| Nov - 15    | 0.69%            |
| Oct - 15    | 0.70%            |
| Sept - 15   | 0.00%            |
| August-15   | 2.94%            |

**VMRC CASELOAD REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2016**

**STOCKTON**

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie     | 72        |
| Early Start (0-3)- Simmons       | 66        |
| Children (3-16)-Farinelli-Mikita | 80        |
| Children (3-16)- de Diego        | 82        |
| Children (3-16) - Jimenez        | 75        |
| Transition (16-23) - Vodden      | 82        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau      | 79        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Weiss         | 77        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Jensen        | 93        |
| Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez      | 79        |
| Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*   | 43        |
| <b>Stockton Office Average:</b>  | <b>78</b> |

\* Deflection not included in avg.

**MODESTO**

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Early Start (0-3) - Barr       | 81        |
| Children (3-16) - Diaz         | 84        |
| Children (3-16)- Kidroske      | 89        |
| Transition (16-24) - Dickinson | 74        |
| Adult (24 and up)- Groves      | 75        |
| Adult (24 and up) - Margarite  | 79        |
| <b>Modesto Office Average:</b> | <b>80</b> |

**SAN ANDREAS**

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Early Start (0-3) - Simmons        | 73        |
| Children/Transition (3-24)-Green   | 76        |
| Adult (24 and up)- Green           | 75        |
| <b>San Andreas Office Average:</b> | <b>75</b> |

**Caseloads Ranked Highest to Lowest**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Adult (23 and up)- Jensen        | 93 |
| Children (3-16)- Kidroske        | 89 |
| Children (3-16) - Diaz           | 84 |
| Transition (16-23) - Vodden      | 82 |
| Children (3-16)- de Diego        | 82 |
| Early Start (0-3) - Barr         | 81 |
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| Adult (23 and up)- Gonzalez      | 79 |
| Adult (24 and up) - Margarite    | 79 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Goudreau      | 79 |
| Adult (23 and up)- Weiss         | 77 |
| Children/Transition (3-24)-Green | 76 |
| Adult (24 and up)- Groves        | 75 |
| Adult (24 and up)- Green         | 75 |
| Children (3-16) - Jimenez        | 75 |
| Transition (16-24) - Dickinson   | 74 |
| Early Start (0-3) - Simmons      | 73 |
| Early Start (0-3)- Gillespie     | 72 |
| Early Start (0-3)- Simmons       | 66 |
| Deflection (18 and up)- Weiss*   | 42 |

**Agency Caseload Average**

|           |
|-----------|
| <b>78</b> |
|-----------|

**Historical Caseload Average**

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| September-16 | 78 |
| August-16    | 78 |
| July-16      | 80 |
| June-16      | 85 |
| May-16       | 84 |
| April-16     | 83 |
| March-16     | 83 |
| February-16  | 83 |
| January-16   | 83 |
| December-15  | 82 |
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## Alerts Opened 6/1/16 - 9/12/16 In Chronological Order

| Ctrl #        | Alert Date    | Closed Date | Presenting Issue                    | Finding       | Action                 | # Days Open |         |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>Status</b> | <b>Closed</b> |             |                                     |               |                        |             |         |
| 2016-06-01.0  | 6/2/2016      | 9/12/2016   | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 102         | Over 90 |
| 2016-06-01.1  | 6/2/2016      | 9/12/2016   | Suspicious Injuries                 | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 102         | Over 90 |
| 2016-06-02.0  | 6/3/2016      | 8/8/2016    | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 66          |         |
| 2016-06-03.0  | 6/3/2016      | 7/14/2016   | IPP Implementation                  | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 41          |         |
| 2016-06-03.1  | 6/3/2016      | 7/14/2016   | ISP Implementation                  | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 41          |         |
| 2016-06-04.0  | 6/6/2016      | 7/14/2016   | Environment                         | Inconclusive  | N/A                    | 38          |         |
| 2016-06-06.0  | 6/14/2016     | 7/26/2016   | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 42          |         |
| 2016-06-08.0  | 6/16/2016     | 7/14/2016   | Other                               | Unfounded     | N/A                    | 28          |         |
| 2016-06-15.0  | 6/17/2016     | 9/6/2016    | Environment                         | Unfounded     | None                   | 81          |         |
| 2016-06-11.0  | 6/20/2016     | 7/27/2016   | Other                               | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 37          |         |
| 2016-06-13.0  | 6/21/2016     | 8/10/2016   | Environment                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 50          |         |
| 2016-06-13.1  | 6/21/2016     | 8/10/2016   | Food Service                        | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 50          |         |
| 2016-06-13.2  | 6/21/2016     | 8/10/2016   | Staff Qualifications                | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 50          |         |
| 2016-06-18.0  | 6/22/2016     | 8/5/2016    | Environment                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 44          |         |
| 2016-06-19.0  | 6/23/2016     | 6/24/2016   | Environment                         | Unfounded     | None                   | 1           |         |
| 2016-06-20.0  | 6/24/2016     | 9/6/2016    | Response to Health-Related Concerns | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 74          |         |
| 2016-06-22.0  | 6/28/2016     | 8/16/2016   | Violation of Rights                 | Unfounded     | N/A                    | 49          |         |
| 2016-06-24.0  | 6/28/2016     | 7/26/2016   | Other                               | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 28          |         |
| 2016-06-24.1  | 6/28/2016     | 7/26/2016   | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 28          |         |
| 2016-06-26.0  | 6/29/2016     | 8/8/2016    | Staff Qualifications                | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 40          |         |
| 2016-06-28.0  | 6/30/2016     | 7/14/2016   | Environment                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 14          |         |
| 2016-06-28.1  | 6/30/2016     | 7/14/2016   | Other                               | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 14          |         |
| 2016-06-29.0  | 6/30/2016     | 7/28/2016   | Staff Qualifications                | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 28          |         |
| 2016-06-29.1  | 6/30/2016     | 7/28/2016   | Supervision                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 28          |         |
| 2016-06-30.0  | 6/30/2016     | 8/10/2016   | Environment                         | Unfounded     | Technical Assistance   | 41          |         |
| 2016-07-01.0  | 7/1/2016      | 8/5/2016    | Environment                         | Inconclusive  | Technical Assistance   | 35          |         |
| 2016-07-02.0  | 7/1/2016      | 7/25/2016   | Environment                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 24          |         |
| 2016-07-04.0  | 7/5/2016      | 8/5/2016    | Delivery of Care                    | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 31          |         |
| 2016-07-10.0  | 7/11/2016     | 7/28/2016   | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 17          |         |

| Ctrl #               | Alert Date    | Closed Date | Presenting Issue                    | Finding       | Action                 | # Days Open |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Status Closed</b> |               |             |                                     |               |                        |             |
| 2016-07-13.0         | 7/14/2016     | 7/19/2016   | Other                               | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 5           |
| 2016-07-16.0         | 7/18/2016     | 9/6/2016    | Food Service                        | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 50          |
| 2016-07-17.0         | 7/18/2016     | 9/6/2016    | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 50          |
| 2016-07-18.0         | 7/18/2016     | 8/5/2016    | Violation of Rights                 | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 18          |
| 2016-07-21.0         | 7/20/2016     | 9/6/2016    | IPP Implementation                  | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 48          |
| 2016-07-23.0         | 7/21/2016     | 8/9/2016    | Recordkeeping                       | Unfounded     | Technical Assistance   | 19          |
| 2016-07-25.0         | 7/21/2016     | 8/5/2016    | Other                               | Unfounded     | Technical Assistance   | 15          |
| 2016-07-27.0         | 7/26/2016     | 8/9/2016    | Environment                         | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 14          |
| 2016-07-27.1         | 7/26/2016     | 8/9/2016    | Supervision                         | Substantiated | Corrective Action Plan | 14          |
| 2016-07-28.0         | 7/26/2016     | 8/9/2016    | Other                               | Unfounded     | Technical Assistance   | 14          |
| 2016-07-29.0         | 7/26/2016     | 8/2/2016    | Violation of Rights                 | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 7           |
| 2016-08-01.0         | 8/1/2016      | 8/5/2016    | Environment                         | Inconclusive  | Technical Assistance   | 4           |
| 2016-08-01.1         | 8/1/2016      | 8/5/2016    | Violation of Rights                 | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 4           |
| 2016-08-03.0         | 8/3/2016      | 9/6/2016    | Response to Health-Related Concerns | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 34          |
| 2016-08-08.0         | 8/4/2016      | 8/11/2016   | Other                               | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 7           |
| 2016-08-08.1         | 8/4/2016      | 8/11/2016   | Violation of Rights                 | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 7           |
| 2016-08-05.0         | 8/10/2016     | 8/18/2016   | Environment                         | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 8           |
| 2016-08-10.0         | 8/12/2016     | 8/15/2016   | Violation of Rights                 | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 3           |
| 2016-08-11.0         | 8/12/2016     | 8/8/2016    | Recordkeeping                       |               | N/A                    | -4          |
| 2016-08-18.0         | 8/26/2016     | 9/6/2016    | Recordkeeping                       | Substantiated | Technical Assistance   | 11          |
| <b>Status</b>        | <b>Closed</b> | <b>49</b>   |                                     |               |                        |             |

**Status Open**

|              |           |  |                                     |  |  |    |
|--------------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|----|
| 2016-06-07.0 | 6/15/2016 |  | Insufficient Staffing               |  |  | 89 |
| 2016-06-09.0 | 6/16/2016 |  | Recordkeeping                       |  |  | 88 |
| 2016-06-10.0 | 6/17/2016 |  | Other                               |  |  | 87 |
| 2016-06-16.0 | 6/17/2016 |  | Recordkeeping                       |  |  | 87 |
| 2016-06-16.1 | 6/17/2016 |  | Violation of Rights                 |  |  | 87 |
| 2016-06-17.0 | 6/17/2016 |  | Staff Qualifications                |  |  | 87 |
| 2016-06-12.0 | 6/21/2016 |  | Response to Health-Related Concerns |  |  | 83 |
| 2016-06-12.1 | 6/21/2016 |  | Delivery of Care                    |  |  | 83 |

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|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| <b>Status</b> | <b>Open</b> |             |                                     |         |        |             |
| 2016-06-14.0  | 6/21/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 83          |
| 2016-06-21.0  | 6/24/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 80          |
| 2016-06-21.1  | 6/24/2016   |             | Missing Medications                 |         |        | 80          |
| 2016-06-23.0  | 6/28/2016   |             | Insufficient Staffing               |         |        | 76          |
| 2016-06-23.1  | 6/28/2016   |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 76          |
| 2016-06-25.0  | 6/28/2016   |             | Insufficient Staffing               |         |        | 76          |
| 2016-06-25.1  | 6/28/2016   |             | ISP Implementation                  |         |        | 76          |
| 2016-06-27.0  | 6/29/2016   |             | Other                               |         |        | 75          |
| 2016-07-03.0  | 7/1/2016    |             | Environment                         |         |        | 73          |
| 2016-07-05.0  | 7/5/2016    |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 69          |
| 2016-07-06.0  | 7/6/2016    |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 68          |
| 2016-07-07.0  | 7/7/2016    |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 67          |
| 2016-07-08.0  | 7/7/2016    |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 67          |
| 2016-07-08.1  | 7/7/2016    |             | Medical Emergency                   |         |        | 67          |
| 2016-07-09.0  | 7/8/2016    |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 66          |
| 2016-07-11.0  | 7/11/2016   |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 63          |
| 2016-07-14.0  | 7/14/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 60          |
| 2016-07-14.1  | 7/14/2016   |             | Environment                         |         |        | 60          |
| 2016-07-15.0  | 7/15/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 59          |
| 2016-07-15.1  | 7/15/2016   |             | Food Service                        |         |        | 59          |
| 2016-07-19.0  | 7/20/2016   |             | Environment                         |         |        | 54          |
| 2016-07-19.1  | 7/20/2016   |             | Food Service                        |         |        | 54          |
| 2016-07-20.0  | 7/20/2016   |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 54          |
| 2016-07-22.0  | 7/21/2016   |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 53          |
| 2016-07-24.0  | 7/21/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 53          |
| 2016-07-24.1  | 7/21/2016   |             | Recordkeeping                       |         |        | 53          |
| 2016-07-26.0  | 7/21/2016   |             | Other                               |         |        | 53          |
| 2016-07-30.0  | 7/27/2016   |             | Environment                         |         |        | 47          |
| 2016-07-30.1  | 7/27/2016   |             | Response to Health-Related Concerns |         |        | 47          |
| 2016-07-31.0  | 7/27/2016   |             | Delivery of Care                    |         |        | 47          |
| 2016-07-31.1  | 7/27/2016   |             | Other                               |         |        | 47          |

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| <b>Status</b> | <b>Open</b> |             |                  |         |        |             |
| 2016-07-32.0  | 7/28/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 46          |
| 2016-07-33.0  | 7/28/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 46          |
| 2016-08-02.0  | 8/2/2016    |             | Recordkeeping    |         |        | 41          |
| 2016-08-04.0  | 8/3/2016    |             | Other            |         |        | 40          |
| 2016-08-06.0  | 8/10/2016   |             | Recordkeeping    |         |        | 33          |
| 2016-08-07.0  | 8/10/2016   |             | Recordkeeping    |         |        | 33          |
| 2016-08-09.0  | 8/11/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 32          |
| 2016-08-12.0  | 8/15/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 28          |
| 2016-08-13.0  | 8/15/2016   |             | Food Service     |         |        | 28          |
| 2016-08-14.0  | 8/15/2016   |             | Delivery of Care |         |        | 28          |
| 2016-08-15.0  | 8/17/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 26          |
| 2016-08-17.0  | 8/24/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 19          |
| 2016-08-19.0  | 8/30/2016   |             | Recordkeeping    |         |        | 13          |
| 2016-08-20.0  | 8/31/2016   |             | Environment      |         |        | 12          |
| 2016-08-21.0  | 8/31/2016   |             | Environment      |         |        | 12          |
| 2016-09-01.0  | 9/6/2016    |             | Supervision      |         |        | 6           |
| 2016-09-02.0  | 9/6/2016    |             | Other            |         |        | 6           |
| 2016-09-02.1  | 9/6/2016    |             | Recordkeeping    |         |        | 6           |
| 2016-09-03.0  | 9/8/2016    |             | Other            |         |        | 4           |
| 2016-09-03.1  | 9/8/2016    |             | Other            |         |        | 4           |
| 2016-09-03.2  | 9/8/2016    |             | Other            |         |        | 4           |
| 2016-09-04.0  | 9/12/2016   |             | Delivery of Care |         |        | 0           |
| 2016-09-04.1  | 9/12/2016   |             | Other            |         |        | 0           |
| <b>Status</b> | <b>Open</b> | <b>62</b>   |                  |         |        |             |

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**State Council on  
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By: Kerstin Williams**





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| <b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>         | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |
| <b>2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS</b> | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |
| <b>3. ESTABLISH QUORUM</b>      | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |

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| <b>4. PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>     |           |
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| <b>5. APPROVAL OF JULY 21, 2016 MINUTES</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>     | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>6. Cal OES ACTIVE SHOOTER PROJECT<br/>Governor's Office of Emergency Services</b>   | <b>V. TAYLOR</b>       |           |
| <b>7. VOTING DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>ALL</b>             | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>8. SAAC POWER POINT PRESENTATION</b>  | <b>FORDERER / NUTT</b> | <b>41</b> |
| <b>9. SSAN (Statewide Self-Advocacy Network)<br/>REPORT</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>     |           |
| <b>10. EFC (Employment First Committee) REPORT</b>   | <b>N. YANG</b>         |           |
| <b>11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT</b>   | <b>C. NUTT</b>         |           |
| <b>12. REVIEW COUNCIL PACKET</b>   | <b>A. CARRUTHERS</b>   |           |
| <b>13. MEMBER REPORTS</b>  | <b>ALL</b>             |           |
| <b>14. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>     |           |
| <b>15. ADJOURN</b>   | <b>D. FORDERER</b>     |           |



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| 1. <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>   | A. Lopez        |
| 2. <b>ESTABLISH QUORUM</b>  | A. Lopez        |
| 3. <b>WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS</b>   | A. Lopez        |
| 4. <b>SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER</b>   | A. Carruthers   |
| 5. <b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b><br><i>This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters <b>not</b> on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first.</i> |                 |
| 6. <b>APPROVAL OF JULY 2016 MINUTES</b>   | A. Lopez      4 |

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|     | 7. <b>CHAIR REPORT</b>   | A. Lopez             |     |
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# REPORT

**Statewide Self Advocacy Network**  
**Discussion on Ballot Measures for November 8, 2016 Election**  
**September 7 2016**

Rick Bettis, League of Women Voters of Sacramento County

**Introduction to the League of Women Voters**

- Founded in 1920 when women received the right to vote throughout the United States with the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S Constitution, the first President was Carey Chapman Cat who had been President of the national Woman Suffrage Association.
- The LWV is a national organizations with 750 local chapter located in all 50 states plus Washington DC, Virgin Islands and Hong Kong
- The LWV Mission statement “The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League establishes positions on public policy through member participation and agreement. The League subsequently takes concerted actions that promote public policies consistent with league positions.”
- The League does not support oppose any political party or candidate although it does take action on selected government issues in the public interest.
- The League was a women’s organization until 1974 when they started to welcome men members

**California Ballot Propositions**

- The voters adopted election reforms, including the initiative, referendum, and recall in a statewide election in 1911. The it election that gave the women the right to vote in California.
- Ballot propositions can be placed on the ballot by the Legislature with a majority vote for state laws or statutes and a two third vote for constitutional amendments. These are called Legislative Referrals
- Propositions can be put on the Ballot with valid signatures of registered voters equal to a greater than 5 percent of the number of votes cast on the most recent election for governor. For constitutional amendments this requirement is increased to 8 percent. These are called Initiatives.
- For the 2016 election approximately 585, 000 signature are required for statutes, and 935, 000 for Constitutional amendments.
- Paid petitioners, who are paid between \$2 and \$6 per signature, gather most signatures.
- Cost have been as high as \$4 million for an initiative to get on the Ballot
- As a result of 2014 legislation initiatives can be on only the general election in November
- Propositions can be passed with a majority vote except Tax increases and most general obligation bonds, which require a two-thirds, vote for approval.
- School bonds can be passed with a 55 percent vote of approval.

**Proposition on November 8, 2016 Ballot.**

**Partial lists of the Supporters and Opponents are given. The given total funding for and against the measures as of August 16, 2016. Much more could be received.**

**Prop 51 Bonds for School Facilities - Initiative**

Authorizes issuance and sale of \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for construction and repair of K-12 public schools, charter schools, vocational school facilities, and community colleges.

Supporters - Building industry associations including contractors, developers funded this Initiative. Education organizations including school districts, parent and teachers association and the Democratic and Republican Parties support this measure.

Funding \$8.6 million

Opponents- Governor Brown and taxpayer Action league are opposed since they feel this is an unnecessary measure that will support the sprawl development and the building  
Funding - zero

**Prop. 52 – Hospital Fees for Medic-Cal - Initiative Statute and Constitutional Amendment**

Requires voter approval of changes in the hospital fee program, Hospitals now pay a three percent fee on their income to support Medic Cal which is matched by the Federal government.

Supporters- Hospitals and medical associations funded this initiative. They do not want the current fee change since they have been able to financially accommodate it.

Funding - \$59.6 million

Opponents - Health worker union of the Service Employers International are opposed since they believe this will benefit hospital owners and executives and not improve health or help healthcare employees.

Funding \$11.5 million

**Prop 53 Public Vote on Revenue Bonds- Initiative Constitutional Amendment**

Requires voter approval for projects that cost more than \$2 billion funded by revenue bonds.

Supporters - This measure was funded by a wealthy Stockton agribusinessman who is opposed to the state plans to build tunnels through the Delta The measure would impact other projects such as High Speed Rail Funding  
\$4.6 million

Opponents – Labor unions. Chamber of Commerce, Local governments, Democratic Party, and Governor Brown and other supporters of large projects.

Funding \$1.1 million

**Prop 54 – Changes to the legislative Process - Initiative Constitutional Amendment**

Prohibits the legislature from passing any bill until it has been in print and published on the Internet for 72 hours prior to the vote.

Supporters- Placed on the ballot by a wealthy investor and physics professor Charles Munger Jr. Supported by Republican Party, and some government accountability and disclosure advocates

Funding - \$7.9 million

Opponents- Democratic party, labor unions, legislatures and political consultants

Funding – zero to Aug 16.

**Prop.55 – Extend Tax on High Incomes - Initiative Constitutional Amendment -**

Extend temporary personal income tax increase by 1 to 9.3 %on incomes over \$250,000 implemented by Proposition 30 2012 to expire in 2018, for any additional 12 years until 2030. Funds to be used for education and healthcare, (medical)

Supporters- Teachers Associations, Democratic Party, California Hospitals, School Employees Association

Funding – \$41.9 million

Opponents- Republican Party, taxpayers associations.

Funding - zero

**Prop 56 Tobacco Tax - Initiative Constitutional Amendment**

Increase the tax on cigarettes by \$2.00 per pack from 87 cents to \$2.87 per pack.

Supporters- Medical Association, Lung Association, Cancer Society, Health Insurance Companies, California Hospitals Committee

Funding - \$17.1 million

Opponents - Tobacco and cigarette companies

Funding \$35.6 million

**Prop 57- Parole, Sentencing and court Procedures Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute**

Increases the parole chances for felons convicted of non-violent crimes and give them more opportunities to earn credits for good behavior.

Supporters- Governor Brown, Democratic Party, parolee officers  
Funding - \$6.9 million

Opponents- District Attorneys, Republican Party, Sheriffs Association, Police Officer Associations, San Diego Mayor  
Funding - zero

**Prop. 58 English Language Education Legislative Referral Statute**

Repeals Proposition 227 of 1990, Allowing bilingual education in California Public Schools.

Supporters – Teachers Association, First % Association, Superintendents of Schools Association  
Funding - \$630 thousand

Opponents- Ron Unz author of Proposition 227  
Funding - zero

**Prop 59 Political Spending Advisory Question**

Urges California Legislature to do all they can to overturn to “Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission US Supreme Court decision that allows unlimited fund raising and expenditures by “independent” committees on election campaigns.

Supporters-Democratic Party, Common Cause, Labor Unions.  
Funding 15 thousand

Opponents- Republican Party, Howard Jarvis Association,  
Funding - zero

**Prop 60 Condoms In Adult Films Initiative Statute**

Requires the use of condoms in all adult films produced in California.

Supporters- Aids Health Foundation, Occupational Health Network, American Medical Association  
Funding – \$2.4 million

Opponents- Equality California, Democratic and Republican Parties,  
Funding – 102 thousand

**Prop 61 Prescription Drug Costs -Initiative Statute**

Prohibits state agencies from more for prescription drugs than the lowest price paid for the same drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Supporters-, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, California Nurses Association, American Association of Retired People  
Funding - \$9.5 million

Opponents- Pharmaceutical industry, California Medical Association  
Funding - \$70.3 million

**Prop 62 Repealing the Death Penalty Initiative Statute**

Repeals the death penalty in California.

Supporters- Mike Farrell, Lt Gov. Newsom. Reed Hastings, Gov. Brown  
Funding - \$4,5 million

Opponents – Correctional Peace Officers, Association of Highway Patrolmen, Peace officers Research Association,  
Funding - \$3.5 million

**Prop 63 Gun and ammunition Sales - Initiative Statute**

Prohibits the possession of large capacity ammunition magazines and requires individuals to pass a background check and receive Department of Justice in order to purchase ammunition.

Supporter- California Democratic Partial Governor Newsom, Sean Parker, Brady Campaign,  
Funding \$4.0 million

Opponents- California Rifle and Pistol Association, National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America  
Funding - 0.5 million

**Prop 64 Making Recreational Marijuana Legal - Initiative Statute**

Legalizes marijuana and hemp for "recreational" uses under state law and enacts taxes on sales and cultivation.

Supporters- Lt Gov. Newsome, Democratic Party, Sean Parker, NAACP  
Funding - \$11.5 million

Opponents- SAM small growers, Teamster Union, Peace Officers Research, Association of Highway Patrolmen, Association of Los Angeles Sheriffs, Police Chiefs Association, Senator Einstein  
Funding - \$230 thousand

**Proposition 65 Money From Carry Out Bags Initiative Statute**

Redirects money collected from sale of carryout bags for grocery and other retail stores to a special fund administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

Supporters: Plastic bags manufacturers  
Funding \$5.1 million

Opponents- Environmental groups and other supporters of Prop.62 62 67,

**Prop 66 Death Penalty Court Procedures Initiative Statute**

Changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences to expedite or speed up the executions.

Supporters- Opponents of Proposition 62  
Funding - \$3.5 million

Opponents\_ Supporters of Proposition 62  
Funding -\$443 thousand

**Prop 67 Plastic Bag Ban – Referendum Statute**

Ratifies Senate Bill 270 that prohibits single use carryout plastic bags in stores. Yes means you approver of plastic bag ban approved by the legislature and Governor.

Supporters: California Grocery Association, Safeway, Ralph's markets, Environmental organizations, including Sierra Club, League of conservation voters.  
Funding - \$1.2 million

Opponents- plastic bag manufacturers.and plastics industry.  
Funding \$2.9 million

**Key Election Dates**

Last Day to Register- October 24, 2016

Last Date request a Vote by Mail application- November 1, 2016

Vote by Mail Period October 10 to November 1, 2016

**More Information**

<http://cavotes.org/ballot-measures>

<http://votersEdge.org/ca>

<http://ballotpedia.org/ca>

## How To Evaluate Ballot Propositions

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- ★ Examine what the measure seeks to accomplish. Do you agree with those goals? Is the measure seeking changes that are consistent with your ideas about government? Do you think the proposed changes will make things better?
- ★ Who are the real sponsors and opponents of the measure? Check where the money is coming from with Maplight's VotersEdge (<http://votersedge.org/california/ballot-measures/2012/november>) campaign finance website.
- ★ Is the measure written well? Will it create conflicts in law that may require court resolution or interpretation? Is it "good government," or will it cause more problems than it will resolve?
- ★ Does the measure create its own revenue source? Does it earmark, restrict or obligate government revenues? If so, weigh the benefit of securing funding for the measure's program against the cost of reducing overall flexibility in the budget.
- ★ Does the measure mandate a government program or service without addressing how it will be funded?
- ★ Does the measure deal with one issue that can be easily decided by a YES or NO vote? Or, is it a complex issue that should be thoroughly examined in the legislative arena?
- ★ If the measure amends the Constitution, consider whether it really belongs in the Constitution. Would a statute accomplish the same purpose? Remember that all constitutional amendments require voter approval: what we put into the Constitution would have to come back to the ballot to be changed.
- ★ Be wary of distortion tactics and commercials that rely on image but tell nothing of substance about the measure. Beware of half truths.

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## What's on the Ballot?

### About this Election

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#### **PROPOSITION 51: SCHOOL BONDS. FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-51-SCHOOL-BONDS-FUNDING-K-12-SCHOOL-AND-COMMUNITY-COLLEGE)**

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities; charter schools and vocational education facilities; and California Community Colleges facilities. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$17.6 billion to pay off both the principal (\$9 billion) and interest (\$8.6 billion) on the bonds. Payments of about \$500 million per year for 35 years.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-51-school-bonds-funding-k-12-school-and-community-college\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-51-school-bonds-funding-k-12-school-and-community-college)

#### **PROPOSITION 52: MEDI-CAL HOSPITAL FEE PROGRAM. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-52-MEDI-CAL-HOSPITAL-FEE-PROGRAM)**

Extends indefinitely an existing statute that imposes fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health coverage. Fiscal Impact: Uncertain fiscal effect, ranging from relatively little impact to annual state General Fund savings of around \$1 billion and increased funding for public hospitals in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-52-medi-cal-hospital-fee-program\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-52-medi-cal-hospital-fee-program)

**PROPOSITION 53: REVENUE BONDS. STATEWIDE VOTER APPROVAL.**

**(/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-53-REVENUE-BONDS-STATEWIDE-VOTER-APPROVAL)**

Requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion. Fiscal Impact: State and local fiscal effects are unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure and what actions government agencies and voters take in response to the measure's voting requirement.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-53-revenue-bonds-statewide-voter-approval\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 54: LEGISLATURE. LEGISLATION AND PROCEEDINGS.**

**(/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-54-LEGISLATURE-LEGISLATION-AND-PROCEEDINGS)**

Prohibits Legislature from passing any bill unless published on Internet for 72 hours before vote. Requires Legislature to record its proceedings and post on Internet. Authorizes use of recordings. Fiscal Impact: One-time costs of \$1 million to \$2 million and ongoing costs of about \$1 million annually to record legislative meetings and make videos of those meetings available on the Internet.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-54-legislature-legislation-and-proceedings\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 55: TAX EXTENSION TO FUND EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE.**

**(/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-55-TAX-EXTENSION-FUND-EDUCATION-AND-HEALTHCARE)**

Extends by twelve years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges, and, in certain years, healthcare. Fiscal Impact: Increased state revenues—\$4 billion to \$9 billion annually from 2019-2030—depending on economy and stock market. Increased funding for schools, community colleges, health care for low-income people, budget reserves, and debt payments.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-55-tax-extension-fund-education-and-healthcare\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 56: CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-56-CIGARETTE-TAX-FUND-HEALTHCARE-TOBACCO-USE-PREVENTION)**

Increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. Fiscal Impact: Additional net state revenue of \$1 billion to

\$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with potentially lower revenues in future years. Revenues would be used primarily to augment spending on health care for low-income Californians.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-56-cigarette-tax-fund-healthcare-tobacco-use-prevention\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-56-cigarette-tax-fund-healthcare-tobacco-use-prevention)

**PROPOSITION 57: CRIMINAL SENTENCES. PAROLE. JUVENILE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND SENTENCING. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-57-CRIMINAL-SENTENCES-PAROLE-JUVENILE-CRIMINAL)**

Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. Authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education. Provides juvenile court judge decides whether juvenile will be prosecuted as adult. Fiscal Impact: Net state savings likely in the tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. Net county costs of likely a few million dollars annually.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-57-criminal-sentences-parole-jvenile-criminal\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-57-criminal-sentences-parole-jvenile-criminal)

**PROPOSITION 58: ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-58-ENGLISH-PROFICIENCY-MULTILINGUAL-EDUCATION)**

Preserves requirement that public schools ensure students obtain English language proficiency. Requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs. Requires instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Authorizes school districts to establish dual-language immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers. Fiscal Impact: No notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-58-english-proficiency-multilingual-education\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-58-english-proficiency-multilingual-education)

**PROPOSITION 59: CORPORATIONS. POLITICAL SPENDING. FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-59-CORPORATIONS-POLITICAL-SPENDING-FEDERAL-CONSTITUTIONAL)**

Asks whether California's elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Citizens United ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional. Fiscal Impact: No direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-59-corporations-political-spending-federal-constitutional\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-59-corporations-political-spending-federal-constitutional)

**PROPOSITION 60: ADULT FILMS. CONDOMS. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.**

**(/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-60-ADULT-FILMS-CONDOMS-HEALTH-REQUIREMENTS)**

Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirement at film sites. Fiscal Impact: Likely reduction of state and local tax revenues of several million dollars annually. Increased state spending that could exceed \$1 million annually on regulation, partially offset by new fees.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-60-adult-films-condoms-health-requirements\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 61: STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES. PRICING STANDARDS.**

**(/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-61-STATE-PRESCRIPTION-DRUG-PURCHASES-PRICING-STANDARDS)**

Prohibits state from buying any prescription drug from a drug manufacturer at price over lowest price paid for the drug by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Exempts managed care programs funded through Medi-Cal. Fiscal Impact: Potential for state savings of an unknown amount depending on (1) how the measure's implementation challenges are addressed and (2) the responses of drug manufacturers regarding the provision and pricing of their drugs.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-61-state-prescription-drug-purchases-pricing-standards\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 62: DEATH PENALTY. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-62-DEATH-PENALTY)**

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution. Fiscal Impact: Net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although the impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-62-death-penalty\)](#)

**PROPOSITION 63: FIREARMS. AMMUNITION SALES. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-63-FIREARMS-AMMUNITION-SALES)**

Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. Requires Department of Justice's participation in federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Fiscal Impact: Increased state and local court and law enforcement costs, potentially in the tens of millions of

dollars annually, related to a new court process for removing firearms from prohibited persons after they are convicted.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-63-firearms-ammunition-sales\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-63-firearms-ammunition-sales)

**PROPOSITION 64: MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-64-MARIJUANA-LEGALIZATION)**

Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation. Fiscal Impact: Additional tax revenues ranging from high hundreds of millions of dollars to over \$1 billion annually, mostly dedicated to specific purposes. Reduced criminal justice costs of tens of millions of dollars annually.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-64-marijuana-legalization\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-64-marijuana-legalization)

**PROPOSITION 65: CARRYOUT BAGS. CHARGES. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-65-CARRYOUT-BAGS-CHARGES)**

Redirects money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags. Requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects. Fiscal Impact: Potential state revenue of several tens of millions of dollars annually under certain circumstances, with the monies used to support certain environmental programs.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-65-carryout-bags-charges\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-65-carryout-bags-charges)

**PROPOSITION 66: DEATH PENALTY. PROCEDURES. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-66-DEATH-PENALTY-PROCEDURES)**

Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals. Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods. Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences. Potential prison savings in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-66-death-penalty-procedures\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-66-death-penalty-procedures)

**PROPOSITION 67: BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS. (/VOTE/ELECTIONS/BALLOT-MEASURES/PROPOSITION-67-BAN-SINGLE-USE-PLASTIC-BAGS)**

A "Yes" vote approves, and a "No" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags. Fiscal Impact: Relatively small fiscal effects on state and local

governments, including a minor increase in state administrative costs and possible minor local government savings from reduced litter and waste management costs.

[Read more \(/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-67-ban-single-use-plastic-bags\)](/vote/elections/ballot-measures/proposition-67-ban-single-use-plastic-bags)

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Voters will also decide who will fill the following offices:

- President of the United States
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House
- State Senate
- State Assembly

There may also be other county, judicial, and local officers as are provided by law.

For candidate information, please visit [VotersEdge.org/CA \(http://votersedge.org/ca\)](http://votersedge.org/ca)

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Note: The League never supports or opposes candidates.

## Where can I find non-partisan election information?

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California State Treasurer  
***John Chiang***



Achieving a Better Life Experience for People With Disabilities (CalABLE)

The ABLE Act: Providing Greater Financial Security to Californians  
Living with a Disability

### **What is CalABLE?**

California Achieving a Better Life Experience (CalABLE) is a new program within the State Treasurer's Office that will allow people with disabilities to establish a tax-advantaged savings account that may be used for a broad range of qualified living expenses without fear of losing vital government assistance.

In California, some people living with disabilities and their families rely on a variety of public benefit programs provided by the state and federal government to make ends meet. They include but are not limited to Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, and other state public benefit programs. These programs provide critically important services to people with disabilities but often do not allow individuals to save more than a total of \$2,000, or earn more than \$680 a month. These restrictions are a major barrier for people with disabilities and their families to save for long-term needs, leaving them vulnerable to changes in health, living arrangements, unexpected emergencies, or simply the explosive growth in the cost of healthcare.

### **How Much Can a Person Have in the Account?**

A beneficiary can save up to \$100,000 in an Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account while still maintaining eligibility for public benefit programs.

### **How Much Can a Person Contribute?**

Contributions to the account are currently limited to \$14,000 per year, and can be made by the individual account holder, family, and friends. The account's earnings are allowed to accumulate tax-free, and the withdrawals, provided they qualify as disability expenses, are also tax-free. Contributions to an ABLE account must be made in cash instruments from the contributor's after-tax income.

### **Who is Qualified to Open an Account?**

Based on federal law, an eligible individual is a person who is 1) entitled to benefits on the basis of disability or blindness under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or under the Social Security Disability, Retirement, and Survivors program; or, 2) An individual who submits certification that meets the criteria for a disability certification. The eligible individual's disability must have occurred before the age 26. An eligible individual may only have one account.

### **What Can the Funds be Used For?**

Any expenses made for the benefit of the eligible beneficiary and related to his/her disability, including: education, housing, transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal, support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management and administrative services, legal fees, funeral expenses, and other expenses, which are approved by federal regulations.

### **How Will CalABLE be Administered?**

The law establishing the CalABLE program creates a 7 member CalABLE Act Board, chaired by the State Treasurer, and includes the Director of Finance, the State Controller, the Director of Developmental Services, and the chairperson of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Director of Rehabilitation, and the Chair of the State Independent Living Council.

### **When Will CalABLE be Open for Business?**

The goal is to open for business the summer of 2017. The Board held its first meeting August 15, 2016. Before CalABLE opens for business, the Board is required to establish its program regulations, issue a Request for

Proposal for a program consultant, program administrator and asset manager, and then contract with a financial services provider.

### **I Need to Deposit Funds ASAP – How Can I Open an Account Sooner?**

The federal ABLE Act permits beneficiaries to open an account in another state's program if their state does not have a program available. Until CalABLE is open for business, we encourage eligible individuals to explore opening accounts in Ohio or Tennessee's existing programs.

### **History of the ABLE Act**

The federal ABLE Act was signed into law by President Obama on December 19, 2014. The law required each state to decide whether to offer a qualified ABLE program to its residents. During the 2015-2016 Legislative Session, Senator Fran Pavley of Agoura Hills and Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin of Thousand Oaks co-authored and passed two bills, Senate Bill (SB) 324 and Assembly Bill (AB) 449, which established the California ABLE Act. In October 2015, Governor Brown signed the California ABLE Act into law. An appropriation to begin implementation of the ABLE Act was included in the Governor's 2016-17 Budget.

### **How Can I Get Involved?**

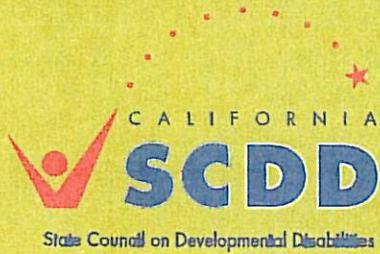
The Treasurer looks forward to working with all stakeholders to make sure the program meets the needs of the disabled community and their families. Interested parties can sign up to receive CalABLE information and may also connect with us on Facebook.

For more information, contact Christina Elliott, Executive Director.

**Staff Report**  
**North Valley Hills**  
**By:**  
**Dena Hernandez**  
**Neil Fromm**  
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Proposed for 2017

# About the Council

*The federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 establishes State Councils on Developmental Disabilities in each of the 56 states and territories to promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all aspects of community life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. The Lanterman Act establishes the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Council) to fulfill those obligations through advocacy, capacity building, and systems change.*

*To that end, the Council develops and implements goals, objectives, and strategies designed to improve and enhance the availability and quality of services and supports.*

*The Council is comprised of 31 members appointed by the Governor, including individuals with disabilities and their families, and representatives from Disability Rights California, the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and state agencies.*

*In addition to the Council's Sacramento headquarters, regional offices support individuals with I/DD and their families through activities such as advocacy training, monitoring, and public information. The Council strives to ensure that appropriate laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the rights of individuals are observed and protected.*

*This document conveys the Council's position on major policy issues that affect individuals with I/DD and their families.*



## Promise of the Lanterman Act

*The Lanterman Act promises to honor the needs and choices of individuals with I/DD by establishing an array of quality services throughout the state. Services shall support people to live integrated, productive lives in their home communities, in the least restrictive environment. Access to needed services and supports must not be undermined through categorical service elimination, service caps, means testing, or family cost participation fees and other financial barriers.*

*California must not impose artificial limitations or reductions in community-based services and supports that would compromise the health and safety of persons with I/DD.*



## SELF-DETERMINATION

Individuals with I/DD (intellectual and developmental disabilities) and their families must be given the option to control their service dollars and their services through Self-Determination. The person with I/DD is in charge. With the support of those they choose and trust, people with I/DD and their families are best suited to understand their own unique needs, develop their own life goals, and construct those services and supports most appropriate to reach their full potential. The process begins with a Person Centered Plan (PCP). Self-Determination gives individuals the tools and the basic human right to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in the ways that they choose.



## EMPLOYMENT

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) gives people an opportunity to contribute and be valued. It gives them a chance to build relationships with co-workers, be a part of their communities, and contribute to their local economies. It reduces poverty and reliance on state support and leads to greater self-sufficiency. The Council supports the initiatives of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA), Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), and California's Employment First law.

CIE is the priority outcome for working age individuals with I/DD, regardless of the severity of their disability. Transition planning should begin as early as possible. Policies and practices must set expectations for employment, promote collaboration between state agencies, and remove barriers to CIE through access to information, benefits counseling, job training, postsecondary education, and appropriate provider rates that incentivize quality employment outcomes.

## EQUITY

Disparities in services can result in severe health, economic, and quality of life consequences. Accordingly, services and supports must be distributed equitably so that individual needs are met in a culturally appropriate and linguistically competent manner, regardless of race, ethnicity, or income.



## TRANSPORTATION

Access to transportation is essential to the education, employment, and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Individuals with I/DD must be a part of transportation planning and policymaking to assure their needs and perspectives are heard and addressed. Mobility training must be a standard program among transportation providers to increase the use of available transportation and reduce reliance on more costly segregated systems. Barriers between geographic areas and transportation systems must be broken down so people with I/DD can travel as easily as anyone else.

## HEALTH CARE

California has an obligation to assure that individuals with I/DD have continuity of quality care, a full continuum of health care and wellness services, and access to plain language information and supports to make informed decisions about their health care options.

California has an obligation to support timely, efficient health and dental care for individuals with I/DD. This includes informed consent, prevention of overmedication and an adequate network of health professionals. It also includes people with multiple health care needs, those who require routine preventative care, mental and/or behavioral health treatment, dental care, durable medical equipment, and those with reproductive health issues.

Service system complexities must be reduced. Individuals must be reimbursed for insurance co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles when their health insurance covers therapies that are on their Individual Program Plans (IPPs).



## EDUCATION

Schools must implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as well as state laws and regulations, to provide students with I/DD with free appropriate public education (FAPE) and prepare them for post-secondary education, employment, and living in their communities. Students with disabilities will be educated alongside their non-disabled peers in the least restrictive environment. Transition planning should be considered part of the IPP process. School districts and other educational agencies need to be held accountable for implementing the letter and the intent of all state and federal laws, and parents must have equal participation in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process, including the ability to give informed consent. Transparency is paramount. The Council opposes all forms of seclusion and restraint techniques.

## HOUSING

People with I/DD must be involved in policy and decision making related to housing. Community integrated living options for individuals with I/DD must be increased and enhanced through access to housing subsidy programs and community education and integration to reduce discrimination. Permanent, affordable, accessible, and sustained housing options must be continually developed to meet both current and future needs.

## SELF-ADVOCACY

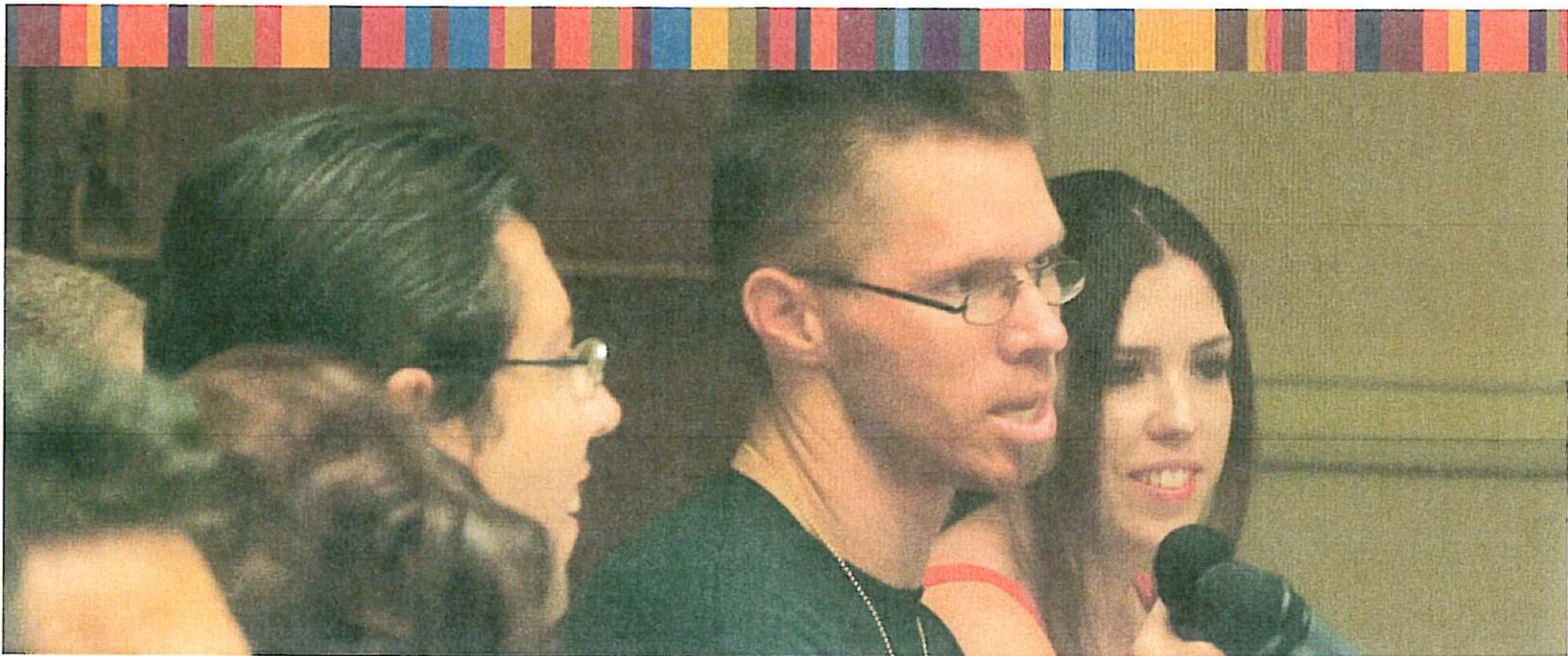
Individuals with I/DD must be supported to exert maximum control over their lives. They must be provided the opportunity and support to assume their rightful leadership in the service system and society, including voting and other civic responsibilities. Self-advocates must have access to training, plain language materials, and policy making opportunities.

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Individuals with I/DD must have access to and be supported to participate in their communities, with their non-disabled peers, through opportunities such as education, employment, recreation, organizational affiliations, spiritual development, and civic responsibilities.

## TRANSITION TO ADULT LIFE

All services, including education, rehabilitation, and regional center services, must support students to transition to competitive integrated employment or post-secondary educational opportunities that will lead to meaningful employment. Transition services must be considered at the earliest possible opportunity. Adults with I/DD must have access to meaningful activities of their choice with the appropriate services and supports.



## RATES FOR SERVICES

The state must restore rates to adequately support the availability of quality services for people with all disabilities in all the systems that serve them. A planned and systematic approach to rate adjustments must prioritize and incentivize services and supports that best promote self-determination, independence, employment, and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

All people have a right to be safe. People with I/DD need emergency preparedness training. Individuals with I/DD experience a much greater rate of victimization and a far lower rate of prosecution for crimes against them. The same level of due process protections must be provided to all people. Individuals with I/DD should be trained in personal safety, how to protect themselves against becoming victims of crime, and how their participation in identification and prosecution can make a difference. In addition, too many interactions between law enforcement and people with I/DD end in avoidable tragedy. Law enforcement personnel, first responders, and the judicial system must be trained in how to work with people with I/DD who they interact with during the course of their duties, including those who are victims of crimes.



## QUALITY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

The State of California must ensure that funding is used to achieve positive outcomes for individuals with I/DD and their families. An adequate safety net must be in place to address medical, psychiatric, behavioral, residential, staffing, equipment, or other needs when those services or supports fail, are interrupted, are not available, or additional services and supports are necessary for urgent or immediate need. The state must streamline burdensome and duplicative regulations and processes that do not lead to positive outcomes for people with I/DD and their families. Quality assessment and oversight must be provided by the state; it must measure what matters, be administered in a culturally competent manner, and the results made public and used to improve the system of services and supports.



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## **North Valley Hills Office**

### **2017 Meeting DATES\***

\*(Locations to be determined- all subject to change)

**JANUARY 24, 2017- in Stanislaus County**

**MARCH 28, 2017- in Amador County**

**MAY 23, 2017- in Calaveras County**

**JULY 25, 2017- in Tuolumne County**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2017- in San Joaquin County**

**November 2017 – NO meeting but members will receive an information only packet.**

# Announcements



# California Celebrates 50 Years of the Lanterman Act for Developmental Disabilities



**50 years of supporting people with  
developmental disabilities in the community**

The Lanterman Act created a system of Regional Centers to provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

## **Valley Mountain Regional Center Celebrates**

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**September 28, 2016**

**10:30AM -12:00 PM**

**At the University Park World Peace Rose Garden**

**Magnolia St. and California St. Stockton, CA**

Experience art exhibits from consumers, guided tours of the historical University Park grounds and speakers from the community including, consumers, and public officials.

# Best Practices in the Education of Children with Down Syndrome

PRESENTED BY



Monday • October 3, 2016  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
Registration 8:30am

San Joaquin County Office of Education • 2707 Transworld Drive • Stockton, CA 95206

## SPEAKERS

- Patti McVay, a Partner in Down Syndrome Unites – Championing All Disabilities, has served as the Director of Education at the Linda Cnic Institute for Down Syndrome in Colorado, which focuses on significantly improving the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome. She has worked as a Special Education Director in California, recognized as a Partner in the Special Education Research Organization in Hokkaido, Japan and in 2011 and received the Global Down Syndrome Foundation Award of Excellence in Education.
- Laurie Pachl, a Partner in Down Syndrome Unites – Championing All Disabilities, has a strong background in child centered training, in class technical training and school team coaching. She has expertise in emergency preparedness and assists school districts prepare for and respond to crisis situations for students with developmental disabilities.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

#### Keys to Student Success in Inclusive Settings

- Tools for increasing student participation with typical peers
- Tools for increasing student success in general education
- Process for making curriculum accommodations/modifications
- Importance and power of visual tools
- Key elements of positive behavior planning
- Hands-on activities for brainstorming, co-operative planning and work
- Identification of takeaways – know who you will enlist and what you will practice tomorrow

## CONFERENCE SUPPORTERS



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda Farinelli-Mikita • 209.915.6612 • [deltaflower@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deltaflower@sbcglobal.net)

### REGISTRATION FORM—Detach and Return

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ATTENDING:

- General Attendee • \$40.00
- Parent/Caregiver of child with Down syndrome • \$10
- Member of TBODS • No Cost
- Spanish Translation Required

Remit Form & Payment to:  
 The Brighterside of Down Syndrome (TBODS)  
 PO Box 32252  
 Stockton, CA 95213  
 Checks & Cash Accepted

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. No refunds will be given, but substitutions are welcome.  
 Handouts, attendee bag, and lunch included. Register by September 23rd.

# TBODS

The Brighterside of Down Syndrome of San Joaquin County  
 10TH ANNUAL BUDDY WALK  
 OCTOBER 22, 2016 • 10:30 AM—2:00 PM  
 MICKE GROVE PARK • DELTA SHELTER  
 OVERFLOW @ MOKELUMNE SHELTER  
 11793 N. MICKE GROVE RD. LODI, CA  
 Event will take place Rain or Shine



## BUDDY WALK REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A BUDDY FOR \_\_\_\_\_

name of person with Down syndrome

**DONOR:** I cannot participate in the walk but accept my donation to support inclusion and acceptance of people with Down syndrome.

|       |                           |  |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| FEES: | AGES 7 AND ABOVE          | \$20.00 PER PERSON • INCLUDES LUNCH AND TSHIRT |
|       | PARKING                   | \$ 6.00 AT GATE                                |
|       | PERSON WITH DOWN SYNDROME | FREE   |
|       | CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER      | FREE   |

(Does NOT include TShirt. TShirts for children 6 and under may be purchased for \$10.00 each)

OPTIONAL DONOR DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANTS AGES 7 AND OLDER \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # participants

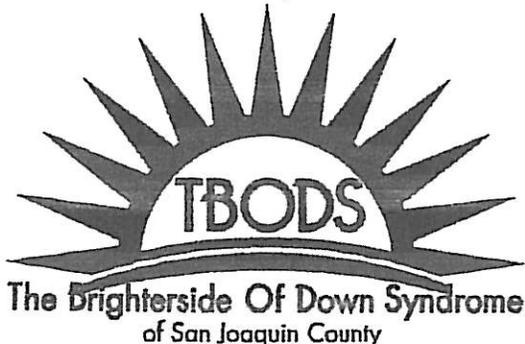
OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL SHIRTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (FOR AGES 6 AND UNDER) # shirts

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to TBODS and mail with completed form to:

TBODS  
 PO BOX 32252  
 STOCKTON, CA 95213-2252

Registration fee and form must be received by Sept. 9th to ensure t-shirt size.



# BUDDY WALK PARTICIPANTS

ADULT SIZES: SM . MED . LG . XL . 2XL . 3XL      YOUTH SIZES: XS (2-4) . SM (6-8) . MED (10-12)

## ADULTS: for each participant 18 YEAR AND OLDER

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## CHILDREN: for each participant UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

Children 6 and under are FREE and t-shirts for them are optional at a cost of \$10.00.

CHILDS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDS AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE: ADULT SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ OR YOUTH SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERSON WITH DOWN SYNDROME FREE

If your child (any age) has Down syndrome, please fill out info below.

CHILDS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDS AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SHIRT SIZE: ADULT SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ OR YOUTH SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

### WAIVER: YOUR SIGNATURE ABOVE APPLIES TO TERMS OF WAIVER BELOW

Waiver: In consideration of me and/or my minor child being permitted to participate in the Buddy walk, I hereby-for myself, my heirs and personal representatives-assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue the National Down Syndrome Society and The Brighterside Of Down Syndrome of San Joaquin County, its officers, employees, sponsors, organizers, volunteers or other representatives or their successors and assigns, for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by myself and/or my minor child as a result of taking part in the events and any related activities. I also authorize the use of any photo, film, or videotape taken of me and/or my minor child at the event for any purpose.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REPRODUCE THIS FORM

# Run...Walk...Wheel Charity Event

October 22, 2016 5K Run Walk



Hosted by:



The Great Pumpkin  
Run...Walk...Wheel

920 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA 95354

**Event time: 10:00 am**

**Sign In Time: 8:30 am**

Vendor Participation Form (Community Resources)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Food and water provided for all vendors.

**Vendor Fee \$100.00**

Optional: We will donate the following item(s) for a giveaway prize to raffle at this event.

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Please COMPLETE Form and RETURN: ASAP or by Friday October 14, 2016

You may scan and email completed form to [mary@drail.org](mailto:mary@drail.org) or fax: (209) 521-4763

For more information, please contact us: Mary Iler (209) 521-7260

# Ability Resource Fair & Assistive Technology Expo

October 14, 2016

## FEATURING:

- Demonstrations
- Mock Interviews
- Resource Booths
- Adaptive Devices
- FREE Raffle Prizes
- Micro-Enterprisers

*& Much More!*

## FREE EVENT !

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Modesto Centre Plaza  
1000 L St., Modesto

*Presented By:*



## DRAIL

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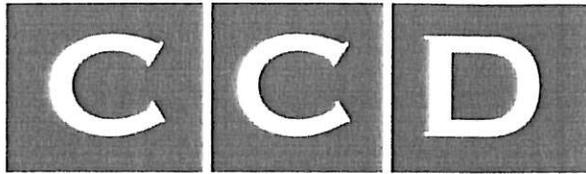
**Center for Disability  
Access**



**Modesto  
Mobility  
Center Inc.**



For more information or to reserve a booth please contact: Sandra Graham @ (209) 477-6342 or [sandra@drail.org](mailto:sandra@drail.org)



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **New Opportunities for State & Local Disability Housing Advocates!**

Beginning in 2016, state and local advocates have two new opportunities to increase affordable, accessible, integrated housing in the community for people with disabilities.

*NOW is the time to get involved!*

Disability advocates may benefit from working closely with affordable housing advocates and civil rights advocates in their state on these new opportunities.

### **NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND (NHTF)**

The NHTF is a new federal housing program run by state housing agencies for the first time beginning in 2016. Congress authorized the NHTF primarily to address the critical shortage of rental housing units affordable to extremely low income (ELI) households – those with incomes below 30 percent of the Area Median Income.

#### **What does the NHTF do?**

Primarily, states will use NHTF dollars to buy, build, rehabilitate, preserve, or operate rental housing for ELI households.

#### **Why is the NHTF important for people with disabilities?**

Across the U.S., many people with disabilities live in ELI households and face a housing crisis. The overwhelming majority of people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) live in ELI households, as well as many people with disabilities who work or who receive Social Security disability benefits.

#### **How will states prioritize their NHTF funds?**

Each year, states must develop and submit a NHTF Allocation Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval before they can receive their funds. The plan must describe how the state will use NHTF resources during the coming year.

#### **How can I advocate that my state prioritize affordable, accessible, integrated rental housing for people with disabilities?**

States must provide the public a chance to review and comment on a draft NHTF Allocation Plan and must consider public comments in developing the final Plan. This provides an opportunity for you to advocate for these funds to serve people with disabilities.

#### **For example?**

The 30 states that have received Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) funding could pair NHTF with the PRA to create new integrated permanent supportive housing. Visit <http://811resourcecenter.tacinc.org/> to learn more about the Section 811 PRA program.

### **How do I learn more?**

Visit <http://nlihc.org/issues/nhtf> and <http://nlihc.org/issues/nhtf/state-allocation-plans>. The second link provides the state housing agency contacts for the NHTF as well as the state affordable housing advocate who is leading advocacy efforts.

## **AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH)**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions on the basis of a number of protected characteristics – ***including disability.***

New rules set out by HUD over the last year require states, certain cities, and public housing authorities to meet their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) by developing new Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) plans. AFFH means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics such as disability.

### **Why is the AFH planning process important for people with disabilities?**

In the AFH, states, cities and housing authorities must identify goals, strategies, and actions to affirmatively further fair housing, including for people with disabilities. Those goals, strategies, and actions must be included in the Consolidated Plan and the Public Housing Authority Plan. These plans impact how dollars are spent in the federal-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships program (HOME), Section 8 and Public Housing programs.

### **For example?**

The AFH could prioritize:

- Providing a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program preference for people with disabilities who are moving from institutions to the community;
- Using CDBG funds for home accessibility modifications;
- Using HOME funds for a bridge rental assistance program for people with disabilities who are moving from institutions to the community; and/or
- Using HOME funds with project rental assistance or project-based vouchers to create integrated, affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities.

### **How can I advocate that my state prioritize affordable, accessible, integrated rental housing for people with disabilities?**

State and local governments and housing authorities must have at least two public hearings and must provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft AFH plan. HUD is providing state and local entities with some U.S. Census data to complete their AFH. However, the Census does not currently collect very good information about people with disabilities – especially those who live in group homes, shelters, or institutions. Disability advocates need to make sure that the entities drafting the AFH receive information about the housing needs of people with disabilities in their communities.

### **How do I learn more?**

Visit [http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2016AG\\_Chapter\\_7-2.pdf](http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/2016AG_Chapter_7-2.pdf) or <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/affh/>.

*Prepared by the CCD Housing Task Force, 08/01/16. For more information contact Lisa Sloane, TAC, [lsloane@tacinc.org](mailto:lsloane@tacinc.org) or T.J. Sutcliffe, The Arc, [sutcliffe@thearc.org](mailto:sutcliffe@thearc.org).*

Written by Mark Hassemer  
Dear Friends of ACT:

My eyes were opened last week to an issue I'd never considered before: the potential harms of guardianship.

Here's what I didn't know:

1. Guardianship is almost always *plenary* or *total* (But it doesn't need to be.)
2. The number of adults in guardianship today has tripled from 500,000 in 1995.
3. Studies show that people who exercise little or no self-determination are injured by this prohibition, developmentally, physically, and psychologically. People who determine for themselves what their lives will be like are healthier, more independent and well-adjusted, and better able to recognize and resist abuse.

These revelations came at a presentation I attended last week by attorney Jonathan Martinis on Supported Decision-Making (SDM).

Martinis says SDM is an alternative to guardianship through which people with disabilities use friends, family members, and professionals to help them understand the situations and choices they face, so they may make their own decisions without the "need" for a guardian.

He's calling for the use of SDM as an alternative to guardianship, which needlessly strips people with disabilities of their rights. It's a paradigm, he says, not a process. It can and should change.

You can find more information about SDM at: [www.supporteddecisionmaking.org](http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org).

We try to do what we say here when it comes to choice. We do person-centered planning with every individual who receives services at ACT. We ask each person what she or he prefers, wants, and aspires to. But in all my years in this field, I've never heard the phrase "supported decision-making."

The idea rests on an understanding that everyone needs supports. I don't make decisions about retirement plans without the support of my financial adviser. I get a diagnosis and advice from my doctor before medical treatment. I talk to my mechanic and get her advice on repairs to my car.

We ALL need supports. Although it may not seem like it, none of us makes it in life alone. The supports that a particular person with a disability receives may simply be different from the ones you receive.

Your life should not be dictated and controlled by a guardian simply because you need support.

Instead, people with disabilities can direct their own lives and regain access to their rights through SDM.

This idea is beautifully illustrated by the story of 29-year old Jenny Hatch, a Virginia woman with Down syndrome. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/woman-with-down-syndrome-prevails-over-parents-in-guardianship-case/2013/08/02/4aec4692-fae3-11e2-9bde-7ddaa186b751\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/woman-with-down-syndrome-prevails-over-parents-in-guardianship-case/2013/08/02/4aec4692-fae3-11e2-9bde-7ddaa186b751_story.html)

Jenny knew by direct experience what I just came to know, what Rep. Claude Pepper, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging said in his prepared remarks at a Briefing on Abuses in Guardianship (Sept. 25, 1987): "The typical ward has fewer rights than the typical convicted felon. They can no longer receive money or pay their bills. They cannot marry or divorce. By appointing a

guardian, the court entrusts to someone else the power to choose where they will live, what medical treatment they will get and, in rare cases, when they will die. It is, in one short sentence, the most punitive civil penalty that can be levied against an American citizen, with the exception, of course, of the death penalty."

Let that sink in.

Because we are helpers in a helping profession, and because we've seen the effects of isolation, abuse, and neglect on people with disabilities, we're inclined toward being protective.

What I've come to see, what's causing me to genuinely reconsider how we serve those in our care, is the **harm of being over-protective**.

There is dignity in risk. Taking a chance and pursuing what you desire elevates everyone. Even if we choose poorly. Even if we fail.

It could be that convenience is driving the rapid escalation of guardianship. It's messier, more complicated, and time-consuming to ask a person what he or she wants and then do it. He might get injured on the job. She might seek a relationship with someone we don't like. She might spend a portion of her income on a "frivolous" hobby. He might buy a six-pack of beer.

In some circumstances, Martinis says guardianship may be needed. For instance, guardianship could be appropriate in emergency situations when someone is incapacitated and cannot give consent; or to support people who face critical decisions and have no ability to make them or interest in doing so, or need immediate protection from exploitation or abuse.

If you're not completely sold on this notion of SDM, before considering guardianship, at least ask, "What else can we try?"

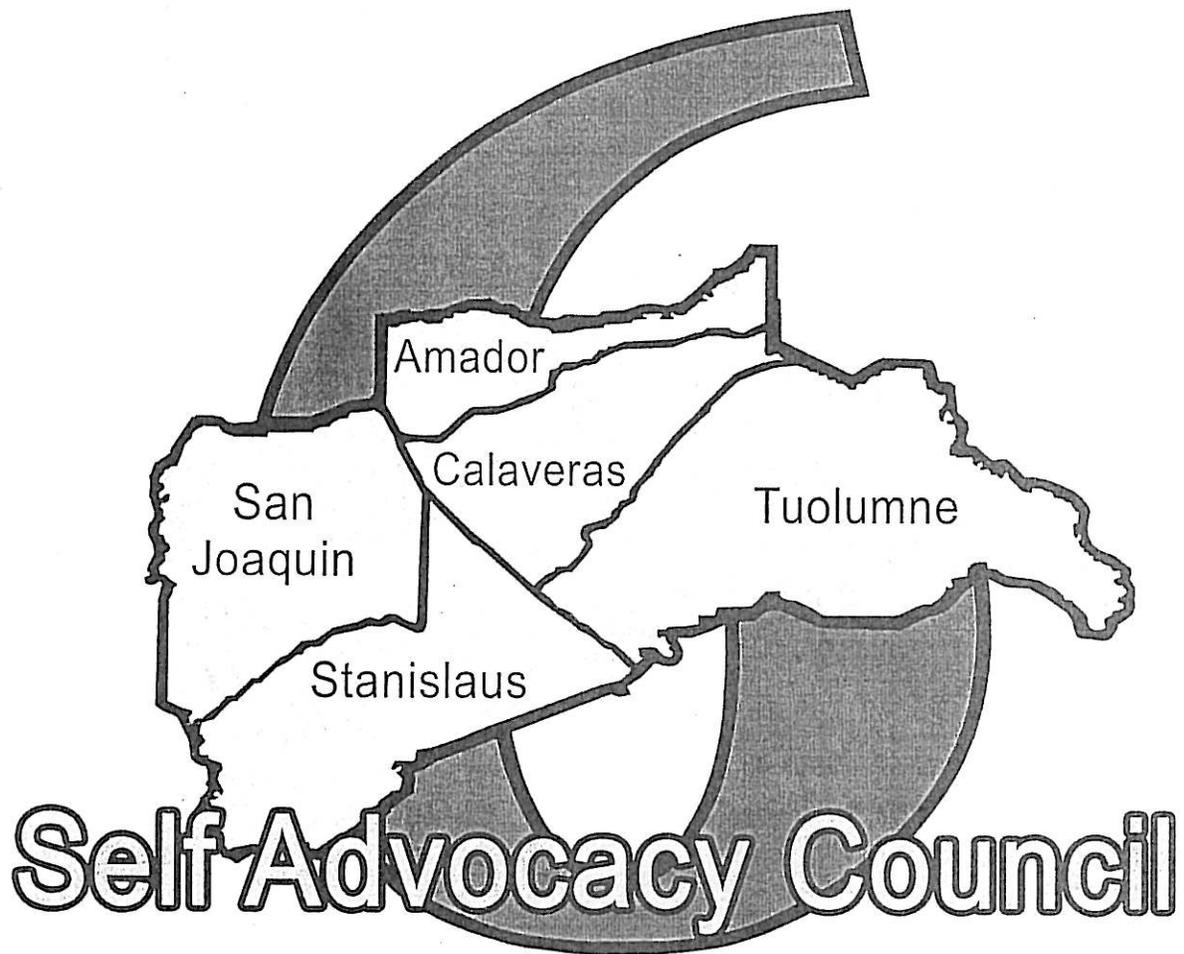
Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the inalienable rights of all human persons, says the Declaration of Independence. These rights should not be snatched away reflexively simply for the convenience of care-givers or the fear that something bad might happen if one chooses poorly.

That's what happened to Jenny Hatch. After she was hit by a car while riding her bike, her guardians sent her to live in a group home. She hated it. She wanted to go back and live with her two friends. Her friends helped her hire a lawyer and fight the guardianship petition. They sat down with her and explained her legal situation. They helped her understand her choices. And then they listened and understood when she expressed for herself what she wanted.

Although the Court found she needed a guardian, the need is temporary. And the Court considered Jenny's preferences. Her friends became her guardians.

Martinis called that decision "the rock that starts the avalanche."

I started feeling the rumble of that avalanche last week. And I'm thinking about what we can do at ACT to implement SDM and restore access to the right of self-determination inherent in everyone we serve. Until next month, Mark



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