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To Area Board 8 Members and the general public:

With the New Year approaching some new things are ahead for the Area 8 Board on Developmental Disabilities office. Assembly Bill 1595 goes into effect January 1 and it contains some changes to the structure of the Area Boards. For the past 12 years, Area Boards have been constituted as regional offices of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). With the passage of AB 1595, the term "Area Board" will be eliminated to better clarify that the offices are regional offices of the State Council. This will bring the California Council into alignment with the federal law that governs our operations.

We will continue to have an advisory board that will report to the Headquarters office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. As we do not yet have more details on the specifics that will surround the "Regional Office 8 Advisory Committee" (not the official name) we have postponed our first meeting of 2015 to be tentative for February 11th. We will continue to notify everyone as we learn more about the appointments to the committee and its functions.

Our office remains committed to serving the needs of the Kern and Central Valley Regional Centers catchment areas developmentally disabled community. If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (559) 222-2496.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Bowling".

Joseph Bowling and the Area 8 Board Staff