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Ms. Allison Cruz  
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Dear Ms. Cruz:

Enclosed is the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) December 1, 2014, program progress report as required under the special conditions and restrictions of the Fiscal Year 2015 Award No. 1501CABSDD award letter. This report contains the documents agreed to in the Documentation of Compliance for twelve of the items. With this report, California has submitted 27% of the remaining compliance items.

The enactment of Assembly Bill (AB) 1595 in September 2014 brought significant progress in response to the 2013 Monitoring and Technical Assistance Review System Report. Long standing differences between the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act and the California Lanterman Act were finally reconciled. After this significant progress, SCDD and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) worked together to develop a plan to address the remaining issues, captured the evidence of progress needed in the Documentation of Compliance Task Chart, and received AIDD's approval.

This report is the first program progress report in this phase of the corrective action plan (CAP). It contains the documents related to:

- Task A1
- Task B1
- Task C1
- Task C2
- Task D1
- Task E1
- Task F1
- Task I5

*"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."*

- Task I6
- Task I7
- Task M2
- Task N1

The submissions for these tasks meet the agreed upon evidence and timeline in the Documentation of Compliance (11/12/14 update enclosed), though they do not fully provide the context for the many efforts underway related to changing the organizational structure and operations.

SCDD has been active and moving quickly since the passage of AB 1595, sequencing activities in the earliest possible way to change the organization. SCDD revised the bylaws to conform to AB 1595, brought these to Committee for review, and received Council approval. These bylaws lay the foundation for the Regional Office and Regional Advisory Committees, removing the prior role of Area Boards. Staff is currently building on this foundation by detailing Regional Office directions. These directions will be brought to the Executive Committee in December 2014 and the Council in January 2015 for their consideration and vote. This process is the policy aspect of changing and transforming SCDD from Area Boards into a central, statewide headquarters with regional offices. SCDD will carry out the functional transition during 2015.

Keeping with the centralization of the SCDD operations, SCDD has made progress in hiring staff in headquarters. The October 28, 2014 Award letter stated AIDD's concern that staffing is not adequate to sufficiently implement the CAP and move SCDD closer to full compliance. SCDD hired two key members of the executive team: the Deputy Director of Policy and Planning (DDPP) and Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations (DDROO) (11/26/14 Organization Chart enclosed). The DDPP has the leadership role for policy and the State Plan while the DDROO coordinates and gives direction to the Regional Offices to ensure they carry out the organization's direction. Additionally, SCDD hired a Legislation and Communication Manager. The two policy positions complement each other in that one brings a state policy perspective and the other a federal advocacy background.

While this action fills out the Executive Team, SCDD will further review its staffing needs. The Council continues its process to identify and hire a permanent, full-time director. Additionally, the Chief Deputy Director will begin a process to identify cost savings, which will include a review of SCDD's staffing plan.

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In addition, the Council is actively working on its current and future State Plans to make them consistent with AIDD expectations, which will be an ongoing process. The Council is completing the 2013 Program Performance Report (PPR). Please remember that this PPR will contain data for a state-plan-year that AIDD stated was flawed. A partial step to bringing this current plan into compliance is amending the current plan objectives, which SCDD will submit to AIDD by December 31, 2014 with its State Plan Amendment. Additionally, SCDD will work on amending the goals in the current State Plan, which will be done by August 2015. In addition to this work, SCDD is beginning the Comprehensive Review and Analysis for the 2017-2021 State Plan. These are large, long-term efforts in effectively addressing the CAP.

SCDD submits this report of significant progress and accomplishments for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "m. clark".

Mike Clark  
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State Council on Developmental Disabilities