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Dear Ms. Cruz:

Enclosed is the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) July 1, 2015 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 six compliance items agreed to in the Documentation of Compliance for delivery on July 1, 2015. With this report, California has submitted 71% of the compliance items. With your review of prior reports, California is 44% compliant.

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

- Task I1 – Memorandum of Understanding
- Task I2 – Memorandum of Understanding
- Task I8 – Breakdown of Staff by Funding Source, Training Materials, and Staff Orientation Binder
- Task J1b – Evidence of Periodic Meetings and Joint Activities
- Task M3 – Council Reviews of Monthly Budget Projections, Council Votes on Resource Allocation, Including Cost-Reductions
- Task O2 – Designated State Agency Annual Evaluation

The submissions for these tasks meet the agreed upon evidence and timeline in the Documentation of Compliance (June 30, 2015 update enclosed).

The Council's MTARS Committee continues to be involved in items that require continuous monitoring or additional information. Here are updates on those times.

*"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."*

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Task C2 (Demographic Analysis) is under continuous monitoring. Since our last report, Governor Jerry Brown made 2 appointments to SCDD. The SCDD Membership Committee recruited, reviewed, and recommended both candidates. I attached an updated Council Member demographic map that includes these changes. The current Council reflects geographic representation throughout the state, every region represented by at least one Council Member, increasing Latino and African-American representation, and increasing gender balance. The Council currently has only three vacancies. The Membership Committee continues to solicit candidates from a number of sources, looking for qualified family and self-advocates who reflect the diversity of California.

Also, Task A2 (Executive Director Job Description) is under continuous monitoring. In the last report, SCDD reported that our Personnel Manager retired. In May 2015, I hired the Personnel Manager. The Governor's Office had no involvement in this hire. The Personnel Manager is currently focused on other critical hires, including the permanent Executive Director.

Hiring the permanent Executive Director is a top priority for the Council. The Council recently completed an extensive recruitment search and received a national pool of applicants. On May 18 and 19, 2015, the Executive Committee reviewed applicants and selected candidates to be invited for interview. On June 24, 2015, the Executive Committee conducted the first round of interviews and recommended candidates to the Council for a second interview with the full Council on July 15, 2015.

Recently, you requested additional information regarding Task G2 (Welcome Letter for Agency Reps). During our regular quarterly call, we agreed to provide agendas and transcripts demonstrating agency-member participation. While its recent focus has largely been on MTARs compliance activities and post AB-1595 governance structures, the Council also turned its attention to other important I/DD issues. January 2015, the Council representative from the Department of Rehabilitation presented on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and the Promise Act. Please find the minutes from this meeting. July 2015, the Department of Developmental Services will seek Council input on its draft plan to close the Sonoma Developmental Center, an institution. Please find the agenda for this meeting. Also, please see attached minutes from recent Council meetings where agency representatives made motions and transcripts of recent Council meetings with agency representatives' comments compiled for convenience.

Tasks L1, L2, and M1 require documents to demonstrate the guidance provided to Council Members in developing, approving, and monitoring its budget. As discussed during the quarterly call we believe task M3 meets this request. Task M3 is part of this report.

SCDD continues to make progress on implementing Assembly Bill (AB) 1595. At its July 14, 2015 meeting, the Council will take up the attached paper titled "Systemic Advocacy vs Direct Individual Advocacy," which lays out advocacy services supported by

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federal dollars. Please note, staff have already stopped providing direct services in the form of individual advocacy as evidenced by the monthly activity reports submitted with 270 reimbursement packages. Also, the training I provided the Council about the federal DD Act, the Lanterman Act, the role of the federal partners, and the Council's unique role continues to be popular. I have presented it at a UCEDD, to multiple regional advisory committees, and to a statewide self-advocate network. Finally, SCDD continues to collect information for the comprehensive review analysis for the next state plan and has received over 1,200 responses to the state plan survey.

While these items are outside what is required in this reporting period, they demonstrate SCDD's continued progress in meeting the needs of Californians' with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, the ideals of the federal DD Act, and the expectations of you, our funder.

Council Members and I look forward to seeing you in person at the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities annual conference in July, pending Governor approval of out-of-state travel. Because the conference is held so close to California, we invited all members of the Council's Executive Committee to attend. We are looking forward to learning from the many speakers and technical training workshop, networking among our national peers, and letting others know about the California Council's direction and focus.

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

Sincerely,

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