



**Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015**

Members Present

April Lopez (FA)
Bill Moore
Carmela Garnica (FA)
Catherine Blakemore
Charles Horne-Nutt (SA)
Dan Boomer
David Forderer (SA)
Eric Gelber
Feda Almaliti (FA)
Janelle Lewis
Jonathan Clarkson
Kerstin Williams (SA)
Nancy Clyde (SA)
Nicole Smith
Ning Yang (SA)
Rebecca Donabed (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Robin Hansen
Sandra Smith (FA)
Steven Kapp (SA)

Members Absent

Kecia Weller (SA)
Kris Kent
Max Duley (FA)
Olivia Raynor
Robert Jacobs

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Anastasia Bacigalupo
Angela Lewis
Bob Phillips
Chris Arroyo
Christine Lannon
David Grady
Dawn Morley
Dee Anne Holloway
Dena Hernandez
Elizabeth Drake
Holly Bins
Janet Fernandez

Others Attending (cont.)

Joe Bowling
Mary Agnes Nolan
Mike Clark
Nancy Dow
Natalie Bocanegra
October King
Robert Phillips
Robin Maitino
Ruby Villanueva
Sam Seaton
Sarah May
Sonya Bingaman
Vicki Smith
Nelly Neiblas
Benita Baines

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairperson April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and a quorum was established.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others attending introduced themselves.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Robert Taylor (SA) read a letter on behalf of Mr. Joe Tichenor regarding his political positions on healthcare, transportation, employment, fair housing linked to wages, asset

protection, and state disability certificates. Mr. Tichenor is asking that the Council address each of these issues by advocating for them.

4. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Smith/Clyde) and carried to approve the November 19, 2014, Council meeting minutes as amended. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

Amendment One

Item 10, page 3 of the November 19, 2014 Council minutes should list the total amount of votes received for each chair/vice-chair candidate.

Amendment Two

List Joe Bowling as being present.

5. **CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Lopez (FA) thanked everyone for their support during this time of transition and for Molly Kennedy's dedication and support during her tenure with the Council. Chair Lopez (FA) went on to announce Committee chair appointments and the Interim Vice-Chair of the Council to be as follows:

Councilmember Sandra Smith (FA) – Chair Administrative Committee

Councilmember Ning Yang (SA) – Interim Council Vice-Chair

Councilmember Yang (SA) – Chair Executive Committee

Councilmember David Forderer (SA) – Chair Nominating Committee

Councilmember Forderer (SA) – Chair Self-Advocates Advisory Committee

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director Michal Clark read a letter from Molly Kennedy expressing her gratitude to Councilmembers for allowing her to serve on the Council for the past two years. Executive Director Clark also provided an update on SCDD activities and accomplishments that have taken place since the November Council meeting.

Additional staff reports were included in the packet starting on page 17 of the packet.

7. **MTARS/AIDD UPDATE**

Executive Director Clark provided members with a progress update on implementing the corrective action plan (CAP) stating that to date SCDD has submitted 33% of the deliverables identified in the CAP.

MOTION 2

It was moved/seconded (Lewis/Forderer (SA)) and carried to reconvene the MTARS committee to discuss how the Council's Regional Offices, in alignment with the Federal DD Act, can assist families and consumers with individual advocacy needs. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

8. **OFFICER SUCCESSION AND BYLAWS VACANCY PROVISIONS**

Given the recent vacancy with Council officers, Legal Counsel Natalie Bocanegra provided a brief summary of the Officer Vacancy and Succession rules and update.

9. **STATE BUDGET UPDATE**

Executive Director Clark provided a brief overview of the 2015-16 January Proposed Governor's as it relates to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

10. **GOVERNANCE POLICY**

Chief Deputy Director Aaron Carruthers presented on the SCDD Governance Policy outlined on page 68 of the packet. Chief Deputy Carruthers also provided a presentation which provided background on why the policy was developed, the changes to the law, and recommendations on the action needed to bring Council operations into full compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 1595 as it relates to SCDD Regional Offices and Regional Advisory Committees.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Council took the below action to postpone approval of the Governance Policy.

MOTION 3

It was moved/seconded (Almaliti (FA)/Clyde (SA)) and carried to postpone taking action on the SCDD transition and policy recommendations until such time that the MTARS Committee can meet and address the Council's ability to provide individual self-advocacy.
(See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

11. THE U.S. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) PRESENTATION

Councilmember Bill Moore presented on the broad highlights of WIOA which was signed into law on July 22, 2014 and replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Following the presentation Councilmember Steven Kapp (SA) made the below motion as it pertains to federal regulations and the definition of "short-term."

MOTION 4

It was moved/seconded (Kapp (SA)/Garnica (FA)) and carried to request that LPPC obtain further clarification on what is defined as "short-term" as it relates to the federal regulations pertaining to subminimum wage.
(See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

12. PROMISE GRANT UPDATE

Councilmember Moore provided a brief update on progress of the Promise Grant which is a joint initiative between the Department of Rehabilitation, the Department of Education, and numerous federal programs. The grants primary focus is on early intervention and promoting positive outcomes for children who receive supplemental social security income.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee – Chair Lopez (SA) provided a brief summary of the December 16, 2014 Committee meeting.

Chief Deputy Director Carruthers provided an update on the 2014-15 projected year-end expenditures as of November 2014. Chief Deputy Carruthers also presented a presentation on the principles behind plain language and recommended that the Council adopt a policy to use plain language where possible.

MOTION 5

It was moved/seconded (Horne-Nutt (SA)/Clyde (SA)) and carried to adopt staff's recommendation that the Council will use plain language in all aspects of its work where possible. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

- b. Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) – Councilmember Janelle Lewis provided a summary of the December 8, 2014 and January 15, 2015 meetings.

Councilmember Lewis presented the information on the Lanterman Coalition's proposal for a 10% rate increase system-wide for California's community-based developmental services system and requested, on behalf of the LPPC, that the Council endorse this proposal.

MOTION 6

It was moved/seconded (Horne-Nutt (SA)/Forderer (SA)) and carried to adopt LPPC's recommendation to endorse the Lanterman Coalition's proposal for a 10% rate increase system-wide for California's community-based developmental services system. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

- c. Membership Committee – Chair Lopez (FA) provided a summary of the December 9, 2014 and January 20, 2015 meetings as well as an update on the current Council vacancies.
- d. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Councilmember Ning Yang (SA) provided a brief summary of the January 21, 2015 meeting and shared the 3 minute video *Abuse of People with Disabilities: A Silent Epidemic*.

- e. State Plan Committee – Councilmember Nancy Clyde (SA) provided a summary of the December 1, 2014 meeting. The following actions were taken following her report.

MOTION 7

It was moved/seconded (Forderer (SA)/Lewis) and carried to adopt the State Plan Committee’s recommendation to approve creating a statewide grant for Cycle 38 which focuses on State Plan Goal 7 and 15 in the amount of \$260,000. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

MOTION 8

It was moved/seconded (Forderer (SA)/Horne-Nutt (SA)) and carried adopt the State Plan Committee’s recommendation to consolidate the 2011-16 State Plan, reducing it from 15 goals and 32 objectives to 15 goals and 15 objectives. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

MOTION 9

It was moved/seconded (Kapp (SA)/Forderer (SA)) and carried to direct staff to explore a specific relationship with Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA) regarding the possibility of creating a standing agenda item and being a formal liaison to Council. (See page 8 for a tally vote of members present)

Employment First Committee – A written summary of the December 9, 2014 meeting was provided in the packet.

14. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)

Personnel Officer Dee Anne Holloway provided an overview on the purpose of DAC, the progress/accomplishments the DAC has made over the past six months, as well as a draft DAC brochure to councilmembers.

15. STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT

Councilmember David Forderer (SA) provided a written report to the Council on December 15-16, 2014 SSAN meeting activities and introduced SSAN Chair Cheryl Hewitt.

16. **SSAN PRESENTATIONS**

SSAN Chair Cheryl Hewitt (SA) brought forth two presentations developed by SSAN members. Ms. Hewitt is requesting that the two presentations, one on Self-Determination and one on Employment First, be used throughout the state as an education tool. Due to the loss of quorum in the room, this item was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

17. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Sacramento. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Voting Tally For Actions Taken on January 22, 2015

| Name | Motion 1 | Motion 2 | Motion 3 | Motion 4 | Motion 5 | Motion 6 | Motion 7 | Motion 8 | Motion 9 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Almaliti, Feda (FA) | Abstain | For | For | For | For | For | | | |
| Blakemore, Catherine | Abstain | For | For | | | | | | |
| Boomer, Daniel | For | | |
| Clarkson, Jonathan | For | For | For | For | For | Abstain | For | For | For |
| Clyde, Nancy (SA) | For |
| Donabed, Rebecca (SA) | For |
| Forderer, David (SA) | For |
| Garnica, Carmela (FA) | For |
| Gelber, Eric | For | For | For | Abstain | For | Abstain | Abstain | For | For |
| Hansen, Robin | Abstain | For |
| Horne-Nutt, Charles (SA) | Abstain | For | | For | For | For | For | For | For |
| Kapp, Steven (SA) | For | Abstain | For |
| Lewis, Janelle | For |
| Lopez, April (FA) | For |
| Moore, Bill | For | For | For | Abstain | For | Abstain | Abstain | For | For |
| Smith, Nicole | | For | For | For | For | Abstain | Abstain | For | For |
| Smith, Sandra (FA) | For |
| Taylor, Robert (SA) | Abstain | For | Abstain | | For | For | For | For | Abstain |
| Williams, Kerstin (SA) | For |
| Yang, Ning (SA) | For |

Legend:
 FA = Family Advocate
 SA = Self-Advocate