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First of the Month

January 2010

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CDSA Calendar

January 1

New Year's Day
Holiday

January 5

PR Committee
Teleconference
10:00-11:00 am

January 8

Central Coast
Caucus
Anderson's
Restaurant,
Beullton
11:30 am-1:00 pm

January 11

CDSA Board
Teleconference
10:00-11:30 am

January 12

Central Valley
Caucus
ABLE Industries
10:00 am-Noon

Inland Empire
Caucus
OPARC

The News

North and South Policy Meetings

The last SchwarzenBudget arrives January 8, and those clever number crunchers on the Public Policy Committee plan to take it apart on January 13. To see what they found, discuss the rest of our legislative agenda, and learn about new CDSA initiatives, come to the North or South Policy Meeting:

[Click here](#) to register for the **North** Policy Meeting
January 20 at Becoming Independent in Santa Rosa

[Click here](#) to register for the **South** Policy Meeting
January 27 at San Gabriel Valley Training Center in La Puente

Registration is \$60, which includes lunch, handouts, and more inspiration than you'll find in a gallon of Starbucks. The meetings run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Late registration increases to \$110; **save now and register by January 5th!**

Need Information on Meal Period - Now!

CDSA is collecting information on all member agencies' experiences with the on-duty meal and break period issue. Please send [Chris Rice](#) any discussions, events, or out-of-body experiences (from a mere complaint to a full blown lawsuit).

The Nominating Committee Wants You!

Isn't it high time you took on a leadership position in CDSA and got things running properly? Now's the time to tell the Nominating Committee that you'd like to run for Director or Vice President. Read position descriptions [here](#) or [Email the Committee](#)

Nancy Batterman (Employment and Community Options), Patty Enger (PathPoint), and Beth Kahiga (Napa Valley Support Services) comprise the Nominating Committee.

10:00-11:30 am

Institute Board
Teleconference
3:00-4:00 pm

January 13
Membership
Committee
CDSA Office
10:00 am-3:00 pm

Public Policy
Committee
CDSA Office
10:00 am-3:00 pm

Capitol Caucus
CDSA Office
3:00-4:00 pm

January 18
Martin Luther King,
Jr. Holiday

January 20
CDSA Policy
Meeting North
Becoming
Independent
1425 Corporate
Center Parkway
Santa Rosa
10:00 am-3:00 pm

CDSA Board
Meeting
Becoming
Independent
3:00-4:30 pm

January 21
CARI Committee
Teleconference
10:00-11:00 am

January 27
CDSA Policy
Meeting South
San Gabriel Valley
Training Center
400 S. Covina Blvd.
La Puente
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

February 2
PR Committee
Teleconference
10:00-11:00 am

Dynamic Solutions Mini-Grants

Dynamic Solutions Incorporated is offering CDSA member agencies two grant opportunities:

1. Health and Safety Training Grant - An agency may submit a grant request for up to \$1,000 to increase the health and safety practices of the organization. Total funds available this cycle are \$10,000.
2. Professional Development Training Grant - An agency may submit a grant request for up to \$500 for training of one or more individuals to build organizational capacity and depth of middle-management staff. Total funds available this cycle are \$5,000.

Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2010. All training activities must be concluded by December 31, 2010. To learn more or download an application form, [click here](#).

Confidentiality Policy

The CDSA Board has approved a policy on confidential materials. We publish information that we would like to have distributed broadly, but most distributions fit into the category of a member benefit and should be controlled accordingly. Effective immediately, all written material from CDSA staff, contractors, and member organizations (when using a CDSA distribution channel) is considered "CDSA Confidential." Exceptions to this policy must be boldly noted as a "Public Document." The following is a partial list of common documents that are CDSA Confidential, therefore are not to be forwarded to non-CDSA members:

- Roster of member organizations
- Newsletters
- Committee meeting agendas and minutes
- Board meeting agendas and minutes
- CDSA member status briefs (normally from Lobbyists)
- Information on the CDSA Listserv
- CDSA business plans
- CDSA public policy plans

Every attempt will be made to mark documents as "CDSA Confidential" or "Public Document"; with the default always as "CDSA Confidential" if not noted. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the CDSA Executive Director or the CDSA Assistant Executive Director. This policy is a condition of CDSA membership and will be administered accordingly.

CDSA Represented on State Council Committee

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is now forming an Employment First Committee (established in AB 287), and Alan Kerzin has invited CDSA members Diana DeRodeff (InAlliance) and Barbara Maizie (Contra Costa Arc) to participate.

February 9

Institute Board
Teleconference
3:00-4:00 pm

Upstate Caucus
Green Barn
Restaurant, Red
Bluff
11:30 am-1:00 pm

February 11

CARI Committee
Teleconference
10:00-11:00 am

Public Policy
Committee
Teleconference
3:00-4:00 pm

February 16

Capitol Caucus
InAlliance
10:00 am-Noon

Orange County
Caucus
Project
Independence
11:30 am-1:00 pm

February 17

Caucus Steering
Committee
Teleconference
2:00 pm-3:00 pm

February 18

Bay Area Caucus
Contra Costa Arc
10:00 am-Noon

February 22

CDSA Board
Teleconference
10:00-11:30 am

February 24

Membership
Committee
Teleconference
2:00-3:00 pm

February 25

San Diego Caucus
TMI
10:00 am-Noon

Training for Staff and Outreach to Families

Help your clients and families understanding how their world is changing. Use the downloadable materials to inform them:

- [Brochure on Least Costly Provider Requirement](#)
- [Brochure on Senior and Alternative Customized Components](#)
- [PowerPoint on Financial Impacts on the DDS System](#)
- [PowerPoint on Grassroots Advocacy](#)

For presentation to staff:

- [PowerPoint on Least Costly Provider Requirement](#)

Our thanks to the CARE Parent Network, Consumer Action Committee of Antioch ALIVE, Barbara Maize (Contra Costa Arc), and Will Sanford (Futures Explored) for their contributions to these materials. Volunteers are working on translations of some of these materials.

We welcome assistance in creating materials for clients and families. Contact [Chris Rice](#) or [Melissa Smith](#) if you know an action committee or other volunteers who can help.

SCDD Grants

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities seeks new and innovative community supports programs/projects for its 2010-2011 Community Development Grant - Cycle 33. In the previous cycle, SCDD awarded \$904,700. To learn more contact [Kristie Allensworth](#) at 916-322-8777.

California Youth Leadership Forum

California high school juniors and seniors who have disabilities can apply to attend the California Youth Leadership Forum July 24-29, 2010, in Sacramento. Students will have the opportunity to live on a college campus and join more than 900 alumni from across the state that have been a part of a unique program created specifically for young leaders with disabilities. There is no cost to the student. Go to www.calylf.org for more information and a copy of the application and instructions.

Governmental Affairs

Budget Advisory Committee

Diana DeRodeff reported that discussion of the Individual Choice Budget was generally negative at the December DDS Budget Advisory Committee. The general feeling was that there are too many complexities requiring resolution for it to be implemented soon. This led to a request from DDS for Committee members to send comments on how best to decouple the suspended services from the ICB. After consultation with the Public Policy Committee, Diana submitted a paper that explained that some of the ways families get respite are through services that are currently suspended - and that respite is absolutely necessary if the families are to remain stable and support an individual with developmental disabilities. CDSA feels families and

February 26
DSI Board
Teleconference
1:30-2:30 pm

consumers should be the ones to make recommendations about using respite funding to retain currently suspended services.

CDSA Lobbyists Meet with DDS

CDSA's lobbyists (Dwight Hansen, Carl London, Sue North) met with DDS Director Terri Delgadillo and her staff in Assembly Member Jared Huffman's office to discuss AB 1260. Ms. Delgadillo insisted it would be impossible to administer a 2% across the Board cut to Respite services and that nothing in the reporting system will allow them to know if savings are greater than planned. She also indicated that if people aren't happy with the current process, she is willing to make a flat-out rate cut or reduce day programs to three or four days per week.

CARI and Work Contracts

New Opportunities

We have identified more than 56 new contract opportunities in the following areas: Alameda, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Tulare. The contracts are for janitorial, landscape, pest control, document destruction, document management/scanning, food service, refuse disposal, construction clean-up, general maintenance, auto detailing, printing and mailing, general mailing, housekeeping, recycling, waste removal, and park maintenance. If you're interested in bid packets or information about any of these bid opportunities, please e-mail [Melissa Smith](#). More opportunities coming soon.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

North & South Policy Meetings

The North and South Policy Meetings are designed as one-day updates and discussions on all the issues we face. The meetings start at 10:00 am, end at 3:00 pm, and include lunch.

North Policy Meeting - January 20

[Click here to register](#)

Becoming Independent
1425 Corporate Center Parkway
Santa Rosa, CA

South Policy Meeting - January 27

[Click here to register](#)

San Gabriel Valley Training Center
400 S. Covina Blvd.
La Puente, CA

Early registration (before January 5) is \$60 for members and \$120 for non-members. Register online today!

Spring Legislative Affairs Conference

Mark your calendar for March 16-18. Plan your trip to Sacramento and help us introduce legislators to the real world.

Board & Committee Meetings



California Disability Services Association Board

The CDSA Board approved a new policy on CDSA Confidential materials, approved financial hardship status for a member organization, approved offer of agreements to Hansen & Associates and Rose & Kindel, and discussed the annual review of Executive Director Chris Rice.



California Disability Services Institute Board

The Institute has identified panelists for an autism seminar to be presented in February and April.



DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS
INSURANCE SERVICES

Dynamic Solutions Incorporated Board

The Dynamic Solutions Board approved \$11,000 for purchase of a new server for use by CDSA and its subsidiaries, with up to \$1,000 approved for related expenses. The DSI Board is seeking two additional directors. Safety and risk management activities are on schedule for the year, and a seminar will be presented at the Spring Legislative Affairs Conference. The Board will meet February 26 to review grant requests.

CARI Committee

The Committee is exploring commercial opportunities and has asked the Public Policy Committee to pursue a special business designation (like Small Businesses, Microbusinesses and/or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises) for agencies providing employment to persons with developmental disabilities. Staff is working on 10 CARI contracts (four rest area, four litter abatement, one janitorial, one scanning).

Caucus Steering Committee

The **Bay Area Caucus** noted that *Becoming Independent* was featured in the *Press-Democrat* regarding closure days. North Bay Industries hosted its annual BBQ observing National Disability Employment Month in October. The event was featured in the local *Tri-City Times* newspaper.

The theme for the **Inland Empire Caucus'** Legislative Breakfast is **THEIR LIVES, YOUR CHOICE**. The program will open with a video titled "Furlough Hit *Becoming Independent*." The caucus plans to demonstrate clients' lack of choice by not giving them silverware. When the clients ask for a fork, the waitress will respond with "I'm sorry, all we have for you today is a knife," demonstrating that what they are given is not what they need. The caucus is planning meetings with legislators after the Legislative Breakfast. The caucus has suggested training for IRC counselors regarding vendor service categories, the problems and needs in transitioning clients from Rehab to Hab funding, etc.

The **Upstate Caucus** members affirmed their support of more vigorous action to reduce the number of state developmental centers, and agreed to encourage CDSA to seek a legislative avenue toward this end if needed. The caucus is working to secure State Senate candidates Rick Keene and Doug LaMalfa for provider forums in February and March in Red Bluff. Diana Anderson will be replacing the retiring Valarie Jones at Far Northern Regional Center. The Caucus discussed the implications of this management change.

Membership and Development Committee

Committee Chair Sylvia Anderson (ISS/Fontana) developed a "CDSA Membership Event Outline" that has been distributed to caucuses. The Committee asks that each caucus hold a membership recruitment event during the year.

The Committee has asked CDSA staff to gather data on possible membership target groups. The Committee also is exploring a proposal to set up a new affiliate member category in response to an inquiry from the California Respite Association. This proposal will be refined in January and presented for discussion at the January Policy Meetings.

Public Policy Committee

The Committee worked with Diana DeRodeff to develop a response to a request from the DDS Budget Advisory Committee on decoupling the Individual Choice Budget process from suspended services. The response pointed out the importance of respite care and the various programs that can provide respite but indicated that families should have the deciding voice on the parameters of the system. The Committee identified CDSA members to participate in the State Council's Employment First Committee, heard lobbyists' report on a meeting with DDS staff, and planned a meeting on January 13 in Sacramento to analyze the Governor's budget proposal and develop alternatives. The Committee expects the legislative committee chairs to remain the same.

Will Sanford has developed specific questions related to closing a Developmental Center that will be sent to the LAO. To establish the significance of CDSA as a voice of the service provider community, the Public Policy Committee wants to provide legislators with statistics on the number of clients served by CDSA members. This material can be developed as soon as all members return their surveys.

Public Relations Committee

The Committee continues work on a PR plan and is exploring potential for a state-wide event.

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