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# First of the Month

## October 2009

California Disability Services Association

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October 2009

October 6  
PR Committee  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:00 am

October 12  
Columbus Day

October 13  
Capitol Caucus  
InAlliance  
10:00 am-Noon

Inland Empire Caucus  
OPARC  
10:00 am-Noon

Upstate Caucus

### The News

#### Stakeholder Meeting

The next stakeholder meeting - now called the budget advisory committee - will be October 14. CDSA has delivered a [letter to DDS Director Terri Delgadillo and legislators](#) explaining that we, as stakeholders, must be able to choose our own representatives and asking for meeting agendas and minutes to make the entire process more transparent and reflective of community input.

#### We Still Need Your Help

The legislative session didn't end as we wished. AB 1260 was stranded in committee - but we will push again before the deadline at the end of January. Our coalition of organizations is preparing for the next round.

And, as usual, we need your help.

- What have you received or been told by your Regional Center on implementation of the legislated changes?
- What have you heard from families affected by the respite cuts, transportation changes, least costly provider provision?

Send everything you can to [Dwight Hansen](#). Think of this as your chance to send him more material than he sends to you.

#### Outreach to Families

We are putting finishing touches on a PowerPoint presentation for helping families understand the rules that Regional Centers must follow when implementing the least costly provider provisions of the budget trailer bill. We will distribute this PowerPoint later in the month and encourage everyone to use this presentation to educate families. They need to understand these provisions - and

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

October 15  
Bay Area Caucus  
Contra Costa Arc  
10:00 am-Noon

October 20  
Orange County Caucus  
Project Independence  
11:30 am-1:30 pm

Institute Board  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

October 21  
Public Policy  
Committee  
Sacramento  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

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

October 22  
San Diego Caucus  
PWI  
10:00 am-Noon

October 23  
Seminar on Aging and  
Alternative  
Customized Program  
Components  
InAlliance Sacramento  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

October 26  
CDSA Board  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:30 am

October 28  
LA Caucus Meeting  
Villa Esperanza  
Noon-2:30 pm

just as important - that we can help them keep receiving the services they need. CDSA will send a speaker to make the presentation if we can follow up with a grassroots organizing session for the parents. The Capitol Caucus is already planning a family outreach event later this year. We look forward to other caucuses scheduling similar events.

## Training Session on Senior and Alternative Customized Programs

*Unclear how to design a 1 to 8 program for seniors?  
Confused about requirements for the Custom Endeavors Options (CEO) program?*

Sign up for our one-day training program to explore your options and identify possible challenges to making these programs work. The program will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with lunch provided. Registration is \$50 for the first person from a member organization and \$25 for additional attendees. The seminar will be offered:

October 23 at InAlliance in Sacramento  
November 3 at OPARC in Montclair

Email [Melissa Smith](mailto:Melissa.Smith@inalliance.org) to Register now!

## The Holiday Schedule

For the rest of the 2009-10 fiscal year, the official DDS mandatory closure days are:

November 11 - Veterans Day  
November 26 - Thanksgiving Day  
November 27 - The day after Thanksgiving  
December 24 - Christmas Eve  
December 25 - Christmas Day  
December 28 - The first work day after Christmas Day  
January 1 - New Year's Day  
January 18 - Martin Luther King Day  
February 15 - Presidents Day  
March 31 - Cesar Chavez Day  
April 5 - Anniversary of George Washington's first veto  
May 31 - Memorial Day

Yes, it's on the DDS website at [http://www.dds.ca.gov/Director/docs/Letter\\_UniformHolidaySchedule.pdf](http://www.dds.ca.gov/Director/docs/Letter_UniformHolidaySchedule.pdf). And, no, they weren't recognizing the first federal veto. For those who are curious, April 5 is also the birthday for Booker T. Washington, Bette Davis, and Colin Powell.

## 2009 Annual Meeting Follow Up

For those who did not attend the Annual Meeting, it was the best one ever. Really. For those who did attend, we welcome

Membership  
Committee  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

November 2009

November 3  
PR Committee  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:00 am

Seminar on Aging and  
Alternative  
Customized Program  
Components  
OPARC, Montclair  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

November 10  
Upstate Caucus  
Green Barn  
Restaurant, Red Bluff  
11:30 am-1:30 pm

Institute Board  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

November 11  
Veteran's Day Holiday

November 13  
Central Coast Caucus  
Anderson's Restaurant,  
Beullton  
9:00-11:00 am

November 17  
Election for  
Nominating  
Committee begins

Capitol Caucus  
InAlliance  
10:00 am-Noon

November 18  
Caucus Steering  
Committee  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

suggestions for speakers, training sessions, and schedule changes for next year. PowerPoint files from many presentations at the Annual Meeting are available from Melissa Smith, [msmith@cal-dsa.org](mailto:msmith@cal-dsa.org).

## Meal Period Waiver Research

CDSA is collecting information on all member agencies' experiences with the on-duty meal and break period issue. Please send us any complaints, from any source (regardless if it is a mere complaint to a full blown lawsuit). Send to Chris Rice at [crice@cal-dsa.org](mailto:crice@cal-dsa.org).

## News Coverage on Our Issues

Here's a quick rundown of our media coverage and public relations since last month's report. All stories are the result of direct efforts by R&K Grayling.

### ["Respite Inn in Jeopardy"](#)

Contra Costa Times, August 26, 2009

### ["Programs for Developmentally Disabled Cut in Butte County"](#)

KRCR-ABC 7, August 27, 2009

### ["Budget Cuts Dimming Futures"](#)

Brentwood Press, September 9, 2009

Although they achieved some timely coverage on respite care, there wasn't as much success as the previous month because of several obstacles, including reporter vacations, Capitol sex scandals, and a lack of available families to profile.

For example, Grayling convinced an LA Times reporter to meet with a respite care family in Southern California, but the family canceled the night before the interview and hasn't rescheduled. They convinced a Sacramento TV station to profile a Sacramento family who needs respite care, but when the reporter called to do the story, the family took an unexpected trip out of the country and hasn't rescheduled. Marcey Brightwell reported that she spoke with a mother in San Diego who would be great to profile because she was recently told her son's respite hours are being cut. However, she refuses to talk publicly for fear of retaliation.

As always, they need names and contact information for available/willing families to offer reporters to profile. If you have news or stories that can help us communicate with the public, [contact us](#).

## Meeting Venues

To help keep registration costs to a minimum, CDSA is planning to hold the North and South Regional Meetings, Leadership Retreat, and Board Retreat at members' buildings. A simple request for proposals is available on-line. If you are interested in responding to this opportunity, [download the RFP](#) and submit to [Melissa Smith](#).

November 19  
Bay Area Caucus  
Contra Costa Arc  
10:00 am-Noon

November 23  
CDSA Board  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:30 am

November 25  
Membership  
Committee  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

November 26  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday

November 27  
Black Friday  
Holiday

To join a  
teleconference, call  
1-888-909-7654 and  
use PIN 499666#.

If you are not a  
member of  
the board or  
committee, please  
announce your  
presence on the call.



## Governmental Affairs

### AB 287

AB 287 sits on the Governor's desk. The Governor has until October 11 to decide whether to sign or veto the bill. Dwight Hansen's analysis: The bill was dramatically amended and no longer creates an employment first policy. It really has only intent language. The sponsors took all of CDSA's amendments relative to minimum wage and IPP, so CDSA was neutral. Then, the Senate Appropriations Committee put a \$14 million price tag on it, so the sponsors gutted the substance.

## CARI and Work Contracts

### Reminders for CARI Participants

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to sign and return all original CARI Administrative Agreement and Contracts. Also, please take a moment to send a copy of your signed state/city /county contract to the CARI office for recording.

### New Opportunities

We are working on identifying more and more contract opportunities weekly. Contract opportunities are sent out on Tuesdays. If you're interested in receiving these notifications or would like bid packets or information about any of the current bid opportunities, please e-mail Melissa Smith at [msmith@cal-dsa.org](mailto:msmith@cal-dsa.org). More opportunities coming soon.

## Staff Updates

Andrea Gallippi's daughter Raini was born August 31, weighing 8 lbs, 15 ounces and measuring 21.5 inches. Andrea will be returning to work on October 12.

If you have questions about upcoming events, listserv, or CARI, please contact [Melissa Smith](mailto:Melissa Smith), ext. 113.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Training Session on Senior and Alternative Customized Programs

As announced earlier in this newsletter, the Institute is offering a one-day seminar on how to design a 1 to 8 program for seniors and an Alternative Customized program. The program will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with lunch provided. Registration is \$50 for the first person from a member organization and \$25 for additional attendees. The seminar will be offered:

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### Mark Your Calendars

We're still working on venues for some events, but put these on your calendars:

January 20: Northern Policy Meeting

January 27: Southern Policy Meeting

March 16-19: Legislative Conference & end of election

April 19-20: Leadership Retreat

## Board & Committee Meetings



### California Disability Services Association Board

The CDSA Board approved exploration of pursuing commercial contracts through CARI and a new document retention policy. It consulted with Counsel Jan Richmond, on the meal period waiver issue, and she will investigate it. The official review of the audit will be at the January meeting. Board members discussed possible venues for next year's annual meeting, the lobbyist performance standards, and board member behavior.



### California Disability Services Institute Board

The Institute Board revised its plans for seminars for the rest of the year. In October-November, there will be seminars on planning the new senior and alternative component programs. In the winter, there will be panel presentations on programming for autistic clients. In the spring, there will be a seminar on issues of aging. Each seminar will be offered twice, generally once in the north and once in the south, at venues provided by members.

The Board also reviewed registration for the Annual Meeting: 68 full registrations, 9 one-day registrations, and 14 pre-conference registrations. Including registrations for speakers, lobbyists, and staff, 102 people participated in the conference.



**DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS**  
INSURANCE SERVICES

## Dynamic Solutions Incorporated Board

The DSI Board elected officers for the year:

Board Chair: Chris Rice

Board Vice Chair: David DeLeonardis

Treasurer: Patty Enger

Secretary: Will Sanford

Aon Risk Services reported on its safety presentation at the Annual Meeting, leading to a request for an on-site consultation. Aon will provide another presentation at the Spring Legislative Conference.

Account Executive Lisa Bramasco reported receipt of a broker of record letter and interest from a potential new client. She made a presentation at the Annual Meeting and met with many attendees. Some issues with work by the previous insurance broker are being addressed.

## CARI Committee

The Committee is developing the parameters for volunteers from the Association to conduct outreach and education of new contract officers. Conflict of interest is a concern that is addressed in the procedure. The Committee has noted that the contract acquisition process is changing, with set-aside status more likely to occur at the time of a contract's renewal.

## Caucus Steering Committee

During the Annual Meeting, the Caucus Steering Committee met with the Membership and Development Committee to develop parameters for defining new membership categories for CDSA. Committee Chair Sam Seaton reports that every caucus is involved in the activities identified in the strategic plan. The caucus chairs are now sharing their minutes, which allows more efficient sharing of ideas.

## Membership and Development Committee

The Committee took the first steps to establishing criteria for additional membership categories in CDSA. One of the co-chairs will participate in future meetings of the Caucus Steering Committee.

## Public Policy Committee

In addition to its official meeting during the Annual Meeting, the Committee led several other discussions. Here are the action

items that emerged.

Members should:

- Send all questions or stories of questionable implementation, Regional Center pressure, family dilemmas, etc., to [Dwight Hansen](#).

CDSA will:

- Deliver training on how to offer the Senior Program and Alternative Customized Program in October-November.
- Develop a training presentation to help prepare parents/guardians and consumers for their IPP meetings and what questions they should ask as the least costly provider provision is implemented.
- Send a letter from CDSA to the Director of DDS (copies to the Legislature) naming our primary representative. Ask for openness and transparency (goals; agenda, minutes). Ask for appropriate technical skill for the various issues.
- Work on alternatives and system re-design.
- Distribute Lanterman history PowerPoint to boards, families, and consumers.
- Use technology to get the word out - websites, social networking, YouTube.
- Develop a "stakeholder" list serve or information conduit.

## Public Relations Committee

The Committee conducted a SWOT analysis with members of the CDSA Board to help define resources and needs. It also met with two consultants to help develop perspectives for the plan it is developing.

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