

TRI-COUNTIES REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

July 11, 2014

I. FY 2014-2015 BUDGET UPDATE

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- **Attachment #4:** CDCAN Report (July 7, 2014): Brown Administration Will Reconvene Developmental Center Task Force to Look At Ways to Strengthen Community System

Governor Brown signed the 2014-2015 California State Budget (SB 852) on June 20, 2014 largely keeping the funding intact in the plan sent to him by the Legislature although making several line item vetoes. A full copy of the FY 2014-2015 enacted budget can be found here: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/>.

For Developmental Services, funding was approved by the Governor for Early Start eligibility restoration to levels prior to the 2009 Trailer Bill Language changes, as were additional funding approved for minimum wage and overtime costs in response to changes in the state minimum wage and federal overtime requirements. A total of \$106.5 million increase was provided for the minimum wage increase per AB 10. The affected services are community care facilities, day program services, habilitation services, respite services, supported living services, and transportation. A total of \$17.3 million increase was provided to fund the changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act regulations to provide a 5.82% rate increases for in-home respite agencies, personal assistants, and supported living services to allow for the payment of overtime to individual workers. Additionally, the prohibition against payment of deductibles was removed authorizing regional centers to pay any applicable deductible for a service or support required in the person's Individual Program Plan (IPP) if the service or support is paid for by the health care service plan or health insurance policy of the person or his or her parent. There were also several recommendations of the Developmental Center Task Force that were approved consisting of developing crisis services at Sonoma and Fairview Developmental Centers, Community State Staff Program Expansion and the establishment of Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes and Community Crisis Homes. DDS also received a \$135 million increase to its loan authority for a total loan authority of \$395 million to ensure sufficient cash is available to pay regional center claims (**Attachments #1-#3**).

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The Governor vetoed the appropriation in the plan for Developmental Services that required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to spend funds for a study to review and recommend an update of the Core Staffing Formula for the regional center system operations budget and rate setting methodologies for regional center funded community based service providers. The Governor's rationale for vetoing the additional expenditure approved by the Legislature was that it would "create a significant workload and cost pressures within a restrictive timeframe." Instead, the Governor stated that he is "directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene a task force to review both of these and other community issues that were identified in the Plan for the Future of Developmental Centers." Indeed, on July 7, 2014 the Brown Administration formally announced that it will re-convene the Future of Developmental Centers Task Force with a new objective to look at ways to strengthen the regional center funded community-based services system. The first meeting of the reconvened task force is scheduled to take place on July 24, 2014 in Sacramento. The meeting will be headed by California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana Dooley and will be open to the public. Issues to be examined by the task force will include staffing levels at regional centers, community based services rates, and the impact of new state and federal laws and regulations on the Developmental Services system (**Attachment #4**).

II. TCRC PERSON CENTERED THINKING (PCT) INITIATIVE UPDATE (Presentation by Tina Calderaro Mendoza, TCRC Person Centered Thinking Project Coordinator)

- **Attachment #5:** PCT Projects at TCRC

III. USING TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE GREATER LEVELS OF EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS AT TCRC AND THE REGIONAL CENTER SYSTEM (Presentation by Dominic Namnath, TCRC Chief Information Officer)

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IV. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Omar Noorzad - CDCAN REPORT (JUNE 20 2014): BREAKING NEWS - GOVERNOR SIGNS BUDGET - ONLY A FEW LINE ITEM VETOES

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BREAKING NEWS

GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNS 2014-2015 BUDGET - MAKES TWO LINE ITEM VETOES BUT LARGELY KEEPS FUNDING INTACT AS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

SACRAMENTO, CA (CDCAN - LAST UPDATED 06/20/2104 - 09:50 AM) - Governor Edmind G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr. signed, as expected, SB 852, the main budget bill containing the 2014-2015 State Budget, in San Diego this morning, making only a few line item vetoes but largely keeping the funding intact in the plan as passed last Sunday by the Legislature.

The Governor made only two line item vetoes in health and human services, and no real line item vetoes in education (except for deleting a technical provision) and no line item vetoes in higher education:

Funding for Early Start eligibility restoration, funding for overtime for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers, additional funding for Supported Living Services, In-Home Respite and Personal Attendant Services for the impact of the federal overtime provisions effective in January, as well as funding for minimum wage impact for many regional center providers were all maintained in the budget. None of the Governor's line item vetoes in health and human services was to funding for actual direct services, but rather for studies for community-based regional center funded services - that advocates pushed hard for - and also for implementation steps regarding federal mental health parity.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

REGIONAL CENTERS: Governor eliminated the appropriation that would require the Department of Developmental Services to spend funds for a study with stakeholders to review and recommend an update of the core staffing formula for the 21 non-profit regional centers, and rate setting methodologies for community-based services and supports. The Governor stated that he vetoed the additional expenditure approved by the Legislature because it would "...create a significant workload and cost pressures within a restrictive timeframe. Instead I am directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene a task force to review both of these and other community issues that were identified in the Plan for the Future of the Developmental Centers."

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE - Governor reduced additional spending of \$4,204,000 for the Department of Managed Health Care by \$2,102,000, to help the department in reviewing health plans' compliance with the federal law on mental health parity that is "consistent" with the department's implementation plan. The Governor stated that "In the coming year, my Administration, through the Department of Managed Health Care, will review health plan filings, and identify any areas of concern and any additional resources needed to address them. The Budget also includes an augmentation [increase] that was included in the May Revision for clinical and actuarial contracts that will further help with initial implementation."

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE - Governor reduced item within consumer protection from \$749,000 to \$374,000 augmentation [or increase] for implementation of the federal mental health parity act. The Governor stated that "the augmentation that remains in the Budget will allow the Department to monitor health insurers' compliance with mental health parity laws and other insurance laws."

CDCAN will issue full report on the budget later today.



ALERT: PLEASE HELP!!!!!!

June 20, 2014 (Marty Omoto pictured left)

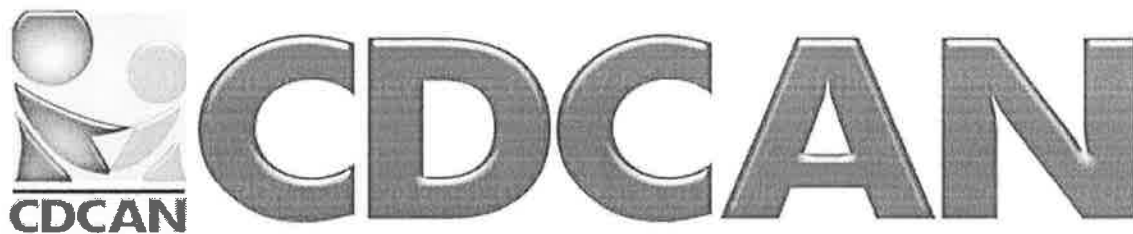
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BREAKING NEWS:

GOVERNOR SIGNS BUDGET TRAILER BILLS INCLUDING BILLS ON IHSS/SLS OVERTIME, EARLY START ELIGIBILITY RESTORATION

SACRAMENTO, CA (CDCAN – LAST UPDATED 06/20/2014 02:15 PM) – Governor Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, Jr. signed today the main budget bill and 16 of 17 budget-related measures – called “budget trailer bills” because they follow or trail the main budget bill, to make changes or additions to State law to implement the funding in the state budget. The main budget bill and the budget “trailer” bills took effect immediately.

One bill – AB 1469 dealing with the State Teachers’ Retirement System defined benefit program; funding is the only budget trailer bill that remains unsigned – but will be approved next week, according to the Governor’s office.

GOVERNOR SIGNED MAIN BUDGET BILL EARLIER THIS MORNING

Earlier this morning, Governor Brown signed the main budget bill, SB 852, in San Diego, with Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (Democrat – Sacramento, 6th State Senate District) and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (Democrat – 78th Assembly District).

Brown said that "... this on-time budget provides for today and saves for the future. We're paying off the state's credit card, saving for the next rainy day and fixing the broken teachers' retirement system."

Here is the link of a 69 page PDF document file summary from the Governor's office of the budget as signed by the Governor (including at the end the 3 page list of line item vetoes): <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

As previously reported, the Governor made only a few line item vetoes and largely maintained the funding levels in the budget as passed by the Legislature on June 15th. Only two of the line item vetoes were in the health and human services budget area and neither of those were funding for direct services, though the budget issues have potentially far reaching future impact. The Governor made no real line item vetoes in education (except for deleting a technical provision) and no line item vetoes in higher education. Funding for Early Start eligibility restoration, funding for overtime for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers, additional funding for Supported Living Services, In-Home Respite and Personal Attendant Services for the impact of the federal overtime provisions effective in January, as well as funding for minimum wage impact for many regional center providers were all maintained in the budget.

None of the Governor's line item vetoes in health and human services was funding for actual direct services, but rather for studies for community-based regional center funded services - that advocates pushed hard for - and also for additional funding related to implementation steps regarding the federal mental health parity.

The two line item vetoes (plus one under the Department of Insurance) in health and human services were:

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BUDGET TRAILER BILLS INCLUDE IHSS OVERTIME IMPLEMENTATION, EARLY START, FUNDING INCREASES FOR SUPPORTED LIVING, PACE AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

As previously reported, among the budget trailer bills the Governor signed – as expected – include bills dealing with implementing overtime under the federal Department of Labor regulations, effective January 1, 2015 for all In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers; restoration of eligibility for the State's early intervention program for infants and toddlers called "Early Start" to what it was

prior to the 2009 reductions; 5.82% rate increase for supported living services, in-home respite service and personal attendant services providers funded through the 21 non-profit regional centers to help fund the federal overtime requirements for those home care related workers that also impacts IHSS workers; funding to help off-set the increase on July 1st of the State's minimum wage for many regional center funded providers (with the exception of supported employment providers), increases in rates for child care providers and providers in the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); and an increase in grants for CalWORKS recipients next year

CDCAN will issue report later today or this weekend on the complete details on what is in the budget plan as signed by the Governor.

PARTIAL INDEX TO FIND SPECIFIC PROGRAMS OR SERVICES IN A TRAILER BILL

Below is a CDCAN compiled list or index of several well known services or programs or issues and what budget trailer bill it is currently referenced in (but not the main budget bill) that people might find helpful (both advocates, non-advocates, family members, people with disabilities, seniors, low income family members, policymakers – Marty Omoto, CDCAN

- Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA): Health (SB 870)*
- CalFRESH (Food Stamp Program): Human Services (SB 855)*
- California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP): Health (SB 857)*
- CalWORKS: Human Services (SB 855)*
- Child Care and Development: Education Finance (SB 858)*
- Child Welfare Services (CWS): Human Services (SB 855)*
- Client Rights Advocate, Developmental Services (SB 856)*
- Community Care Licensing: Human Services (SB 855)*
- Community Colleges: Higher Education (SB 860)*
- Corrections/Prisons – Corrections Trailer Bill (SB 853)*
- Courts (Judiciary): Public Safety (AB 1468)*
- Developmental Centers: Developmental Services (SB 856) and Public Safety (AB 1468)*
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT): Health (SB 870 – behavioral health treatment)*
- Early Start Eligibility Restoration: Developmental Services (SB 856)*
- Education – Local Reserve Fund Requirements: Education Finance (SB 858)*
- Education – Special Needs Students: Education Finance (SB 859, "necessary small high schools")*
- Foster Care: See Child Welfare Services, and Education Finance (SB 859, "necessary small high schools")*
- Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act: Human Services (SB 855)*
- Housing/Affordable: State & Local Government (SB 854)*
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): Human Services (SB 855)*
- Insurance (Health) Deductible Payments – Regional Centers, Developmental Services (SB 856)*
- LIHEAP (Low Income Heating & Energy Assistance Program):*
- Resources/Greenhouse Gases (SB 862), and Human Services (SB 855)*
- Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP): Health (SB 857)*
- Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB): Health (SB 857)*
- Medi-Cal (Cal+MediConnect, Medi-Cal "fee-for-service", Medi-Cal managed care plans and access to Medi-Cal), Health (SB 857)*
- Medi-Cal Drugs: Health (SB 870)*
- Mental Health Parity: Health (SB 857)*
- Office of Patient Advocate (OPA): Health (SB 857)*
- Overtime Pay for Home Care Workers/Federal Department of Labor: Human Services: Human Services/IHSS (SB 855), and Developmental Services/Supported Living Services, In-Home Respite, Personal Attendants (SB 856)*

PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly): Health (SB 870)
Preschool (California State Preschool Program - CSPP): Education Finance (SB 858)
Public Health: Health (SB 857)
Regional Centers: Developmental Services (SB 856)
State Hospitals, Public Safety (SB 863)
Transportation: Transportation (SB 853)

LINKS TO THE MAIN BUDGET & TRAILER BILLS

The following are the CDCAN compiled links to the Legislative Information website to the LATEST versions of the main budget bill, the 15 budget trailer bills that were passed by the Legislature on June 15th and 1 additional trailer bill (dealing with prison construction) that was passed by the Legislature on June 19th and as signed by the Governor today (June 20th). Also included below in the one remaining trailer bill, AB 1469 dealing with the State Teachers' Retirement System that was passed on June 15th and will be signed by the Governor next week, according to the Governor's office.

MAIN BUDGET BILL

SB 852 (AS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE JUNE 15, 2014)

PDF Document Version – SB 852 (720 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_852_bill_20140615_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 55 to 24. PASSED by State Senate 25 to 11 Sent to Governor at 8 PM

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by the Governor.

NEXT STEPS

CDCAN COMMENT: The main budget bill has the actual funding numbers for every program and department funded or authorized funding through the State. It also contains what is referred to as "budget bill language" or "BBL" which is different from "budget trailer bill language" in that the language in the main budget bill is only good for that budget year, and generally the language only provides an explanation of the funding or some specific reporting requirements.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 856 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 856 (96 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_856_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version – SB 856:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_856_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 76 to 0 PASSED by State Senate 36 to 0. Sent to Governor on June 19th at 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: Includes provisions restoring eligibility of Early Start to what it was prior to the 2009 reductions, provides for payment of eligible persons of insurance deductibles, provides funding for many regional center funded providers to help with the impact of the State minimum wage increase scheduled for July 1, 2014, increases rates for supported living services, in-home respite and personal attendant services to fund the impact of the federal overtime requirements effective January 1, 2015, implements several recommendations of the Developmental Centers task force.

HEALTH BUDGET TRAILER BILL (FIRST OF TWO)

SB 857 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version - SB 857 (176 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_857_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version - SB 857:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_857_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTIONS 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 55 to 24. PASSED by State Senate 26 to 11. Sent to Governor on June 19th at 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill includes Medi-Cal, Department of Public Health, Department of Health Care Services, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), the California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP), the Mental Health Services Act. See also a second health trailer bill – AB 1474 and SB 870.

HEALTH BUDGET TRAILER BILL (SECOND OF TWO)

SB 870 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version - SB 870 (48 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_870_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version - SB 870:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_870_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 55 to 24. PASSED by State Senate 26 to 11. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill includes provisions regarding rate increase for PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly), provisions regarding monitoring access of Medi-Cal recipients to Medi-Cal "fee-for-service" and managed care providers, Medi-Cal Drug Rebate program, behavioral health treatment intent of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) to be added as a Medi-Cal benefit – though only when it is required by the federal government.

HUMAN SERVICES/IHSS BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 855 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version - SB 855 (208 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_855_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version - SB 855:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_855_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 56 to 12. PASSED by State Senate 28 to 8. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill is the "human services" budget trailer bill and contains provisions dealing with In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) overtime implementation. The bill also contains provisions dealing with non-IHSS and non-regional center funded home care organizations, CalWORKS, Community Care Licensing, Foster care, food stamp program (CalFresh).

EDUCATION FINANCE BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 858 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version - SB 858 (112 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_858_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version - SB 858:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_858_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 55 to 23. PASSED by State Senate 26 to 11. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: Bill includes provisions regarding Child Care and Development services and rate increase provisions for providers, and also controversial issue regarding school district reserve funding requirements.

EDUCATION FINANCE BUDGET TRAILER BILL – LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA

SB 859 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 859 (96 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_859_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version – SB 859:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_859_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 76 to 0 PASSED State Senate 35 to 2. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 860 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 860 (80 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_860_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version – SB 860:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_860_bill_20140617_enrolled.htm

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 63 to 10. PASSED by State Senate 37 to 0. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: Bill includes provisions dealing with California Community Colleges, Cal Grants, California State University and University of California.

EDUCATION – STATE TEACHER'S RETIREMENT

AB 1469 (AS SENT TO GOVERNOR ON JUNE 15 2014)

PDF Document Version – AB 1469 (32 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1469_bill_20140615_enrolled.pdf

Committee Analysis – AB 1469:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1469_cfa_20140613_173705_sen_comm.html

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by State Senate 37 to 0 PASSED by Assembly 76 to 0.

LATEST ACTION 06/17/2014: Sent to Governor 2 PM.

NEXT STEPS: Governor's office indicated the Governor will sign this bill next week (separately from the other 16 budget trailer bills)

EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT TRAILER BILL

SB 869 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 869 (8 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_869_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED Assembly 77 to 0. PASSED by State Senate 37 to 0. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill is an urgency bill.

AUGMENTATION - 2013-2014 STATE BUDGET

SB 865 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 865 (4 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_865_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED Assembly 66 to 6. PASSED by State Senate 28 to 8. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill augments (adds) additional funding to the current year budget (due to higher caseloads than estimated or higher costs than originally budgeted. In previous years these types of bills were referred to as "deficiency bills". This bill is primarily an augmentation for Department of Health Care Services.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET TRAILER BILL

AB 1468 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – AB 1468 (128 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1468_bill_20140615_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version of AB 1468:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1468_bill_20140615_enrolled.htm

Committee Analysis of AB 1468:

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1451-1500/ab_1468_cfa_20140813_173337_sen_comm.html

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by State Senate 24 to 11. PASSED by Assembly 53 to 22. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: The bill's provisions includes Department of State Hospitals, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAILER BILL

SB 854 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version- SB 854 (160 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_854_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

HTML Version – SB 854:

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PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED Assembly 55 to 23. PASSED by State Senate 31 to 6. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This is the version passed by the Legislature. Includes provisions regarding Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund and the California Housing Trust Fund.

TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 853 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 853 (32 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_853_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 55 to 22. PASSED by State Senate 27 to 10. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

PROPERTY TAXES, NEW CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION - ACTIVE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

SB 871 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 871 (8 Pages):

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_871_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 42 to 20. PASSED by State Senate 28 to 8. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

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LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CORRECTION FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION

SB 863 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 863 (16 Pages)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_863_bill_20140619_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/19/2014: PASSED by Assembly 78 to 0, PASSED by State Senate 32 to 2. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill was the only one in the package of budget related "trailer" bills sent to the Governor that was not passed by the Legislature on June 15th. This bill was passed on June 19th.

RESOURCES OMNIBUS BUDGET TRAILER BILL

SB 861 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 861 (240 Pages)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_861_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED Assembly 55 to 23, PASSED by State Senate 24 to 12. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

RESOURCES – GREENHOUSE GASES

SB 862 (AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR)

PDF Document Version – SB 862 (64 Pages)

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_862_bill_20140617_enrolled.pdf

PREVIOUS ACTION 06/15/2014: PASSED by Assembly 53 to 23, PASSED by State Senate 22-12. Sent to Governor June 19th 1 PM.

LATEST ACTION 06/20/2014: SIGNED by Governor.

CDCAN COMMENT: This bill includes provisions dealing with LIHEAP (Low income Heating and Energy Assistance Program)



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ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL CENTER AGENCIES ANALYSIS OF THE FY 2014-15 MAY REVISION AND BUDGET ACT MAY 14, 2014

The Budget Act for FY 20115 provides funding of the May Revision with some changes and additions. The following is a summary of the May Revision as previously presented and includes changes adopted in the Budget Act (in bold).

FY 2013-14 (Current Year)

1. CASELOAD

The November Estimate projected the regional center Community Caseload to be 265,709 consumers as of January 31, 2014. The May Revision decreases the January 31, 2014 caseload to 265,216, a decrease of 493 consumers.

2. PURCHASE OF SERVICE - \$ 19.6 Million Increase (0.5% Increase)

\$ 19.6 million increase to Purchase of Services over the November Estimate due to updated caseload and expenditure data. This results in a total increase of \$22.2 million over the enacted budget.

3. OPERATIONS - \$1.1 Million Decrease (0.02% Decrease)

A \$1.1 million decrease in OPS from the November Estimate due to updated caseload and expenditure data. Overall, this is a \$0.6 million net increase in OPS over the enacted budget. The changes include:

- \$2.1 million decrease to reflect updated caseload data and correct calculation of Account Clerks:
 - \$0.1 million increase in the Core Staffing schedule due increase caseload.
 - \$2.2 million decrease in the Core Staffing schedule to correct the number of Account Clerks originally budgeted. Due to electronic billing the ratio of Account Clerks to total consumers in the Core Staffing Formula dropped from 1:600 to 1:800. However, in the May Revision for FY 2013-14 the Accounts Clerks were erroneously calculated at the old 1:600 ratio.
- \$2.1 million increase to correct the double counting of savings related to the 2009-10 Early Start Eligibility savings proposal.
- \$531,000 increase in case managers to meet HCBS waiver requirements to reflect updated caseload data.

- \$206,000 increase to reflect updated costs for various projects.
- \$66,000 decrease in the ICF-DD SPA Administrative Fees.

FY 2014-15 (Budget Year)

1. CASELOAD

The May Revision anticipates an increase of 9,480 consumers (a 3.6% increase) over the 265,216 consumers projected for January 31, 2014.

2. PURCHASE OF SERVICE - \$265.7 Million Increase Over Current Year (7.0% Increase)

- \$125.6 million increase over current fiscal year for caseload and utilization growth.
- \$127,000 increase in Quality Assurance Fees for ICF-DDs.
- \$3.1 million decrease due to the restoration of Medi-Cal benefits for Enteral Nutrition and some Adult Dental services.
- \$106.5 million increase for the minimum wage increase per AB 10. The affected services are community care facilities, day program services, habilitation services, respite services, supported living services, and transportation. (This includes a decrease of \$4.5 million for minimum wage increases for supported employment, which was originally included in the November Estimate. Supported Employment has now been excluded from consideration for minimum wage increases.)
- **\$17.3 million increase to fund the changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act regulations to provide a 5.82% rate increases for in-home respite agencies, personal assistants, and supported living services to allow for the payment of overtime to individual workers.**
- \$11.7 million increase (reappropriated from FY 2011-12) to develop community resources, including two new models of care for challenging behavioral needs, Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN), and other needed services and supports. See attached Future Fiscal Issues, New and Revised Major Assumptions for more details.
- **\$7.9 million increase for the restoration of the Early Start eligibility criteria to pre-2009 levels and restoration of services to “AT Risk” infants. NOTE: This restoration DID NOT include restoration of the non-Federally required services that were also cut in 2009.**

Of this \$7.9 million, \$2.3 million was supposed to be for OPS. DDS has stated that they will do a technical adjustment before December 31, 2014 to correct this.

3. OPERATIONS – \$17.3 Million Increase Over Current Year (3.1% Increase)

- \$16.2 million increase in Staffing due to the projected increase in caseload.
- \$15,000 increase in case managers to meet HCBS waiver requirements to reflect updated caseload data.
- \$445,000 increase in Special Projects for:
 - \$351,000 increase in the Foster Grandparent Program.
 - \$90,000 decrease in Sherry S. funds.
 - \$169,000 increase for the Client’s Rights Advocacy contract due to increased caseload numbers.
 - \$15,000 increase for Direct Support Professional Training
- \$865,000 decrease in Lanterman developmental Center Closure to redirect funds to CPP OPS.
- \$24,000 increase in the ICF-DD SPA Administrative Fees.
- \$136,000 increase for the minimum wage increase per AB 10.
- \$1.3 million increase (reappropriated from FY 2011-12) for CPP in OPS to reflect regional center staffing to support community development, transitions and necessary quality assurance and monitoring, and a quality management system for DC residents transitioning into the community. See attached Future Fiscal Issues, New and Revised Major Assumptions for more details.
- **NOTE: Of the \$7.9 million that was added to POS for the restoration of Early Start, \$2.3 million was supposed to be for OPS. DDS has stated that they will do a technical adjustment before December 31, 2014 to correct this.**

DDS Loan Authority

DDS received a \$135 million increase (a 51.9% increase) to its loan authority for a total of \$395 million to ensure sufficient cash available to pay RC claims.

Future Fiscal Issues and New and revised Major Assumptions

DDS listed three future fiscal issues which could have an impact on regional center costs. These are:

- Change of Rates for some Intermediate Care Facilities
- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – Employer Mandate
- DC Taskforce – Future Services for DC Residents

DDS also listed four items under New Major Assumptions. These are:

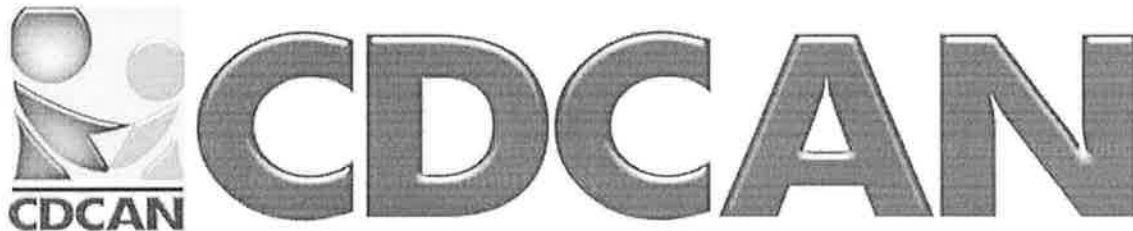
- CPP for Implementing DC Task Force Recommendations
- New Models of Care for Challenging Behavioral Needs
- Regional Center Staffing to Support Resource Development, Transition and Quality Assurance
- Quality Assurance for DC Residents Transitioning to the Community

DDS listed the increase in its loan authority as a Revised Major Assumption.

Omar Noorzad - CDCAN REPORT (JULY 7 2014): Brown Administration Will Reconvene Developmental Center Task Force to Look At Ways to Strengthen Community System

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State Capitol Update

BROWN ADMINISTRATION TO RECONVENE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS TASK FORCE TO LOOK AT WAYS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SACRAMENTO, CA (CDCAN LAST UPDATED 07/07/2014 @ 10:37 AM) – In what could be a significant step toward addressing what advocates and policymakers from both parties have called a major crisis in the regional center funded community-based system serving tens of thousands of children and adults with developmental disabilities, the Brown Administration announced that it will re-convene a task force with a new mission to look at ways to strengthen that community-based system hit since the early 2000's with major reductions in services, cuts and freezes in rates and reimbursements.

The Brown Administration is reconvening the "Future of the Developmental Centers Task Force" composed of stakeholders and headed by California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana Dooley, that developed over 6 months last year recommendations on the future of the State owned and operated facilities that were widely praised by advocates and policymakers in both parties. The Governor proposed – and the Legislature approved – several initial steps toward implementing those recommendations as part of the 2014-2015 State Budget.

The first meeting of the reconvened task force is scheduled for July 24th in Sacramento. The meeting – like all the previous task force meetings – will be public, with details of meeting location and times and agenda to be announced soon [CDCAN will issue report on this information when it becomes available. Marty Omoto, CDCAN Director is a member of the task force].

People with developmental disabilities – including those diagnosed with autism spectrum and related disorders – may be eligible for regional center funded services – though many are not, under eligibility rules narrowed in 2005. Persons eligible for regional center funded services – and many of those who are not – may be eligible for other community-based services including In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Medi-Cal, special education and other supports.

TASK FORCE WILL LOOK AT WAYS TO "STRENGTHEN" COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEM

Diana Dooley, who as Secretary heads the huge California Health and Human Services Agency that oversees the various departments dealing with Medi-Cal, developmental services, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), aging, foster care, CalWORKS and other services, said that the reconvened task force will develop recommendations to "... strengthen the community system in the context of a growing and aging population, resource constraints, availability of community resources to meet the specialized needs of clients, and past reductions to the community system."

Issues to be examined by the task force, according to Secretary Dooley, will include community rates, the impact of new State and federal laws and regulations, and staffing levels at Regional Centers.

Secretary Dooley, whose leadership on last year's task force was widely praised and respected by advocates and legislators from both parties, noted that "...this diverse group of stakeholders did a remarkable job coming together, setting aside differences, and producing a set of recommendations to chart a course for the future of the Developmental Centers. I believe this same group can build on that success by examining services in the community. By working together and resisting the inclination toward either/or thinking, we can focus on appropriate services for people with developmental disabilities, regardless of setting."

Former director of the Department of Developmental Services Terri Delgadillo, also singled out last year for praise by advocates and policymakers in helping to shape the task force recommendations before her retirement from state service last December served on the task force and will have her spot filled by the new department director, Santi Rogers. Rogers, who previously headed for 18 years the San Andreas Regional Center in San Jose, was appointed as director of the department in March.

RECONVENING TASK FORCE IMPLEMENTS GOVERNOR'S LINE ITEM VETO DIRECTIVE

The 2014-2015 State Budget, as passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., in June, included some major funding increases and restorations to health and human services, including child care providers; CalWORKS grants; payments with certain restrictions of overtime for home care workers including In-Home Supportive Service providers (effective January 2015); and restoration of eligibility to California's early intervention program -- called "Early Start" (effective January 2015) - but held off on restoring or unfreezing community-based provider reimbursements funded through the 21 non-profit regional centers under the Department of Developmental Services (DDS); restoring rates for many fee-for-service Medi-Cal providers; or restoring previously eliminated Medi-Cal benefits, cut in 2009, among the many services hit by previous reductions over the years.

Both the Legislature and Governor cited continued uncertainty in revenues and spending levels as reasons to hold off on those funding increases this year.

When Governor Brown signed the package of bills making up the 2014-2015 State Budget on June 20th, he used his line item veto eliminating the appropriation that would have required the Department of Developmental Services to spend funds for a study with stakeholders to review and recommend an update of the core staffing formula for the 21 non-profit regional centers, and rate

setting methodologies for community-based services and supports.

It was one of only two line item vetoes the Governor made in health and human services – none of which impacted direct services.

In his line item veto message, the Governor stated that he vetoed the additional expenditures approved by the Legislature because it would "... create a significant workload and cost pressures within a restrictive timeframe. Instead I am directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene a task force to review both of these and other community issues that were identified in the Plan for the Future of the Developmental Centers."

One of the 7 recommendations by the task force included formation of a stakeholder group to look at ways to improve the community-based system of services.

Noting the Governor's line item veto message and directive, Secretary Dooley said she was reconvening the stakeholder group "... consistent with a recommendation in the [Future of the Developmental Centers Task Force] Plan and in response to Governor Brown's message in the recently signed Budget Act..." and "... will be charged with examining services for the developmentally disabled in the community."

LINKS TO ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER RELATED INFORMATION

A pdf document copy of the announcement, released July 3rd can be found on the California Health and Human Services Agency website at: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/PRI/DCTask%20Force%20AnnouncementJuly32014.pdf>

The link to the Developmental Center task force page on the California Health and Human Services Agency website is: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/pages/DCsTaskForce.aspx>

A copy of the 59 page final recommendations of the task force submitted to the Legislature, on the same webpage can be viewed or downloaded at: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/DCTFDocs/PlanfortheFutureofDevelopmentalCenters.pdf>

FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY DOOLEY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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DIANA S. DOOLEY, SECRETARY

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July 3, 2014

California Health and Human Services Secretary
Diana S. Dooley Reconvenes Task Force

Sacramento – California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Diana S. Dooley today announced she will reconvene the Task Force that developed the Plan for the Future of Developmental Centers in California.

The Task Force includes consumers, consumer advocates, regional centers, community service providers, organized labor, families of developmental center residents, members of the Legislature and Department of Developmental Services staff.

Consistent with a recommendation in the Plan and in response to Governor Brown's message in the recently signed Budget Act, the Task Force will be charged with examining services for the developmentally disabled in the community.

The Task Force will develop recommendations to strengthen the community system in the context of a growing and aging population, resource constraints, availability of community resources to meet the specialized needs of clients, and past reductions to the community system. Issues to be examined will include community rates, the impact of new State and federal laws and

regulations, and staffing levels at Regional Centers.

When the landmark Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act was adopted in 1969 to establish community-based alternatives, California took the first step to develop a robust community system for those with developmental disabilities to live full, integrated lives in their local communities. Today,

California serves approximately 275,000 individuals in the community system with a budget of \$4.7 billion

Secretary Dooley said in reconvening the Task Force, "This diverse group of stakeholders did a remarkable job coming together, setting aside differences, and producing a set of recommendations to chart a course for the future of the Developmental Centers. I believe this same group can build on that success by examining services in the community. By working together and resisting the inclination toward either/or thinking, we can focus on appropriate services for people with developmental disabilities, regardless of setting."

The first meeting of the Task Force will be July 24, 2014



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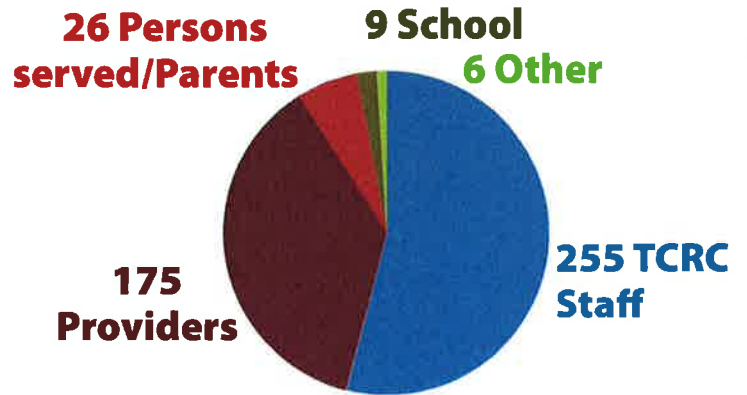


PCT PROJECTS AT TCRC

March 2014

Person Centered Thinking Trainings

Total number persons trained in PCT related content in 2013 = **471**



2013 Training

Description

Continuing in 2014

“Introduction to Person Centered Thinking”

Attendees develop skills in person centered thinking through a series of discussions, applied stories, and guided exercises.

TCRC will continue to host the Introduction to Person Centered Thinking in each of our 6 office areas, the fee continues to be waived for persons served and their families.

“Using A Person Centered Approach to Risk”

Attendees learn the practice and process of addressing risk in a balanced way.

This training will not be offered in 2014.

“One Page Profile and Person Centered Thinking Overview”

developed in partnership with Rainbow Family Resource Center

Participants learn the benefits and applications of one page profiles and how to create them.

Delivered to parents at the Transition Support Group hosted by the Conejo Valley Kiwanis and to Ventura County families.

We continue to offer the One Page Profile and a Person Centered overview in partnership with our Family Resource Center in Ventura County. It has been offered to Family Resource Centers in SB and SLO Counties.

Person Centered Thinking Trainings *(cont)*

2013 Training

Description

Continuing in 2014

“Person Centered Thinking in Schools”
Introduction/Overview

Participants learn to adapt person centered practices to youth transitioning out of post secondary into adult services.

This training is provided when requested by schools.

“Positive and Productive Meetings”

Attendees learn an innovative, practical meeting process that ensures that people can listen carefully, think clearly and therefore make effective decisions together.

We continue to offer Positive and Productive Meetings to interested teams and will make it available to the public when possible.

“Person Centered Thinking Overview”
at New Service Provider Orientation

New Service Providers receive an overview of the core concepts of Person Centered Thinking and TCRC’s commitment to deliver person centered services.

We continue to offer this twice a year.

New PCT Trainings in Development

Manager/Union Steward Training

We will be developing and offering a Manager and Union Steward Training focusing on how we can work well together using a person centered approach.

PCT Refresher Course

We will be developing a PCT Refresher Course focusing on strengthening the core PCT skills through practice and discussion. This course will be offered to TCRC staff.

Supervising Person Centered Teams

This training for Supervisors will focus on using person centered approaches with individuals and teams to develop high performing teams.

Community of Practice (COP)

2013 COP

Description

Continuing in 2014

493 participants

Community of Practice is an opportunity for persons who have completed the Introduction to Person Centered Thinking to further their learning and skill development in the area of person centered practices and strengthen local relationships.

Continues to be available to any interested participant in all 6 offices; led by PCT mentors, trainers and volunteers.

PCT Trainers / Mentors

- ✓ 5 PCT Mentors (3 TCRC, 1 service provider, 1 other)
- ✓ 12 PCT Trainers, 10 currently active
- ✓ 2 persons served by TCRC acting as co-facilitator at several of our training venues

Continue to focus on sustaining and increasing our PCT Trainer capacity to meet our growing needs.

Person Centered Practice Collaborative

(Previously known as the Person Centered Thinking Task Force)

2013 Work

Working to re-define and re-envision our structure in order to support the ongoing person centered efforts in the Tri Counties area.

Description

The Person Centered Practices Collaborative provides strategic direction and leadership across San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties to support inclusive, quality lives for persons with developmental disabilities. The Collaborative is led by individuals committed to promoting shared learning and the adoption of person centered practices.

Continuing in 2014

The PCP Collaborative is developing their leadership team with a representative from each stakeholder group to provide strategic direction in order to strengthen our person centered practices across the tri-counties area.

CA Gathering for Person Centered Practices 2013

2013 Work **161 Attendees**

The 6th Annual CA Gathering for Person Centered Practices was held in September 2013 in Camarillo.

Attendees traveled from multiple states, and included staff and stakeholders from Regional Centers, Family Resource Centers, Schools, Service Providers, and the International Learning Community for Person Centered Practices.

Scholarships were donated from Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center, CHOICES Supportive Living and TCRC.

Description

This annual event is hosted by TCRC each Fall. The California Gathering aims to increase awareness and share learning around person centered practices, as well as promoting person centered system change. Attendees from across the state include staff and stakeholders from Regional Centers, Family Resource Centers, Schools, Service Providers, and the International Learning Community for Person Centered Practices. Scholarships for persons served and families are made available when possible through partner donations.

Continuing in 2014

The 7th annual event will be hosted October 1st and 2nd in Ventura County. Scholarships will be available to adults and families we serve. Watch for updates on our website at www.tri-counties.org.

Collaboration with Schools Continues

- ✓ Simi Valley Post-Secondary program representatives presented at 2013 CA Gathering.
- ✓ Continued use of Person Centered Practices and the Person Centered Review process.
- ✓ Representative from Santa Barbara County Office of Education is a member of our CA Gathering planning committee.
- ✓ A Transition Day meeting was conducted to discuss ideas and develop action plans for supporting students with transition. TCRC staff attended.

Began planning for another team Transition Day

Team Goal Planning using PC Practices (i.e PATH)

Ongoing support to teams to utilize a Person Centered approach for team planning.

2013
5 Teams

2014
3 Teams

General Accomplishments

- 1** Modified questions in annual Kinetic Flow Services & Supports Satisfaction Survey to be aligned with person centered guiding principles. Beginning in 2013, we will pilot a composite score to seek a correlation with our person commitment to person centered thinking.
- 2** ARCA State Wide Training & Information Group adopted Positive and Productive Meeting Strategies with support from Mary Beth Lepkowsky, Assistant Director of Organizational Development.
- 3** SB 468 (Statewide Self Determination) now requires that Independent Facilitators be trained in person centered planning; supported by the work of TCRC Directors Frank Bush and Lorna Owens.
- 4** Building greater capacity and sharing our learning nationally, TCRC sent 4 persons to PCT Gathering in Oregon.
- 5** Progress is being made under Strategic Plan Operational Focus Area 3 to implement person centered performance management practices.



Attention Tri-Counties stakeholder partners:

We are currently in the process of doing outreach in order to maintain a sustainable level of training and mentoring support for person centered thinking training and adjunct activities for regional center staff, service provider staff, individuals with developmental disabilities, their family members and community partner agencies in the Tri-Counties area. Enclosed below is our local Pre-Requisite and Certification form outlining the desired qualities and skills we seek and a summary of the certification criteria per The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices. For more information regarding the certification process to become a Person Centered Thinking Trainer please reference the website listed below for The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices.

**Person Centered Thinking Trainer
Pre- Requisite and Certification form**

Name of interested PCT Trainer Candidate and email contact:	
Name of Mentor/ Mentor Trainer Candidate Supporting:	
Date of Meeting:	

We are looking for persons who are:

- Committed to individualization, helping people achieve individual outcomes and lives
- Completed the Introduction to Person Centered Thinking, understand person centered philosophy and values and practicing person centered practices in their day to day work
- Extremely efficient, effective and up to date with their work in order to have and make the time to dedicate to the process of becoming a trainer and to the responsibilities of working in partnership with our trainers and mentors to build our community in their use and practice of person centered thinking and skills
- Attend and preferably provide support at local Communities of Practice; It is important that a trainer candidate can assist someone in taking their Person Centered skills and knowledge to the next level as a PCT Trainer

- Attend and contribute to the CA Gathering for Person Centered Practices to understand the large impact and vision for this work (as possible)

PRE REQUISITE CHECK LIST *(to be completed by the interested PCT Trainer Candidate prior and reviewed by the Mentor Trainer and or Mentor Trainer Candidate)*

Questions for the potential candidate regarding their involvement in person centered practices	Trainer Candidate please provide a detailed response below and when applicable indicate the date, and include any other relevant information
What is your experience with using person centered skills in your work? (how are you using them and for how long?)	
When did you participate in the full Person Centered Thinking Training? Where?	
How have you been actively involved in your local Communities of Practice?	
What is your experience training groups of adults?	
What is experience with managing group dynamics?	
How can you demonstrate competence in developing and growing plans?	
Have you reviewed the Recommendation to become a trainer from a member of The Learning Community for Person Centered Practice? Do you have any questions or concerns?	
Can you make the commitment to the time and effort needed to master the skills and develop the ability to train effectively? <i>(i.e 3 day training is 6-8hrs of delivery each day not including prep time that is done on trainer's own time)</i>	
Tell us about your passion for supporting people in a person centered manner, and how you communicate or demonstrate that passion to others?	
If you are working within an agency and becoming a PCT trainer as part of your position describe the commitment your agency has made to PCT?	
If they have not made this commitment explain how they will make it?	
What support do you have from your agency to become a competent trainer?	
Will everyone have had the PCT training or be expected to go through the PCT training? If so by when?	
Describe or tell us about participation in a Person Centered Thinking Community of Practice or Person Centered Thinking Coaching Group?	

Has the training occurred in your agency?	
By when do you want to complete your certification?	
What geographic areas are you able to train and travel to? (<i>Mentor share the need</i>)	

Date: _____

Signature of Trainer Candidate: _____

Signature of Mentor Trainer: _____

Signature of Mentor Trainer Candidate: _____

The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices Training Certification Requirements Met: (please reference

http://www.learningcommunity.us/documents/trainers_certification_process_vfinal_approved_july_2008.pdf)

TLCPCP Requirements for Achieving Certification <i>(Refer to TLCPCP Training Certification Process July 2008)</i>	Specify date of completion and name of mentor trainer
1. Complete an agreed plan with the Trainer which addresses how the requirements of Prerequisites, Steps, and Maintaining categories will be met	
2. Complete @ least 2 sessions of PC Thinking training while being observed/mentored by Mentor Trainer. In order to become a certified trainer a trainer candidate must "complete" each section which may require more than one presentation.	
3. Submit two person centered descriptions to the mentor trainer for review: one is a person centered description on the trainer candidate and the second is one for a person who uses services.	
A. First Person Centered description	
B. Second Person Centered description	
4. Demonstrate both mastery of the material and ability to help others learn	
5. Demonstrate capacity to learn/grow from feedback of Trainer	
6. Demonstrate ability to coach others to use tools/ skills and to write good plans that are used (<i>from Maintaining Level of Reliability sheet from TLC</i>)	

Date: _____

Signature of Trainer Candidate: _____

Signature of Mentor Trainer: _____

Signature of Mentor Trainer Candidate: _____

Pushing the Envelope



CHALLENGES

CASELOAD GROWTH

While 3-4% growth looks manageable in reality it translates to 400-500 more cases per year. This represents lots of paperwork, filing, recording, storage and distribution. 500 charts can easily look like 125 feet of paperwork, or 30 filled file drawers.

FLAT OR DECLINING BUDGETS

Our operations budget does not keep up with our caseload growth. This creates caseload ratios beyond what is considered ideal. If we do not or cannot improve our operational processes we do not stand a chance of keeping up.

INCREASED OPS WORKLOAD

New regulations and trailer bill requirements force us to do more than ever. Combined with caseload growth and declining ops budgets is a recipe for disaster.

ADOPTION

We have to get DDS on-board and the rest will follow. We are working daily to move the ball forward.

Digital Transactions and Electronic Signature

Taking the Fight to Washington DC

We are 100% dedicated to delivering services to people we serve in the most effective manner possible. We constantly strive to better ourselves and our “product” by evolving the services we fund as well as how we deliver the services. One major component of business is the creation and collection of documentation and approvals. Managing the process and retention of this documentation is an on-going struggle.

Over the years we have managed to digitize or scan over 5.3 million pages going back close to 15 years. This project, in its 13th year, demonstrated the advantage of having digital records instead of paper. Not only does it save space and reduce rent overhead, it's more effective and efficient for recalling the information and distribution of the material as needed. Digital or electronic record keeping is here to stay and the benefits are extending beyond the file cabinet.

TCRC has pursued a digital strategy for anything and everything paper based. Every department is in some way moving toward a digital future.

One of our biggest obstacles is getting people and other organizations to adopt to some of our new methods. Electronic signature acceptance is one of our targets and we are moving ever closer to resolving the challenges we have faced. We have yet to convince everyone of the benefits and legality of electronic signature but we forge ahead knowing that it will happen soon.

Beyond the Dotted Line

Washington Listens

On April 29th, 2014 I was on a panel to discuss Digital Transactions and the impacts it will have in business. Sponsored by Nancy Pelosi, the panel consisted of myself, Elissa Saunders, (HUD), Noerena Limon, CPBF (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), and Janet Spriggs, (Rowan Cabarrus Community College, NC). In attendance were one Senator, one Representative, and many staffers and lobbying representatives interested in hearing first hand experiences.

During my presentation I read a letter from a mom with a special needs child who described her situation in a blog post titled “5 Things to Know About Parents of Children with Special Needs” (The link is below). I wanted to emphasize **why** I need to push and get anyone and everyone to listen to me so that we can get our processes automated and made more efficient. Parent's like Rachel Moshman need all the help they can get just to make it through the day and darned if we aren't going to fight the battles to make the application and documentation process simpler and more convenient for them.

Read her post below:

<https://www.sandiegofamily.com/resources/flourishing-families-special-needs-resources/1573-5-things-to-know>

BY THE NUMBERS

June 2014

 **576**
GB of Storage Used

273 SERVICE PROVIDERS COLLABORATING

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE Cases Transferred

REGIONAL CENTERS ACCEPTING OUR CASE TRANSFERS 

3209 Referral Packets

STAFF WITH BOX ACCOUNTS 

7 BROCHURES COMPLETED IN BOTH ENGLISH & SPANISH


- About TCRC
- Early Start
- Services for Children
- Services for Adults
- Services for All Ages
- Age Three Transition
- Transition to Adult Services

TOTAL PAGES SCANNED TO DATE

5,329,212

WHICH WOULD COVER 72 FOOTBALL FIELDS

OR 950 MILES IF YOU LAID OUT IN A LINE



3 SERVERS DECOMMISSIONED

0 SERVERS ADDED

65 PCS REPLACED

FOUR ORIGINAL STAFF | **TWO** Retired | 55+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE COMBINED

THREE PROMOTED | **TWO** NEW HIRES |  **8\$** PER HOUR COST TO OPS



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