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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 20, 2026

To: **Community Relations Committee**
Jeremy Sunderland, Cathy Blin, Nicholas Abrahms, Jennifer Koster, George Alvarado, Blanca Chavez, Jacquie Colton, Lety Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Laura Monge, Jason Taketa, Curtis Wang, Sharon Weinberg, Jodie Agnew-Navarro

From: Lindsay Granger
Executive Administrative Assistant

Re: Information and materials for Consumer Services Committee meeting on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Enclosed is the packet for the next Community Relations Committee meeting. Please review this information in preparation for the meeting.

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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Thank you!

Enclosures

c: Angela Pao-Johnson, Evelyn McOmie, Vini Montague, Donna Rentsch, Silvia Renteria-Haro, Dana Lawrence, Dr. Carlo DeAntonio, Sarah Yap, Chris Whitlock, John Van de Riet, Belinda Abatesi – Staff

Community Relations Committee

May 20, 2026

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North Los Angeles County Regional Center **COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – *Via Zoom*

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:00 p.m.

~ **AGENDA** ~

- I. **Call to Order** (1 min.)
- II. **Committee Member Attendance/Quorum** (1 min)
- III. **Agenda** (1 min)
 - A. Approval of Agenda
- IV. **Public Input - Agenda Items:** (3 minutes per person, limit 3 comments)
- V. **Consent Items** (1 min.)
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the Community Relations March 18, 2026, Meeting
- VI. **Committee Business**
 - A. Update on 2026 Legislative Breakfast – (Belinda) (3 min.)
 - B. Discuss Committee Name – (Evelyn) (5 min.)
- VII. **Action Items**
 - A. Review and Approve Planning Calendar for FY 2026-27 – (Lindsay) (5 min.)
- VIII. **Report Outs** –
 - A. Legislative Update – (Belinda) (2 min.)
 - B. Social Media Update – (Chris) (2 min.)
- IX. **Board Meeting Agenda Items** (1 min.)
- X. **Announcements / Public Input** (3 minutes per person) / **Information Items**
 - A. Next Meeting: August 19, 2026
 - B. Committee Attendance (1 min.)
- XI. **Review of Committee Action Items** (2 min.)
- XII. **Adjournment**

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2026

Present: Jeremy Sunderland, Cathy Blin, Nicholas Abrahms, Laura Monge, Jennifer Koster, Jacquie Colton, Lety Garcia, Jennifer Koster, Curtis Wang, Juan Hernandez, Sharon Weinberg – Committee Members

Executive Director Angela Pao-Johnson, Deputy Director Evelyn McOmie, Executive Administrative Assistant Lindsay Granger, Silvia Renteria-Haro, Chris Whitlock, John Van De Riet, Belinda Abatesi, Sarah Yap – Staff Members

Guests:

Absent: Jason Taketa, George Alvarado

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present Cathy Blin called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Cathy Blin reminded members to identify themselves prior to making a motion and reviewed the NLACRC Board of Trustees Civility Code.

2. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

3. **AGENDA**

Absent objection the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT – AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public input regarding the agenda.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2026, Community Relations Committee Meeting

M/S/C (Sharon Weinberg) On a motion made by Sharon Weinberg, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting. Absent objection the motion carried.

6. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

6.1 **Update on 2026 Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award Nominations**

Cathy Blin introduced an update on the 2026 Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award nominations, inviting Chris Whitlock to provide a status report.

Chris Whitlock shared that the nomination period closed on March 1, with a total of 12 nominees submitted. He noted that the nominations will be distributed to the committee for review and voting. The top three candidates selected by the committee will then be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for final consideration and selection. The award recipient will be recognized at the upcoming legislative breakfast.

Cathy Blin expressed appreciation for the strong number of nominations, noting it reflects the meaningful contributions being made within the community. Chris Whitlock confirmed that the timeline is expected to align with the April committee and board meeting schedule.

No additional discussion or questions were raised.

6.2 Discuss Self-Determination Program Report at Community Relations Committee Meeting and Board

Cathy Blin introduced a discussion regarding the reporting structure for the Self-Determination Program (SDP) updates across committees and the Board of Trustees.

Evelyn McOmie provided clarification on the two components of SDP reporting: (1) the SDP implementation report, which includes data, charts, and program updates, and (2) the Board member report-out form, which summarizes key topics discussed at SDP meetings. Evelyn McOmie explained that the implementation report is typically reviewed at the Community Relations Committee (CRC) and included in the board packet, while the Board member report is presented at the board meeting.

Committee members discussed whether presenting both components at multiple levels was duplicative. Juan Hernandez, Sharon Weinberg, and Lety Garcia expressed that the current approach results in redundancy, particularly for members serving on multiple committees.

Following discussion, the committee reached consensus to streamline the process by limiting full SDP reporting to the Board of Trustees. Both the SDP implementation report and the Board member report-out will be presented at the board meeting, rather than duplicated at the CRC.

At the request of Lindsay Granger, a formal motion was made.

M/S/C (Jeremy Sunderland/Cathy Blin) On a motion made by Jeremy Sunderland, seconded by Cathy Blin, it was resolved to no longer present the self-determination program report and liaison report at the Community Relations Committee meetings. Motion carried.

No further discussion followed.

ACTION: Moving forward both the SDP Implementation Report and the Board member report out will be presented only at the Board meetings not the Community Relations Committee meetings.

7. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

8. REPORT OUTS

8.1 Legislative Update

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Legislative Update Report and invited Belinda Abatesi to present.

Belinda Abatesi reported that North Los Angeles County Regional Center participated in the Association of Regional Center Agencies Grassroots advocacy event, joining regional centers across California to meet with legislative offices within the catchment area. The delegation advocated on key issues impacting

individuals with developmental disabilities and families. Belinda Abatesi recognized Juan Hernandez and Jeremy Sunderland for participating in the advocacy efforts.

Belinda Abatesi outlined the primary advocacy priorities discussed during the visits, including youth caregiver support, improving access to dental care for individuals with disabilities, ensuring regional center funding stability, and recognizing the 60th anniversary of California's first regional centers. Belinda Abatesi also highlighted two pieces of legislation: SB 1052, which focuses on future planning support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and AB 1900, which proposes a statewide healthcare system to expand access to comprehensive coverage.

At the federal level, Belinda Abatesi shared updates regarding upcoming changes to CalFresh eligibility beginning April 1, 2026. These changes may impact certain non-citizen populations, with some individuals potentially losing eligibility upon renewal if criteria are no longer met.

Belinda Abatesi also shared information about a nonpartisan candidate interview series hosted by the Lanterman Act coalition, focused on disability rights and California's commitment to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An upcoming session was noted for March 25. Additional resources, including a state events calendar and upcoming meetings, were referenced for member participation. Belinda Abatesi also introduced a new advocacy engagement tool, the Lanterman Coalition Action Form, designed to allow stakeholders to sign up for alerts and stay informed on legislative activities.

Jeremy Sunderland asked whether follow-up information regarding the 60th anniversary discussion with Assemblymember Carrillo had been sent. Belinda Abatesi confirmed that follow-up emails and communications had been completed with legislative offices.

Lety Garcia raised concerns regarding limited advance notice for legislative and vendor site visits, noting that short timelines make participation challenging. Lety Garcia requested improved proactive communication, including a tentative schedule or advance notice of potential visit dates. Lety Garcia also recommended that copies of correspondence sent to legislators, including meeting requests, support letters, and thank-you letters, be shared with the committee to support transparency, awareness, and recordkeeping of advocacy efforts.

Jeremy Sunderland acknowledged the scheduling challenges and supported providing earlier notice when possible, including sharing tentative dates in advance. Lindsay Granger acknowledged the feedback, noted that some opportunities arise with short notice, and agreed to explore ways to provide earlier communication and potential scheduling visibility moving forward.

No formal action was taken.

8.2 Social Media Update

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Social Media Update, which John Van De Riet, Public Information Supervisor, presented.

John Van De Riet provided an overview of recent social media performance across platforms. On Facebook, follower growth and engagement remained steady, with increases in followers each month and reach ranging from approximately 13,000 to over 26,000 users. Instagram also showed consistent growth in followers, with regular posting and moderate engagement levels. LinkedIn demonstrated strong growth with consistent monthly increases in followers, while YouTube experienced modest subscriber growth, with a notable increase in February.

Jeremy Sunderland suggested increasing visibility of social media by placing "follow us" links at the top of email communications in addition to the bottom. Juan Hernandez and Cathy Blin expressed agreement with this approach.

Laura Monge raised a question regarding the ability to expand connections on Instagram beyond current follower metrics. John Van De Riet agreed to review and confirm platform capabilities.

Lety Garcia raised concerns regarding limited posting activity on Spanish-language social media pages and emphasized the importance of consistent, bilingual content to better reach the community. John Van De Riet acknowledged the concern and agreed to review posting consistency and ensure alignment between English and Spanish platforms.

Committee members discussed strategies to improve engagement, including increasing posting frequency, maintaining fresh and relevant content, and leveraging analytics to determine effective content types. Lety Garcia suggested surveying followers to better understand content preferences.

Additional discussion focused on expanding accessibility through Spanish-language content, including translating or adding subtitles to podcast episodes, and incorporating Spanish-speaking guests or segments. Juan Hernandez and Lety Garcia suggested creating shorter Spanish-language podcast segments or highlights to increase reach and engagement.

John Van De Riet confirmed that efforts are underway to enhance content strategy, including video content, podcasts, and potential Spanish-language initiatives.

No formal action was taken.

8.3 Self-Determination Program Report

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Self-Determination Program (SDP) update, and Silvia Renteria-Haro provided the report.

Silvia Renteria-Haro shared that the last Local Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 19, with the next meeting scheduled virtually from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Silvia Renteria-Haro noted that the committee is currently advocating to preserve annual SDP implementation funds, which support individuals transitioning into the program and are scheduled to sunset in 2028.

Silvia Renteria-Haro reported that, as of March 1, there were 730 SDP participants. There were 22 transitions during the month and 60 total transitions for 2026. Orientation attendance included 29 English participants and 2 Spanish participants.

Silvia Renteria-Haro stated that, beginning April 1, the State Council will take over SDP orientations statewide to support consistency across all regional centers. Orientations are expected to be more in-depth, offered virtually, and available in multiple languages.

Committee members discussed the importance of promoting SDP through clear, accessible information and personal experiences. Jacquie Colton and Sharmila Brunjes shared personal perspectives regarding the value of SDP orientation and participation. Sharon Weinberg and Jeremy Sunderland suggested that testimonials or impact stories may help families better understand the program.

Laura Monge asked how SDP is promoted to families. Silvia Renteria-Haro explained that SDP information is included as part of the IPP signature page discussion, supported by flyers, and promoted through coaches funded by implementation funds to help guide families through the transition process. Juan Hernandez expressed concern about not receiving SDP information during prior IPP meetings.

Silvia Renteria-Haro confirmed that SDP information is intended to be shared with all individuals and families.

Jeremy Sunderland thanked the committee and staff for the discussion and engagement.

8.4 3rd Quarter Disparity Committee Report Out

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Third Quarter Disparity Committee Report, and Sarah Yap provided the update.

Sarah Yap reported that the Disparity Committee met in January, February, and March 2026, with the most recent meeting held on March 12. During the quarter, community-based organizations continued presenting on their work and impact related to improving service access. Presenters included Integrated Community Collaborative and Family Focus Resource Center.

Sarah Yap shared that support groups continue to be well received, with ongoing interest in in-person gatherings. Sarah Yap also announced that the DEIB team will host the second Inclusion in Action Hybrid Workshop on April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the San Fernando Valley office and via Zoom. Topics will include community services, conservatorship, aging adults, and general Self-Determination Program information.

The next Disparity Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Lety Garcia noted that a Consumer and Family Guide had previously been developed and suggested that the committee reference it as work continues on resource-sharing efforts. Sarah Yap confirmed awareness of the guide, stated that it is currently being updated, and agreed to follow up.

Jennifer Koster requested a calendar invitation for future Disparity Committee meetings. Sarah Yap agreed to coordinate with administration.

No formal action was taken.

8.5 Semi-annual Expenditure Data Report

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Semi-Annual Expenditure Data Report, and Evelyn McOmie provided the update.

Evelyn McOmie reviewed the top five expenditures by ethnicity, which included personal assistance, in-home respite, residential facility services, community integration, and supportive living. Evelyn McOmie explained that the data compared Fiscal Year 2024–2025 with the first half of Fiscal Year 2025–2026, with data pulled as of February 5.

Evelyn McOmie also reviewed an additional slide on the top five expenditures for individuals living in the home, which included personal assistance, in-home respite, infant development services, community integration, and adaptive skills. Evelyn McOmie noted that this slide would be added to the meeting packet.

Lety Garcia asked for clarification regarding the difference between the overall top five expenditures and the top five in-home expenditures. Evelyn McOmie explained that the in-home expenditures are specific to services supporting individuals living at home. Evelyn McOmie also clarified that adaptive skills training generally supports everyday living skills and is more commonly used for children, though it may also be used for adults in certain circumstances.

Committee members discussed how expenditure patterns may reflect differences in living arrangements across communities, including supported living and residential services. Evelyn McOmie explained that

the data should be reviewed in context, including cultural differences, historical service patterns, and the types of residential or independent living supports being used.

Lety Garcia emphasized the importance of educating families about supported living and future planning options, particularly for families concerned about long-term care when parents or caregivers are no longer able to provide support.

M/S/C (Jennifer Koster/Lety Garcia) On a motion made by Jennifer Koster, seconded by Lety Garcia, it was resolved to include ethnicity breakdowns for infant development and adaptive skills in the future semi-annual expenditure reports. Motion carried

Jennifer Koster asked whether the expenditure data could be shared with the Disparity Committee. Evelyn McOmie agreed to coordinate with staff regarding a future presentation.

No further questions were raised.

8.6 Semi-annual 4731 Report

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Semi-annual 4731 Report, and Dana Lawrence provided the update.

Dana Lawrence reported that 76 complaints were filed between July and December 2025, including 195 individual allegations. Of those, 53 violations were identified, including 12 violations found during the investigation that were not part of the original complaints.

Dana Lawrence shared that the most common violation involved notices of proposed action, with 25 violations related to untimely or missing notices. Dana Lawrence also noted a newer trend involving IPP meetings not being held when requested or not being held timely, with 10 violations identified. Other violations included issues with IPP planning, service coordination, and one vendor-related violation.

Lety Garcia asked what corrective action occurs when violations are found. Dana Lawrence explained that findings are shared with the case management team, Evelyn McOmie, and the Executive Director. When a violation is identified, a proposed resolution is required, most often additional training for the team involved.

Sharon Weinberg asked whether the report format could be made easier to read. Dana Lawrence explained that the format is based on the DDS-required report template and may change when the new complaint process goes into effect.

Lety Garcia asked about complaints related to lack of response from service coordinators. Dana Lawrence explained that while NLACRC has an internal expectation for responses within 72 hours, there is no statutory response-time requirement under the Lanterman Act. Dana Lawrence noted that significant or prolonged lack of response may still be identified as a failure of service coordination.

8.7 3rd Quarter Intake Data by Location Report

Jeremy Sunderland introduced the Third Quarter Intake Data Report, and Evelyn McOmie provided the update.

Evelyn McOmie reported minimal instances of intakes exceeding the 120-day compliance requirement, with two cases in October, one in November, and one in December. The out-of-compliance cases were attributed to factors such as scheduling coordination and cancellations. Evelyn McOmie noted that November achieved 100% compliance.

Evelyn McOmie stated that the low number of out-of-compliance cases reflects strong performance by the intake department, emphasizing that this level of compliance is considered a positive outcome.

No questions were raised.

9. BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Jeremy Sunderland transitioned the meeting to Board Meeting Agenda Items and confirmed that no items were identified for inclusion on the upcoming Board of Trustees agenda. Lindsay Granger clarified that no additional items were needed, as relevant updates would already be presented at the board level.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC INPUT / INFORMATION ITEMS

Jeremy Sunderland moved to announcements and confirmed the next meeting is scheduled for May 20.

Jeremy Sunderland encouraged members to participate in future grassroots advocacy efforts, noting the value of engagement with local legislators.

Jennifer Koster asked for clarification regarding the status of state developmental centers. Evelyn McOmie explained that most facilities have been closed, with a limited number of specialized sites remaining for individuals with higher needs.

Lety Garcia suggested reinstating a Deputy Director report for the committee to provide broader updates on case management and consumer-related topics. Evelyn McOmie agreed to explore this and potentially implement a report beginning in the next fiscal year.

Lindsay Granger confirmed that all attendees, including those who joined late, would be marked as present.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Relations Committee will be on May 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

DISCLAIMER

The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting. This document shall not be considered a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.



Submitted by:
Lindsay Granger
Executive Administrative Assistant – Board Relations Liaison

**NLACRC
Community Relations Committee
PLANNING CALENDAR
FY 2026-27**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>July</i>	Committee does not meet in July.
<i>August</i>	<p>Committee elects a chairperson for the current fiscal year.</p> <p>Orientation for committee.</p> <p>Committee begins planning for a candidates' forum to be held in the fall.</p> <p>Committee is given their monthly Legislative Update.</p> <p>Committee is given their monthly Social Media Update.</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Disparity Committee Report (April-June)</p> <p>Committee reviews Semi-annual Expenditure Data Reports (January-June)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Consumer Competitive Employment Report (January-June)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Social Recreation, Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Services Report (January-June)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Consumer Diagnostic Report (January-June)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Intake Data by Location Report (April-June)</p> <p><i>Committee reviews the Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (January-June)</i></p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual 4731 Report (January-June)</p>
<i>September</i>	Committee does not meet in September.
<i>October</i>	Annual Board & VAC Legislative Training will be held in October.

	Committee does not meet in October.
November	<p>Committee is given their monthly Legislative Update.</p> <p>Committee is given their monthly Social Media Update.</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Disparity Committee Report (July-September)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Intake Data by Location Report (July-September)</p> <p>Deputy Director Report Out</p> <p>Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award – Send out Nomination forms</p> <p>Committee begins discussion on ideas for legislative event to be held in the spring.</p>
December	Committee does not meet in December.
January	<p>Committee is given their monthly Legislative Update.</p> <p>Committee is given their monthly Social Media Update.</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Disparity Committee Report (October-December)</p> <p>Committee reviews Semi-annual Expenditure Data Reports (July-December)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Consumer Competitive Employment Report (July-December)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Social Recreation, Camp & Non-Medical Therapies Services Report (July-December)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Semi-annual Consumer Diagnostic Report (July-December)</p> <p>Committee reviews the Quarterly Intake Data by Location Report (October-December)</p> <p><i>Committee reviews the Semi-annual NOAs by Ethnicity/Location/Services & Age Range Report (July-December)</i></p> <p>Committee reviews the semi-annual 4731 Report (July-December)</p> <p>Committee creates a Workgroup to plan the Legislative Breakfast.</p>

	Committee begins planning for ARCA’s Grass Roots Day and NLACRC’s Grass Roots Week.
<i>February</i>	Committee does not meet in February. Legislative Town Hall
<i>March</i>	Committee is given their monthly Legislative Update. Committee is given their monthly Social Media Update. Vote on Jynny Retzinger Community Service Award Recipient.
<i>April</i>	Committee does not meet in April.
<i>May</i>	Committee is given their monthly Legislative Update. Committee is given their monthly Social Media Update. Committee reviews the Quarterly Disparity Committee Report (January-March) Committee reviews the Quarterly Intake Data by Location Report (January-March) Deputy Director Report Out Update on Legislative Breakfast provided. Committee reviews and approves planning calendar for next fiscal year.
<i>June</i>	Legislative Breakfast takes place.

[Committee Planning Calendar 2026-27]

May 2026



NLACRC

Legislative

Report





2026-27 May Revision

1 DDS Snapshot

\$21.6B Total DDS Budget	\$13.5B General Fund	\$8B+ Federal Medicaid Funding	+\$2.8B Increase
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No identified DDS service cuts in the May Revision.

3 Key Investments

Better federal funding capture	Equitable needs assessment (\$11.4M)
Federal grievance process support	Regional center operations & infrastructure

2 System Growth

527,000+ people projected to receive services	+39,700 more people than the current year
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4 What to Watch

Medi-Cal changes beginning January 1, 2027 may affect people who rely on both Medi-Cal and regional center services.

Asset limits return (\$2,000 individual / \$3,000 couple)
CalFresh: 3-month limit and 20 hours/week work requirement (exemptions available for people with disabilities)
Retroactive coverage window shrinks

[Read DDS Summary](#)

[Read HHS Summary](#)




Advocacy Opportunities



Legislative & Budget Updates *with Aaron Carruthers*

California legislative and budget updates from the Executive Director of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities.


 **When:** Thursday, May 21 | 12:00–1:00 PM

 **Where:** Zoom Registration



Virtual Town Hall: May Budget Revision *Presented by Disability Rights California*

Learn how the Governor’s May Budget Revision may impact people with disabilities. The town hall will include an overview of new budget proposals and time for questions.

 **When:** Monday, June 1, 2026 | 5:00–6:15 PM


 **Where:** Virtual

 **More info:** [Register Here](#)




CDLA Day of Action at the Capitol

Statewide disability advocacy event with a rally, resource fair, program, and opportunities for legislative visits.

 **When:** Tuesday, May 26 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM


 **Where:** 1315 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

 **More info:** [DREDF](#)



May Revise: Legislative Advocacy *with Roxy Ortiz*

Discussion on the May Revise and how community members can engage in advocacy.

 **When:** Wednesday, May 27 | 12:00–1:30 PM

 **Where:** Zoom Registration




These are opportunities to follow budget developments, hear legislative updates, and participate in disability advocacy.



Advocacy Tools

ARCA'S Voter Voice Campaign



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1. Contact Your Legislator

o. Decisions are being made right now that will impact dental care access for minute to tell your representative why protecting our oral health matters.

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2. Share Your Story

understand the ramifications of cutting Medi-Cal Dental. The stories we colle

[SHARE YOUR STORY >](#)

3. Printable Flyer

I print our flyer to display, so more people can join our campaign. Each flyer in directly to legislators.

- ## Everyday Advocacy Actions
- 
Connect with Your Representatives (find your rep.)
 - 
Champion NLACRC's Advocacy Efforts
 - 
Be Present in the Community
 - 
Elevate Family Voices
 - 
Foster Collaborative Relationships
 - 
Stay Informed

- ## Resources to Stay Informed
- California Department of Developmental Services**

<https://www.dds.ca.gov>
 State policies, DDS directives, budget updates, and program guidance.
 - Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)**

<https://www.arcanet.org>
 Statewide advocacy priorities, budget analysis, and regional center system updates.
 - The Arc of California**

<https://thearcca.org>
 California-specific advocacy, budget updates, and community education.
 - Disability Rights California**

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org>
 Rights-based information, investigations, publications, and self-advocacy resources.
 - Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)**

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep>
 Federal employment initiatives, best practices, and disability workforce policy.

Note: Click the headings for additional information.



Master Plan for Developmental Services: Implementation Update



What It Is

- The Master Plan for Developmental Services: A Community-Driven Vision (MPDS) was released on March 28, 2025.
- Created to strengthen how the state supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.



Next Steps

- The MPDS Committee will continue meeting annually in July and December.
- In 2026, the Committee will identify possible funding, statutory, and operational changes needed to move recommendations forward.



Where California Is Today

- The first annual MPDS report has been released, and California is in the early implementation phase.
- Key efforts underway include LOIS modernization, language access improvements, equity measures, a statewide definition of generic services, and reducing barriers for service providers.
- DDS is also focusing on workforce development, Early Start, supported decision-making, standardized intake, and respite assessment processes.

View full report here: [Master Plan March 2026 Report](#)



2026 Legislative Bill Tracker

[AB 277 \(Alanis\) – Behavioral Health Background Checks](#)

Would require a person providing behavioral health treatment for a behavioral health center, facility, or program to undergo a background check.

Status: Referred to the Committees on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and Public Safety on May 6th.

[AB 1648 \(Rodriguez\) – California Epilepsy Program](#)

Creates a statewide epilepsy program to collect and analyze data, publish reports, and list agencies offering services to individuals affected by epilepsy.

Status: In Assembly Appropriations on April 8th.

[AB 1670 \(Arambula\) – Medi-Cal Additional Compensation](#)

Provides extra payment when patients need significant added support during dental treatment, helping improve safe and accessible care, allowing for up to 3 times in a year.

Status: Referred to the Appropriations Suspense File on May 6th.

[AB 2161 \(Bonta\) – Medi-Cal Redeterminations and Work/Community Engagement](#)

Revises state Medi-Cal redetermination rules to conform to the new federal requirement that certain Medicaid expansion adults be redetermined every 6 months instead of annually.

Status: Referred to the Appropriations Suspense File on April 29th.

[AB 2201 \(Boerner\) – Medi-Cal Eligibility Redetermination](#)

Would make conforming changes to state Medi-Cal eligibility review rules to reflect the new federal 6-month redetermination requirement for certain adults.

Status: Referred to the Appropriations Suspense File on May 6th.

[AB 2309 \(Bains\) – CalFresh Protection Act](#)

Requires the State Department of Social Services to use state funds to continue issuing CalFresh benefits to existing recipients if a federal funding lapse results in withheld, suspended, or delayed SNAP benefits.

Status: Referred to the Appropriations Suspense File on May 6th.

[AB 2324 \(Jeff Gonzalez\) – Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Program](#)

Requires assessment of the challenges and needs of youth caregivers and recommend workplace learning strategies to help develop a career pathway program for the direct support profession.

Status: Re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations on April 21.

[AB 2466 \(Fong\) – Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning](#)

Allows regional consortia to use Strong Workforce funds to provide direct support for paid work-based learning opportunities that increase employability and employment.

Status: From committee: Do pass on May 6th.

[SB 1052 \(Gonzalez\) – Authorized Representatives](#)

Allows SCDD to designate backup authorized representatives so individuals with IDD keep uninterrupted services if a primary caregiver is detained or deported.

Status: Placed on the Appropriations Suspense File on April 20th.



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Sidewalk Session in Thousand Oaks

Saturday, May 23

10 a.m. - Noon



Philz Coffee

33 N. Moorpark Rd. Unit E
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

RSVP not required!



Cocktails & Conversation with Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo

Thursday, June 25
15:30 pm – 7:30 pm
RSVP



ICC Quartely Meeting (DAY 1)
Thursday, August 6
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM **RSVP**

ICC Quartely Meeting (DAY 2)
Friday, August 7
19:00 AM – 12:00 PM **RSVP**

Los Angeles County Officeholders Breakfast

Date: June 11, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

The Garland
4222 Vineland Ave., Los Angeles

RSVP



VALLEY INDUSTRY & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION'S Congressional Breakfast 2026

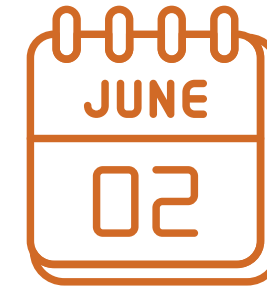
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Time: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

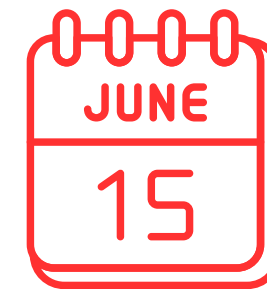
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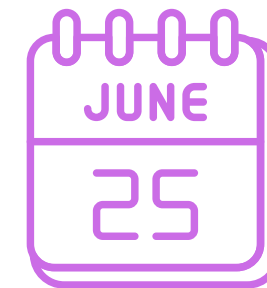
State Calendar



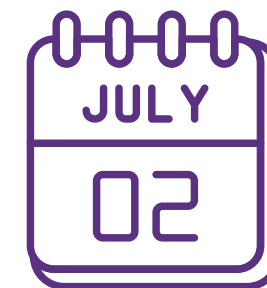
Primary election



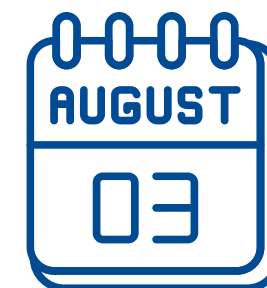
Budget must be passed by midnight



Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot



Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed



Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess



Visit Legislative Deadlines Page

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS REPORT

Period: February 2026 - April 2026



Facebook

February 2026

8,260

Total Followers
*+29 since Jan
2026*

20

Posts (Times
we've posted)

623

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

12,993

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

March 2026

8,298

Total Followers
*+38 since Feb
2026*

20

Posts (Times
we've posted)

558

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

13,144

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

April 2026

8,342

Total Followers
*+44 since March
2026*

17

Posts (Times
we've posted)

426

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

11,361

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS REPORT

Period: February 2026 - April 2026



Instagram

February 2026

2,049

Total Followers
*+35 since Jan
2026*

25

Posts (Times
we've posted)

230

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

10,907

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

March 2026

2,091

Total Followers
*+42 since Feb
2026*

30

Posts (Times
we've posted)

342

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

12,445

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

April 2026

2,133

Total Followers
*+42 since March
2026*

19

Posts (Times
we've posted)

347

Total
Interactions
(likes, shares,
comments)

10,892

Page Reach
(how many
people saw at
least one post)

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS REPORT

Period: February 2026 - April 2026



LinkedIn

February 2026

4,336

Total Followers
+35 since Jan
2026

March 2026

4,411

Total Followers
+75 since
February 2026

April 2026

4,465

Total Followers
+54 since March
2026

YouTube

February 2026

221

Total Followers
+11 since Jan
2026

March 2026

229

Total Followers
+8 since
February 2026

April 2026

239

Total Followers
+10 since March
2026 2026

FY 2025-26	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total Absences	Total Hours
Community Relations Committee	Dark		Dark	Dark		Dark		Dark		Dark		Dark		
Nicholas Abrahms		P			P		P		P				0	5.75
George Alvarado		P			P		Ab		Ab				2	3.25
Cathy Blin		P			P		P		P				0	5.75
Sharmila Brunjes		P			Ab		Ab		P				2	3.50
Jacque Colton		P			P		P		P				0	5.75
Lety Garcia		P			Ab		P		P				1	4.50
Juan Hernandez		P			P		Ab		P				1	4.75
Jennifer Koster		P			P		Ab		P				1	4.75
Laura Monge		P			P		P		P				0	5.75
Jeremy Sunderland		P			Ab		P		P				1	4.50
Jason Taketa		P			P		Ab		Ab				2	3.25
Curtis Wang		P			P		Ab		P				1	4.75
Sharon Weinberg (VAC Rep)		P			P		P		P				0	5.75
Meeting Time		2.00			1.25		1.00		1.50					5.75

P = Present Ab = Absent

Attendance Policy: In the event a Trustee shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from three (3) consecutive meetings of any one or more committees on which he or she may be serving, or shall be absent from five (5) regularly-scheduled Board meetings or from five (5) meetings of any one or more Committees on which he or she may be serving during any twelve (12) month period, then the Trustee shall, without any notice or further action required of the Board, be automatically deemed to have resigned from the Board effective immediately. The secretary of the Board shall mail notice of each Trustee's absences during the preceding twelve (12) month period to each Board member following each regularly-scheduled Board meeting. (policy adopted 2-10-99)