

**CCEPD**

**FULL COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

**AUGUST 22, 2024**

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# **CCEPD Full Committee Meeting**

# **Meeting Notice and Agenda**

Thursday, August 22, 2024

9:00 a.m.-Noon

**Public Participation Options**

**In-person:** DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814

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**Agenda**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Taylor Winchell, Chair, CCEPD

1. **Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Taylor Winchell, Chair, CCEPD

1. **Overview of DOR/EDD Collaboration Pilot**

Jennifer Fischer, Group Manager, Employment Development Department

Trung Le, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Rehabilitation

1. **Departmental Updates**

CCEPD Departmental Representatives

Break 10:15-10:30 a.m.

1. **Overview of Coordinated Career Pathways Service**

Sonya Fox, Employment Services Branch Manager, Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Michael Luna, Chief, Work Services Section, DDS

1. **Approval of Benefits Planning Report**

Maria Aliferis-Gjerde, Executive Officer, CCEPD

Taylor Winchell, Chair, CCEPD

1. **2024 Youth Leadership Forum Update**

Matt Baker, YLF Project Manager, CCEPD

Maria Aliferis-Gjerde, Executive Officer, CCEPD

1. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Adjournment Noon\***

\* The meeting will adjourn upon completion of agenda.

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* 925 Del Paso Blvd, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95815
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**CCEPD FULL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)**

Thursday, May 23, 2024

**CCEPD Members:** Ana Acton (in-person at main location), Anisa Escobedo (virtual at posted location, technical issue with camera) Harrison Lane (in-person at main location) Damian Ladd (virtual at posted location), Michael Luna (in-person at posted location), Luisa Mesones (virtual at posted location), Kimberlee Meyer (in-person at main location), and Taylor Winchell (virtual at posted location)

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting began at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was met.

**2. Welcome New CCEPD Members**

Chair Winchell gave the new members an opportunity to introduce themselves.

**3.** **Approval of February 2024 CCEPD Full Committee Meeting Minutes**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Meyer/Escobedo) to approve the February meeting minutes. Measure passed on 8-0-0. (8-Yes votes: Ana Acton, Anisa Escobedo, Harrison Lane, Damian Ladd, Michael Luna, Luisa Mesones, Kimberlee Meyer, and Taylor Winchell); (0-No votes); (0- Abstain votes).

**4. Legislative Updates**

Kim Ruttledge, Deputy Director of Legislative and Communications, of Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) discussed state legislation that CCEPD would be interested in monitoring. She discussed the budget trailer legislation that would rename DOR to Disability Works California and move the Employment First Office to DOR.

Bills that were referenced include, the following:

* AB 3193 – Currently, DOR must acquire adaptive technology through the state procurement process. Under legislation, the new process would help acquire things without the competitive bid process.
* AB 2648 – The bill would make changes to state building vending machines and use of plastic bottles. This would affect the Business Enterprise Program.
* AB 2959 – The bill also deals vending machines that are in prisons which are also operated by the Business Enterprise Program. This would prevent price gouging in those machines.
* AB 2636 – The bill would make changes to the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act.
* AB 2423 – The bill would make changes to developmental services rates, matching DOR rates.
* AB 438 – The bill would make changes to Individualized Education Plans and lowers the age to 14 years.
* SB 37 – The bill would create definitions and create a pilot program to include an older adult and adults with disabilities experiencing homelessness.
* SB 1384 – The bill would reform how power chair repairs can be made.
* AB 1906 – The bill would add impact terminology for people with disability and update terminology.
* AB 2119 – The bill would update terminology for people with mental health disorders.

Members had the following questions:

* With respects to vending Machines, does that affect a particular program? It does affect the Blind Enterprise Program which establishes small business owned by blind persons to have the food related services in state buildings including prisons.
* Will budget impact the name change? – At this time, the name change is not budgeted for extra funding so it should not be affected. For Office of Employment First, funds were allocated from last year’s budget.
* When is the anticipated opening date for the Office of employment First? Has some prework already been done? The bill has not been signed yet, so no work has been done. Once the bill is signed it will become effective immediately, specifics will be worked out once the bill is signed.
* Discussed funding positions for the Department’s name change.
* Questions were also on clarifications to bill numbers.

**5. Master Plan on Developmental Services**

Victor Duron, Chief Deputy Director for DOR and leading the Master Plan on Developmental Services, provided an overview of the work of the Master Plan on Developmental Services. The work was officially launched in March with a committee of regional leaders, policy experts, and service providers focusing on lived experiences. The plan needs to speak to an entire life span from birth to end of life. The process is not meant to cut spending and not an attempt to turn developmental services into managed care. The process is meant to include all voices, and the intention is to have the plan ready by March 2025.

There is a website and email address for input. Structure of the meetings are to engage, which includes time at beginning of the meeting to catch up the group on changes from last meeting, public comment at beginning and ending of the meeting. The first three meetings focused on vision, priorities, meeting organization and equity, who is receiving quality services and who is not. Focus of the plan include services, making the bureaucracy seamless, data and accountability, workforce, and maximize resources.

Discussed how employment is included in the conversations. Employment has been discussed through experiences in the following ways:

* Parents and people with disabilities saying that no one talked about careers, jobs, or expectations to have a career or job with them.
* Schooling experience gives parents and students the impression that pursuing employment and careers is not worth it for them.
* Just as there is a focus on transition from adolescent to adult, there needs to be a focus on transition from adult to older adult.

Questions/Feedback

* Discussion centered on the school experience and several members discussed their own experiences with expectations to employment and careers. Discussion also included how there are continued low expectations for people with disabilities and how benefits counseling can help advance employment.
* Question on how the two master plans have similar entry points and transition stages and how to align. DOR is aligning the messaging in both plans.
* Discussion on how California Department of Education is important to these conversations.
* Discussion on better data collection and how to share data among regional centers. Need to reframe on why data is collected and its use while protecting privacy.
* Support services can vary and so does the information parents and clients are provided varies.

**6. Departmental Updates**

The following departments provided May updates.

Department of Developmental Services:

* Paid internships have bounced back since Covid-19 pandemic. 1700 internships in first three months of 2024.
* CIE blueprint is complete and executive management is reviewing before it will be released.
* Employment workgroup was postponed and will be scheduled next month.
* Employment 12-month grant has been completed and data received is being analyzed.
* Coordinated career pathways pilot was officially launched in April and will be offered to individuals starting in June. Vendors can be career pathways navigator or a customized employment specialist. More information can be found on the website.

Employment Development Department: Announced a three-year funding partnership at $18 million or $6 million annually to strengthen person-centered approach services and knowledge sustainability.

Department of Social Services:

* California is planning to apply to be a pilot state for the work participation rate study, which measures how many are participating in employment and no longer receive cash aid.
* Pilot information should be out in June. This is an opportunity to pilot alternative measures and influence potential policy changes.
* Questions included:
  + How can CCEPD help in the pilot stages? CCEPD can provide input when application is constructed.
  + Is there potential for crossover with WIOA funds? This is happening on a fast timeline so it could be possible.

Department of Rehabilitation:

* Solicitation for Traumatic Brain Injury program increased from 6 to 12 centers. The Intent to award will be out by June 21st.
* Request for Interest for Assistive Technology Program, which supports community living, education, and employment, is being developed.
* Voice Options Program is now a continuing program and there will be direct funds through the budget program.

Sacramento Employment Training Agency:

* Discussed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act reauthorization and how language and funding going to training will affect coaches and other career readiness.

State Independent Living Council (SILC):

* Concluded the public hearing process for 2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living. In current approved draft, there are goals related to system change, diversion and long-term services and supports. New members are currently being screened.
* Seeking members to the SILC.
* Next meeting will be June 4-5.

**7.** **Project Updates**

Executive Officer Aliferis-Gjerde provided the following updates:

* Statewide Youth Leadership Forum has 57 delegates and 60 staff confirmed. Budget has increased to $309,900 with committed funding of $328,474. Volunteers are still needed.
* CKB Mentoring Luncheon registration website is accepting registrations.
* Regional Events: Sacramento is hosting second event in October; Los Angeles is hosting a one-day event in October; and San Diego is hosting an event in June.
* Continued work on the benefits planning report and on track to submit to Full Committee in August.
* Provided high-level comments to Master Plan on Career Education.
* Employment and Training Subcommittee has met on self-employment and entrepreneurship.

**8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

* Update on the Master Plan on Developmental Services.
* Recap of 2024 YLF and San Diego Regional event.

**9. Public Comment**

An idea on where to outreach for moms for the Master Plan on Developmental Services was given about grocery stores.

Looking for information on a funding source for the Disability Innovation Funding.

Technical assistance on competitive integrated employment looking for ideas to share.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.