# Detail Sheet: SRC Quarterly Meeting Planning and

# Running List of Policy Questions

# Background

To inform the January 20, 2023, SRC Executive Planning Committee (EPC) discussion to plan the March 8 – 9, 2023 SRC quarterly meeting agenda, below is a proposed meeting structure followed by a list of possible agenda items.

**Proposed Meeting Format**

Hybrid meeting format with in-person (DOR Central Office Sacramento, Room 301), conference call, and Zoom participation options.

## Proposed Meeting Structure: Day 1 – Wednesday, March 8, 2023

* Welcome and Introductions (9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)
* Public Comment (9:10 – 9:20 a.m.)
* Approval of the November 30 – December 1, 2022 SRC Quarterly Meeting Minutes (9:20 – 9:25 a.m.)
* Icebreaker (9:25 – 9:45 a.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (9:45 – 10:15 a.m.)
* *Break* (10:15 – 10:30 a.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (10:30 – 11:45 a.m.)
* *Lunch* (11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)
* Directorate Report (1:15 – 2:15 p.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (2:15 – 3:00 p.m.)
* *Break* (3:00 – 3:15 p.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (3:15 – 4:00 p.m.)
* Recess (4:00 p.m.)

## Proposed Meeting Structure: Day 2 – Thursday, March 9, 2023

* Reconvene, Welcome, and Introductions (9:00 a.m.)
* Public Comment (9:05 – 9:10 a.m.)
* Icebreaker (9:10 – 9:30 a.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (9:30 – 10:00 a.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (10:00 – 10:30 a.m.)
* *Break* (10:30 – 10:45 a.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (10:45 – 11:45 a.m.)
* *Lunch* (11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (1:15 – 1:45 p.m.)
* Agenda item TBD (1:45 – 2:15 p.m.)
* Break (2:15 – 2:30 p.m.)

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* Debrief and Recommendations Working Session: SRC members will debrief from this meeting’s discussions and potentially adopt recommendations.
* Adopt-a-Region Report Outs
* SRC Officers, Member and Executive Officer Reports
* Identification of Future Agenda Items
* Adjourn (4:00 p.m.)

# Running List of Potential Agenda Items

Note: this list includes the suggestions and feedback received from the SRC members during the November 30 – December 1, 2022 quarterly meeting.

*All proposed agenda items listed below are for discussion and planning purposes only and should not be considered an invitation, commitment, or notice.*

# Agenda Items Requested by the Public

## COVID-19

How can DOR prepare for an anticipated influx of individuals seeking services due to disabilities resulting from long COVID-19?

## Career Pathways

In order for consumers to earn livable wages and become self-sufficient, a career is needed. The pathway to a career is achieved through either short- or long-term training. How is DOR encouraging not only jobs for consumers, but careers? How does DOR spend available funding that provides training and education for job seekers?

# Agenda Items Requested by DOR Staff

## Unified State Plan Committee

The DOR Planning Unit will provide the SRC Unified State Plan Committee with quarterly updates on the progress of the State Plan goals and objectives.

# Agenda Items Suggested by DOR Staff

## Workforce Development

Members will learn about the role of DOR’s Workforce Development Section and the DOR Regional Business Specialists. Information will be shared on strategies and resources that link job seekers with employers, disability awareness training, online recruitment tools like the Talent Acquisition Portal, and hiring incentives and tax benefits.

## State Digital Equity Plan

Members will learn about the development and contents of the State Digital Equity Plan. The goal of the Plan is for all Californians to have access to high-speed broadband internet along with devices to access broadband. The plan will identify the digital equity barriers for eight covered populations, including individuals with disabilities. SRC members will learn about DOR’s role in the development of the plan and opportunities for public engagement.

## DOR In-Service Trainings

SRC members will learn about the variety of in-service trainings that are offered to DOR staff at the statewide, regional, and local office levels. Trainings focused on customer service and communication with consumers will be highlighted.

# Agenda Items Requested by SRC Members

## Fair Hearing and Mediation Statistics and Overview of Hearing Summaries

Representatives from DOR’s Office of Legal Affairs will join the SRC and review fair hearing and mediation statistics and decisions. Ivan Guillen, SRC Vice-Chair, will report out on issues the Client Assistance Program has assisted DOR consumers with over the past three years. The trends and categories from the fair hearing decisions may inform future SRC policy recommendations.

## State Hearing Division

Members will receive an update on DOR’s transition to utilizing the California Department of Social Services, State Hearings Division to conduct fair hearings for DOR consumers. SRC members are interested in learning if this transition has resulted in positive changes, increased engagement, and neutrality, and if it is more user friendly for DOR consumers.

* Question from the public: What are the diversity, equity and inclusion hiring policies and practices for the California Department of Social Services, State Hearing Division?

## CalDOR Consumer Payment Card

Follow up presentation with updates and details on implementation of the CalDOR Consumer Payment Card.

Standing Items

* Diversity, equity, and inclusion
* Updates and coordination discussions with the DOR Independent Living and Community Access Division.
* Biannual updates on California Department of Education initiatives-
  + Alternative Pathway to a High School Diploma program
  + Standardized Individualized Education Program template (IPE)
  + Learning about the new IEP and 504 plans and the intersection with VR services.

## California Community Transitions (CCT) Project

Follow up discussion with program staff at the Department of Health Care Services Regarding the CCT project on questions such as:

* How could DOR become an information and referral partner?
* How can VR services and employment be incorporated into the CCT transition plans?
* Contractor Requirements – It would be helpful to understand how VR services could offered, perhaps within "habilitation" services?
* Reporting Requirements – Could it be possible to update reporting requirements to include the provision of VR services and/or a warm hand-off for VR services (when desired)?

## Updates on DOR Initiatives

* Integrating Employment in Recovery (IER) initiative supported by opioid funding. How can success be defined and measured for individuals participating in the Integrating Employment in Recovery initiative at opioid treatment centers?
* Demand Side Employment Initiative
* VR Connections
* Labor Market Sector Specialty Teams

## Individual Service Providers (ISP)

Members will receive an update on DOR’s use of ISPs. ISPs are independent contractors who assist individuals with disabilities to participate in vocational rehabilitation services and to achieve and maintain an employment outcome. DOR did not discontinue authorizations for ISPs and their services by September 1, 2021, as previously communicated.

## Adult Work Experience

Members will receive an update on the availability of Adult Work Experiences for DOR consumers. Work experiences are intended to be temporary placements to gain experience in the workplace.

## Regulations

Update on efforts to update DOR regulations so they better align with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.