Executive Director Report

Executive Committee Meeting

March 5, 2025

Program Highlights:

Commissioner Lillibridge and CCDA staff worked with DGS Office of Public Affairs to film video #1 for our Busting Barriers series. The video is in the editing phase.

Commissioner Vacancies:

There are two vacancies, both representing the interests of the disability community. The appointing authorities are the Governor and Senate Rules Committee respectively.

Reappointments:

Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Dillard were reappointed by the Governor. They are awaiting Senate confirmation.

Commissioner Leon-Vasquez, a Speaker of the Assembly appointee, is awaiting reappointment.

Term Expirations:

Commissioner Dr. ElHessen's term expired at the end of the year, and we thank her for her years of service to CCDA.

Staffing Updates:

Abigail Ridge, formerly CCDA's Administrative and Legislative Analyst, has been promoted to Operations Manager. CCDA's prior Operations Manager, Phil McPhaul, left CCDA in November for another opportunity.

CCDA has two vacant SSA positions due to turnover and promotions. The Education and Outreach Analyst and Administrative Analyst positions will be posted in the coming weeks. Management is actively working with DGS HR to fill those positions as quickly as possible.

Financial/Operational Highlights:

CCDA management continues to meet with Budgets and Contracts monthly. Q2 financials will be presented during this meeting.

Presentations/Conferences/Meetings Attended:

Chair Downey (monthly)

Ida Clair, CCDA Commissioner and State Architect (monthly)

DGS ISD Deputy Director Brent Jamison (monthly)

DSA Task Force on Detectable Warnings (monthly)

Sacramento Mayor Disability Leader Roundtable

Jan Garrett, Deputy Director of ADA Programs, Pacific ADA Center

Dani Anderson, Disability Access Manager, County of Ventura

Ligia Andrade, Executive Director, Center for Independence of the Disabled Jimmie Soto, Executive Director, Independent Living Center of Kern County

Brady McCarthy, Chief of Staff, Assemblymember Lowenthal