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MEMORANDUM

To: Members, CAR
From: Peter LeDoux, Exec. Dir.
RE: SB1270 Final Recommendations
Date: May 10, 2007

At the May 5th CAR Board meeting, President Marion Lieberman read the final recommendations of the SB1270-mandated report compiled by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). Those recommendations are reproduced here for your information.

The full report is available at the SCDD web site, www.scdd.ca.gov.

1. At IPP meetings, make sure people get information they need about their choices, especially: real jobs and working in the community; other community activities (volunteering, internships, classes, clubs, etc.); benefits (Social Security, Medi-Cal, Medicare, etc.).
2. Start letting and supporting people to have their own service budgets, decide on services they want, buy their services.
3. The State Council will ask state agencies like Department of Developmental Services, Education, Rehabilitation to put funding together to help people figure out what to do after high school.
4. The State Council will ask the State and all employers in California to hire more persons with disabilities.
5. Help fund individuals who have good ideas about work services and other community services, including persons with developmental disabilities who want to start their own business.
6. Make sure staff get the training they need to do a good job. Put together good trainers from across the state who will help teach staff to understand people's differences and support them better in communities.
7. Get the word out in a media campaign about persons with developmental disabilities as good employees, neighbors and community members.
8. For people who work and get social security, let them keep more of the money they earn and health benefits.
9. Let regional centers pay for more services that help people find and keep jobs, and do things in the community like everyone else.
10. Keep track of the work situations of people and how they are getting into the community.