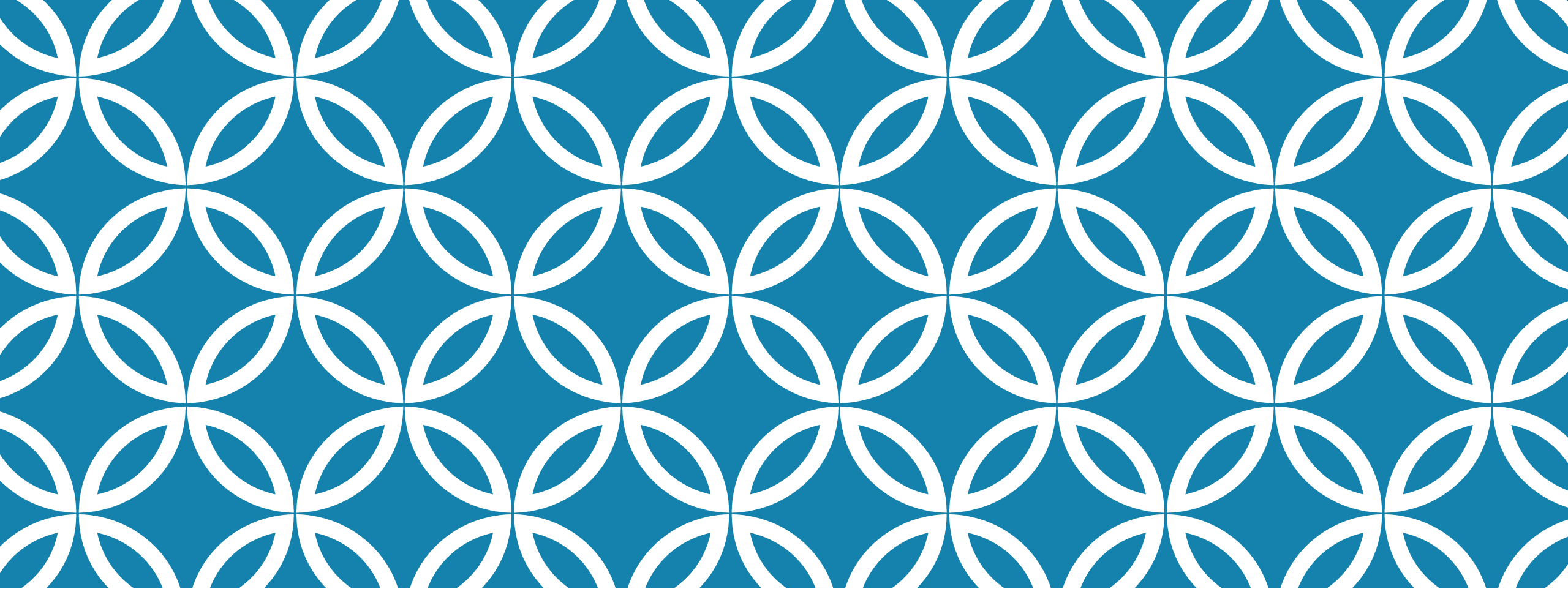




EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

TONY ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER
JULY 2018

- Director's Activities Highlights
- Department Directives
- Budget Update



DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

- Organizational Activities
- Activities with Community Partners
- Board Development
- Communications



ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 1)

- ❑ Worked with our Psychologist and fiscal staff to review the approved budget for our Mental Health Services Act grant, we made adjustments to the budget to allow for additional text books for participants. We created an online registration and a webpage for the grant.
- ❑ VMRC has created a planning committee to organize an in-house training event to focus on aging and end of life care for the staff and create a second event that will include several stakeholders from the community.



ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 2)

- ❑ The senior leadership team participated in a budget meeting to close out 2017-18 and prepare for 2018-19. The goal is give the senior leaders an opportunity to participate in developing the budget and accountability for operating within the budget.
- ❑ We held the second all staff meeting in San Joaquin County and provided the staff a report on the survey results from Kinetic Flow, updates from the senior leaders, and review of the statewide and local trends and initiatives.



ORGANIZATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PAGE 3)

- ❑ For the first time we combined our longevity awards and recognitions event in San Joaquin county. Historically each office held their own event.
- ❑ Met with Nicole Weiss and Mary Sheehan to strategize our next steps with the dental project we've proposed. While DDS is still showing an interest in funding this project there was not enough funding available this year so we anticipate a delay to next year.



ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 1)

- ❑ Participated in a few meetings (one with the Central Valley Regional Center Director, one with DDS, and one with Vartan Hekimian the owner of the program) regarding the anticipated opening of the Poulson Project which is three homes on a campus with a secured parameter and delayed egress.
- ❑ This month we are processing two vendor appeals challenging our decisions and findings against them, one related to quality assurance findings the other related to vendorization.
- ❑ Met with Sacó at Person Centered Services on March Lane and answered their questions from the government budget issues to self-determination to my vision for VMRC. They were well prepared and did an excellent job keeping me on task asking the hard questions.



ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 2)

- ❑ Met with the leadership of the Coalition for Local Area Service Providers provided counsel for their elections and managed the ballot process for them. During their membership meeting the providers gave feedback on our SIR reporting process, agreed to host an event to help others complete their rate study survey, and they elected the following in their leadership:
 1. Corinne Seaton, President,
 2. Diana Bonnett, Vice President,
 3. Candice Bright, CLASP Elected VMRC Board Rep,
 4. Toni Trauman, Treasurer, VACANT, Secretary,
 5. Daime Hoornaert, VMRC Consumer Services Rep,
 6. Connie Uychutin, VMRC Finance Committee Representative,
 7. Karyn Gregorius, Membership Coordinator,
 8. and Marisol Moreno, Past President.



ACTIVITIES WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PAGE 3)

- ❑ Attended several meetings of the Association of Regional Center Agencies in Sacramento as we reviewed updates to the Self-Determination program, legislation, the budget, changes in employment law, and we honored Cintas as a model employer in California for people with developmental disabilities.
- ❑ I was selected by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to serve as the facilitator for the focus group on the public policy strategies for improving the direct support professional workforce crisis. I attended the workgroup sessions in St. Louis Missouri.



BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- ☐ The Legislative Committee met to review a series of bills that recently died and have been deleted from our bill file and updated on the changes in the state budget.
- ☐ Updated the board webpages including each committee's archive pages to keep them clean and current.
- ☐ We arranged logistics and entertainment for the annual board meeting and dinner and



COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

The VMRC Social Media Team met to review expectations and rules for posting confirmation of all the team members for social media. The team consists of the following:

Social Media Team (organizing team)

1. Tony Anderson
2. Tara Sisemore-Hester
3. Erin Goudreau
4. Douglas Bonnet
5. Enos Edmerson
6. Cindy Mix
7. Carlos Hernandez
8. Angelique Shear
9. Donna Sioson



COMMUNICATION/OUTREACH

Instagram Team (transition age issues, sibling issues, end the word posts, etc)

Erin Goudreau

Carlos Hernandez

Tony Anderson

Bobby Powell

Josie Craig

We need someone from Modesto

Facebook Team (general information)

Tara Sisemore-Hester

Douglas Bonnet

Cindy Mix

Carlos Hernandez

Tony Anderson

Amy Browning

LinkedIn Team (employment related)

Enos Edmerson

Carlos Hernandez

Tony Anderson

Bud Mullanix

Wilma Williams

Joel Demattei

Twitter Team (public policy and advocacy orientated)

Douglas Bonnet

Carlos Hernandez

Tony Anderson

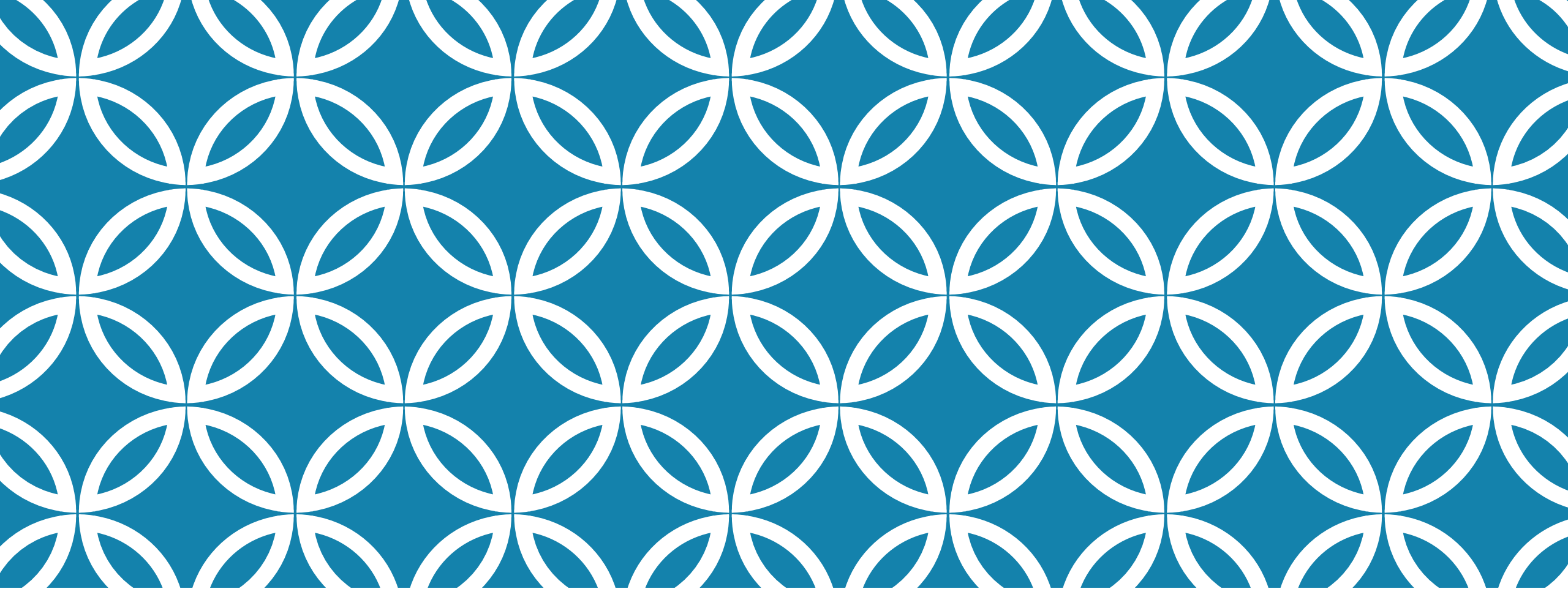
Anthony Hill and the Legislative Committee

You Tube (general site, a repository for video)

Donna Sioson

Tony Anderson





DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE



SELF DETERMINATION WORKGROUP TIMELINE

This chart shows the activities that still need to occur before the Self-Determination program can go live in California.



PROGRAM DIRECTIVE REGARDING REGIONAL CENTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND HALFDAY BILLING RULE FOR DAY SERVICES

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REGIONAL CENTER BOARD COMPOSITION SURVEY

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ABX2 1 FUNDING TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND REDUCE DISPARITIES QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT AND INVOICE FORMS

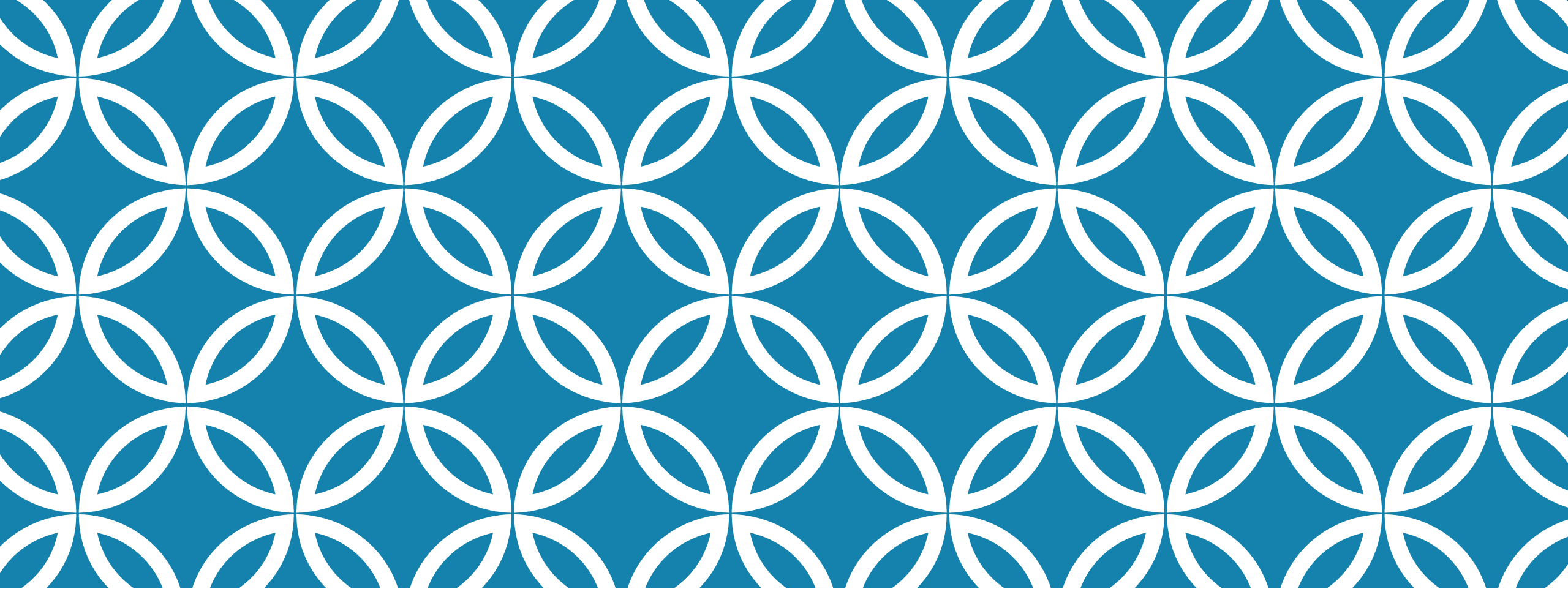
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BUDGET UPDATES

- Final Agreements for the 2018-2019 Budget



VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER BUDGET UPDATE

PASSED: \$25 million state funds, about \$45 million total funds for provider wage enhancements for one year.

PASSED: The Uniform Holiday Schedule passed but delayed implementation until next fiscal year.

REJECTED: The restoration of camp and social recreation.

REJECTED: Additional funds for additional safety net projects.

REJECTED: DRC's proposed Trailer Bill Language related to individuals in locked psychiatric facilities.

PASSED: \$1.5 million for Best Buddies.

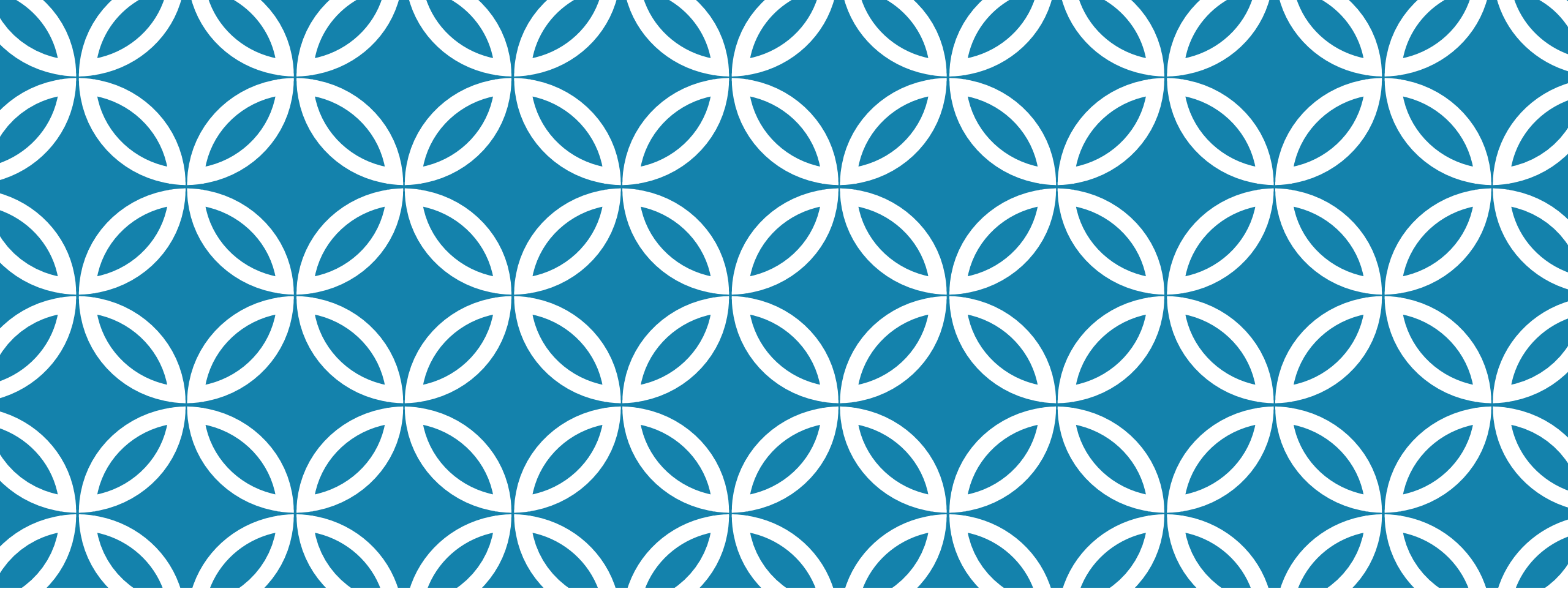
PASSED: A one-time allocation of \$300,000 for Kern Regional Center along with supplemental reporting and legislative oversight.

VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER BUDGET UPDATE (CITATIONS BY MARTY OMOTO)

State Department of Social Services

\$1,000,000 in General Fund monies to comply with electronic visit verification requirements and solutions “shall not utilize geo-tracking or global positioning system capabilities... [and] To the maximum extent possible, it shall leverage the existing electronic and telephonic timesheet systems...[and] Consistent with the requirements of federal 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), in-home supportive service providers and recipients shall be provided with training on the use of the state’s electronic visit verification system.”

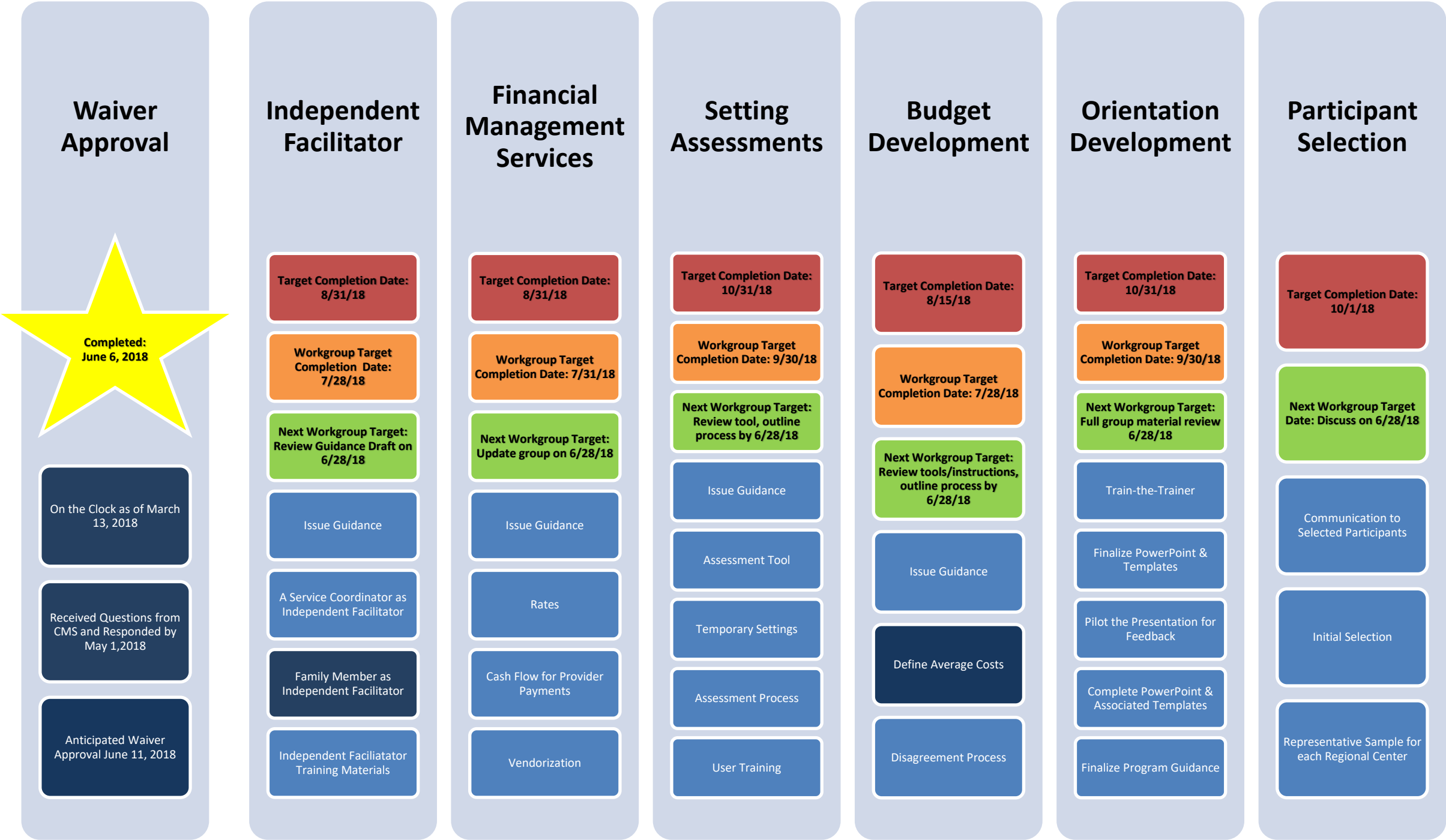
Special Education Teachers: Would appropriate \$75,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the 2018–2019 State budget year to establish the Teacher Residency Grant Program, including \$50,000,000 to provide one-time competitive grants to develop new, or expand existing, teacher residency programs that recruit and support the preparation of special education teachers, and \$25,000,000 to provide one-time competitive grants to develop new, or expand existing, teacher residency programs that recruit and support the preparation of bilingual education, science, technology, engineering, or mathematics teachers.



QUESTIONS?



SDP Workgroup Timeline – Updated for June 28, 2018 Discussion



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June 27, 2018

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT: PROGRAM DIRECTIVE REGARDING REGIONAL CENTER
ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND HALF-
DAY BILLING RULE FOR DAY SERVICES**

In a directive dated March 17, 2015, the Department of Developmental Services (Department) informed regional centers that a federal court issued an injunction barring the enforcement of the Uniform Holiday Schedule and Half-Day Billing rule. The Department moved to vacate the injunction, and on August 26, 2016, the United States district court granted the Department's request and the injunction was lifted. The district court's decision to lift the injunction was affirmed by the federal appellate court in May 2017. Accordingly, there is no current legal barrier to enforcing either the Uniform Holiday Schedule or Half-Day Billing rule. The purpose of this program directive is to inform regional centers about the status of enforcement of the Uniform Holiday Schedule and Half-Day Billing rule.

Uniform Holiday Schedule

The current budget bill includes funding so that regional centers are not required to apply Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 4692 during the 2018–19 fiscal year and enforce the Uniform Holiday Schedule. When appropriate, the Department will issue a future directive to regional centers providing information regarding any changes to; and required enforcement of, the Uniform Holiday Schedule.

Half-Day Billing

Pursuant to WIC section 4690.6, activity centers, adult development centers, behavior management programs, and other look-alike day programs that charge a daily rate are required to bill regional centers for services provided to consumers in terms of half days of service (i.e., attendance of less than 65 percent of the program day) and full days of service (i.e., attendance of at least 65 percent of the program day). This statute directs each vendor to bill at one-half of its existing rate for any consumer who attended the program for less than 65 percent of the program day. WIC section 4690.6 is required to be followed by vendors and applied by regional centers effective July 1, 2018.

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Regional centers should take appropriate action to notify their communities of this program directive. The Department will post this correspondence on its website at www.dds.ca.gov/UniformHoliday. For questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Rapone Anderson, Regional Center Branch Manager, at (916) 654-3722, or by email, at rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

BRIAN WINFIELD
Deputy Director
Community Services Division

cc: Regional Center Administrators
Regional Center Chief Counselors
Regional Center Community Services Directors
Amy Westling, Association of Regional Center Agencies
John Doyle, Department of Developmental Services
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June 11, 2018

TO: REGIONAL CENTER BOARD PRESIDENTS
REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REGIONAL CENTER BOARD COMPOSITION SURVEY

The purpose of this correspondence is to obtain updated information on the composition of your governing board to ensure it conforms to the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), section 4622.

WIC, section 4622.5 states, "By August 15 of each year, the governing board of each regional center shall submit to the department, detailed documentation, as determined by the department, demonstrating that the composition of the board is in compliance with section 4622." Please complete the enclosed survey, and email it to the address below by August 15, 2018.

maxine.milam@dds.ca.gov

If you have questions concerning this request, please contact Maxine Milam, Assistant Chief, Regional Center Operations Section, at (916) 654-2177.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

BRIAN WINFIELD
Deputy Director
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Enclosure

cc: Amy Westling, Association of Regional Center Agencies
Nancy Bargmann, Department of Developmental Services
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July 2, 2018

**TO: DISPARITY FUNDS PROGRAM RECIPIENTS – REGIONAL CENTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: ABX2 1 FUNDING TO PROMOTE EQUITY AND REDUCE DISPARITIES
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT AND INVOICE FORMS**

This correspondence provides Disparity Funds Program reporting requirements for projects with funding approved for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016-17 and 2017-18. Regional centers and community-based organizations (CBOs) that were awarded funding are required to maintain records, collect data, and track qualitative and quantitative outcomes for Disparity Funds Program projects.

CBOs and regional centers: For each project approved with FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 funding, please complete the enclosed Quarterly Progress Report and submit to the Department of Developmental Services **by July 31, 2018**. The report requires information related to the status of the project's planned activities and measures of the project's impact to date.

Funding and Claiming

CBO projects with funding of at least \$100,000: Disbursement of the next payment will be made upon approval of the Quarterly Progress Report. After approval, an invoice package (Exhibit 2 and Quarterly Expense Report) is required for payment.

CBO projects with funding under \$100,000: The invoice form (Exhibit 2) is not required. The only forms required are the Quarterly Progress Report and Quarterly Expense Report.

Regional centers: Please continue to use the state claim form to delineate funding expended to implement your regional center's project(s). An invoice package (Exhibit 2 and Quarterly Expense Report) is not required.

Disparity Funds Program Recipients – Regional Center Executive Directors and
Community-Based Organizations

July 2, 2018

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Instructions for each form are provided in Enclosures A and B. Please send completed reports to disparityfundsprogram@dds.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact the Regional Center Branch at (916) 651-6309 or send questions to the email address above.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

BRIAN WINFIELD

Deputy Director

Community Services Division

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August 24, 2016

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SUB-CODES FOR PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND COMPETITIVE
INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

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The new sub-code for the paid internship program is:

PIP (e.g. 952-PIP, 510-PIP, 063-PIP)

The new sub-codes for the competitive integrated employment incentive payments program are:

CIEP - placement incentive after 30 consecutive days (e.g. 952-CIEP, 510-CIEP, 063-CIEP)

CIE6 - six consecutive months' incentive (e.g. 952-CIE6, 510-CIE6, 063-CIE6)

CIE12 - 12 consecutive months' incentive (e.g. 952-CIE12, 510-CIE12, 063-CIE12)

These sub-codes will be used to track consumer participation and funds expended for both programs. Please ensure consistent use of the above sub-codes when billing and claiming for the paid internship program and making competitive integrated employment incentive payments.

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If you have any questions related to the use of the new sub-codes, please contact Rapone Anderson, Regional Center Branch Manager, at (916) 654-3722, or rapone.anderson@dds.ca.gov, or Denyse Curtright, Work Services Section Chief, at (916) 654-2208 or denyse.curtright@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Winfield".

BRIAN WINFIELD
Acting Deputy Director
Community Services Division

cc: Regional Center Chief Counselors
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