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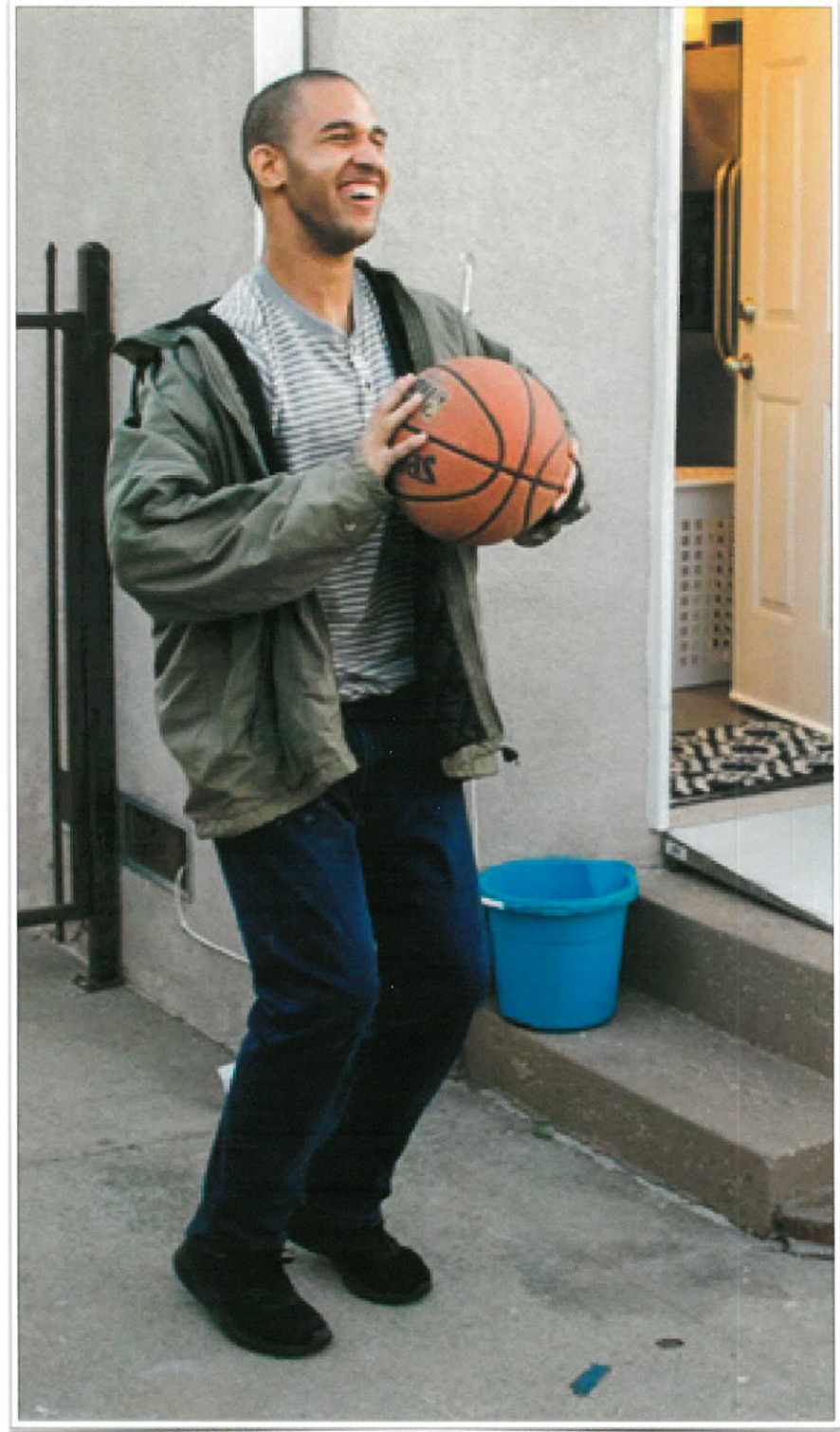
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It's all about us.

A word cloud visualization of the text "Mission Statement" and related terms. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "mission" and "statement" being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include "company", "easy", "understand", "useful", "write", "goals", "purpose", "help", "actual", "inspire", "within", "business", "works", "may", "see", "think", "best", "first", "one", "heart", "act", "examples", "conclude", "action", "sums", "questions", "examples", "conclude", "action". The colors range from dark blue to light blue, with some words in white.

The collage features a bar chart on the left with bars of varying heights. In the center, a line graph shows a sharp upward trend. On the right, a table of financial ratios is visible, including metrics like 'Times Interest Earned' and 'Debt to Capitalization Ratio'.

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ALL ABOUT SCLARC

As an agency, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC) is charged with the critical task of raising awareness about the challenges people diagnosed with developmental disabilities face. Our goal is to provide quality services for our consumers and their families which will enable them to lead richer, fuller lives. We also seek to educate the larger community about the issues impacting our consumers and their families.

SCLARC is one of 21 private, non-profit centers contracting with the State of California, specifically with the Department of Developmental Services, to provide diagnosis, evaluation, case management and life-long services to individuals who are developmentally disabled. Currently, the agency serves approximately 15,500 individuals who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability. SCLARC serves the communities of South L.A.—including the Crenshaw District and Watts—as well as the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate and parts of Carson.

We are committed to the provision of culturally sensitive services which enhance the inherent strengths of the family in an effort to support those who have been diagnosed as having an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and/or autism. A developmental disability is a condition that originates before an individual reaches the age of 18; is expected to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual.

- Income is not a factor for eligibility regarding SCLARC's services.
- Services are provided for free.
- Those who are undocumented can receive services if found eligible.

Regional centers do not provide support to persons who are **solely** diagnosed with a mental illness (i.e. depression, schizophrenia), have a learning disability (i.e. dyslexia, auditory processing disorder), are only deaf or blind, or only have a speech disorder.

If you feel someone you know is delayed, or are unsure if they would qualify for SCLARC's services, please refer them for an assessment.

For more information on eligibility or assessment, call 213.744.7000.

MISSION STATEMENT

SCLARC believes special needs deserve special attention. We are committed to the provision of culturally sensitive services that enhance the inherent strengths of the family and enable consumers to lead independent and productive lives. SCLARC is working hard to keep the promise embodied by the Lanterman Act. To do that, we are in a collaborative effort with the Lanterman Coalition:

REINSTATE SOCIAL RECREATION

The services lost during FY 2009-10 are still impacting our families. The cuts included all social recreational programs (i.e. swimming, karate, and gymnastics), all alternative therapies (i.e. music or horseback riding), and after-school programming. These services were “suspended” until further notice. Regional Centers were directed to support parents and families in finding alternative services in their local community through public social service agencies or through private non-profits. This has proven to be almost impossible for South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, especially in the underserved communities of Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens and Paramount. Many non-profits and parent groups have had to pick up the slack of underfunded or eliminated services that no longer exist in City Parks and Recreation programs.

INVEST IN WORK FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

California needs to invest in the futures of people with developmental disabilities by providing an effective path to employment. Inadequate funding of supported work and job development services has led to a decline in employment for Californians with developmental disabilities. Employment is by far the best option to insure that people with special needs are integrated into the mainstream of community life. It provides the dignity and respect that comes with making a contribution to the larger society.

RATES THAT ENSURE SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY

As a result of a series of budget crises, California abandoned the practice of setting rates based on reasonable assumptions about the actual cost of providing services. It is imperative that California begin the work of creating a cost based rate model for delivering services.



BUSINESS OVERVIEW

SCLARC recognizes its responsibilities to ensure that all of our consumers receive cost effective services. These services are designed to prevent or lessen the impact of a developmental disability, protect the individual's health and safety, as well as maintain the individual in the least restrictive residential setting. Services are only purchased for needs associated with the consumer's developmental disability.

The regional center (RC) system has grown and evolved from two regional centers in 1969 serving fewer than a thousand clients to 21 regional centers serving more than 370,000 consumers and their families statewide. They also contract with and pay thousands of organizations and individuals who provide direct care services to regional center consumers. RC budgets are divided into two parts, Purchase of Service (POS), which provides funding to pay the many service providers in the community, and Operations (OPS), which provides the funding to pay the regional center staff and all the expenses associated with operating a multi-million dollar business.

WHAT IS A REGIONAL CENTER AND WHY WERE THEY CREATED?

Assembly Bill 691 brought to life what we now know as the regional center system for serving people with developmental disabilities in the community. In 1966, the State Department of Public Health contracted with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (later known as Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center) and San Francisco Aid to Retarded Citizens (later known as Golden Gate Regional Center) which established two pilot regional centers. Those pilot programs formed the basis for the current regional center system through the Lanterman Act. Under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the California accepts re-

sponsibility for persons with developmental disabilities, and has an obligation to them which it must discharge." To do so, regional centers were established. Today, there are 21 centers throughout California, serving more than 370,000 individuals who have been diagnosed as having special needs. Each regional center contracts with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to coordinate services. Regional centers provide diagnosis and assessment of eligibility and help plan, access, coordinate and monitor the services and supports that are needed because of a developmental disability.

Budget Highlights

Overall budget expenditures in fiscal year 2016-17 was \$234,568,451, an increase of 16.3% from the previous fiscal year. Our consumer growth on the other hand was at 8.7%. This is above the normal average growth from the previous fiscal years. The calculated POS per capita was \$13,733, an increase of 7.3% from the previous fiscal year.

Budget Summary	Fy 15-16	Fy 16-17	Change
Operations	\$28,003,470	\$34,510,531	18.9%
Purchase of Service (POS)	\$166,060,649	\$196,395,789	15.4%
Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$2,175,270	\$3,662,131	40.6%
Total Expenditures	\$196,239,389	\$234,568,451	16.3%
Consumers	13,051	14,301	8.7%
Average POS per Consumer	\$12,724	\$13,733	7.3%

WHAT IS SELF DETERMINATION?

On October 9, 2013, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 468 into law, amending the Lanterman Act and mandating Regional Centers to implement a Self Determination Program (SDP). Per the law, the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has applied for approval of federal funding for this new Self Determination Program as of December 31, 2014. The application is still in review at the federal level. In the interim, Regional Centers and other advocates are planning for implementation.

The Self-Determination Program is a new service delivery system that is a **voluntary** alternative to the traditional way of providing regional center services. Participants in SDP will have more control over selecting their services and supports. Consumers and families will be provided with a budget based on the previous year's history of funding for services. The budget allows participants to purchase the services and supports they want.

The program, when implemented by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), will be a pilot program for the first three years. After that, all regional center consumers will be eligible to take part in the program. In the pilot phase, SCLARC will have approximately 110 families (out of 2500 statewide from all 21 Regional Centers) that will be able to participate. Families will be chosen by a lottery process conducted by DDS. Those families who are selected will be enrolled in the program, if they have attended the mandatory informational meeting.



SDP VS. TRADITIONAL REGIONAL CENTER SERVICE PROVISION

In the Self-Determination Program, consumers and families have more flexibility in choosing services, supports, and providers. Stakeholders can buy different services from almost anyone in the community instead of strictly those who have contracts with the regional center. Under the traditional model, SCLARC's Service Coordinators help consumers and families find the services needed. In SDP, consumers and families decide who they want to purchase services from as well as who helps them find those services.

SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the Self-Determination Program, a person with a developmental disability must:

- Be a regional center consumer
- Attend an orientation to the Self-Determination Program
- Use Self-Determination Program funds only when generic services are not available
- Only purchase services necessary to implement the Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- Manage services and supports within an individual budget on an annual basis
- Use a Financial Management Services (FMS) provider

EMPLOYMENT FIRST

Employment First is a declaration of both philosophy and policy stating that employment is the first priority and preferred outcome of people with disabilities. In California, the Employment First Policy (WIC 4869(a) (1)) states: Opportunities for competitive, integrated employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of severity of their disability.

WHAT IS COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT (CIE)

Competitive Integrated Employment is defined as: People with disabilities having the same right to work at a job that pays them minimum wage or more, in a place that has people with and without disabilities working together, and provides the same opportunities to get raises and promotions as people without disabilities.

For SCLARC stakeholders, it means that with the right support services and preparation everyone is employable. Employment First places EVERYONE on the path to an inclusive employment environment.

WHAT EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCLARC?


Service Coordinators will work with consumers to develop an Individual Plan for Employment (IPE). The IPE will help identify where consumers are on their path to work and help determine the different types of education, information, experience, or services they will need to move along that path to secure gainful employment.

Although IPEs are individualized, the outcome of the plan has a common goal of Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).

There are 3 elements that are at the core of Employment First and CIE:

1. **Person-Centered:** The language, practices and the way we work in our partnerships with employers must be "person-centered"—meaning that we always consider the individual in the development of their employment path and that the individual's choice of work, environment and process are lead by the individual.
2. **Outcome-Focused:** The services and supports put in place must all be focused on our consumers ultimately achieving employment at legal wages in environments that are diverse and inclusive.
3. **Collaborative:** SCLARC, with the assistance of its vendored service providers and local employment resources in the community, will strive to maximize efficiency in finding employment, reduce duplication of services, and assist job seekers as they prepare for the world of work.





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