

NAME: **AREA BOARD XIII-STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 4.5, Chapter 4, Section 4545 through 4548.

MEMBERS

APPOINTED BY: Six (6) members appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors

Six (6) members appointed by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors

Five (5) members appointed by the Governor

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION:

The Area Board shall consist of a total of 12 voting members appointed by the governing bodies of the Counties, each County appointing an equal number of voting members, and five voting members appointed by the Governor.

The governing bodies of the Counties in each area shall select their appointees from among the following groups, and, to the extent feasible, in the following proportions:

- Persons with developmental disabilities or the immediate relatives, guardians, or conservators of such persons - 60 percent.
- Representatives of the general public - 40 percent.

Prior to making their appointments, the Governor and the governing bodies of Counties shall request recommendations from the professional organizations, from organizations within the area representing persons with developmental disabilities, and from organizations and agencies within the area that deliver services to such persons.

In making their appointments, the Governor and the governing bodies of Counties shall appoint persons who have demonstrated interest and leadership in human service activities.

In order to prevent any potential conflicts of interest, voting members of Area Boards shall not be employed as providers of service to persons with developmental disabilities, or be members of the governing Board of any entity providing such service, when such service is funded in whole or part with State funds.

TERMS: Members shall serve for three years. In Counties with more than 100,000 population, no member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

DUTIES:

Protect and advocate the rights of all persons in the area with developmental disabilities.

Pursue legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies to insure the protection of the legal, civil, and service rights of persons with developmental disabilities who require services or who are receiving services in the area.

Conduct life quality assessments with consumers served by regional centers.

Review the policies and practices of publicly Funded agencies that serve or may serve persons with developmental disabilities to determine if the programs are meeting their obligations under local, state, and federal statutes.

Participate with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities in the preparation of the State Plan.

Detailed functions and duties are prescribed in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4548.

MEETING DATE

AND LOCATION: The Area Board shall meet at least quarterly and on call of the Board Chairperson, as often as necessary to fulfill its duties.

COMPENSATION: The Members of the Area Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as members of the Board or of Committees established by the Board.

CONTACT PERSON: **Mary Ellen Stives**
750 B. Street, Suite 1830
San Diego, CA 92101
619- 645-3000
Fax- 619-645-3008

REVISED: September 19, 2008