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2018 CAHF Summer Conference (Developmental Disabilities Day)

The CAHF Summer Conference is scheduled in Monterey from July 15-18. The Developmental Services Conference day will be **July 17**.

The focus of the conference is "**Building Lives for the Developmentally Disabled in our California Communities.**"

Our Keynote speaker is **Dr. Lou Vismara**, who will be presenting *My Journey with Autism: "Lessons Learned & Hopes for the Future"*.



[Registration link](#)

2018 Developmental Services Conference Officers

The new 2018 Chair is **Matthew Steinorth** of Epiphany Care Homes in Oxnard. The new Vice Chair is **Michelle Clarke** from Ability Pathways in Upland and the continuing Secretary is **Rose Tupaz** from Tupaz Homes in San Jose.

Conference officers and regional representatives met at CAHF headquarters on March 21 to discuss issues related to developmental services and challenges to the ICF provider community. The positive planning strategies will be discussed with all members in the very near future.

CAHF: President/CEO

Mr. Craig Cornett continues to become familiar with his new role as President/CEO of CAHF. Craig is supportive of our ICF members joining the ACHA ID/IID Committee.

NEW CAHF CLASSES: Conditions of Participation/QIDP Certification

We have two new classes coming up: one will offer a complete review of the federal Conditions of Participation, survey tips and compliance, as well as the newly revised survey procedures scheduled for California this fall. The other, a QIDP Certification class, will also be scheduled in various locations. Stay tuned for more details.

CMS: Memorandum for Appendix J

CMS has revised the survey protocol in Part I of Appendix J of the State Operations Manual for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID). The survey process will refocus on increased observation time and more effective use of interviews and client record reviews. The fundamental survey was revised to be a focused fundamental survey implemented through key standards and

corresponding standards within the Conditions of Participation. Tasks one, two, and three of the survey procedures are revised.

(CMS Letter to State Survey Directors, Ref: QSO-18-16-ICF/IID, April 6, 2018)

Survey levels

The three levels of ICF/IID surveys are the focused fundamental survey, the extended survey and the full survey. The primary method of information gathering in the focused fundamental survey is observation, using interviews and record reviews to confirm or to refine information on identified concerns.

Survey procedures

Task one comprises selection of a core sample of clients from a list of the facility's current client list regardless of client developmental levels or locations in the facility. Selection should be based on one of the following criteria: admission to the facility within the previous six months; participation in a self-administration program; and/or frequent hospitalizations or ER visits. Task Two has been revised to comprise a phased approach, which involves review of a facility's systems to prevent abuse, neglect and mistreatment and to resolve complaints.

CMS: Emergency Planning & Training Guides

The NEW federal emergency preparedness requirements are now in effect. Please contact [Jason Belden](#) or [Elaine Rawes](#) for any questions or concerns

Tools are available on the CAHF website to explain the Disaster Planning Guides for the ICF/IID Requirements. Please visit the links below for your plan development and training, and check the website for local training opportunities.

[A comprehensive guide/checklist to all elements for the development of a plan](#)

[A guide to the 'Surveyor' review and validation of your plan](#)

[Click here](#) to join CAHF's statewide 'Memorandum of Understanding' for ICFs.

If you have any questions about how to fill out the template, please contact us. While the template is geared toward skilled nursing facilities, we definitely want to assist the ICFs to customize it to your specific needs.

CAHF also has a series of webinars (located [here](#)) that cover all of the new disaster preparedness requirements.

Finally, you can visit [our website](#), where everything is free to use.

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CDPH: Hot Summer Weather Advisory

[This All Facilities Letter \(AFL\)](#) reminds health care facilities to implement recommended precautionary measures to keep individuals safe and comfortable during extremely hot weather.

Facilities must have contingency plans in place to deal with the loss of air conditioning, or in the case when no air conditioning is available, take measures to ensure patients and residents are free of adverse conditions that may cause heat-related health complications.

Facilities must report extreme heat conditions that compromise patient health and safety and/or require an evacuation, transfer or discharge of patients.

Honors for Peppermint Ridge in Corona

Peppermint Ridge, which supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, operates 11 homes in Corona. The non-profit, which has been in operation for nearly 60 years, was honored on June 6, 2018 as the district Non-Profit Program of the Year by both State Senator Richard Roth and Assembly member Sabrina Cervantes. It represents the first time both lawmakers simultaneously recognized the same non-profit for the annual award.



Pictured: Accepting the award, **Danette McCarns**, Executive Director, Board Chair **Mike Ryan**, **Matt Stopher**, **Barbara** and **Jorge Aranguren** with **State Senator Richard Roth** left and **Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes**, right.

CAHF Cafe: NEXT - Wednesday, July 11 at 12 Noon

Join us at Noon for a short burst of fresh news and views for CAHF's developmental services providers. Here is your opportunity for monthly updates on a variety of subjects that influence the ICF/IID providers of services.

Questions? Email [Elaine Rawes](mailto:Elaine.Rawes@cahf.org), and while you are at it, tell us what topics you most want to hear about during CAHF Cafe.



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