

Appendix D: Public Comments

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- National SCSEP Grantees Operating in California
 - AARP Foundation (AARP)
 - Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (ANPPM)
 - Experience Works (EW)
 - National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)
 - National Council on Aging, Inc. (NCOA)
 - National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA)
 - Senior Service America, Inc. (SSA-I)
 - SER – Jobs for Progress National, Inc. (SER)
- California Workforce Investment Board
- California's Local Workforce Investment Boards
- California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division
- Region VI SCSEP State Directors
- California Association of AAAs
- California's 33 AAA Executive Directors
- CDA's Key Stakeholders
 - Aging Services in California
 - Alzheimer's Association, California Council
 - California Association of Adult Day Services
 - California Assisted Living Association
 - California Association of Health Facilities
 - California Association of Nutrition Directors
 - California Commission on Aging
 - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers
 - California Health Associates
 - California Independent Living Council
 - California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
 - Joint Rules Committee
 - Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Region IX
 - Congress of California Seniors
 - Family Caregiver Alliance
 - Gray Panthers of California
 - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Site Association, Inc.
 - Older Women's League of California
 - The SCAN Foundation
 - Triple-A Council of California
 - U.S. Administration on Aging – Region IX

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CDA invites you to comment and provide suggestions for the *California SCSEP State Plan - PY 2012-2015*. The closing date for public comment is August 30, 2012. However, comments received after the closing date will be considered when the plan is revised.

CDA encourages you to share this plan with your stakeholders, board members, and workforce partners. CDA welcomes suggestions from our local workforce partners.

The plan is located on the CDA website. To review the plan, please use the following link:

http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/SCSEP/California_SCSEP_State_Plan-PY-2012-2015.asp

Instructions for submitting comments:

To make a comment, please write or email:

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Comments received by 5:00 P.M., August 30, 2012 may be incorporated into the Final California SCSEP State Plan - PY 2012-2015.

Comments received after August 30, 2012, may be included in future revisions of the California SCSEP State Plan - PY 2012-2015.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Appendix D-1: California SCSEP State Plan Modification - Public Comments and Letters of Participation

The California Department of Aging (CDA) sent the attached email to the following California organizations/agencies to request comments on the draft *California SCSEP State Plan Modification – PY 2012-2015*.

- CDA's 14 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) SCSEP Sub-Recipients, Contracted Project Staff, Participant Staff, and Participants
- National SCSEP Grantees Operating in California:
 - AARP Foundation (AARP)
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 - California Commission on Aging
 - California Council of Gerontology and Geriatrics
 - California Foundation for Independent Living Centers
 - California Health Advocates
 - California Independent Living Council
 - California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
 - California Nutrition Coalition
 - California Senior Legislature
 - Center for Healthcare Decisions
 - Congress of California Seniors
 - Disability Rights California
 - Family Caregiver Alliance
 - Gray Panthers of California
 - Jewish Family Services, Los Angeles
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CDA invites you to comment and provide suggestions for the CSSPM - PY 2012-2015. The closing date for public comment is November 14, 2014. However, comments received after the closing date will be considered when the CSSPM is revised.

CDA encourages you to share the CSSPM with your stakeholders, board members, and workforce partners. CDA welcomes suggestions from our local workforce partners.

The plan is located on the CDA website. To review the CSSPM, please use the following link:

https://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/SCSEP/California_SCSEP_State_Plan_PY_2012-2015_mod.asp

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Comments received by 5:00 p.m., November 14, 2014 may be included into the CSSPM - PY 2012-2015.

Comments received after November 14, 2014, may be included in future revisions of the California SCSEP State Plan

Thank you for your consideration,

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October 27, 2014

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Ms. Stadler,

As part of the 8 (eight) other National Grantees in California, it was a pleasure for AARP Foundation to participate and work with you on the California SCSEP State Plan Modification.

With the challenges facing SCSEP, the leadership from your office and the CDA is greatly appreciated. AARP Foundation feels that the modifications to the State Plan are appropriate and will help to position us for success in meeting the needs of eligible people 55+ going forward.

I look forward to working with you going forward.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Carmela G. Lacayo
President/CEO



November 12, 2014

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Dear Peggy:

This letter is to advise you that the Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (ANPPM) has participated in the review of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) State Plan for the state of California. The ANPPM is in agreement with the State Plan modification that consisted of a joint effort between the various National SCSEP Grantees serving California. As part of this modification the following factors were used in determining changes to the ED: county unemployment rates, minimum wage increases, and difficulties facing local project management and performance. These contributing factors have greatly affected the counties served by the ANPPM in California. The ANPPM plans on continuing ongoing efforts to coordinate with the California Department on Aging and other National SCSEP Grantees, and sub-grantees as well as the many state and local stakeholders under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to achieve the goals of SCSEP.

Thank you for your efforts to coordinate SCSEP services in the state of California.

Sincerely,

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November 17, 2014

Peggy Stadler
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Dear Peggy Stadler;

Experience Works as a National SCSEP grantee has actively participated in the development of the 2014 SCSEP California State Plan modification. Through a series of email and conference call meetings arranged by the California Department of Aging, Experience Works and other federal grantees have provided information and ideas that have been incorporated into this year's state plan modification.

The proposed plan addresses a unique set of issues we face in California, which include a depressed economy and high unemployment rates in juxtaposition to a high cost of living and high minimum wage. In addition, California's expansive geography encompasses of a large number of very sparsely populated rural counties that are hard to serve given the high cost of doing business in California. The cost of providing Workers Compensation Insurance coverage in California is a prime example of the challenge faced by all SCSEP grantees in California.

The 2014 plan modification takes into consideration these factors in determining county equitable distribution. It makes minor changes to distribute services to areas with the most economic need and at the same time mitigate high administrative cost by creating service areas with enough participants in an area to make it financially feasible for California AAA sub-grantees to administer the Program. I whole heartedly support the well thought out modifications contained in the 2014 California SCSEP State Plan Modification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Cabral".

Stephanie Cabral
CA State Program Manager
Experience Works

From: Eun Jeong Lee <ejlee@napca.org>
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Stadler, Peggy@CDA
Subject: RE: DRAFT California SCSEP State Plan Modification (CSSPM) - National SCSEP Grantees Review -

Hi Peggy,

Thank you for the opportunity for NAPCA to participate in the modification process. I reviewed your modified version, and NAPCA support CA SCSEP state plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you again.

Best regards,

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From: Barry Lott <Barry.Lott@ncoa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 6:29 PM
To: Stadler, Peggy@CDA
Subject: California state plan

Peggy,

NCOA supports the California State Plan and was active in its development. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

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From: Rebecca Mendibles <becki.m@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 1:44 PM
To: Lambert, Nicky@CDA
Cc: Stadler, Peggy@CDA
Subject: Re: California SCSEP State Plan Modification (CSSPM) PY 2012-2015 - Public Comment
California National SCSEP Grantees

The State CDA has done a good job of completing a comprehensive plan . SER appreciates that the State recognizes and makes reference to high unemployment areas with persistent unemployment in the Central Valley and rural areas. All information pertinent to our area has been included in the report. SER also appreciates that small AAA projects have been identified with a recommendation to receive a minimum of 13 authorized positions.

California's high cost of worker's compensation insurance is a challenging problem and when accidents happen and cases are filed, the rate is escalated . SER agrees this issue needs to be addressed as indicated on page five of the State's report.

Thank you for the opportunity to include our comments.

Becki

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Anthony R. Sarmiento
President and Executive Director

November 4, 2014

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Dear Ms. Connolly:

Thank you for inviting Senior Service America to participate in the process to develop a modification of the 2012 California SCSEP State Plan.

We concur with your explanation of how operating SCSEP and implementing Equitable Distribution has become more challenging in recent years, especially since the funding cuts that started in 2011. We agree that Equitable Distribution cannot be addressed without taking into account the increased cost per participant due to increases in the minimum wage, higher worker compensation costs, etc. Finally, we also support your effort to be able to maintain the current policy of the State of California to provide SCSEP subgrants only to local area agencies on aging despite cuts in SCSEP appropriations.

From its earliest years as a program serving older displaced farmers and their families, SCSEP has been committed to serving low-income older Americans in rural counties with less economic opportunity. Current gerontological research has documented the negative impact of isolation on the health and well-being of older adults. Such research reaffirms the wisdom of SCSEP's original design nearly 50 years ago. Implementing Equitable Distribution of authorized positions provides the foundation to ensure that vulnerable older adults in the most rural counties are not bypassed.

Tony Sarmiento
Executive Director