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CAHF's New CEO

California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) announced the selection of **Craig Cornett**, Budget Director and Chief Fiscal Advisor for the California Senate as its new chief executive officer and president.

Mr. Cornett has worked as the Senate finance director for the past nine years under President Pro Tempore Kevin de León and former Senate President Pro Tem and current Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg.

Before his service in the state Senate, Cornett held a similar position for four Speakers of the California Assembly including Robert Hertzberg, Herb Wesson, Fabian Nunez and Karen Bass.

He also worked for the non-partisan California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) for 17 years, including 13 years as Director of the LAO's Criminal Justice and State Administration section.

"I am excited for the opportunity to work in the challenging and rewarding profession of long-term care," said Cornett. "I hope to share my experience with CAHF's highly engaged membership to make sure our providers have the tools and resources they need to provide quality care."

Mr. Cornett is a member of the board of directors of The Golden 1 Credit Union and recently completed a two-year term as board chair. He has been featured regularly in *Capitol Weekly's* annual Top 100 political and policy players in California.

He received his Master of Public Affairs degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and his B.A. from Washington and Lee University. **Mr. Cornett begins his new role at CAHF today,**



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2018 Developmental Services Conference Officers

The recent **Developmental Services Conference** on November 12 at the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs concluded with the election of new and continuing conference officers.

The new conference 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.

Thank you to **Cheryl Loflin** for your leadership in 2017.

Thomas E. Spindle Award

Our very own star, **Mike Cutchshaw**, was awarded the prestigious **Thomas E. Spindle Memorial Award** at last month's **CAHF Annual Convention & Expo**.

The award is named for Thomas E. Spindle, an active member of CAHF and a member of the Board of Directors, who was killed in 1969 in an airplane crash in Alaska.

Following his death, the Board created an annual recognition award to be given in his honor.

The **Thomas E. Spindle Memorial Award** is designed to recognize an individual who has contributed considerable time and knowledge and provided exemplary service to CAHF.

Congratulations to **Mike!**

AB 120 Update

The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) increased the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products for purposes of funding specified expenditures, including funding for existing programs administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Assembly Bill 120 appropriates Prop 56 funds in the 2017-18 state fiscal year for specified DHCS supplemental payment expenditures, and DHCS has developed the required supplemental payment methodologies as outlined below.

The DHCS proposal, (State Plan Amendment 17-028) was approved on November 29, 2017, and will provide ICF-DDs with an additional payment for the 2017-2018 rate year calculated based on the difference between the frozen rate at the 2008-2009 65th percentile increased by 3.7% and the 2017-2018 unfrozen rate.

The new rate is expected to be published by the end of the year.



QIDP Class

Presenters **Mary Jann** and **Vivian Limas** will be leading CAHF's first QIDP class for 2018 in mid-January. Later classes are planned throughout the year in both Northern and Southern California.

We'll be providing more details on dates and times soon via the DD Forum and email.

More New Classes

Plans are underway for new classes in 2018 for direct care staff, QIDPs and licensed nurses for a greater understanding of the federal Conditions of Participation of Active Treatment, Health Care Services and Dietary Services.

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 under **Disaster Planning Guides for the ICF/IID Requirements**. Please utilize the tools below for your plan development and training.

- [A comprehensive guide/checklist to all elements for the development of a plan](#)
 - [A guide to the surveyor review and validation of your plan](#)
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Coming up January 10: CAHF Cafe

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

Questions? Email [Elaine Rawes](#), and while you're at it, tell us what topics you most want to hear about during CAHF Cafe.

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