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## CAHF's New CEO

**Craig Cornett**, the new President and CEO began his new role at CAHF on Dec. 4. Craig has become involved in the developmental services provider community and has visited several ICF facilities in the community including two RESCARE facilities in Carmichael and several Tupaz Homes in San Jose. Craig also attended the **AHCA IID Fly** in Washington March 6 and 7.

## 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.

A meeting of conference officers and regional representatives was held 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.

## 2018 CAHF: NEW CLASS – CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The CAHF new class scheduled April 2018 offers a complete review of the federal Conditions of Participation.

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## **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*. A full survey will be conducted for initial certification surveys. A focused fundamental survey will be conducted for recertification surveys unless the state survey agency finds that a full survey is warranted based on identified concerns regarding the provider's capacity to provide adequate services.

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. Use of in-depth review of progress notes or historical data is limited primarily to situations in which non-compliance of a key standard is suspected.

**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. Phase one focuses on client observations such as staff-to-client and client-to-client interactions and follow-up interviews. Phase two becomes relevant if there are pre-existing criteria or if client protection concerns arise in the course of the survey. Task three focuses on the areas of active treatment, staffing, the role of the qualified intellectual disability professional (QIDP), healthcare services and physical environment. If concerns arise, associated interviews and record reviews would need to be conducted. The content of tasks four through seven was not revised.

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## **AB 2476, as introduced, Rubio. Health and care facilities. (February 14)**

Existing law, which became operative on January 1, 2018, requires the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Developmental Services to jointly develop and implement licensing regulations appropriate for an **intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled nursing and an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-continuous nursing**, as specified.

This bill would make those provisions inoperative until **January 1, 2021**, and until that date, would instead require those facilities to comply with specified federal certification standards until the departments adopt regulations.

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## **CMS: Emergency Planning & Training Guides**

The NEW federal emergency preparedness requirements are now in effect. Please contact **Jason Belden** ([jbelden@cahf.org](mailto:jbelden@cahf.org)) or **Elaine Rawes** ([erawes@cahf.org](mailto:erawes@cahf.org)) for any questions or concerns

**TOOLS** are available on the CAHF website: Disaster Planning Guides for the ICF/IID Requirements. Please utilize the tools below for your plan development and training. Please 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](#)

## NEWS: SUMMER CONFERENCES – SAVE THE DATE



The **CAHF Summer Conference** will be held 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."



## SAVE THIS DATE: AHCA ANNUAL CONVENTION

## The Road to Work: Services to Seniors – Autism Employment Pilot Program



The grant funded pilot project shall "identify two distinct groups of individuals that, with training and support, shall be able to support each other in an enriched environment of mutual satisfaction."

The '*Service to Seniors: Autism Employment Pilot Project*' is designed to challenge the unmet needs of these individuals. The pilot program will focus on a group of fifteen young adults with autism spectrum disorders identified as willing to explore innovative job opportunities in the community. There are a growing number of

senior citizens that require supportive services while either living independently in their own homes or in a community or health supported environment.

The ultimate **goal** of the program is to establish additional employment opportunities for these young adults as well as an identified employee resource pool that may be accessed by employers/seniors in need of supportive services that may be provided by these trained and mentored young adults.

The pilot project has proven successful in offering fifteen individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, the vocational training necessary to provide services and supports for older adults. In less than six months, the program has been able to place all participants at five different 'Eskaton' assisted living facilities. The project is receiving enthusiastic reviews and supports from everyone involved.

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### **Next CAHF Cafe: - Wednesday, May 9, 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](#), and while you are at it, tell us what topics you most want to hear about during CAHF Cafe.

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