



**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
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**DATE:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016  
**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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| <b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>         | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |
| <b>2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS</b> | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |
| <b>3. ESTABLISH QUORUM</b>      | <b>D. FORDERER</b> |

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| <b>4. PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>                 |
| <i>This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters <b>not</b> on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. The Council will provide a public comment period, not to exceed a total of seven minutes, for public comment prior to action on each agenda item.</i> |                                    |
| <b>5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2016 MINUTES</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER 3</b>               |
| <b>6. FACILITATION MANUAL UPDATE<br/>PICTURES</b>  | <b>M.A. NOLAN<br/>D. HERNANDEZ</b> |
| <b>7. DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER SUPPORTS</b>  | <b>R. LONG 7</b>                   |
| <b>8. Cal OES UPDATE<br/>Governor's Office of Emergency Services</b>   | <b>D. FORDERER</b>                 |
| <b>9. SSAN (Statewide Self-Advocacy Network)<br/>REPORT</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER 9</b>               |
| <b>10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT</b>   | <b>C. NUTT</b>                     |
| <b>11. REVIEW COUNCIL PACKET</b>   | <b>A. CARRUTHERS</b>               |
| <b>12. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>D. FORDERER</b>                 |
| <b>13. ADJOURN</b>   | <b>D. FORDERER</b>                 |



**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2016**

**Members Present**

David Forderer (Chair, SA)  
Jenny Yang (SA)  
Robert Taylor (SA)  
Kerstin Williams (SA)  
Rebecca Donabed (SA)  
Charles Nutt (SA)  
Sandra Aldana (SA)  
Steven Kapp (SA)

**Members Absent**

Kecia Weller (SA)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Angela Lewis  
Wayne Glusker  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Francis Lau  
Vance Taylor  
Christopher Johnson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember David Forderer called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 2016 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Charles Nutt (SA)/Rebecca Donabed (SA)) and carried to approve the January 19, 2016 SAAC meeting minutes as presented. Council members Jenny Yang (SA), David Forderer (SA), Robert Taylor (SA), Kerstin Williams (SA), Rebecca Donabed (SA), Sandra Aldana (SA) and Charles Nutt (SA) voted 'Aye'. Steven Kapp (SA) abstained.

## **6. Cal OES PRESENTATION**

Vance Taylor, California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), Office of Access and Functional Needs shared a power point presentation and explained the Roles, Priorities, Vision, Mission, and Values of the organization. Mr. Taylor gave an overview of the California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and also explained about their internal organized structure, and their regional operations. As requested by SAAC members, he also provided information on heavy rains and the importance of being prepared for all types of emergencies. Also at the request of members, Mr. Taylor provided information on Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Members can find a program in their local communities by contacting their county office of emergency services.

Resources shared include:

- [www.Storms.ca.gov](http://www.Storms.ca.gov)
- [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)
- [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)
- [www.Floodprepareca.com](http://www.Floodprepareca.com)
- [www.myhazards.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.myhazards.caloes.ca.gov)
- [www.Floodsmart.gov](http://www.Floodsmart.gov)

Members were also encouraged to google "Food Storage" for information.

## **7. FACILITATION MANUAL UPDATE / PICTURES**

Staff, Mary Agnes Nolan provided an update on the staff facilitation manual project and requested members send her pictures of self-advocates receiving or providing facilitation. Mary Agnes explained that photo releases were needed for anyone that is in the picture for it to be used in the manual.

## **8. SSAN REPORT**

Councilmember Forderer (SA) provided information on the March 2-3, 2016 SSAN meeting and referred members to his report in the packet for information on the December 2-3, 2015 SSAN meeting.

Both meetings included:

- Workgroup Action Plans and Call Schedule for 2016

- Legislative Update
- MOU discussion
- PADSAs Update

The December 2-3, 2016 meeting included:

- 2 Trainings – Work & Social Security Benefits and Voting

The March 2-3, 2016 meeting included:

- MOU Vote to move forward as a Cross Disability Training Network
- Had 3 Presentations
  - ✓ Strengthening Self Advocacy
  - ✓ Supported Employment
  - ✓ Transition
- Voted to use a monthly log with their member reports
- Made plans for the next meeting to discuss how SSAN can help the Council ensure individuals leaving the Developmental Centers can be in a safe and supportive environment
- Members will also be working on building local resources and networks

9. (Typo, missed this number in the posted agenda)

**10. EFC REPORT**

Information is provided in the packet on pages 131-138. The next meeting will be on April 26, 2016.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Charles Nutt (SA) provided a report on what took place at the last Administrative meeting.

**12. CECY (California Employment Consortium for Youth ) REPORT:**

CECY is a project of National Significance and is about to end. The work will be carried on through the Council's Employment First Committee. The next CECY meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

**13. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the Council Packet with committee members.

**14. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Members are to email Councilmember Forderer (SA) or staff if they have topics that can be considered for the next meeting. Mary Agnes will email members on the date information is due once the next council meeting date is confirmed.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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**Conflict of interest statement**  
Volunteers cannot be current state employees of DDS, employees of Regional Centers, service providers working with Regional Centers, or individuals serving on Area Boards.

Advocacy Services Project

Help  
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The Sonoma Developmental Center is located on Arnold Drive, between Madrone Road in Glen Ellen and Sonoma Regional Park.

Office of SCDD



**WHAT IS STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES?**

The SCDD is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families received the services and supports they need.

**WHAT IS THE VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY SERVICES PROJECT?**

We provide advocacy services for people living at the Sonoma Developmental Center who do not have family or conservators to represent them.



**WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?**

- Volunteers are the residents' advocates. They attend meetings with them, or on their behalf, to ensure that they are receiving appropriate services and supports.
- Volunteers meet with residents for one hour a week and spend time getting to know them.



**WHAT SUPPORT DO VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE FROM THE PROJECT?**

- The Volunteer Advocacy Services Coordinator matches volunteers with residents living at Sonoma Developmental Center.
- The Volunteer Advocacy Services Coordinator provides ongoing communication and training.

**BE A FRIEND**



**DESIRED QUALITIES OF A VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE**

- Sensitivity and patience
- Ability to work cooperatively with others
- Good listening and observation skills
- Ability to accept direction, guidance, and acquire new information
- Dependability and flexibility
- Ability to advocate on an objective basis

**Volunteers are not paid employees, but they Receive a base stipend of \$50 per month**





**Report from SSAN Meeting to SCDD by David Forderer**  
**Highlights from the March 2-3, 2016 SSAN Meeting in Sacramento**

SSAN Members voted to move forward with the MOU process choosing, Option # 3 - SSAN will be a Cross Disability Training Network. SSAN will expand by inviting other Disability Organizations to join the Network.

Members received 3 trainings:

The representative from the SCDD San Diego Imperial Office provided an excellent presentation on Strengthening Self Advocacy Presentation. This was produced by San Diego People First with funding from a PADSA grant. (PADSA is a Project of National Significance.)

Members learned more about customized employment from Carole Watilo, Executive Director of Progressive Employment Concepts and learned about reasonable accommodations on the job. You can learn more about the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) by looking on the Department of Labor website for the Office of Disability Employment Policy – ODEP dot.gov

The representative from the SCDD Bay Area Office presented on transition and Future Goals for Young Adults.

Members voted to use the Monthly Activity Log developed by Paul with their member reports.

Members were invited to contact Ted Jackson, Community Organizing Director; California Foundation For Independent Living Centers is looking for testers for a new online voting ballot. Members emailed Ted directly if they were interested in helping out. [ted@cfilc.org](mailto:ted@cfilc.org)

Members received a Legislative Update from Bob, Giovati and SSAN members made a motion to discuss how SSAN can help the State Council with assuring that individuals leaving

developmental centers can be in a safe, supportive environment that will ensure their safety and success in the community at the next SSAN meeting.

For the next meeting members will be asked to provide the following with their member report:

- Tell a unique thing about the area they you represent
- Bring 3 new resources for SSAN's resource binder
- Reach out to agencies that they have not had contact with before and be prepared to provide a brief summary of what the agency does
- Members were reminded that the goal is to build bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities