

NOVEMBER 2017 MINUTES

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2017**

Members Present

David Forderer (Chair, SA)
Sandra Aldana (SA)
Rebecca Donabed (SA)
Jeana Eriksen (SA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Charles Nutt (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Kecia Weller (SA)
Jenny Yang (SA)

Members Absent

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Vance Taylor
Michelle Cummings
Wayne Glusker
Riana Hardin
Angela Lewis
Chris Sayder
Robin Maitino

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Forderer (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

5. APPROVAL OF September 18, 2017 MINUTES

It was moved/seconded and carried by Councilmember Kecia Weller (SA)/ Councilmember Charles Nutt(SA) to approve the minutes. There was one abstention.

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Yes: Councilmembers Rebecca Donabed (SA), David Forderer (SA), Robert Taylor (SA), Charles Nutt (SA), Kecia Weller (SA), Kerstin Williams (SA), and Jenny Yang (SA).

Abstention: Councilmember Sandra Aldana (SA)

6. HEALTHCARE UPDATE

SCDD Executive Director (E.D.) Aaron Carruthers sent out an email to councilmembers recently on this topic. SCDD E.D. Carruthers told committee members that Congress is currently working on legislation that would result in major reform in tax policy. While this does not directly impact healthcare, there is a projected \$1.5 trillion worth of tax cuts that would likely come from social programs like Medi-Caid, Medi-Care and special education. It is important for committee members to keep telling their story and encouraging others to tell their stories.

7. FEDERAL IMPACT ON SCDD

SCDD E.D. Aaron Carruthers informed committee members that the Federal Government is currently funded through December 8th. Since the big focus right now is Congress is likely to pass what is called a continuing resolution to provide short term funding and prevent a government shutdown. SCDD E.D. Carruthers explained to the Committee that once the 2018 Legislative Platform is adopted by the Council, Councilmembers can use the platform to talk to legislators.

8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET

SCDD E.D. Carruthers reviewed the Council packet and answered questions regarding items on the Council agenda that members would be voting on.

The Council meeting will focus mainly on reviewing recommendations from the SCDD Structural Deficit Workgroup and the proposed 2018 Legislative Platform.

SCDD E.D. Carruthers explained that the goal of both the Structural Deficit Workgroup and the recommendations by the Administrative

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Committee was to avoid potential layoffs of SCDD staff and that any staff reductions would happen through attrition.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the recommendation to combine the North Bay and North Coast Regional Offices. Members of the Committee were moved by the amount of feedback from the community and discussed how the recommendation would encourage collaboration. At the same time, it is important that any decision not take away from the services and supports that community members rely on.

SCDD E.D. Carruthers provided committee members with a report produced by the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) entitled “Councils on Developmental Disabilities Addressing Sexual Violence and Neglect”.

It was moved/seconded by Councilmember Yang (SA)/Councilmember Nutt (SA) to go out of order and precede to item number 12. Motion Passed Unanimously.

9. SSAN REPORT

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed and committee members were encouraged to review the report that was included in the SAAC packet.

10. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACTION PLANS AND MEMBER REPORTS

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

12. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Michelle Cummings from Sacramento Metro Fire assisted Councilmember Jeana Eriksen on a training related to how to prepare for fire evacuations and what is the most helpful way to interact with first responders. Committee members were given the following handouts:

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- CalFire Ready Brochure
- Metro Fire Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Disaster Supply Kit – Visual Checklist
- Metro Fire Wildfire Presentation

Councilmembers shared their stories and concerns related to evacuating due to fires, especially the lack of education and information that is available to and for self-advocates. Several committee members felt that this was an issue that should be a continuing discussion.

For more information regarding emergency preparedness and fire safety, please contact:

Michelle Cummings
 Sacramento Metro Fire
Cummings.michelle@metrofire.ca.gov
 916-859-4316

13. UPDATE FROM CAL OES ON CALIFORNIA WILD FIRES

Vance Taylor, Chief, Cal OES Office of Access and Functional Needs provided SAAC members training on how the Office of Access and Functional Needs is working to implement AB 2311, which requires that cities and counties integrate access and functional needs into their emergency response plan. SAAC members were informed that while there were 42 shelters across California for the fires, only a hand full of them were accessible for people with disabilities. Chief Taylor shared a story about how he practiced an evacuation drill with his family, but the door was closed before he could get to the designated safe location. “If you have a disability, you do not have the luxury to wait. We just have to go. It will take us more time, but we will just have to do it”. Chief Taylor noted that people with disabilities do not like to go to shelters, because they are often not accessible, and recommended that people with access and functional needs go to evacuation shelters run by the Red Cross, as they are more likely to be accessible. Committee members asked whether the State Council had an emergency plan if an

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emergency were to happen during a council meeting. It was suggested that self-advocates should in general, communicate with family members and the hotel staff when traveling, in order to make sure that their needs are met. Chief Taylor applauded SAAC for their efforts to educate people with access and functional needs on emergency preparedness. Members of the committee asked what they could do next in order to advance the conversation on emergency preparedness. Chief Taylor mentioned that one action that they could take was to encourage counties to adopt Chapter 4 of the California Fire Code, which requires that the needs of people with access and functional needs be included into the development process of emergency planning. It was suggested that the SAAC could write a letter to Cal OES on the importance of incorporating the needs of people with access and functional needs into the emergency plans. It was also suggested that SAAC could bring the issue to the attention of the Council Chair or the Legislative and Public Policy Committee.

For more information regarding Cal OES Office of Access and Functional Needs, please contact:

L. Vance Taylor

Chief, Office of Access and Functional Needs
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
vance.taylor@caloes.ca.gov
916-845-8202

14. TOPICS OF ONGOING DISCUSSION

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

15. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Members were advised that the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator would be sending them a follow-up email asking for their input for the next agenda.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACTION PLAN

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Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACTION PLAN

Councilmember name:

Region you represent:

Who are your elected official(s):

Please circle 2 to 5 of the SCDD State Plan Goals you would like to focus on in your community:

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| 1. Self-Advocacy | 3. Housing | 5. Early Intervention |
| 2. Employment | 4. Health and Safety | 6. Formal and Informal Community Supports |

What are the related projects you are working on in your community:

Please list the trainings or work with any agencies or organizations you have done, including the date and say how many people attended.

Please list how many presentations or outreach activities (including emails and phone calls) with new self-advocates. Please list the dates of the outreach activities, number of self-advocates/family advocates who attended or how many you talked to.

Please list ANY barriers to doing any Council work in your community:

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SAAC INPUT TO COUNCIL

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SAAC AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: SAAC Input to Council

SUMMARY: At the November 30, 2017 Council meeting, Councilmembers were provided with a planning calendar for 2018. Several members of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee felt that this would be a helpful tool for SAAC to use as well. SAAC members had expressed the wish for the January 2018 SAAC meeting to be used as a planning session. One suggestion would be to use SAAC meetings to prepare for Council discussion on disability related issues. The committee would follow-up with formal recommendations to the Council the following meeting.

BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS: At the January 2017 meeting SAAC members were presented with a diagram on how self-advocacy works within the State Council structure. Several committee members have asked about the purpose of SAAC. The mission of SAAC is to “Be a voice for all Californians with disabilities by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion.” SAAC does this through: speaking up for people with disabilities, learning about issues important to people with disabilities, advising the Council and staff on issues that affect people with I/DD, sharing information about the rights of people with I/DD, assisting people with disabilities to be on boards and committees, and participating in and leading regional and statewide advocacy groups/networks.

It has previously been recommended that SAAC meetings focus on a single theme in order to focus the committee’s energy on a single topic. This presents SAAC with the opportunity to coordinate the committee’s discussion with the Council meeting topic the following day. This would also provide SAAC members with the ability to reflect on the panel discussion from the previous meeting and provide formal recommendations and assessments on what the State Council on Developmental Disabilities can do to address any gaps that might exist in each topic area. SAAC members can present their findings in the form of formal recommendations to the full Council the following meeting. This would ensure that SAAC meetings follow a pattern to:

1. Prepare Committee members for the next day’s meeting
2. Brainstorm and draft recommendations for the Council on each topic

3. Have any follow-up actions or discussions from the previous meeting.

The way that the 2018 Council Planning Calendar is structured is to feature panels on the different disabilities that are classified as intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with focusing on each of the State Plan goals. This presents SAAC with the opportunity to provide the full Council with their input on the status of self-advocacy through recommendations and participate on panels focusing on each disability.

DISCUSSION: Should the SAAC report to the Council be more formal in the format of a formal recommendation based on the previous meeting's discussion?

RECOMMENDATION: SAAC consider using the detail sheet format for offering recommendations to the full Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Included in your packet are the following items:

- Proposed 2018 SAAC Planning Calendar
- 2018 Council Planning Calendar
- Self-Advocacy within the Council Structure diagram

PREPARED: Riana Hardin, January 5, 2018

2018 COUNCIL CALENDAR

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2018 COUNCIL PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY 18, 2018

Governor's Proposed Budget
Committee and Task Force Reports
Cycle 41 Grant Timeline
2017 Program Performance Report

Disability Spotlight:
Focus Topic: Employment (Goal #2)

JULY 24, 2018

Governor's State Budget Update
Cycle 41 Grant
Committee and Task Force Reports
EFC Report
Annual Member Training

Disability Spotlight: Dual Disabilities
Focus Topic: Public Safety (Goal #4)

MARCH 20, 2018

Draft SCDD 18-19 Budget
Legislative Positions and Priority Update
Committee and Task Force Reports
Cycle 41 Grant

Disability Spotlight: Cerebral Palsy
*March is Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month
Focus Topic: Housing (Goal #3)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Executive Director Annual Evaluation (Closed Session)
Legislative Platform Revisions
Committee and Task Force Reports
Selection of Nominating Committee

Disability Spotlight: Other Disabilities
Focus Topic: Disparities (Goal #6)

MAY 15, 2018

Governor's May Revise Update
Adopt SCDD 18-19 Budget
Legislative Position Updates

Disability Spotlight: Autism
*April is Autism Awareness Month
Focus Topic: Transportation (Goal #6)

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Policy Planning for 2018
2018 PPR
Legislative Platform Revisions
Committee and Task Force Reports
Chair and Vice Chair Elections
State Plan Amendment Update

Disability Spotlight: Epilepsy
*November is Epilepsy Awareness Month
Focus Topic: Early Intervention (Goal #5)

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2018 SAAC CALENDAR

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PROPOSED 2018 SAAC PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY 17, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Role of Self-Advocacy in Council Structure
SSAN Annual Report
Structure of Committee Meetings
Update on Self-Determination
Review of Council Packet
Preparation for Panel

Disability Spotlight:
Focus Topic: Employment (Goal #2)

MARCH 19, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Role of Self-Advocacy in Council Structure
Legislative Positions and Priority Update
Review of Council Packet
Preparation for Panel
Recommendations for Council from January

Disability Spotlight: Cerebral Palsy
*March is Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month
Focus Topic: Housing (Goal #3)

MAY 14, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Role of Self-Advocacy in Council Structure
Legislative Positions and Priority Update
Review of Council Packet/Preparation for Panel
Recommendations for Council from March
Voting Accessibility Update

Disability Spotlight: Autism
*April is Autism Awareness Month
Focus Topic: Transportation (Goal #6)

JULY 23, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Role of Self-Advocacy in Council Structure
Update on Cal OES activities
Review of Council Packet/Preparation for Panel
Recommendations for Council from May

Disability Spotlight: Dual Disabilities
Focus Topic: Public Safety (Goal #4)

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Role of Self-Advocacy in Council Structure
Competitive Integrated Employment Challenges
Review of Council Packet/Preparation for Panel
Recommendations for Council from July

Disability Spotlight: Other Disabilities
Focus Topic: Disparities (Goal #6)

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Member Updates and Reports
Status of Self-Advocacy in California
Planning for 2019 meetings
Status of Special Education
Review of Council Packet/Preparation for Panel
SAAC Recommendations on State Plan

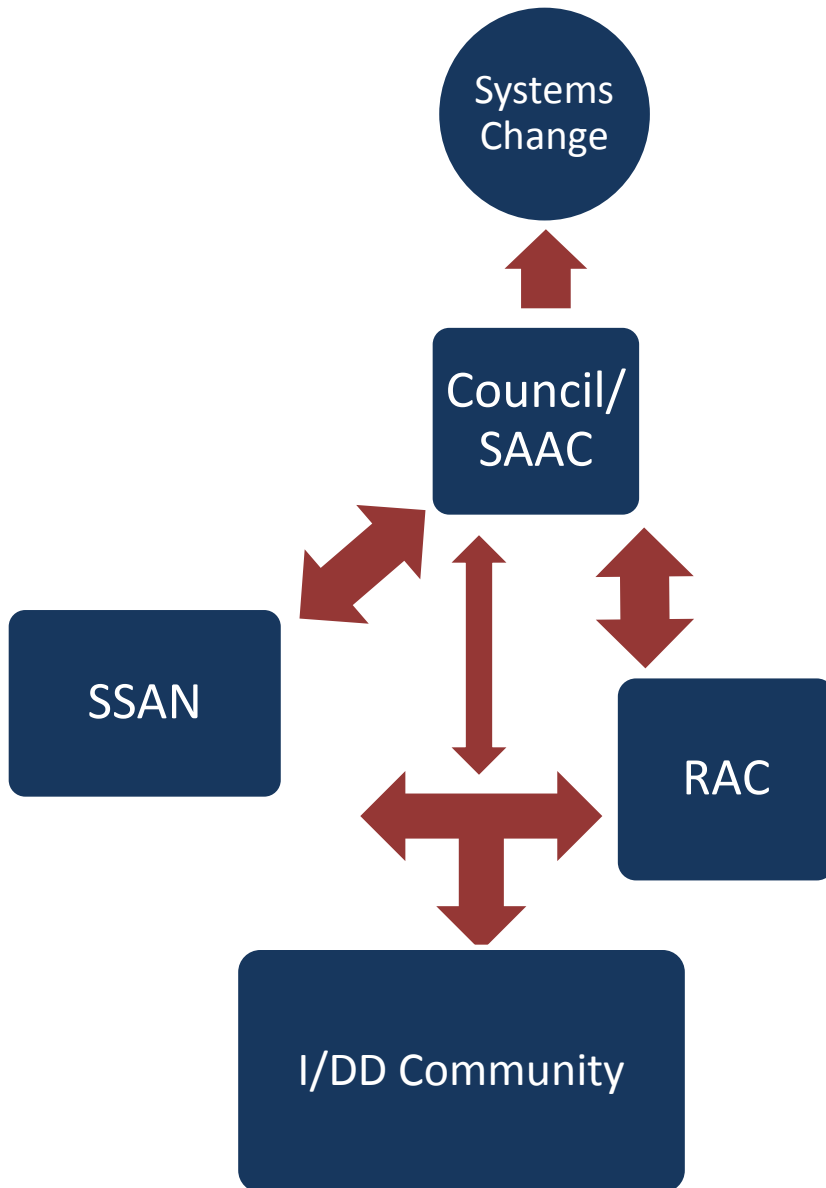
Disability Spotlight: Epilepsy
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Focus Topic: Early Intervention (Goal #5)

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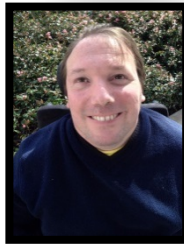
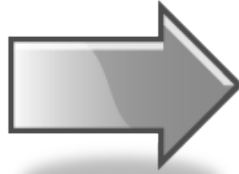
Systems Change within SCDD Structures and Projects



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REPORT FROM SSAN TO COUNCIL

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Report from SSAN to SCDD by David Forderer **Highlights from the SSAN and SAAC Activities**

SSAN met on December 6th and 7th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Here is a summary on their recent activity:

- The central theme for the meeting was employment.
- SSAN Members welcomed New Member Sean Sullivan from the Orange County Region.
- SSAN workgroups on Self-Determination, Employment, Legislative, and Newsletter/Communication met to review their goals, measurable objectives, and set their meeting dates for 2018
- SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers updated members on the SCDD Structural Deficit, news from Washington D.C. and SCDD's efforts to protect Medicaid.
- SSAN member Kecia Weller gave a presentation on the benefits of employment and how to manage working and receiving public benefits.
- SCDD HR provided SSAN members with information about the LEAP hiring process and some general good practices on interviewing. SSAN requested that SCDD HR give a follow-up presentation on mock interviews at their March meeting.
- SSAN members reported on their local activities and efforts to increase advocacy in their communities.

- On the second day of the meeting, members approved the SSAN 2016-2017 Annual Report and discussed their appreciation for staff support for SSAN.
- Members approved the 10th edition of the SSAN Newsletter
- SSAN members were updated on the budget for SSAN.
- SSAN members were informed of the current vacancy to SSAN for the Central Coast Region and told that the regional manager from Central Coast would be sending out the application materials soon.
- The next SSAN meeting will focus on employment with a follow-up training on interview etiquette.

The next SSAN meeting will be on March 28th and 29th in Sacramento.

SSAN 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

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SSAN 2016-2017 Annual Report Summary



SSAN Mission Statement

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

SSAN is a project of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. SSAN has 20 members representing the 12 regional offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, SCDD, state agencies and nonprofits whose missions are to educate, empower and provide services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. SSAN is a training network built on the idea that SSAN members will train other self-advocates in their communities on issues that impact their lives and will produce stronger advocates who will strengthen the self-advocacy movement across California. SSAN is one of the primary vehicles which SCDD uses to achieve Goal #1 of the State Plan.

SCDD Self-Advocacy Goal #1 in Plain Language – “Californians with developmental disabilities and their families will have increased support to advocate for their rights to achieve: self-determination, integration, and inclusion within their communities.”

The 2016-2017 year was full of many accomplishments for SSAN. During the 2016-2017 Federal Fiscal Year, the following structural changes took place:

- At the December 2016 meeting, SSAN held elections for the Officer Positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- SSAN adopted a Memorandum of Understanding between the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which was signed by both the SCDD Executive Director and the Chair of SSAN

- SSAN revised and approved changes to the bylaws, removing outdated language
- SSAN formalized the membership application process for new regional representatives

SSAN met 4 times during December 2016 to September 2017 and received trainings and presentations on the following topics:

- ABLE Act
- Affordable and Accessible Housing
- Bagley Keene
- Bullying
- CFILC presentation on Voice Activated Ipad program
- Emergency Preparedness Training
- Employment Panel
- Healthcare Letter Writing campaign
- How to Fire your Attendant
- How to give the ABLE Act Presentation
- Office of Emergency Services
- Public Policy from the Arc of California
- Self-Advocacy Presentation
- Silence = Violence info and webinar
- SSAN Bylaws revisions
- Supported Decision Making
- Tips on How to Work with First Responders

The SSAN Leadership identified plans for:

- Continued Communication through Newsletters
- Legislative Advocacy
- Training Development
- Networking

Each meeting includes member reports, legislative updates, training for members, and resources to distribute.

Each member is on at least one workgroup. There were a total of 73 workgroup meetings.

- Employment met 9 times
- Self-Determination met 9 times
- Newsletter met 9 times
- Legislation met 6 times
- Officers met 40 times

SSAN Members produced 4 Newsletters

SSAN Conducted 131 outreach and trainings events in their communities on all 6 of the State Plan goals reaching a total of 7,880 people.