

# **JANUARY 2018 MINUTES**

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 17, 2017**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Jeana Eriksen (SA)

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Wayne Glusker  
Riana Hardin  
Angela Lewis  
Robin Maitino  
Cindy Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair David Forderer (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:10 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 NOVEMBER 29, 2017 MINUTES**

Councilmember Sandra Aldana (SA) requested that Medi-Caid and Medi-Care be edited to be Medicaid and Medicare on page 2.

It was moved/seconded and carried by Councilmembers Nutt (SA)/  
Weller (SA) to approve the November minutes as amended.

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(Councilmembers David Forderer (SA), Robert Taylor (SA), Rebecca Donabed (SA), Sandra Aldana (SA), Charles Nutt (SA), Maria Marquez (SA), Kecia Weller (SA), and Jenny Yang (SA) voted 'Aye'. Councilmember Jeana Eriksen was absent.)

## **6. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACTION PLANS AND MEMBER REPORTS**

SAAC members provided their individual member action plans and reported on their activity since the last meeting. Several members reported that they had been focusing on increasing self-advocacy in their area, increasing awareness of self-determination, increasing employment opportunities for people with disabilities, access to affordable housing, and health and safety, covering 4 of the 6 SCDD State Plan goals.

## **7. COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

Committee members provided updates on Committee and other local activities.

## **8. FEDERAL IMPACT ON SCDD**

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SAAC members with an update on the Federal Government's impact on SCDD. Members wanted to know what the impact of a government shutdown would mean for SCDD. Executive Director Carruthers assured SAAC members that as it stands, SCDD has enough funding in reserve to withstand a short government shutdown. Executive Director Carruthers also mentioned that he has established a good working relationship with Washington, D.C. that he feels confident that the voices of those who are served by SCDD will be heard.

## **9. REVIEW OF COUNCIL PACKET**

SCDD Executive Director Carruthers reviewed the Council packet with SAAC members and answered any questions they had in preparation for the next day's meeting.

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## **10. SAAC INPUT TO COUNCIL**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers assisted Chair David Forderer on ways SAAC members can contribute as a group to Council meetings.

It was moved/seconded by Councilmembers Yang (SA)/Weller(SA) to add a standing agenda item to the SAAC agenda entitled: "SAAC Recommendations to the Council" following the review of the Council Packet. (Councilmembers David Forderer (SA), Robert Taylor (SA), Rebecca Donabed (SA), Sandra Aldana (SA), Charles Nutt (SA), Maria Marquez (SA), Kecia Weller (SA), and Jenny Yang (SA) voted 'Aye'. Councilmember Jeana Eriksen was absent.)

## **11. SSAN REPORT**

Members reviewed the SAAN Annual Report Summary provided in the packet.

## **12. TOPICS OF ONGOING DISCUSSION**

Members provided brief update on Access to Transportation, Building Access Standards, Emergency Preparedness, Employment, Access to Transportation and Voting.

## **13. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

SAAC members will email any info they would like to be considered for inclusion in the packet to Chair Forderer and Riana Hardin, the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator by 5:00 PM on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 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 officials:

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<br>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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**REVIEW OF LPPC  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
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## SAAC AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

**ISSUE:** Review of LPPC Recommendations to the Council

**BACKGROUND:** The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) met on March 5, 2018 to review bills that were introduced in the California State Legislature that are highly relevant to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Legislative Platform and State Plan.

The purpose of this agenda Item is to allow the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee the opportunity to review and discuss the bills submitted by the LPPC for Council to potentially take a position on.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:** Many bills were introduced this session that will have some level of impact on the lives of persons with developmental disabilities across multiple issue areas. In addition, many bills were introduced that are focused on educating the public and improving outcomes for disadvantaged populations, but persons with disabilities were not considered in the proposals.

An initial review of all newly introduced bills was done by SCDD staff. The bills sponsored by the Council and those the LPPC recommended a position on are in the attached Bill Chart. For additional information please reference your Council Packet that includes the text of the bills.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE:** All

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:** The SAAC Chair has previously requested that SAAC be updated on LPPC activity that will be up for discussion on the next day's Council agenda and provide an opportunity for questions.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Materials are presented in order to prepare committee members for the discussion that will take place at the Council

**ATTACHMENTS(S):** Chart with LPPC Recommendations on Bills for 2018, and relative bill text.

**PREPARED:** Riana Hardin

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Bill Number	Author	Text of Bills, Status and Additional Analysis can be read at <a href="#">Bill Summary</a> <a href="#">Leginfo of the CA Legislature</a>	Other Comments
<b>Goal 2 (Employment): Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information to obtain competitive, integrated employment.</b>			
AB 2171	Frazier (D)	<p>Summary: Would require the Superintendent, the Director of Developmental Services, and the Director of Rehabilitation to develop an interagency agreement that ensures the seamless and coordinated delivery of services and supports to an individual with exceptional needs who is eligible for special education services or who is eligible for services provided by the State Department of Education, the State Department of Developmental Services, or the Department of Rehabilitation for individuals with developmental disabilities. The bill would require the interagency agreement to include specified components and to be submitted to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: Y</p>	<b>Council Sponsored</b>
SB 1274	McGuire (D)	<p>Current law generally prohibits county welfare departments and the State Department of Social Services from disclosing records and information concerning the administration of public social services for which grants-in-aid are received from the United States government, such as CalWORKs and CalFresh, and requires that those records and information be kept confidential, except as prescribed. Current law establishes the Employment First Policy, which is the policy that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment be given the highest priority for working-age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. This bill would, notwithstanding the general prohibition above, require the State Department of Social Services to disclose eligibility and enrollment data for the CalWORKs and CalFresh programs to the State Department of Developmental Services to assist that department in the implementation of the Employment First Policy, as specified, to the extent permitted under federal law and regulations.</p> <p>Is Urgency: N Is Fiscal: N</p>	<b>Council Sponsored</b>

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Bill Number	Author	Text of Bills, Status and Additional Analysis can be read at <a href="#">Leginfo at the CA Legislature</a>	LPPC Recommendation
<p><b>Goal 4 (Health &amp; Safety): Californians w/ I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information to access health, public safety, and related services that meet their needs and health care choices.</b></p>			
<p><b>Health-Related</b></p>			
AB 2331	Weber (D)	<p>Summary: Would require a county to perform a redetermination only every 36 months for a Medi-Cal beneficiary who has a developmental disability and who is determined to be eligible for services by a regional center. The bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services to make available to the State Department of Health Care Services an updated list of individuals who meet this condition.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>
AB 2430 N1	Arambula (D)	<p>Summary: Current law requires the department to exercise its option under federal law to implement a program for aged and disabled persons, as described. Current law requires an individual under these provisions to satisfy certain financial eligibility requirements, including, among other things, that his or her countable income does not exceed an income standard equal to 100% of the applicable federal poverty level, plus an income disregard of \$230 for an individual, or \$310 in the case of a couple, except that the income standard determined shall not be less than the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled individual or couple, as applicable. This bill would instead require, upon receipt of federal approval, all countable income over 100% of the federal poverty level, up to 138% of the federal poverty level, to be disregarded, after taking all other disregards, deductions, and exclusions into account for those persons eligible under the program for aged and disabled persons.</p>	<b>Support</b>

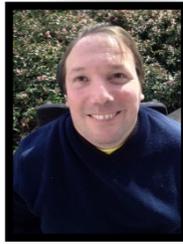
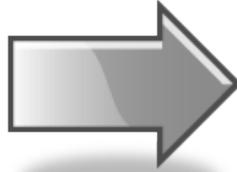
Bill Number	Author	Text of Bills, Status and Additional Analysis can be read at <a href="#">Leginfo at CA Legislature</a>	LPPC Recommendation
<p><b>Goal 5 (Early Intervention, Education, Transition &amp; Post-Secondary Education): Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information, in order to obtain inclusive education services throughout the lifespan.</b></p>			
AB 2291	Chiu (D)	<p>Summary: Current law provides that school districts and county offices of education are responsible for the overall development of a comprehensive school safety plan for each of its schools, and requires the plans to include, among other elements, appropriate strategies that will address the school's procedures for complying with current laws related to school safety, including a discrimination and harassment policy, as specified. Current law provides that the Legislature encourages, as comprehensive school safety plans are reviewed and updated, all plans, to the extent that resources are available, to include policies and procedures aimed at the prevention of bullying. This bill would delete the statement encouraging comprehensive school safety plans to include policies and procedures aimed at the prevention of bullying and instead make it mandatory.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>
AB 2657	Weber (D)	<p>Summary: Would authorize an educational provider, as defined, to use behavioral restraints, which includes physical and mechanical restraints, or seclusion, as defined, only if a pupil's behavior presents an imminent danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others, and if other specified conditions are met. The bill would prohibit an educational provider from using a behavioral restraint or seclusion in certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, using seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation, and would prohibit the use of certain restraint and seclusion techniques.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<p><b>Support</b>  <b>DRC Sponsored</b></p>

Bill Number	Author	Text of Bills, Status and Additional Analysis can be read at <a href="#">Leginfo at CA Legislature</a>	LPPC Recommendation
<p><b>Goal 6 (Formal &amp; Informal Community Supports): Formal &amp; Informal Community Supports: Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information and supports to access community-based services available to the general population.</b></p>			
AB 1909	Nazarian (D)	<p>Summary: Would clarify that the State Department of Social Services is required to provide translations of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services. The bill would permit the department to work with counties and the County Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>
AB 2244	Acosta (R)	<p>Summary: Current law prohibits a regional center from paying a greater rate to a provider of certain services or supports, as specified, or from approving a service level for a residential service provider that would result in an increase in state costs, unless the regional center demonstrates that the approval is necessary to protect the consumer's health or safety and the department has granted prior written authorization or, in certain circumstances, unless the increase is required by a contract between the regional center and the vendor, as specified. This bill would deem a request from a regional center for prior written authorization approved by the State Department of Developmental Services if the department does not act on the request within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request, unless the director, in his or her discretion, determines that additional time is reasonably necessary to fully and fairly evaluate the request, as specified.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>
AB 2587	Levine (D)	<p>Summary: Current law establishes, within the state disability insurance program, a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the paid family leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits to workers who take time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a minor child within one year of birth or placement, as specified. Current law authorizes an employer to require an employee to take up to 2 weeks of earned but unused vacation before, and as a condition of, the employee's initial receipt of these benefits during any 12-month period in which the employee is eligible for these benefits. This bill would eliminate that authorization and related provisions.  <i>Is Urgency: N</i>  <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>

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AB 2623	Holden (D)	<p>Summary: Current law authorizes the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide various services and supports to persons with developmental disabilities. Current law sets forth the department's and the regional center's authority to establish provider rates. Current law prohibits certain provider rate increases, but authorizes increases to those rates as necessary to adjust employee wages to meet the state minimum wage law. Current law further requires the department to adopt regulations that specify rates, calculated on the basis of a cost model, including, among other things, changes in the state or federal minimum wage, for community care facilities serving persons with developmental disabilities, as specified. This bill would require the cost model described above to also include changes in local minimum wage.</p> <p><i>Is Urgency: N</i> <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>
AB 3158	Mathis (R)	<p>Summary: Would prohibit a cause of action on the basis of a construction-related access barrier in an existing public accommodation by an individual who alleges to have been aggrieved by the existence of an access barrier from accruing unless specified conditions are met, including that a written notice has been sent to the owner and operator, as specified. The bill would create a specified 90-day period and an additional 30-day period during which the owner or operator of the public accommodation shall be permitted to remove the barrier or to make substantial progress toward removing the barrier, or to make a good faith effort to remove the barrier, as defined, before a cause of action accrues.</p> <p><i>Is Urgency: N</i> <i>Is Fiscal: N</i></p>	<b>Oppose</b>
AB 3200	Kalra (D)	<p>Summary: Under current law, benefit payments under SSP are calculated by establishing the maximum level of nonexempt income and federal SSI and state SSP benefits for each category of eligible recipient, with an annual cost-of-living adjustment, effective January 1 of each year. Current law prohibits, for each calendar year, commencing with the 2011 calendar year, any cost-of-living adjustment from being made to the maximum benefit payment unless otherwise specified by statute, except for the pass along of any cost-of-living increase in the federal SSI benefits. Current law continuously appropriates funds for the implementation of SSP. This bill would reinstate the cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2019 calendar year.</p> <p><i>Is Urgency: N</i> <i>Is Fiscal: Y</i></p>	<b>Support</b>

# **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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.