

MAY 30, 2018 MINUTES

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2018**

Members Present

Sandra Aldana (SA)
Jeana Eriksen (SA)
Matthew Lagrand (SA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Charles Nutt (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

Members Absent

Kimberly Risser (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Riana Hardin
Angela Lewis
Janelle Lewis (FA)
Chris Snyder
Maria West

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESIDING OFFICER

Sandra Aldana (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

It was moved/seconded (Aldana [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to appoint Charles Nutt (SA) the Presiding Officer for the meeting. All members present voted in favor of the motion. (unanimous)

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone present introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Kimberly Risser (SA), who was participating by the phone as a member of the public, commented that it is important to stay informed about emergency preparedness, to keep in contact with local Centers for Independent Living, the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers and the California State Independent Living Council. Councilmember Matthew Lagrand stated “We need to rebuild California and make it better for Californians with disabilities.”

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5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2018 MINUTES

Members sought clarification on the difference between a recommendation to the Council and input to the Council.

It was moved (Eriksen [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the March 2018 meeting minutes as amended. (For: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Marquez [SA], and Nutt [SA]. Abstain: Councilmembers Lagrand [SA] and Witherspoon [SA].)

6. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER ACTION PLANS AND MEMBER REPORTS

Members reviewed the new template for the Individual Member Action Plan and provided feedback on the materials included in the SAAC packet.

It was moved/seconded (Lagrand [SA]/Eriksen[SA]) to adopt the revised Individual Member Action Plan template without any changes. (For: Councilmembers Jeana Eriksen [SA], Matthew Lagrand [SA]. Against: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Against: Marquez [SA], Nutt [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]. Motion failed.)

It was moved (Marquez [SA]/Witherspoon [SA]) to table the vote on the revised Individual Member Action Plan until the July meeting, to allow members sufficient time to review and suggest edits. (For: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Nutt [SA] and Witherspoon [SA]. Motion Passed.)

Members are to email their suggested edits to the Self-Advocacy Coordinator no later than June 22nd.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an update on the State Council's budget, the impact of the Federal Government on the SCDD and other Council Business.

8. REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Councilmember Janelle Lewis (FA) provided SAAC members with an update on Council sponsored and supported legislation. Members were

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informed of changes that have occurred since the printing of the Council Packet. Councilmember Lewis (FA) reviewed AB 1985, AB 2704, AB 3002 and SB 1190.

It was moved (Aldana [SA]/Witherspoon [SA]) and carried to support the LPPC recommendations for legislation to the Council. that SAAC move to support the LPPC recommendations for legislation to the Council. (For: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Marquez [SA], and Nutt [SA] voted in favor of the motion. Abstain: Councilmembers Lagrand [SA] and Witherspoon [SA].)

9. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

SAAC members discussed other agenda items on the Council agenda and whether or not to offer recommendations on the any of the items on the agenda. Members elected to not make recommendations on the proposed travel policy, sponsorship requests or conflict of interest.

It was moved (Nutt [SA]/Eriksen [SA]) for SAAC to recommend support for option 1 for the election of the new Chair and Vice-Chair. (For: Councilmembers Eriksen [SA], Lagrand [SA] and Nutt [SA]. Against: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Marquez [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]. Motion failed.)

It was moved (Nutt [SA]/ Witherspoon [SA] that SAAC recommend support for the State Plan Committee to approve the grantees in the packet and resubmit the RFP for Orange County and San Bernardino. (For: Councilmembers Eriksen [SA], Lagrand [SA], and Nutt [SA]. Against: Councilmembers Aldana [SA], Marquez [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]. Motion failed.)

10. SSAN REPORT

Councilmember Witherspoon (SA) advised members that the SSAN report is in their packet on page 42.

11. COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES

Members shared Council committee updates.

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12. TOPICS OF ONGOING DISCUSSION

Members provided brief updates on access to transportation, building access standards, emergency preparedness, employment, access to transportation, voting and SAAC Recommendation/Input to Council.

13. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Members discussed focusing future meetings on emergency preparedness, affordable housing, bullying and Social Security.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 P.M.

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**STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT
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SAAC AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Status of Employment for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in California

SUMMARY: The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is committed to increasing Self-Advocacy across California. Each of the 6 State Plan goals has a component of self-advocacy, as self-advocacy effects all aspects of a person's life. In an effort to assess the progress that has been made in each of the 6 goal areas, the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) has been asked to provide their input during each State Plan goal discussion. The July Council meeting will have presentations on successful programs to promote competitive integrated employment (CIE). Does SAAC have an expert recommendation on how to promote CIE for Californians with I/DD?

BACKGROUND/ISSUES/ANALYSIS: Access to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) is closely tied to an individual's sense of self-worth, independence and ability to participate in their community. In 2013 California implemented an Employment First Policy, signaling the state's commitment to promoting CIE for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Additional policy advances such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act indicate a promising future for Californians with I/DD. Policy change must also be supported by programmatic supports at the local and regional levels in order to be effective.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION: In preparation for future Council discussions on employment and creating recommendation(s) to the Council on the status of employment for Californians with I/DD, you may want to reflect on your own experiences, past SAAC discussions on the topic, as well as conversations you have had in your community. You can use the following questions to help you prepare for the SAAC meeting:

- What are examples of successful models that assist people with I/DD find employment?

- What types of employment related services or programs have you used? Were they helpful? If not, how could they be improved?
- What actions can the Council take in order to promote employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE: Goal 2 of the State Plan.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITY: SAAC, as an advisory committee of self-advocates, has collaborated with the DDS and the Employment First Committee to provide feedback on the CIE Blueprint and Consumer Joint Written Guidance.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Included in your packet are the following items:

- Draft of Employment Report by Employment First Committee (In Council Packet)

PREPARED: Riana Hardin, July 3, 2018

SSAN REPORT TO SCDD

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Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network **Highlights from the June SSAN Meeting**

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), a project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) met on June 27th and 28th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Here is a summary on their recent activity:

Importance of Self-Advocacy:

Self-advocacy is important because it gives people a sense of worth and dignity, teaches confidence, provides the opportunity to have a seat at the table and leads to becoming active members in the communities.

Focus of Meeting:

DAY 1 of the meeting featured a panel on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

DAY 2 featured a discussion on mental health related disabilities and resources and strategies to help people maintain their overall wellness.

Updates from SCDD:

SCDD Headquarters New address: 3831 N. Freeway Blvd. Suite 125. Sacramento, CA 95834. Expected move date: August 6th

SCDD received a \$972k increase in their budget

Closure of the Developmental Centers: Sonoma expected to close by December 2018 and Fairview and Porterville scheduled for 2022.

CaIABLE: Rebid of Request for Proposal (RFP) will go out soon.

Self-Determination: The next Statewide Self-Determination meeting will be on July 19th at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento.

Statewide Housing Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDD-Housing-Survey>.

Updates to SCDD Travel Policy:

- Members were provided training on travel policy and procedure for SSAN meeting travel.



SSAN Workgroups:

- Self-Determination
 - Send us updates on Self-Determination in your local area
 - Meets the second Friday of the month by teleconference at 3:00 PM
- Employment
 - Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month by teleconference at 1:30 PM
- Legislative
 - Meets the second Wednesday of the month by teleconference at 1:30 PM
- Newsletter/Communication
 - Check out <https://scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy/> for the latest issue.
 - Meets as needed
 - Please send articles for the September edition to: rj.levy70@gmail.com

ACTIONS Taken:

- Approved March Meeting Minutes
- Approved 13th Edition of Newsletter

Member Activity: Between the March and June, SSAN members attended 36 events/meetings and gave 32 presentations/trainings, reaching **4128** Californians.

Next Meeting: The next SSAN meeting will be on September 5th and 6th in Sacramento. The meeting will cover issues related to building accessibility, updates to the Americans with Disability Act, and a training on Self-Determination.