



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

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), a project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) met on September 5th and 6th, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Here are highlights from this meeting:

Importance of Self-Advocacy:

Self-advocacy is necessary in all aspects of a person's life. Self-Advocacy helps people to develop 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 presentation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on the DRAFT Orientation Materials for the Self-Determination Program in California. DDS requested feedback from SSAN members on the materials.

The DRAFT Orientation Training provided members with an overview of self-determination, person centered planning, creating a budget, finding people to help you, rights and safety and the next steps.

DAY 2 featured presentations on legislative updates, from the SCDD Deputy Director of Policy – Cindy Smith, Updates to the ADA from Andrew Burke, an attorney from Disability Rights California, Building Accessibility, from Angela Jemmott, Executive Director of the California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) and approval of the September 2018 Newsletter.

Administrative Updates from SCDD:

SCDD Headquarters New address: 3831 N. Freeway Blvd. Suite 125. Sacramento, CA 95834. The new phone number is 916-263-7919.

Legislative Updates from SCDD:

The Governor has until September 30th to sign bills for this legislative session.



The Employment First Committee and the Legislative and Public Policy Committee developed a two-year strategic plan and will be asking SSAN for help in the implementation process once approved by the Council.

SSAN Workgroups Information:

Call-In: 1-800-839-9416

Participation Code: 870-3085

- Self-Determination
 - 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 June Meeting Minutes
- Approved 14th Edition of Newsletter

Member Activity: Between the months of June and September, SSAN members attended participated in 29 events/meetings, reaching **787 Californians**.

Next Meeting: The next SSAN meeting will be on December 5th and 6th, 2018 in Sacramento.