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## **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**DATE:** May 20, 2019

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:**

Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast  
Magnolia Room  
5321 Date Avenue  
Magnolia Room  
Sacramento, CA 95841

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

Robert Taylor

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**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**Item 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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**Item 3. ESTABLISH QUORUM**


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**Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Committee on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak.*

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**Item 5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2019 MINUTES**  **7**

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**Item 6. SCDD VISION**  
Presented by Executive Director Aaron Carruthers

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**Item 7. STRATEGIC PLANNING: 2019 PORTRAIT OF SERVICES**   
Presented by Deputy Director of Regional Office  
Operations & Planning Vicki Smith


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**Item 8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
Presented by Executive Director Aaron Carruthers  
A. SCDD Agency Update  
B. Review of Council Agenda  
**Items Related to Council Business Are Included In  
The Council Packet.**

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**Item 9. LPPC/LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS AND PRIORITY  
UPDATE**  
Presented by Deputy Director of Policy and Public  
Affairs Cindy Smith

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**Item 10. SAAC RECOMMENDATION/INPUT TO THE  
COUNCIL**   
A. SAAC Recommendations/Input on Council  
Agenda Voting Items  
a. May 21, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda  
Items  
b. General Recommendations/Input to The  
Council

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**Item 11. REVIEW OF UPDATED SCDD SA/FA SURVEY FOR TRAININGS**



Presented by Deputy Director of Regional Office  
Operations and Planning Vicki Smith

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**Item 12. SSAN REPORT**

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Presented by: Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon

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**Item 13. COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

- A. Executive Committee
  - B. Legislative and Public Policy Committee
  - C. Employment First Committee
  - D. Membership Committee
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**Item 14. MEMBER UPDATES**

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**Item 15. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***APPROVAL OF MARCH 2019 MINUTES***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the March 2019 Minutes.

***Attachments***

March 2019 Minutes

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2019**

**Members Present**

Nicole Adler (SA)  
Sandra Aldana (SA)  
Jena Eriksen (SA)  
Matthew Lagrand (SA)  
Maria Marquez (SA)  
Charles Nutt (SA)  
Robert Taylor (SA)  
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

**Members Absent**

**Others Attending**

Rihana Ahmad  
Aaron Carruthers  
Jana Chapman-Plon  
Riana Hardin  
Leah Hollis  
Nicole Patterson  
Vicki Smith  
Chris Snyder

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Robert Taylor (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

**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 14, 2019 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 4 of the March packet.

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes (For: Aldana [SA], Erikson [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Taylor [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]; Absent: Adler [SA], and Aldana [SA]). Motion Passed.

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## 6. BULLYING PREVENTION

Councilmember Matthew Lagrand (SA) lead a discussion on the high rate of bullying of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) within the Regional Center system. Members discussed the importance of developing and maintaining positive relationships with the Regional Center staff. Members also discussed the importance of reaching out to SCDD Regional Office staff who conduct trainings relating to bullying prevention out in the community. Members shared their personal experiences with bullying and discussed ways to work with local agencies to address the issue at a regional level.

## 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided the committee members with a review of Council business

## 8. LPPC/ LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS AND PRIORITIES UPDATE

SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Cindy Smith reviewed item number 8 on the Council agenda 'Legislative Recommendations'. Deputy Director Smith provided committee members with an overview of legislative positions the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) is recommending to the Council. Information for the list of bills under consideration by the committee can be found on pages 39 to 56 of the March Council Packet. The committee discussed AB 365, AB 192, AB 536, SB 398, and AB 261.

## 9. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

The Committee reviewed and discussed the impact of Council business on Californians with I/DD. The following recommendations will be presented to the Council during the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:

It was moved/seconded (Nutt [SA]/Eriksen [SA]) and carried to recomend approval of LPPC Legislative Recommendations, (For: Adler [SA], Eriksen [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Nutt [SA], Taylor [SA]. And Witherspoon [SA]; Abstain: Adler [SA], Absent: Aldana [SA]).

It was moved/seconded (Eriksen [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to recommend approval of budget surplus recommendations. (For: Eriksen

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[SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Nutt [SA], Taylor [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]; Abstention: Adler [SA]; Absent: Aldana [SA]).

It was moved/seconded (Nutt [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to recommend approval of the Cycle 42 Grant scope and timeline.  
Unanimous, see attendance for voting record.

## **10. SELF-ADVOCACY STRATEGY FOR 2019 BASED ON STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations and Planning Vicki Smith led the Committee in a strategic planning session to identify the committee's focus for the coming year. The Committee identified the need to increase self-advocacy in the following state plan goal areas:

- Goal 4: Health and Public Safety
- Goal 3: Housing
- Goal 5: Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education

The Committee will continue this conversation at their next meeting. Members will gather information from their communities on the specific needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in these goal areas and the barriers preventing people with I/DD from achieving their goals relating to Health and Public Safety, Housing, and Education.

## **11. SSAN REPORT**

Councilmember Witherspoon (SA) provided the committee with an update on the Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) and informed members that SSAN met in December. The full report can be found on page 20 of the committee packet.

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## **12. COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

Committee members shared updates from other Council Committees and were referred to the committee reports included in the Council Packet.

## **13. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members provided updates on local activities.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***SCDD Vision***

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide the SAAC with a presentation covering the scope of the Council's work and his vision for expanding the impact of the Council.

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**MAY 20, 2019**  
**AGENDA ITEM 7**  
**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Strategic Planning: 2019 Portrait of Services***

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations and Planning Vicki Smith will facilitate a follow-up strategic planning session and discussion of the 2019 Portrait of Services.

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**MAY 20, 2019  
AGENDA ITEM 8  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS***

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will review Council Business with the committee.

**Items related to this agenda item can be found in the Council Packet.**

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 8  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***LPPC /LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS AND PRIORITIES UPDATE***

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Cindy Smith, will update the committee on LPPC recommendations on legislative positions and priorities for 2019.

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**AGENDA ITEM 10  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL***

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This agenda item is for the committee to discuss any recommendations/input to the Council. Recommendations can include items up for a vote on the Council agenda, as well as general recommendations to the Council.

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 11  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Review of Updated SCDD SA/FA Survey for Trainings***

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Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations and Planning, Vicki Smith will present on an updated SCDD SA/FA survey to be used by staff during trainings in the community.

***Action Recommended***

Approve the Updated SCDD SA/FA Survey for Trainings

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 12  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***SSAN REPORT***

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Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon will provide the committee with an oral report of SSAN activity since the last meeting.

***Attachments***

SSAN Report for March 2019

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## **Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network**

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), is a project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), intent on connecting self-advocates, their communities and statewide organizations to increase leadership by persons with disabilities. SSAN Met on March 26 & 27 in Sacramento, CA.

### **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, members of the ad hoc SSAN By-Laws workgroup presented the members with the revised bylaws. SSAN members from California's 3 UCEDDs presented on their experience speaking at the 2018 AUCD Conference in Washington, D.C. SSAN members presented on the importance of having healthy relationships. SSAN members discussed the role of workgroups within SSAN and barriers to participation.

**DAY 2** of the meeting featured a strategic planning session where members identified the following areas of the SCDD State Plan to focus on for the coming year:

- Goal 1: Self-Advocacy
- Goal 6: Formal and Informal Community Supports
- Goal 3: Employment

Members broke out into small groups to identify barriers and discuss possible ways SSAN could address barriers in each of the identified focus areas. DRC provided members with a Disability Sensitivity Training.



## **SSAN Leadership:**

**Chair:** Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

**Vice-Chair:** Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

**Secretary:** Lisa Cooley, Sacramento Regional Representative

## **SSAN Workgroups Information:**

SSAN Workgroups address projects and issues important to the membership and can be created or dissolved as needed. Current workgroups include:

- Officers
  - Purpose: To plan and prepare for the quarterly SSAN meeting, review operational documents, and membership applications.
- Self-Determination
  - Purpose: To increase the awareness of self-determination among self-advocates, their families, and the larger community.
- Employment
  - Purpose: To increase opportunities for people with disabilities to get meaningful and competitive integrated employment.
- Legislative
  - Purpose: Increase the community's awareness on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities legislative platform and priorities.
- Newsletter/Communication
  - Purpose: Create and distribute a quarterly newsletter that shares stories and information related to self-advocacy in California.
  - Check out <https://scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy/> for the latest issue.

**Member Activity:** Between the months of December and March, SSAN members participated in 24 events/meetings, reaching **283 Californians**.

**Next FULL SSAN Meeting:** The next SSAN meeting will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Northeast in Sacramento.

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**MAY 20, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 13  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES***

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The following Committees have met since the last Council meeting:

- A. Executive Committee – Report to be delivered by Councilmember Charles Nutt
- B. Legislative and Public Policy Committee – Report to be delivered by Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon
- C. Employment First Committee – Report to be delivered by Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon
- D. Membership Committee – Report to be delivered by Councilmember Maria Marquez

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**AGENDA ITEM 14  
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***MEMBER UPDATES***

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Time permitting, members will have five minutes to provide the committee with updates regarding local and regional issues of concern for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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