



## **Report from the SCDD/SAAC to SSAN** **Highlights from the May Meeting**

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento at the Crowne Plaza Northeast. Here is the Summary of what happened:

### **Self-Advocacy within the Council:**

The SAAC serves as a voice of all Californians with disabilities by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion.

### **Focus of Meeting:**

The May meeting focused on a presentation by the SCDD Executive Director on the scope work of SCDD. The committee continued their discussion on their priorities for the coming year and the barriers that are preventing them from participating in their community. The committee discussed the types of activities that they would like the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to engage in related to their priorities of Health and Public Safety, Housing, and Education. Committee members shared impact statements on how they had overcome barriers and transformed into strong advocates committed to creating positive change within the i/dd delivery system in California.

The committee provided staff with feedback on updates to a survey tool used by staff to determine the effectiveness of a training.

### **Updates from SCDD:**

The State Council is looking forward to continuing to work with Governor Newsom and his administration to address the needs of Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Closure of the Developmental Centers:** Fairview and Porterville Developmental Centers are scheduled for closure in 2022.

**Self-Determination:** The next Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting will be on June 10-11 in Sacramento to provide members with updates on the implementation and train the trainer.



## **2019 Priorities for SAAC:**

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

## **Actions Taken:**

- Approved March Meeting Minutes.
- Recommended approval of the May Council Sponsorship Request from Tichenor Clinic for Children.
- Recommended approval of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities budget for the Federal Fiscal year 2019 – 2020.
- Recommended approval for the EFC Annual Report.

**Next Meeting:** The next SAAC and Council meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.