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

**POSTED AT:** [www.scdd.ca.gov](http://www.scdd.ca.gov)

**DATE:** May 11, 2020

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

Jeana Eriksen

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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. ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE**

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**Item 6. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2020 MINUTES**

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**Item 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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Presented by: S.C.D.D. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers

A. S.C.D.D. Agency Update

B. Review of Council Agenda

**ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET**

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**Item 8. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL Page 15**

A. SAAC Recommendations/Input on Council  
Agenda Voting Items

a. May 12, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda  
Items

B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council



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**Item 9. MEMBER UPDATES**

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A. Impact of COVID-19 on Self-Advocacy

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- B. Executive Committee
- C. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- D. State Plan Committee

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**Item 12. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: July 13, 2020

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**MAY 11, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Online Meeting Etiquette***

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Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen and SCDD staff will lead a short discussion with the Committee regarding online meeting etiquette and why it is an important part of having a successful meeting. They will present basic ground rules that are designed to help facilitate open and respectful meetings.

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**MAY 11, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
ACTION ITEM**

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

***Approval of January 27, 2020 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the January 27, 2020 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

January 27, 2020 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2020**

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Others Attending</u></b>
Nicole Adler (SA) Sandra Aldana (SA) Jeana Eriksen (SA) Julio Garnica (SA) Maria Marquez (SA) Matthew Lagrand (SA) Kara Ponton (SA) Rosanna Ryan (SA) Wesley Witherspoon (SA)		Rihana Ahmad Jana Chapman-Plon Aaron Carruthers Susan Crow Carmela Garnica Leah Hollis Riana Hardin Debra Ponton Nicole Patterson Vicki Smith Chris Snyder Brenna White

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

## **5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 5 of the January SAAC packet.

### **ACTION 1**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried to approve the November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. (For: Adler [SA], Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Lagrand [SA], Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA] and Witherspoon [SA]; Abstain: Marquez [SA]). Motion Passed.

## **6. CHAIR REPORT AND 2020 COMMITTEE GOALS**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen updated the committee on her activity since the September SAAC meeting. She is a part of a local coalition that provides support to people who transitioned out of the Sonoma Developmental Center. The Coalition is a good example of collaborative efforts of different resources coming together to meet the needs of a community.

Eriksen reminded the committee about the Committee's focus areas, of access to Health and Safety, access to housing and access to education. Eriksen would like to focus on one topic per meeting and have members report on barriers in their area related to each goal.

## **7. REVIEW OF STATE PLAN GOAL 6.1 DELIVERABLES**

Vicki Smith, SCDD Manager, Strategic Initiatives, reviewed State Plan Goal 6.1 deliverables with the committee and requested feedback regarding the plain language of the materials. The Committee provided feedback on the wording of the DRAFT Portrait of Services Descriptions Preamble and the DRAFT Portrait of Services Service Codes.

Committee members suggested that the Preamble be reworded to reflect focus on the individual receiving services and focus on the fact that the individual receiving services has a choice in the process. The committee also recommended removing reference to an individual being nonverbal, as it is important for all clients to have a good communication system with their team.

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## **8. REVIEW OF HCBS ASSESSMENT – CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT**

Jennifer Parsons and Susan Crow from the Department of Developmental Services provided the committee with a handout on the 2022 HCBS Final Rule Information and requested feedback from the committee about the language and terminology usability of the document. Ms. Parsons and Ms. Crow made notes of the committee's comments and will consider revising the document based on the feedback received.

## **9. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided the committee with agency updates and reviewed important Council business.

## **10. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT 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 January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

### **ACTION 2:**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/ Ryan [SA]) and carried to recommend to the Council the approval of the 2020 Policy Priorities. (For: Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]; Abstain: Adler [SA] and Aldana [SA]). Motion carried.

## **11. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members provided updates on their activity since the November meeting. Members shared updates on the activity of the Regional Advisory Committees, regional updates, and barriers to self-advocacy. Councilmembers shared concerns on voting accessibility, inconsistency of IHSS policy from county to county, access to transportation, bullying of people with disabilities, especially people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, concerns over budget allocations for services, the need to work with regional center cultural specialists to decrease disparities, supporting affordable housing development projects for regional center clients, working to improve paratransit services.

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**12. SSAN REPORT**

Members were provided with a copy of the December SSAN Report on page 27 of the Committee Packet.

**13. COMMITTEE AND OTHER UPDATES**

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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**MAY 11, 2020  
AGENDA ITEM 7  
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 11, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 8  
ACTION ITEM**

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

***Recommendations/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.

**Recommended Action:**

None

**Attachments:**

None

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**MAY 11, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 9  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Member Updates***

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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. Updates may include:

- A. Impact of COVID–19 on Self–Advocacy
- B. Updates from the Regional Advisory Committees
- C. Emerging Issues
- D. Barriers to Self-Advocacy

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**MAY 11, 2020  
AGENDA ITEM 10  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Chair Report and 2020 Committee Updates***

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The SAAC Chair will provide the committee with a verbal update and members will have an opportunity to share any updates from other SCDD Committees. The following committees have met since the last January Council meeting:

- Executive Committee
- Employment First Committee
- Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee
- State Plan Committee

***Attachments***

None

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**MAY 11, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 11  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report***

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

***Attachments:***

March 2020 SSAN Report

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**AGENDA ITEM 11.  
INFORMATION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

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



Report by Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon

**Recent Activity:** The SSAN held their first meeting of 2020 on March 4-5, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Northeast Sacramento.

**Focus of Meeting:**

**DAY 1:** SSAN members voted to approve the suggested updates to the MOU between SSAN and SCDD from the SCDD Executive Committee. SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs provided SSAN members with an initial list of legislation under consideration by the Council and requested SSAN's recommendations. Representatives from the Department of Transportation spoke to SSAN members about several projects aimed at improving accessibility and efficiency within California's public transportation system. The SSAN workgroups met to talk about current projects and potential projects. Members reported on their local activity since December 2019.

**Day 2:** USC UCEDD SSAN Representative Wesley Witherspoon presented on the importance of Cyber Security. The presentation covered creating secure passwords, backing up files, using public WIFI, protecting SSN and other important numbers, social media etiquette, along with other topics. SSAN members discussed what it means to provide recommendations to the Legislative and Public Policy Committee. SSAN members reviewed and approved the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the SSAN Newsletter "Voices of SSAN".

## **SSAN Leadership**

**Chair:** Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

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

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

## **SSAN Workgroups**

**Employment Workgroup:** Developed a list of topics for future presentations to SSAN.

**Legislative Workgroup:** Discussed the process of reviewing and monitor legislation under consideration by the Council.

**Membership Workgroup:** Discussed recruitment strategies to fill vacant positions.

**Youth Workgroup:** Worked on developing a list of questions to include in a SSAN survey about how to engage youth in disability advocacy. Members are encouraged to get to know youth with disabilities at the local level.

**Officers' Workgroup:** Continue to plan and prepare quarterly SSAN meetings.

**Self-Determination Workgroup:** Not much to report at this time.

**Next Full SSAN Meeting:** The next SSAN meeting will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> using ZOOM.