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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: July 13, 2020

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jeana Eriksen

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Item 3. ESTABLISH QUORUM

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.

Item 5. ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE

Item 6. APPROVAL OF MAY 11, 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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- A. SAAC Recommendations/Input on Council Agenda Voting Items
 - a. July 14, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda Items
- B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council



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A. Impact of COVID–19 on Self–Advocacy

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

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Item 13. ADJOURNMENT
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**AGENDA ITEM 5
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Online Meeting Etiquette

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. Basic ground rules will be presented, that are designed to help facilitate open and respectful meetings.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6
ACTION ITEM**

**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Approval of May 11, 2020 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the May 11, 2020 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

May 11, 2020 SAAC Minutes

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2020

Members Present

Nicole Adler (SA)
Sandra Aldana (SA)
Jeana Eriksen (SA)
Julio Garnica (SA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Rosanna Ryan (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon
(SA)

Members Absent

Matthew Lagrand
[SA]

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Allison Cameron
Liz Carvalho
Aaron Carruthers
Jana Chapman-Plon
Charlotte Enders
Nathaniel Florez
Daniel Garcia
Carmela Garnica
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
Alexa McBride
Nicole Patterson
Doug Sale
Chris Snyder
Kecia Weller

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.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Carvalho from Futures Explored, a day program in Concord, CA wanted to attend this meeting and learn about what the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee does.

Daniel Garcia raised concerns about the challenges of handling a situation where a member of a group home has COVID-19. There is no policy or guidance to provide a clear understanding on how to isolate the affected resident.

5. ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen reviewed basic tips for using Zoom during the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2020 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 27th meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 5 of the May SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the January 27th minutes as presented. (For: Adler [SA], Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Marquez [SA] Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA] and Witherspoon [SA]; Absent: Lagrand [SA]). Motion Passed.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

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

8. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL

The Committee reviewed and discussed the impact of Council business on Californians with I/DD. The following recommendation will be presented to the Council during the January 28th meeting:

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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ACTION 2:

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

9. MEMBER UPDATES

Members provided updates on their activity since the January meeting. Members shared updates on the activity of the Regional Advisory Committees, regional updates, and barriers to self-advocacy. Councilmembers shared their concerns on the effect of COVID-19 on self-advocacy and access to support services, people who live in skilled nursing facilities or group homes. Members talked about the difficulties of community spread of COVID-19, especially using public transportation and other crowded areas.

10. CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

11. SSAN REPORT

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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**JULY 13, 2020
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INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Review of Council Business

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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**AGENDA ITEM 8
ACTION ITEM**

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

Recommendations/Input to the Council

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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**AGENDA ITEM 9
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Impact of COVID—19 on Committee Goals

In 2019 the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee established the following priorities to focus the committee's efforts on addressing the barriers that self—advocates in California face in each area:

- Priority 1: Increase access to health, public safety and related services for Californians with I/DD and their families.
- Priority 2: Increase access to affordable, accessible, safe, and fully integrated housing that provides choice and flexibility,
- Priority 3: Increase access and information on how to obtain inclusive education services throughout the lifespan.

SAAC members discussed possible ways to address concerns relating to each of the Committee's goals. The public health crisis brought on by COVID—19 has had a lasting impact on the lives of Californians. This agenda item provides Committee members the opportunity to have a discussion on how COVID –19 has impacted barriers to the SAAC priorities.

Attachments:

2019—2020 SAAC Focus and Activities

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SAAC Priorities 2019/2020

At the March 2019 SAAC meeting SAAC Members discussed their priorities for the coming year and their desire to work as a committee to increase access and awareness of the challenges and Barriers that self-advocates face in each of the following areas:

- **Priority #1 State Plan Goal 4: Public Health and Public Safety**
 - **Focus:**
 - Focus on the whole goal. As access to health and safety related services are both important to self-advocates and need to be improved.
 - **Concerns about Health:**
 - Getting access to attend
 - Not having manage care providers that know how to interact with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Lack of specialists near by that specialize in providing care to people with disabilities.
 - Providers do not accept MediCare or MediCal
 - **Concerns about Safety:**
 - Better Training for first responders to interact with people with disabilities
 - People do not feel safe to express themselves
 - People with disabilities are targets of crime and do not feel safe in part because of the increase in homelessness
 - Neglect
 - Bullying

○ **Potential Activities**

- Public Speaking
- More experiences for self—advocates
- Webinars and Seminars
- Training for first responders
- More regional centers should adopt personal identification cards
- Educate health care providers on having accessible exam tables

- **Priority #2 State Plan Goal 3: Housing**

○ **Focus:**

- Focus on the whole goal. There is a housing crisis throughout California and people with disabilities are disproportionately affected by the lack of affordable housing options.

○ **Concerns:**

- Hard to live on your own, have to live with family
- Hotels are expensive
- High eviction rate of people with disabilities who receive services
- Natural disasters create housing crisis
- Prioritizing affordable AND accessible housing projects

○ **Potential Activities**

- Create/Participate in collaborative partnerships to address housing crisis
- Continue to work with HUD, public authority, property managers to make recertification process easier
- Educate the public on affordable housing benefits.

- **Priority #3 State Plan Goal 5: Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education**

○ **Focus:**

- Focus on the whole goal, with specific interest in increasing awareness of inclusive education and access and support to postsecondary education.

○ **Concerns:**

- Communication
- Short supply of Apprenticeships
- Education process easier
- Curriculum is not in plain language
- Access to financial aid throughout education process
- Tests are too difficult
- Too much segregation

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**AGENDA ITEM 10
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Member Updates

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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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Chair Report and 2020 Committee Updates

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

Attachments

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**AGENDA ITEM 12
INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report

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

Attachments:

June 2020 SSAN Report

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**AGENDA ITEM 12.
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report



Report by Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon

Recent Activity: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their second meeting of 2020 on June 24, 2020 using Zoom.

Focus of Meeting:

Due to COVID—19 concerns, the June 2020 SSAN was shortened to a three-hour meeting held using the Zoom meeting platform. The California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) new Statewide Community Organizer introduced themselves, as they will be representing CFILC at SSAN meetings.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the March SSAN meeting. This update included information on the agency’s efforts to advocate for people with I/DD during COVID—19, which included: 1) the “Fight Isolation Among People with Disabilities” campaign; 2) the members’ survey results about concerns about COVID—19; 3) the status of the California Budget; and 4) the importance of participating in the 2020 Census.

CalABLE Executive Director Dante Allen gave members a presentation on updates to the CalABLE program, including: 1) how to become an Ambassador for the program; 2) how an ABLE Account may affect other benefits; and 3) information about legislation impacting the CalABLE program.

Members reviewed and approved the June edition of the SSAN Newsletter and discussed topics for articles to include in the next edition.

Actions Taken:

- Approved the Agenda for the June 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the Minutes from the December 2019 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the June 2020 Edition of SSAN Newsletter

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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**AGENDA ITEM 13
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020.

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