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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Announcements***

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Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen and SCDD staff will lead a discussion with the Committee regarding online meeting etiquette and why it is an important part of having a successful meeting. The presenters will provide basic ground rules to help facilitate open and respectful meetings and talk about helpful tools, such as Robert's Rules of Order.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6  
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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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***Approval of July 13, 2020 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the July 13, 2020 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

July 13, 2020 SAAC Minutes

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## SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2020

### Members Present

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

### Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad  
Aaron Carruthers  
Charlotte Enders  
Carmela Garnica  
Riana Hardin  
Beth Hurn  
Sarah May  
Nicole Patterson  
Mary Sanchez  
Chris Snyder

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:08 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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### **5. ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE**

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

### **6. APPROVAL OF May 11, 2020 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the July SAAC packet.

#### **ACTION 1**

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

### **7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers updated the committee on the agency's work since the May SAAC meeting. Items discussed included SCDD's efforts to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), SCDD partnership with the Governor's Office, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Developmental Services to create a public service campaign about COVID—19. Committee members reviewed other Council business, including recommendations from the State Plan Committee relating to Cycle 43 grants.

### **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 July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

#### **ACTION 2:**

It was moved/seconded (Adler [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) and carried to recommend to the Council the approval of the State Plan Committee's recommendations for the Cycle 43 Grants.(For: Adler [SA], Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA], Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA], and Witherspoon [SA]). Motion passed.

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### **9. IMPACT OF COVID—19 ON COMMITTEE GOALS**

In 2019, the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee established their top three priorities to work on addressing barriers that self-advocates in California face. Committee members reviewed discussed the impact of COVID—19 on the Committee’s established goals.

**Goal 1:** Increase access to health and safety related services for Californians with I/DD and their families.

#### COVID—19 Related Concerns:

- People are still not wearing face coverings, which is making it harder to recover from COVID—19.
- COVID—19 disproportionately affects people of color and people who have low-income.
- Delays in COVID—19 test results mean people have to wait for the results of their tests before they can have their procedure/doctor’s appointments.
- The isolation related to COVID—19 stay at—home recommendations has put a strain on people with mental health diagnosis

**Goal 2:** Increase access to affordable, accessible, safe, and fully integrated housing.

#### COVID—19 Related Concerns:

- COVID—19 related job-loss has made it difficult for people to pay on time.
- Possible increase in domestic violence since families are spending more time at home due to social distancing, remote work and remote learning.
- Hard for people in congregate settings such as SNIFs and Group Homes due to the lack of guidance.
- Continued abuse of people who are homeless and vulnerable to COVID—19.

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**Goal 3:** Increase access to inclusive education.

### COVID—19 Related Concerns:

- Access to special education related support/accommodations while remote learning.
- Ability to meet apprenticeship and/or internship expectations due to travel restrictions.
- Inability to participate in in-person social time or have difficulty using virtual platforms like Zoom.
- Reduced access to an education because of the uncertainty of COVID—19 and not knowing when social distancing will be lifted.
- Class sizes are too big to support social distancing and in person learning.
- Universities are preparing for online learning, but grade schools are talking about in-person classes in the fall.
- Teachers are scared to go to work because of risk of exposure.

Members shared their personal experiences with access in each area, as well as the social impact social distancing is having on people with disabilities and their mental health in their communities.

### **10. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members provided updates on their activity since the May meeting. Members shared regional updates, and barriers to self-advocacy. Committee members shared their concerns on access to support services. Members discussed concerns about potential community spread of COVID—19 in congregate settings such as skilled nursing facilities, group homes and day programs.

### **11. CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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

### **12. SSAN REPORT**

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

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

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***Review of Council Business***

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will review Council Business with the committee. This item may include:

- A. S.C.D.D. Agency Updates
- B. Review of Council Agenda items

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

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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***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:**

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**AGENDA ITEM 9  
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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***Review Plain Language Version of 2022—2026 State Plan***

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SCDD is required by federal law to create a new State Plan every five years. The purpose of the State Plan is to define the key areas of importance and the most significant needs of the I/DD Community in California. The State Plan serves as a blueprint to direct the Council's work for the next 5 years. The current (2017—2021) State Plan is set to expire next year.

A State Plan Survey was developed and distributed earlier this year to collect feedback from the community about potential goals and objectives to be included in the 2022—2026 SCDD State Plan. The State Plan Committee has met throughout this year reviewing and analyzing the feedback from the surveys in order to inform the development of the 2022—2026 SCDD State Plan. SCDD staff would like SAAC to review and provide feedback on the Plain Language version of the 2022—2026 SCDD State Plan.

**Handouts:** (will be mailed separately)

2022—2026 SCDD Plain Language State Plan

**Recommendation:**

None

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***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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***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:

- Employment First Committee
- Executive Committee
- Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- Membership Committee
- State Plan Committee

***Attachments***

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

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Councilmember Wesley Witherspoon will provide the committee with an oral update on SSAN activity since the last meeting. The September SSAN Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom meeting platform.

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***Adjournment***

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The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2020.

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