

September 15, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM 14 C.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

September 14, 2020

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on September 14, 2020 over Zoom. The Committee reviewed Council business relating to self-advocacy and discussed adjustments of life given the increase of COVID—19. The committee discussed the impact of 2022—2026 State Plan on self-advocates across the state. The Committee reviewed the Plain Language Version of the 2022—2026 State Plan and provided feedback on the language and format of the proposed State Plan.

Committee members provided updates on what they have been doing since the July SAAC meeting. Members discussed their concerns about the air quality in their area due to the fires. Members discussed challenges with maintaining access to healthcare services, mental health, transportation, education and PPE due to the COVID—19 pandemic. Members shared emerging issues in their communities that included discrepancies in access to COVID—19 testing and other resources depending on where they live. Members expressed concern about police interaction with people with disabilities and what future responses to mental health emergencies will look like.

Committee members shared their concerns about the effect COVID—19 has had on access to support services. Members raised concerns about potential community spread of COVID—19 in congregate settings such as skilled nursing facilities, group homes and day programs, as well as limited access to testing in these settings.

The Committee took the following actions:

Item's Acted Upon

- Approved the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes.
- Recommended Council approve the State Plan Committee's Recommendations related to the 2022—2026 State Plan.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on November 30, 2020.