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

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**DATE:** January 25, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 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. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Chair Report
  - B. Online Meeting Etiquette
  - C. Meeting Ground rules
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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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  - C. Emerging Issues
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**JANUARY 25, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Chair Report and Announcements***

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Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen will provide a verbal update 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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**JANUARY 25, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
ACTION ITEM**

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

***Approval of November 30, 2020 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the November 30, 2020 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

November 30, 2020 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 30, 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  
Riana Hardin  
Beth Hurn  
Robin Maitino  
MaryAgnes Nolan  
Michell Radcliff-Garcia  
Cindy Smith  
Chris Snyder  
Moses Walters

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:04 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**

Michelle Radcliff-Garcia, Outreach Specialist for the California Telephone Access Program, introduced herself and provided the committee with an overview of the Telephone Access Program. California Phones is essential, open, and ready to provide informational virtual presentations or conference calls. More information can be found by visiting [www.californiaphones.org](http://www.californiaphones.org).

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SA = Self-Advocate

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## **DRAFT**

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **6. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the November SAAC packet.

A correction to the September 14, 2020 minutes was requested to reflect that Councilmember Aldana motioned to approve the State Plan Committee's recommendations for the 2022—2026 State Plan, with Councilmember Ryan seconding the motion.

#### **ACTION 1**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried to approve the September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. (For: Aldana [SA], Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Lagrand [SA], Marquez [SA] Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA] and Witherspoon [SA]; Not Present: Adler [SA]). Motion Passed.

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

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers updated the committee on the agency's work since the September SAAC meeting and reviewed plans for the December 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. Items discussed included SCDD's ongoing efforts to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), SCDD's partnership with the Governor's Office, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Developmental Services to create a public service campaign about COVID—19 and respond to public safety concerns.

### **8. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the impact of Council business on Californians with I/DD. In preparation for the scheduled presentation during the December Council meeting from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on their report: "Subminimum Wages and the Impacts on Civil Rights of People with Disabilities", SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Cindy Smith lead a discussion with members on the Section 14C of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the history and intent of the regulation.

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## **DRAFT**

Members wondered whether an individual state could decide to implement the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' recommendations related to phasing out Section 14C of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) prior to approval/recommendation from Congress. Committee members discussed the need for more accurate data, what actions California can take to implement the recommendations laid out in the report, and challenge of having multiple approaches to addressing the issue of subminimum wage.

The Committee has no recommendations for the December Council meeting at this time.

### **9. MEMBER UPDATES**

Committee members provided updates on what they have been doing since the September SAAC meeting. Members discussed their concerns about food insecurity, housing insecurity, employment, access to healthcare services, and the increase spread of COVID—19.

Committee members talked about knowing someone who has been exposed to COVID—19, concerns about the number and accessibility of testing sites, the lack of availability of PPE, and concerns about the access to COVID—19 vaccines once they are available. Committee members shared their concerns on the effect COVID—19 has had on access to support services and the overall health of people with disabilities due to prolonged isolation.

### **10. CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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

### **11. SSAN REPORT**

Councilmember Witherspoon provided members with an update on the Statewide Self—Advocacy Network.

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

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**JANUARY 25, 2021  
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. 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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**JANUARY 25, 2021**

**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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**JANUARY 25, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 9  
ACTION ITEM**

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

***SCDD Representative to SSAN***

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The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a cross-disability training network and project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). SSAN works to promote leadership and build bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

Since 2018, both USC Children's Hospital and SCDD have been represented by one person.

Section 2.4 E of the Council Bylaws gives SAAC the ability to nominate a standing representative to SSAN. By selecting a new SCDD Representative to SSAN, SAAC could provide an additional opportunity for leadership development for Self-Advocates serving on the Council.

**Recommended Action:**

Select the next SCDD Representative to SSAN

**Attachments:**

- SSAN Info Flier
- 2019—2020 SSAN Annual Report

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# Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



## SSAN Mission Statement

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

### **WHO WE ARE:**

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a cross-disability network in California established in 2012.

### **WHAT WE DO:**

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state
- Speak up for all people with disabilities
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to all people with disabilities
- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks
- Train advocates in their communities in order to grow the Self-Advocacy movement in California
- Share information about programs and supports for people with disabilities



## **Statewide Self-Advocacy Network**

**Successful advocacy means building relationships and helpful partnerships. The SSAN partners include:**

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and Representatives from its 12 regional offices
- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Disability Rights California (DRC)
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD: USC Children's Hospital; UCLA Tarjan Center; and UCD M.I.N.D. Institute)

### **Member Responsibilities**

- Share and exchange information between SSAN members and the areas they represent
- Reach out to the community and be a resource for local advocacy groups
- Provide information in local communities
- Promote legislative and policy change
- Provide support and training to local self-advocacy groups

For more information, check out [www.scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy) or contact the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator at 916-263-8196.



# SSAN Annual Report

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



The 2019 – 2020 SSAN Annual Report was produced by the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities



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# 2019-2020 SSAN Annual Report

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# About SCDD

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by State (Lanterman Act) and Federal (Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) and is one of 56 State Councils on Developmental Disabilities within the US and its territories. SCDD belongs to a national association called the National Association for Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) that provides guidance and support to all 56 State Councils. Growing and supporting self-advocacy is a core principal for every State Council as identified by the Developmental Disabilities Act of 2000.

SCDD has identified self-advocacy as their top goal in their current State Plan and is committed to supporting self-advocacy in California. To meet their commitment to establishing and strengthening a program lead by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, develop and promote leadership skills, and expand participation in a cross-disability coalition, SCDD created the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) in 2012. Through supporting SSAN, SCDD aims to help self-advocates in California increase knowledge and provide support to help them advocate for their civil and service rights and achieve integration and inclusion in all areas of community life. SCDD supports SSAN members' efforts to be leaders in their communities.



# About SSAN

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

## Vision Statement

SSAN is a cross-disability network of self-advocates that was established in 2012 and works to do the following:

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state.
- Speak up for all people with disabilities.
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to all people with disabilities.
- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks.
- Train advocates in their communities in order to grow the Self-Advocacy movement in California.
- Share information about programs and supports for people with disabilities.

# Agency Members



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## California UCEDDs



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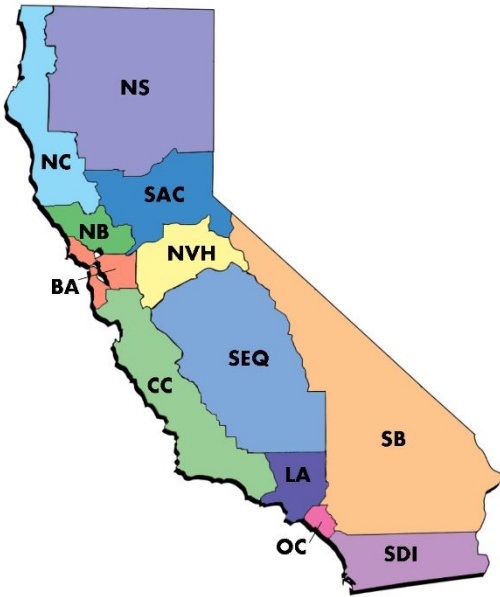


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# SSAN Members (Roster) 2019–2020



- North Coast Region – Nathaniel Florez
- North State Region – Teresa Moshier
- Sacramento Region – Lisa Cooley
- North Bay Region – Vacant
- Bay Area Region – Regina Woodliff
- North Valley Hills Region – Robert Balderama
- Central Coast Region – David Forderer
- Sequoia Region – Rebecca Donabed
- Los Angeles Region – Julie Gaona
- Orange County Region – Sean Sullivan
- San Bernardino Region – Daniel Fouste
- San Diego Region – Paul Mansell



- Association of Regional Center Agencies – Desiree Boykin
- California Foundation of Independent Living Centers – Renee Wooten/Russell Rawlings
- Department of Developmental Services – Nicole Patterson
- Disability Rights California – Scott Baron
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Wesley Witherspoon
- University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
  - UC Davis MIND Institute – Robert Levy
  - UCLA Tarjan Center – Kecia Weller
  - USC Children's Hospital – Wesley Witherspoon

# Message from the Officers

It has been two years of great work and surprises for the SSAN membership. We are so honored that we had the privilege of leading this team over that time. It has been with great pride to see how the SSAN adapted to dealing with the pandemic and continued their work and commitment to SSAN and advocates they represent in their own communities. No words can express how delighted we are to be a part of such a great body of people. We have grown into a strong team of advocates and have learned how to support each other in new ways as we charter unknown territory. It is important for the SSAN to continue to be present, and a voice not only in our communities, but statewide even as we continue working through this difficult time. Over the last two years, SSAN has been able to accomplish the following:

- Updates to SSAN Bylaws
- Supported our members involved in wildfires across California
- Some SSAN members attended AUCD in Washington D.C. and did a presentation
- Disability Sensitivity Training
- Disability Pride and Being a Better Advocate-Training
- Established SSAN Priorities
  - ✓ Youth
  - ✓ Transportation
  - ✓ Employment
- Renewed our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
- Person Centered Planning Training
- CalFresh Training
- Census Training
- Voting Trainings
- Public Transportation Projects and People with Disabilities presentation
- Cyber Security Training
- CFILC and YO! Disabled and Proud Training

- Distributing Personal Protective Equipment to people in their community with the Regional Offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

As the team passes on the torch to the next executive team, we would like the next team to know that no matter what the future holds as far as who becomes elected in December 2020: please know that the support from this team will always be there to carry out your vision to drive the SSAN forward. As things come to an end for this team, we want the SSAN members to know how much we appreciate them for doing that for this team and making it so easy to lead.

## **Nicole Patterson (Chairperson)**

Nicole has been involved with the SSAN since the beginning in 2012 representing the California State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as a partner. Nicole has worked for DDS for fourteen years as the Coordinator of Advocacy Services. Nicole provides a voice, on behalf of people DDS serves, to the Director and the Department, on issues and problems that people with disabilities may be facing in California and helps to come up with solutions. Nicole has worked in the field of empowering people with disabilities for the past 25+ years. She is passionate about working with people with all types of disabilities, providing assistance and advising them on their rights, helping to change the future view of people with disabilities. It's important to Nicole to show California and other states that people with disabilities can be fully included in all aspects of life by helping to educate the people who provide services, and to enlighten the communities we live in.

Nicole would like to thank SSAN members for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson and appreciates the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities continued support in empowering SSAN members as advocates on a state and local level.

## **Desiree Boykin (Vice-Chairperson)**

Desiree has a B. A. degree in Health and Human Services. In 2011, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center hired her as their Consumer Advocate. She is passionate about the people they serve having the resources they need to reach their goals. Desiree also serves on the Association of Regional Center Agencies' Client Advisory Committee (ARCA CAC). The ARCA CAC elected her to serve as their representative for the SSAN.

Desiree would like to thank SSAN members for the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chair from December 2018—December 2020. She has learned so much under the leadership of Chair Nicole Patterson, along with Secretary Lisa Cooley. She is grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you and looks forward to seeing SSAN continue to advocate for many young and older adults with developmental disabilities throughout California and encourage people with disabilities to get involved in creating positive change.

## **Lisa Cooley (Secretary)**

Lisa started doing disability advocacy work over twenty years ago because our local transportation provider thought that she could walk to a bus stop because she could walk around her house. She became so good at advocating that she decided to become a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She also is a longtime member of her regional center's Client Advisory Committee. Her passion is to empower people with disabilities and move California forward.

Lisa would like to thank SSAN members for the opportunity to serve as the SSAN Secretary for 2018—2020. She has enjoyed working with Nicole and Desiree and getting to know them as the strong and determined advocates they are. She has learned a lot of skills that could help her with future opportunities with advocacy organizations and employment.

## 2019 – 2020 SSAN Meetings

SSAN held 4 meetings between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020. The meetings were held both in-person in Sacramento, California and virtually using Zoom. Each SSAN meeting included member reports on issues and concerns in their regions, legislative updates, training for members, and resources to distribute to member's communities. Highlights from Meetings include:

- Participated in Training on Active Shooter Guidance
- Participated in Training on California's Voters Choice Act
- Participated in Training on the 2020 Census
- Presentation on AUCD and the importance of Competitive Integrated Employment
- Provided feedback to California Department of Transportation on Public Transportation Projects for People with Disabilities
- Discussed the importance of Youth Engagement in Disability Advocacy
- Presentation on healthy relationships
- Discussed the importance of Disability Sensitivity
- Disability Pride and Being a Better Advocate
- Impact of the Camp Fire on People with Disabilities
- Overview of the Disability Organizing Network
- Reviewed the MOU between SCDD and SSAN
- Person Centered Planning
- Reviewed and approved 4 editions of the SSAN Newsletter

# Reflections from SSAN Members



“This year has been challenging for people with I/DD because of social distancing practices. I have had the opportunity to participate in the virtual training series “Raise the Roof” and learned a lot about the topic of affordable housing.”

– Paul Mansell, San Diego

“When I participate in SSAN, I get very excited because I am working to make life better for people with disabilities. Thanks to SSAN, we are able to meet people from all over the United States who are interested in SSAN.”

– Wesley Witherspoon, USC Children’s Hospital UCEDD



“The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network is important because it provides a voice for the developmental disability community in California. SSAN has given me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills through participating in programs like “Raise the Roof” so I can advocate for inclusive housing for people who have disabilities.” – Lisa Cooley, Sacramento

“2020 Has been a very challenging year for all SSAN members and advocates across California, the United States and around the world because of COVID—19. We still realize that the power in advocacy is strong and important no matter what. I feel that SSAN has provided a safe space and knowledge for all people with developmental disabilities to live and strive.”

– Julie Gaona, Los Angeles





# Reflections on “Raise the Roof”

Members of SSAN participated in the virtual, training series “Raise the Roof” hosted by the Kelsey, on affordable housing. Key takeaways included:

- The Five basic needs that people have

“There are five basic needs people have to have—food and water, shelter, clothing, and education. Shelter means housing, and for many with limited income, that means affordable housing because housing these days is so terribly expensive.

- Housing needs for people with disabilities

For people with disabilities affordable housing needs to have the following: accessibility (especially for those who use wheelchairs), amenities (located near mass transit hubs, grocery stores, quality schools, and medical facilities), safe, and clean. Affordable housing is a health issue as underscored by the pandemic and the need to shelter in place. Very importantly affordable housing is social justice issue fighting racism, poverty, and ableism.

- Barriers to Affordable and Accessible Housing

Affordable housing is extremely limited due to the concept of “Not in My Backyard (NIMBYism)”, Zone restrictions, regulations, state law, funding complexity, and limitations to housing monies. Regardless of the limitations, it is essential for people with disabilities to live independently, included and integrated in their communities.

# SSAN Reflections on Collaborating with Regional Offices to Respond to Community Needs

In the wake of the ongoing COVID—19 Pandemic, SSAN Members worked with SCDD Regional Offices to distribute Personal Protective Equipment to Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Key takeaways included:



“Thanks to the hard work of the Los Angeles Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I was able to protect my wife, my family and myself from COVID—19 through the distribution of PPE.”

– Wesley Witherspoon, USC Children’s Hospital UCEDD

“Let’s not beat around the bush: 2020 was the pits. It was especially hard on me, at home with my family, even without COVID affecting us. Despite all that. I still managed to vote and participate in the Census. No virus will define me. Despite these challenges, we’re still together and we’re still going strong. I am grateful to have been part of this organization for four years running and I hope to continue with all of you for four more. Now let’s do something good in 2021.” – Daniel Foust, San Bernardino



“I have been working with the Regional Office to conduct outreach to the younger generation and am excited that the SSAN is interested in engaging with youth with disabilities in 2021.” – Kecia Weller, UCLA TARJAN Center UCEDD

# 2019 – 2020 Highlights

SSAN Members participate in Coalitions, Boards and Planning committees throughout California along with providing self-advocates, family advocates and others, trainings related to increasing self-advocacy and access to community supports. Highlights from members during the 2019 – 2020 reporting period include:

- Participated at Regional Advisory Committees
- Participated at SCDD Meetings in Sacramento
- Participated on the SCDD Self Advocates Advisory Committee
- Attended, presented at and organized the following conferences:
  - Supported Life Institute Conference Online
  - In-person and online PFCA Gatherings
  - Virtual “ADA for the Next Generation” Event
  - Virtual Disability Vote California Trainings and Chats
  - Virtual Regional Self-Advocacy Chats
- Members are on their regional center boards, IHSS Public Authority, transportation boards, and People First groups
- Wrote and sent their stories to their Legislators
- Collaborated with regional offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to give statewide trainings
- Collaborated with regional offices of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Participated in the Kelsey’s “Raise the Roof: A Training Program for Leaders with Disabilities to Advance Housing”
- Presentations informing their community about SSAN
- Collaborating with agencies to conduct interviews
- Presentation on the California Self-Determination Program



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**JANUARY 25, 2021  
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INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Review of Updated SCDD Brochure***

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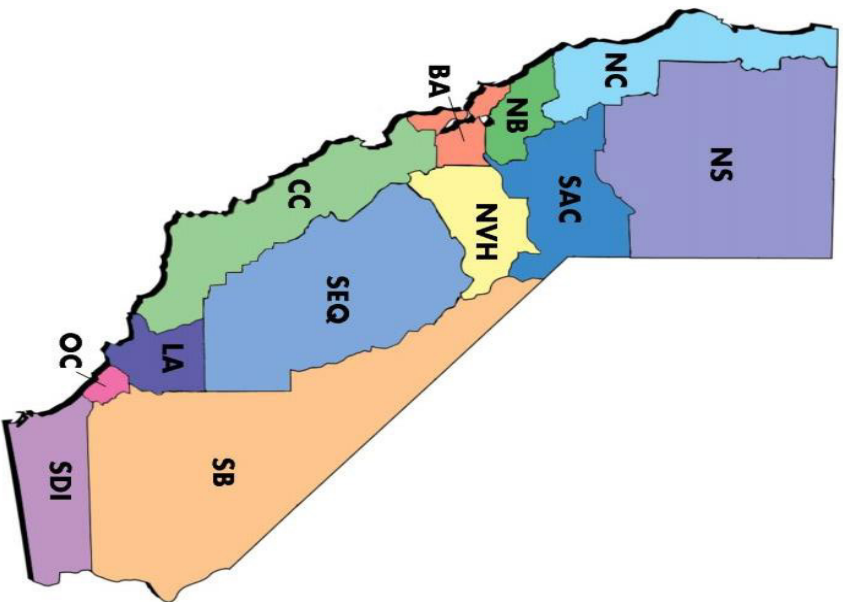
SCDD Deputy Director Tania Morawiec has been collaborating with SCDD staff to update and redesign the SCDD Brochure and would like SAAC members' feedback on plain language in the the revised draft.

Section 2.4 D of the Council Bylaws gives SAAC the ability to "review materials and other council produced information to evaluate and make recommendations regarding plain language approaches".

**Attachments:**

Updated SCDD Brochure

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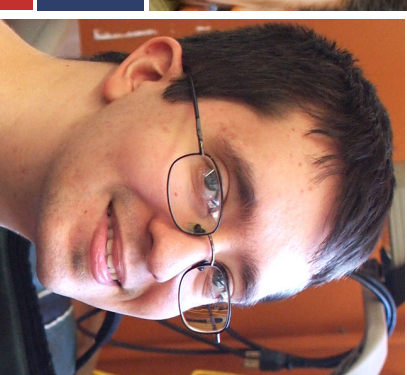
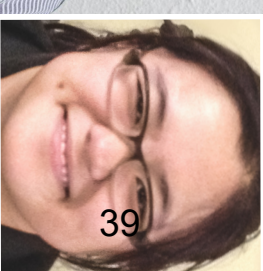
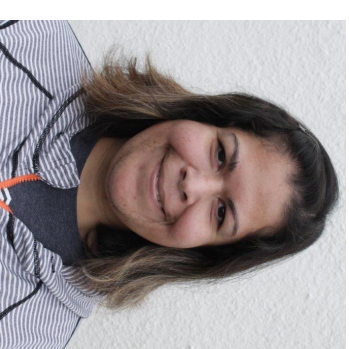
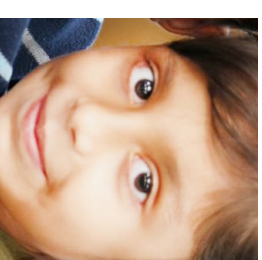
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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities has a headquarters in Sacramento and 12 Regional Offices throughout the state. These offices provide advocacy and identify community issues of statewide importance.

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## WHAT IS THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES?

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by federal law and state law to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.

The Council has 31 members appointed by the Governor.

Self-advocates and family advocates make up at least 60 percent of the Council, and the other members are representatives of agencies that are part of the service network for people with developmental disabilities.

The Council meets at least six times a year and carries out its mission through staff and regional offices.

## WHAT DOES THE STATE COUNCIL DO?

SCDD is a guiding force for positive and life-altering change for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

People with disabilities and their families know best what they need. Support is provided through systems advocacy at the State, County, and local levels. We provide training and information on rights and strategies for accessing the service system.

SCDD is always looking for the best ideas to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Our aim is to provide people with the tools they need to be fully included in their communities and supported to live the life they choose.



## OUR FUNDING SOURCE

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## AREAS OF FOCUS **Advocacy, Systems Change and Capacity Building**

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### WHAT WE DO

- Working together with others to support communities.
- Providing rights and advocacy for people living in state run facilities.
- Promoting policy and legislative changes.
- Engaging the community to build quality services.
- Offerings information and training on systems like special education, employment and regional center services.
- Answering questions.
- Supporting people to self-advocate.



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**JANUARY 25, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 11  
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/Concerns 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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***Committee Updates***

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SAAC members will have an opportunity to share any updates from other SCDD Committees. The following committees have met since the last December Council meeting:

- Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- State Plan Committee

***Attachments***

None

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**AGENDA ITEM 13  
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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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 next SSAN meeting will happen in March 2021 over Zoom.

***Attachments***

December SSAN Report

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## AGENDA ITEM 13.

### INFORMATION ITEM

#### SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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



**Recent Activity:** The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their last meeting of 2020 on December 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 using Zoom.

#### **Focus of Meeting:**

Due to COVID—19 concerns, the December 2020 SSAN was held over two days using Zoom. Day 1 of the meeting focused on updates from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Approval of the 2019—2020 SSAN Annual Report, Approval of the December 2020 edition of the SSAN Newsletter, nominations for SSAN Officers, and planning for the March 2021 meeting. Elections of the SSAN Officers were held on Day 2.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the September SSAN meeting. This update included information on the December 1, 2020 Council meeting, the agency's ongoing efforts to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to Californians with Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD), as well as SCDD's collaboration on the film "Let's Work" and efforts to promote competitive integrated employment (CIE). SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers is a member of the Governor's Vaccine Advisory Committee, advocating that Californians with I/DD be prioritized in any vaccine distribution plans. SSAN members are encouraged to share their thoughts/fears/questions by participating in the [SCDD COVID-19 Vaccine Survey](#). SCDD continues to monitor public safety powers shutoffs (PSPS) and educate communities about how to prepare for an emergency.

Representatives from the California Department of Social Services (DDS) provided members with an update on the department's efforts to adapt their service delivery model in order to meet the needs of Californians with I/DD during the COVID—19 pandemic. DDS held a series of Symposiums on Innovative and Alternative Services during the months of October and November, the series can be accessed on the [Creative Corner](#) section of the DDS website. Check out the [Alternative Nonresidential Services Page](#) on the DDS website for more information about DDS efforts to meet the needs of Californians with I/DD during the COVID—19 State of Emergency.

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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



**Actions Taken:**

- Approved the Agenda for the December 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the Minutes from the September 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the 2019—2020 SSAN Annual Report
- Approved the December 2020 Edition of SSAN Newsletter
- Nominated and elected SSAN Officers to serve from December 2020 through December 2022.

**2018—2020 SSAN Leadership:**

**Chair:** Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

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

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

**2020—2022 SSAN Leadership:**

**Chair:** Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

**Vice-Chair:** Paul Mansell, SCDD San Diego Regional Representative

**Secretary:** Robert Levy, UC Davis MIND Institute UCEDD Representative

**SSAN Workgroups:**

- Officers
- Membership
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Legislative and Civic Engagement
- Newsletter and Communications
- Youth Engagement

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for March 2021 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.



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**AGENDA ITEM 14  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Adjournment***

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The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021.

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