

January 26, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 14 B.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

January 25, 2021

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on January 25, 2021 over Zoom. The Committee reviewed Council business relating to self-advocacy and discussed adjustments of life given the ongoing Public Health Crisis of COVID—19.

In preparation for the January Council meeting, SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed Council Business with the Committee. SAAC members reviewed materials and provided feedback on the language used in of the RFPs for Cycle 44. SAAC members discussed the role of SCDD Representative to SSAN considering the new Council Chair and made recommendation on who should take up that role. SCDD Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Tania Morawiec reviewed the updated SCDD Brochure with the Committee and SAAC members provided their feedback.

Members discussed their concerns about food insecurity, housing insecurity, employment, access to healthcare services, and the increased spread of COVID—19. Several committee members talked about having concerns about the number and accessibility of testing sites, the lack of availability of PPE, and concerns about the access to COVID—19 vaccines for people with disabilities.

The Committee took the following actions:

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the November 30, 2020 meeting minutes.
- Recommend the Council adopt the Cycle 44 RFP addressing Inclusive Education.
- Recommend the Council approve the Cycle 44 RFP addressing mental health with suggested edits from SAAC.
- Recommend the Council appoint Councilmember Matthew Legrand as the new SCDD Representative to SSAN.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on March 22, 2021.