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

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**DATE:** March 22, 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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**Item 6. APPROVAL OF January 25, 2021 MINUTES****Page 7****Item 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS****Page 15**

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. March 23, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda Items

- B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council
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Presented by: SCDD Staff

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Presented by: DDS Staff

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- A. Impact of COVID—19 on Self—Advocacy
- B. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees
- C. Emerging Issues
- D. Barriers to Self—Advocacy

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- A. Admin Committee
- B. Executive Committee
- C. Employment First Committee
- D. Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- E. Statewide Self-Determination Committee

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**MARCH 22, 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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**MARCH 22, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 6  
ACTION ITEM**

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

***Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the January 25, 2021 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

January 25, 2021 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2021**

**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  
Janet Fernandez  
Riana Hardin  
Beth Hurn  
Sara May  
Tania Morawiec  
MaryAgnes Nolan  
Nicole Patterson  
Chris Snyder  
Sarah Wasiak

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:00 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

**5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen reviewed basic tips for using Zoom during the meeting and asked members to be patient and kind with one another.

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Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

**6. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 30, 2020 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the January SAAC packet.

**ACTION 1**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Aldana [SA]) and carried to approve the November 30<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion Passed unanimously.

**7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Since the November 2020 SAAC meeting, SCDD continues to take an active role in COVID—19 relief efforts. Staff across the state continue to distribute much needed PPE to vulnerable populations. SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers, as a member of the [Community Vaccine Advisory Committee](#), has been advocating for the inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be included as a priority in the state's vaccination efforts. SCDD continues to advocate for materials intended to be distributed to the public be accessible to people with disabilities. Committee members reviewed other Council business, including reviewing materials and provided feedback on the language used in the RFPs for Cycle 44.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**ACTION 2:**

It was moved/seconded (Aldana [SA]/ Ryan [SA]) and carried to recommend to the Council the approval of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Inclusive Education. Motion Passed unanimously.

SAAC members discussed the wording for the Cycle 44 RFP addressing Mental Health. Members recommended that the word “populations” be added following the word “rural” and that “underserved populations” be replaced with “people with unmet needs”.

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### **ACTION 3:**

It was moved/seconded (Aldana [SA]/ Eriksen [SA]) and carried to recommend to the Council the approval of the RFP for Mental Health with the recommended edits by SAAC. Motion Passed unanimously.

### **9. SCDD REPRESENTATIVE TO SSAN**

While the Council Bylaws give the Chair of the Council the responsibility to distribute committee assignments and Council representation on outside boards, Section 2.4 E of the Council Bylaws determines that SAAC is responsible for nominating a standing representative to SSAN. Due to the election of a new Council Chair, SAAC has chosen to recommend a new SCDD Representative to SSAN in order to provide an additional opportunity for leadership development for Self-Advocates serving on the Council

### **ACTION 4:**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) to nominate Councilmember Ryan (SA) and Councilmember Lagrand (SA) as the candidates for the SCDD representative to the SSAN.

A rollcall vote was taken for the two candidates and Matthew Lagrand was chosen to represent SCDD on the SSAN. The vote tally can be found on page 5 of the SAAC minutes.

### **10. REVIEW OF UPDATED SCDD BROCHURE**

SCDD Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Tania Morawiec collaborated with SCDD staff to update and redesign the SCDD Brochure. Deputy Director Morawiec reviewed the updated SCDD Brochure with the committee and requested feedback on the plain language of the revised draft. The overall feedback from the committee was positive.

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**11. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members discussed their concerns about food insecurity, housing insecurity, employment, access to healthcare services, and the increase 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.

**12. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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

**13. SSAN REPORT**

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

## DRAFT

| Member                     | Rollcall | Motion 1 | Motion 2 | Motion 3 | SSAN Representative |
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| <b>Adler, Nicole</b>       | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Rosie Ryan          |
| <b>Aldana, Sandra</b>      | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Matthew Lagrand     |
| <b>Eriksen, Jeana</b>      | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Rosie Ryan          |
| <b>Garnica, Julio</b>      | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Matthew Lagrand     |
| <b>Lagrand, Matthew</b>    | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Matthew Lagrand     |
| <b>Marquez, Maria</b>      | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Matthew Lagrand     |
| <b>Ponton, Kara</b>        | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Rosie Ryan          |
| <b>Ryan, Rosanna</b>       | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Rosie Ryan          |
| <b>Witherspoon, Wesley</b> | Present  | Aye      | Aye      | Aye      | Matthew Lagrand     |

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**MARCH 22, 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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**MARCH 22, 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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**MARCH 22, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 9  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***SAAC Feedback on Emerging Issues for 2022—2026***

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The 2022—2026 SCDD State Plan was approved by the Council at the September 2020 Council Meeting and will be submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) by August 2021. SCDD received statewide input about the needs of Californians in developing its goals and objectives. In the process to develop the work plans for the 2022—2026 State Plan, SCDD Staff has been engaging with Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) to get their feedback on the needs of people with I/DD.

We would like SAAC members to share specific needs or project ideas that relate to the Council's first goal (and objectives) in the area of Self-Advocacy. In addition, we would like SAAC members to provide input on specific or emerging issues within these (4) four topic areas: Education, Employment, Health & Safety, and Housing.

**Attachments:**

- 2022 — 2026 SCDD State Plan
- 2022 — 2026 SCDD State Plan SAAC Feedback Sheet

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# 2022-26 State Plan

## Goal 1

**The Council will empower people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to become strong self-advocates, peer trainers and community leaders.**

### Objectives

The Council will provide information, resources and 125 trainings to strengthen 1,250 self-advocates in:

- 1.1** 1) identifying and asking for the supports and services that they need;
- 2) becoming and serving as peer trainers; and,
- 3) developing skills and opportunities to engage as strong activists for issues that are important to them and their families

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- 1.2** The Council will support self-advocates in peer networks by providing facilitation, tangible supports and peer advocacy/leadership opportunities through at least 1 statewide and 12 regional self-advocacy entities, reaching 6,000 self-advocates.

## Goal 2

**The Council will lead in partnership with family/self-advocates and others to protect and enhance civil rights and improve community-based systems to be more fully inclusive and supportive of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.**

### Objectives

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| <b>2.1</b> | <p>The Council will develop, improve and/or change 30 practices, 15 policies, and 10 regulations (or guidance) and/or laws in the systems of regional centers, community-based services, and governmental entities. This work will include the areas of employment, education, housing, and health/safety in ways that will benefit people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and protect their civil rights, promote full inclusion, and/or provide additional supports and services, improving their lives in tangible ways.</p>   |
| <b>2.2</b> | <p>The Council will engage in 20 regional and 5 statewide innovative/special projects and/or events in the areas of employment, education, housing, and health/safety to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1)</b> empower 5,000 people (family/self-advocates and others) in systems change efforts and give them information, skills and/or supports to increase their abilities to become effective advocates; and/or,</li><li><b>2)</b> increase services to improve supports for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families.</li></ol>   |
| <b>2.3</b> | <p>The Council, in collaboration with California's four (4) partners (one Protection and Advocacy agency and three University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities), will seek to improve the generic service system that impacts people with intellectual/developmental disabilities who are underserved by choosing an area of emphasis in the State Plan, such as education, employment, housing, and/or health/safety, and report on how that system is serving people with I/DD, gaps in that service delivery system, recommendations on how to improve the systems to meet the goals of the DD Act, and pursue policy and practice changes in those areas. The collaboration will result in 2 reports, 6 recommendations for policy or practice changes, and 2 Legislative or Administrative changes to policy or practice.</p> |

## Goal 3

**The Council will partner with and empower more people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, so they know their rights and can advocate for and receive supports and services**

### Objectives

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| <b>3.1</b> | The Council will provide (staff-led, peer-led and/or collaborative) training to 60,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) throughout the state – virtually, online and/or in person - and provide technical assistance (TA)/advocacy clinics, reaching 50,000 people with assistance and resources to identify and obtain the supports and services that will help people with intellectual/developmental disabilities live a safer and healthier life. |
| <b>3.2</b> | The Council will engage in 100 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and emerging issues, reaching 25,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them.   |
| <b>3.3</b> | In order to reduce the disparities in obtaining a free, appropriate public education, the Council will work with 5,000 Spanish-speaking family/self-advocates throughout the state to advocate for and increase the number and type/quality of special education services they receive through their own local education agencies.   |

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## SAAC Feedback

The Council's new 5-year State Plan has been approved and will be submitted to the Administration on Community Living (ACL) Office on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (OIDD) by August 2021. SCDD received statewide input about the needs of Californians in developing its goals and objectives. We would like SAAC members to share specific needs or project ideas that relate to the Council's first goal (and objectives) in the area of Self-Advocacy.

### **Specific needs or project ideas related to Self-Advocacy:**

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### **Project ideas related to peer advocacy/leadership opportunities:**

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Additionally, the Council identified four (4) specific focal areas (Education, Employment, Health & Safety, and Housing) as the most critical areas of need. We are now wanting SAAC input on specific or emerging regional issues within these four (4) topic areas (Objectives 2.1, 2.2 & 3.2):

**Education:**

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**Employment:**

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**Health & Safety:**

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**Housing:**

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**MARCH 22, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 10  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***SAAC Feedback on DDS CIE Blueprint Roadmap***

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Elizabeth Mard from the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will present a tool to SAAC members that DDS is requesting feedback on. DDS would like SAAC members to review the DRAFT CIE Blueprint Roadmap and assess the usability of the tool. The tool is meant to allow users to navigate their way through the document by clicking on the elements in order to learn about the different paths to achieving CIE.

An electronic copy of the tool will be emailed out members. Members can send their questions and feedback to Elizabeth Mard at

[Elizabeth.Mard@dds.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Mard@dds.ca.gov).

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**MARCH 22, 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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**MARCH 22, 2021**  
**AGENDA ITEM 12**  
**INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***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:

- Admin Committee
- Executive Committee
- Employment First Committee
- Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- Statewide Self-Determination Committee

***Attachments***

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**MARCH 22, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 13  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

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

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The SSAN met on March 10 & 11 over Zoom. Councilmember Matthew Lagrand will provide the committee with an update on SSAN activity since the last meeting. The next SSAN meeting will happen in June 2021 over Zoom.

***Attachments***

March 2021 SSAN Report

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

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



**Recent Activity:** The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their first meeting of 2021 on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 using Zoom.

**Focus of Meeting:**

Due to ongoing COVID—19 concerns, the March 2021 SSAN was held over two days using Zoom. SSAN opened Day 1 of the March 2021 SSAN meeting by celebrating March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with a discussion the importance of recognizing the month and shared their advocacy stories.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the December SSAN meeting. This focused on the agency's efforts to advocate for people with I/DD to be considered a vaccine priority. Starting March 15<sup>th</sup> people with disabilities and certain health conditions will be eligible to receive the vaccine. DDS and other agencies are developing guidance on how to notify clients about their eligibility, including the documentation needed to verify eligibility.

Members participated in a training on Emergency Preparedness that incorporated materials from both DDS resources and Prep It Forward and talked about their personal experiences responding to emergency situations.

On Day 2 of the SSAN meeting, members listened to an update on how the Self-Determination Program is impacting a SSAN member. Members participated in a dynamic training on how conflict impacts us as an individual and the different types of approaches to conflict resolution. SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky, provided members with a presentation on the initial set of bills being recommended by Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) for the Council to take a position on.

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

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



The SSAN workgroups met to discuss current and potential projects.

**Actions Taken:**

- Approved the Minutes from the December 2020 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the SSAN Youth Survey
- Approved the March 2021 Edition of SSAN Newsletter

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

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for June 9 – 10 2021 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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**MARCH 22, 2021**

**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 May 24, 2021.

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