

March 22, 2021

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

March 22, 2021

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on March 22, 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.

Members provided feedback on Emerging issues for 2022—2026. Items mentioned included vaccine safety and equitable access to vaccines, maintaining safety in reopening schools, access to highspeed internet for distance learning and mental health services. Members would like to see the Council expand their work on providing services to transition aged youth, continue to advocate for affordable housing, access to Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and working to improve relationships between law enforcement and people with disabilities.

In preparation for the January Council meeting, SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed Council Business with the Committee. SAAC members reviewed materials related to the proposed 2021—2022 SCDD Budget and the recommendations from the LPPC on legislative positions.

Members reviewed and provided feedback on the usability of the DRAFT CIE Blueprint Roadmap developed by DDS and were encouraged to send any additional comments they may have to Elizabeth.Mard@dds.ca.gov.

The Committee took the following actions:

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the January 22, 2021 meeting minutes.
- Recommend the Council discuss the 2021—2022 Legislative Positions Recommendations and Priorities by SCDD State Plan Goal Area.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on May 24, 2021.