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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: May 24, 2021

TIME: 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Jeana Eriksen

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Item 3. ESTABLISH QUORUM

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.

Item 5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Report
 - B. Online Meeting Etiquette
 - C. Meeting Ground Rules
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Item 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**Page 13**

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. May 25, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda Items

- B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council
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INFORMATION ITEM**

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

Chair Report and Announcements

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen will provide an 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 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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AGENDA ITEM 6

ACTION ITEM

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

Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the March 22, 2021 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

March 22, 2021 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Attending</u>
Nicole Adler (SA) Sandra Aldana (SA) Jeana Eriksen (SA) Julio Garnica (SA) Matthew Lagrand [SA] Maria Marquez (SA) Rosanna Ryan (SA) Wesley Witherspoon (SA)	Kara Ponton (SA)	Rihana Ahmad Aaron Carruthers Charlotte Enders Janet Fernandez Riana Hardin Beth Hurn Tania Morawiec MaryAgnes Nolan Nicole Patterson Chris Snyder

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

There was no Public Comment

5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen reviewed Zoom operations and etiquette during the meeting and asked members to be patient and kind with one another.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

6. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2021 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 25th meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the March SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Lagrand [SA]) and carried to approve the January 25th minutes as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

In the interest of time, the committee chose to move to what was originally listed as Item 9 on the agenda “SAAC Feedback on Emerging Issues for 2022—2026”.

7. SAAC FEEDBACK ON EMERGING ISSUES FOR 2022—2026

SCDD Manager of State Plan and Self-Advocacy, Rihana Ahmad, along with SCDD Senior Planning Analyst, Janet Fernandez, led the committee in a discussion on emerging issues to keep in mind during the development of 2022-2026 SCDD agency workplans. Members of the committee mentioned concerns over 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.

Committee Members expressed concern that COVID-19 restrictions may have a long-term impact on society and may impede Council staff's ability to engage in important work and activities.

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8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed Council Business with the Committee in preparation for the upcoming Council meeting. Executive Director Carruthers provided committee members with an update on the proposed 2021—2022 SCDD Budget and answered questions related to the budget process. Executive Director Carruthers also reviewed the proposed 2021—2022 Legislative Priorities and Positions with the committee.

9. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL

SAAC members discussed the policy recommendations of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) and considered how the Council could approach the voting process in order to efficiently address all of the bills under consideration.

ACTION 2:

It was moved/seconded (Aldana [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) to recommend that the Council vote on the legislation by state plan goal area. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

10. SAAC FEEDBACK ON DDS CIE BLUEPRINT ROADMAP

DDS, Community Programs Specialist, Community Services Division and Work Services Section, Elizabeth Mard, reviewed the DRAFT DDS CIE Blueprint Roadmap with the committee and requested their feedback on the tool. Members tested the usability of the tool and provided their initial feedback. Members were encouraged to continue reviewing and testing the tool and email their feedback to Elizabeth at Elizabeth.Mard@dds.ca.gov.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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11. MEMBER UPDATES

Members discussed their concerns about day programs and supported employment, the disparities in the vaccine rollout and looking forward to returning to normal once COVID—19 is no longer a constant concern. Members stressed the importance of listening to medical experts and government officials when making decisions related to reopening the state and returning to daily activities.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

13. SSAN REPORT

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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AGENDA ITEM 7
INFORMATION ITEM

SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Review of Council Business

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will review Council Business with the committee. This item may include:

- A. SCDD 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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AGENDA ITEM 8

ACTION ITEM

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

Recommendations/Input to the Council

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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**AGENDA ITEM 9
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

SAAC Feedback on the SCDD Tell Your Story Survey

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee serves to advise the Council as a voice for all Californians with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion. SAAC responsibilities include reviewing meeting materials and other Council produced materials to evaluate and make recommendations regarding plain language approaches.

The SCDD State Plan and Self-Advocacy Unit has developed a “Tell Us Your Story” survey using the Qualtrics platform. The “Tell Us Your Story” survey provides a way for the public (self-advocates, family advocates, professionals, and community members) to share how a Council activity or service has made a difference in their lives. The survey will help SCDD to measure and report the impact of the agency’s activities/efforts across the state.

The survey will be posted on the SCDD website, emailed out to the community through statewide and regional email lists (Constant Contact) and shared on SCDD social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.).

The SCDD State Plan and Self-Advocacy Unit would appreciate your feedback on the language used in the survey before it is made available to the public.

Attachments:

- DRAFT SCDD “Tell Us Your Story” Survey

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Tell Us Your Story Survey

1. I am a:

- ☐ **Self-Advocate** (I am a person with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability)
 - ☐ **Family Advocate** (Someone in my family has an Intellectual/Developmental Disability)
 - ☐ **Other** (Policy-maker, Community Member, Professional)
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(This question will only be displayed for those that select Self-Advocate in Question 1)

2. I am also a Family Advocate and/or Other?

- ☐ **Family Advocate** (Someone in my family has an Intellectual/Developmental Disability)
 - ☐ **Other** (Policy-maker, Community Member, Professional)
 - ☐ **Neither**
-

3. I am now participating in advocacy activities.

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
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4. I am a member of a disability-related board, committee, or advocacy group or serving in a leadership position.

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has 12 offices across California serving individuals with disabilities. I am served by this SCDD Regional Office (RO):

☐ **North Coast** (RO 01: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino)

☐ **North State** (RO 02: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity)

☐ **Sacramento** (RO 03: Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba)

☐ **North Bay** (RO 04: Napa, Solano, Sonoma)

☐ **Bay Area** (RO 05: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)

☐ **North Valley Hills** (RO 06: Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne)

☐ **Central Coast** (RO 07: Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Ventura)

☐ **Sequoia** (RO 08: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare)

☐ **Los Angeles** (RO 10: Los Angeles)

☐ **Orange County** (RO 11: Orange)

☐ **San Bernardino** (RO 12: Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino)

☐ **San Diego Imperial** (RO 13: Imperial, San Diego)

6. SCDD helped me in these areas (Choose all that apply):

- ☐ Childcare
 - ☐ Early Intervention
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Employment
 - ☐ Financial Issues
 - ☐ Housing
 - ☐ Health/Safety
 - ☐ In-Home Support Services (IHSS) / Respite Services
 - ☐ Recreation
 - ☐ Regional Center Services
 - ☐ Self-Advocacy
 - ☐ Self-Determination
 - ☐ Service Eligibility
 - ☐ Transition Services
 - ☐ Transportation
 - ☐ Other _____
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7. SCDD helped me by providing (Choose all that apply):

- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- ☐ Referrals
- ☐ Resources
- ☐ Technical Assistance (Phone/In-person/Email Support)
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Other _____

8. SCDD helped or made a difference in my life by:

9. After I received help from SCDD, I will be able to help others:

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
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10. After I received help from SCDD, I now have more advocacy skills and abilities.

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. After I received help from SCDD, I am now better able to say what I want to say/say what is important to me.

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. I am satisfied with the help/training I received from SCDD.

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. If you would like to provide additional information about yourself, it would help us to know who SCDD is serving. Filling out this area is OPTIONAL. Would you like to participate in a short survey?

☐ Yes

☐ No

(This is an optional section)

14. I am a:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

15. I am (Check all that apply):

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African-American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Multi-racial
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Prefer not to say

16. What county or city/town do you live in?

- ☐ City/Town _____
 - ☐ County _____
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**AGENDA ITEM 10
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

COVID—19 Vaccine Hesitancy Discussion

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee serves to advise the Council as a voice for all Californians with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, by promoting State Council participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion.

As a part of SAAC members commitment to advise the Council regarding the policies, programs and any other area affecting self-advocates in California, SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers would like to have a discussion with SAAC about vaccine hesitancy.

In preparation for this conversation, you may want to think about:

- Concerns that you might have about the COVID—19 Vaccines
- Concerns you have heard from advocates in your communities
- Concerns you have heard from outside of your community

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**AGENDA ITEM 11
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

Member Updates

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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**AGENDA ITEM 12
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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Committee Updates

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:

- Executive Committee
- Employment First Committee
- Membership Committee

Attachments

None

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**AGENDA ITEM 13
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report

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 take place on June 9 & 10 2021 over Zoom.

Attachments

- May 2021 SSAN Workgroup Report

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



Last SSAN Meeting: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) held their first meeting of 2021 on March 10th & 11th, 2021 using Zoom.

Recent Activity:

Since the March SSAN meeting, the SSAN Workgroups have been working on projects related to SSAN.

SSAN Officers: Have met every two weeks to discuss SSAN business and plan the June SSAN meeting.

Employment Workgroup: Collaborated with a DOR Work Incentives Planner/Trainer to host a Zoom Webinar on managing social benefits while working. The training was a great success and the SSAN Employment workgroup hopes to have more trainings in the future.

Legislative and Civic Engagement Workgroup: Has met monthly to track SCDD legislation, discuss SSAN legislative priorities, and to consider developing a SSAN legislative training.

Newsletter and Communications Workgroup: Working on putting together the June Edition of the quarterly “Voices of SSAN” Newsletter.

Youth Engagement Workgroup: Developed a Youth Survey and has plans to have it go live soon, so stay tuned.

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**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network**



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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**AGENDA ITEM 14
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2021.

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