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

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**DATE:** July 26, 2021

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 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 MAY 24, 2021 MINUTES****Page 7**

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**Item 7. REFLECTIONS ON THE ADA****Page 12**

Presented by: Jeana Eriksen

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**Item 8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS****Page 14**

- Presented by: S.C.D.D. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers
- A. S.C.D.D. Agency Update
  - B. Review of Council Agenda

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**ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET**

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**Item 9. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL Page 16**

- A. SAAC Recommendations/Input on Council Agenda Voting Items
    - a. July 27, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda Items
  - B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council
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<b>Item 10.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURES</b>	
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	B. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees	
	C. Emerging Issues	
	D. Barriers to Self—Advocacy	

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	C. State Plan	

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<b>Item 14.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	
	Next Meeting: September 13, 2021	

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**JULY 26, 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 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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**JULY 26, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**ACTION ITEM**

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

***Approval of May 24, 2021 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the May 24, 2021 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

May 24, 2021 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 24, 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  
Riana Hardin  
Beth Hurn  
Charles Nguyen  
MaryAgnes Nolan  
Nicole Patterson  
Chris Snyder

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 2:04 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 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 MARCH 22, 2021 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the May SAAC packet.

**ACTION 1**

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Aldana [SA]) and carried to approve the March 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes as presented. (For: Adler, Aldana, Eriksen, Garnica, Lagrand, Marquez, Ryan, and Witherspoon; Abstention: Ponton) Motion Passed.

**7. 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.

**8. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Following discussion, SAAC members chose not to make any recommendations to the Council regarding Council Business

**9. SAAC FEEDBACK ON SCDD TELL YOUR STORY SURVEY**

SAAC members provided feedback on the “SCDD Tell Your Story Survey”. The survey is intended to provide an opportunity for the public (self-advocates, family advocates, professionals and community members) to share how a Council activity or service made a difference in their lives. SAAC members recommended defining what a family advocate was, as family dynamics and interactions can be different depending on the relationship. Members also expressed an interest in having more inclusive options when asking about gender identity such as nonbinary, transgender and/or LGBTQ+.

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### **10. COVID—19 HESITANCY DISCUSSION**

SAAC members had an open discussion about vaccine hesitancy. Members talked about trust issues due to historical mistreatment of people with developmental disabilities by the medical profession, feeling overwhelm due to the amount of information and/or myths that exists about the vaccines, the lack of information available in plain language, and difficulty finding appointments due to internet access and transportation issues.

### **11. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members provided updates and talked about issues and concerns from their communities. Updates included collaborating with Easter Seals to provide a webinar on the topic of mental health, staying connected with family and friends, being a supportive resource for information, contributing to the vaccination efforts of youth with disabilities, and collaborating on the rollout of Self-Determination Program in California.

Members expressed an interest in working on projects to address bullying and continuing to collaborate with local and statewide partners to distribute resources in their communities.

### **12. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Committee members shared updates from other Council Committees and were referred to the committee reports included in the May 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 4:12 P.M.

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SA = Self-Advocate

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**JULY 26, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**Discussion Item**

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

***Reflections on the ADA***

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990. The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life: in the workplace, at school, public transportation and public and private places that are open to the general public. Since the enactment of the ADA, California and the USA have seen both legislative and social change regarding accessibility, but there is still room for improvement.

In preparation for this discussion, SAAC members are encouraged to think about the following questions:

- What does the ADA mean to you?
- How has your life changed since the passage of the ADA?
- Are there any areas that still have access barriers that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities should be working to address?

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**JULY 26, 2021**  
**AGENDA ITEM 8**  
**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. 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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**JULY 26, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 9  
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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**JULY 26, 2021**

**AGENDA ITEM 10  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***Update on Developmental Center Closures***

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The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has interagency agreements with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in order to serve people with developmental disabilities throughout California. Since 1997 SCDD has provided [Volunteer Advocacy Services \(VAS\)](#) in all DDS state-operated facilities in order to provide advocacy resources to individuals that may not have family support.

Since 1999, SCDD has also provided [Clients Rights Advocate \(CRA\)](#) services to clients residing at DDS state-operated facilities.

SCDD staff within the CRA/VAS Project oversee the closure of developmental centers and help with the transition to community living. CRA/VAS Manager, Holly Bins will update SAAC on CRA/VAS progress throughout California.

**Attachment:**

- CRA/VAS Project DC Overview

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# Clients' Rights Advocate and Volunteer Advocacy Services

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Serving people residing in the  
California state operated facilities for  
people with intellectual/developmental  
disabilities

Holly Bins, CRA/VAS Manager



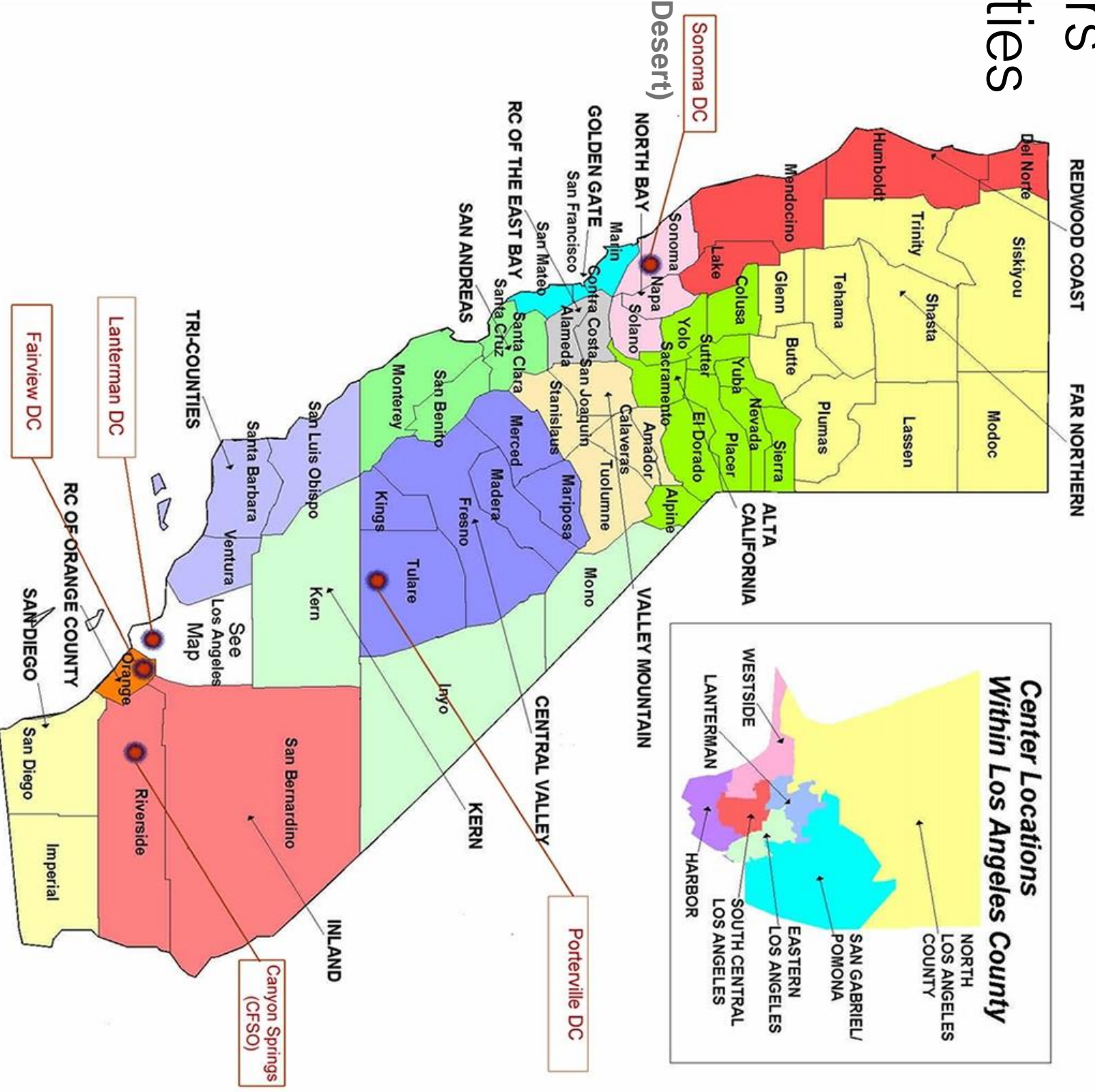
# California DDS State Operated Facilities

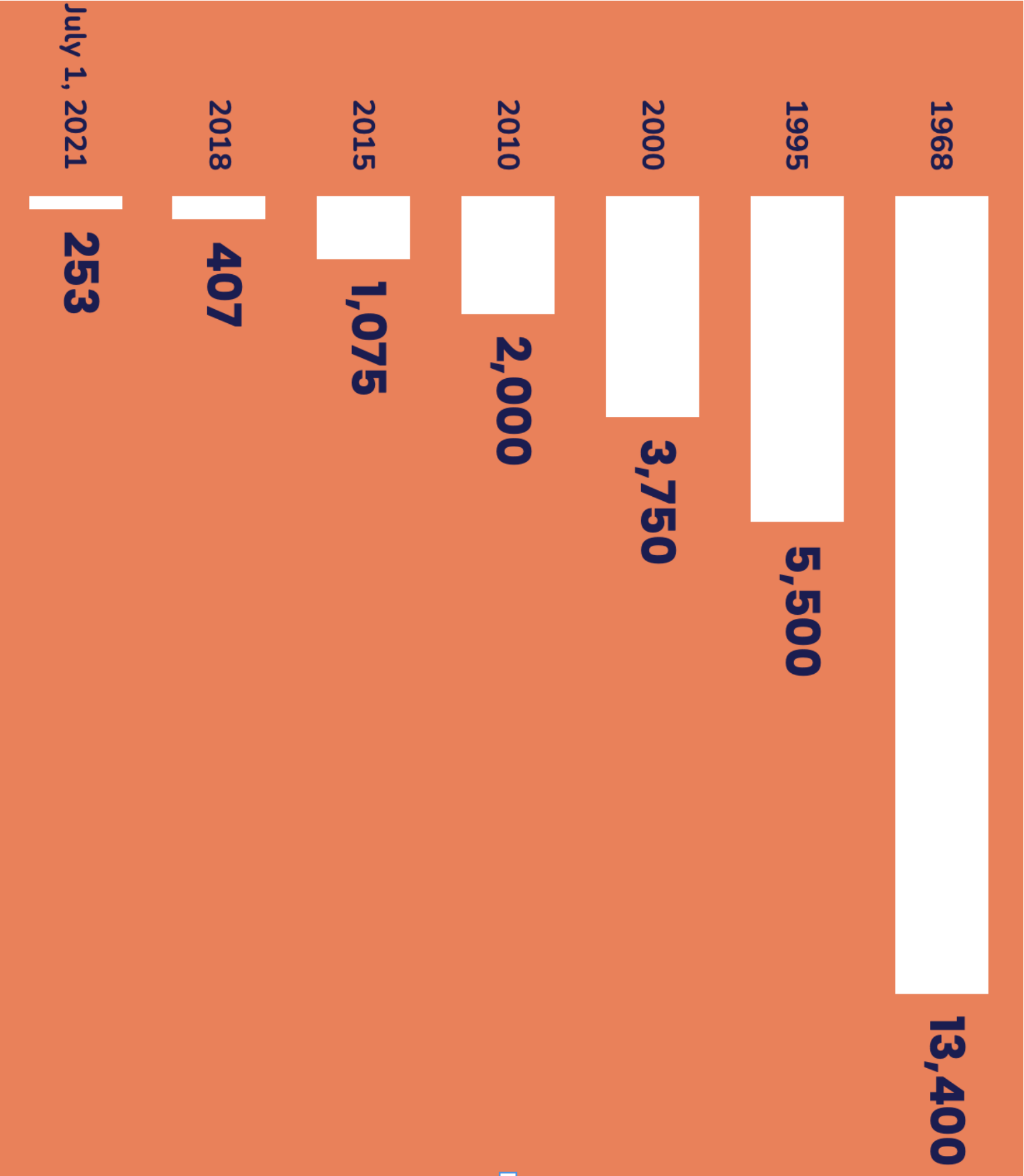
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Department of Developmental Services operates one developmental center in **Porterville**, one community facility in **Cathedral City**, and four acute crisis or **STAR** units. These state-operated facilities provide 24-hour services designed to increase independence, improve living skills and facilitate transitions into the community.

# Developmental Centers and Community Facilities

- Open Facilities
- Porterville Developmental Center
- Canyon Springs Community Facility
- STAR units (Northern, Southern, Central, Desert)
- Closed Facilities
- Stockton (1996)
- Camarillo (1997)
- Agnews (2009)
- Sierra Vista CF (2009)
- Stockton (1996)
- Camarillo (1997)
- Lanterman (2014)
- Sonoma (2018)
- Fairview (2020)





Population of Developmental  
Center and Community  
Facilities



# Porterville Developmental Center and Central STAR

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- Located in Porterville, CA in Tulare County
- Opened in 1953
- Current population as of July 1, 2021: 199
- Secure Treatment Area or Forensic serves individuals who are a danger to themselves or incompetent to stand trial (Penal Code 1370.1). STA is the only DDS facility offering competency training.

# Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR

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- Located in Cathedral City, CA in Riverside County
- Opened in 2000
- Current population as of July 1, 2021: 49
- ICF level of care only
  - Transition facility for people moving from a DC
  - Specialized treatment planning for sexual offender registrants

# CRA/VAS Observations of Transition to the Community

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Freedom of Choice in  
All Areas



More Privacy



More Contact with  
Friends and Family



Abrupt Changes in  
Psychotropic  
Medication





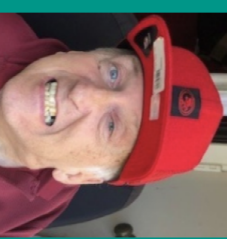


Community Staffing  
Changes



Long Delays for  
Transition

# CRA / VAS Team

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Southern STAR CRA Porterville DC CRA (A)		3831 North Freeway Blvd., #125 Sacramento, CA 95834	(707) 227 - 0250 <a href="mailto:ross.long@scdd.ca.gov">ross.long@scdd.ca.gov</a>

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**JULY 26, 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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**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 May Council meeting:

- Executive Committee
- Legislative Committee
- State Plan Committee

***Attachments***

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**JULY 26, 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 June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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 September 7 - 8, 2021 over Zoom.

***Attachments***

- June 2021 SSAN Report

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**July 15, 2021**

**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 second meeting of 2021 on June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 using Zoom.

**Focus of Meeting:**

Due to ongoing COVID—19 concerns, the June 2021 SSAN meeting was held over two days using Zoom. SSAN opened Day 1 of the meeting with a discussion on social justice by sharing their thoughts on different issues and sharing their stories.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the March SSAN meeting. Executive Director Carruthers talked about SCDD’s continued efforts to address vaccine hesitancy among Californians with I/DD and their communities by providing timely, up to date and easy to understand information about the different types of COVID—19 vaccines. Executive Director Carruthers provided SSAN with an update on [California’s Budget](#) and SCDD’s efforts to distribute emergency preparedness kits or “GO Kits” to Californian’s with I/DD and provide them with emergency preparedness training.

Members of the [SCDD Disability Advisory Committee \(DAC\)](#) provided SSAN with an overview of DAC, and their efforts to promote inclusion and accessibility within SCDD. The SCDD DAC is interested in developing a series of training videos for current and future SCDD employees and would like to collaborate with SSAN on the project.

Rick Wood, Co-Chair of the [Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee](#) provided SSAN with an update on California’s Self-Determination Rollout. Starting July 2021, Self-Determination will be an option for all Regional Center Clients who are interested. Contact your regional center for more information.

On Day 2 of the SSAN meeting, members discussed their hopes and dreams for SSAN. Self-Advocates for Emergency Education (Project SAFEE) presented on addressing vaccine hesitancy among people with I/DD. SCDD Communications Manager, Lea Park-Kim, provided members with an overview of the legislative process and the role that advocacy has in the process. Stories from advocates help legislators understand the impact an issue has on individuals and their communities.

**July 15, 2021**

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**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 March 2021 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the June 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 September 8 – 9 2021 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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**JULY 26, 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 September 13, 2021.

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