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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
POSTED AT:  www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE:  July 26, 2021
TIME:  2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIR:  Jeana Eriksen

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Presented by: SCDD Staff

Item 11. **MEMBER UPDATES**
A. Impact of COVID—19 on Self—Advocacy
B. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees
C. Emerging Issues
D. Barriers to Self—Advocacy

Item 12. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
A. Executive Committee
B. Legislative and Public Policy Committee
C. State Plan

Item 13. **SSAN REPORT**

Item 14. **ADJOURNMENT**
Next Meeting: September 13, 2021

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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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AGENDA ITEM 6
ACTION ITEM

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of May 24, 2021 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the May 24, 2021 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

May 24, 2021 SAAC Minutes
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.
6. APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2021 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the March 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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\textsuperscript{nd} 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 LBGTQ+.
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.
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?
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 9
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
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
Serving people residing in the California state operated facilities for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities

Holly Bins, CRA/VAS Manager

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

Volunteer Advocacy Services
Counseling Rights Advocate

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

CALIFORNIA
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)
  - Sierra Vista CF (2014)
  - Lanterman Developmental Center
  - Sonoma (2018)
  - Fairview (2020)
  - Fairview (2020)

Open Facilities

and Community Facilities

Developmental Centers
Population of Developmental Facilities
Center and Community

- 13,400
  - 1998
- 5,500
  - 1999
- 3,750
  - 2000
- 2,000
  - 2010
- 1,075
  - 2015
- 407
  - 2018
- 253
  - July 1, 2022
Porterville Developmental Center and Central STAR

• 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 offering competency training.

TRIAL (Penal Code 1370.1). STA is the only DDS facility who are a danger to themselves or incompetent to stand trial.
Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR

- 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

Canyon Springs Community Facility and Desert STAR
CRAVAS Observations of Transition to the Community

- Transition
- Long Delays for
  - Community
- Changes
- Community Stabilizing
- Medication
- Psychotropic
- Abrupt Changes in
- All Areas
- Freedom of Choice in
- More Privacy
- More Contact with
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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
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 May Council meeting:

- Executive Committee
- Legislative Committee
- State Plan Committee

Attachments

None
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AGENDA ITEM 13
INFORMATION ITEM

SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report

The SSAN met on June 9th & 10th 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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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 second meeting of 2021 on June 9th & 10th, 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.
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.
The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021.
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