

September 14, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 7 C.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

September 13, 2021

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on September 13, 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.

In preparation for the September Council meeting, SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an overview of the agenda for the Council meeting and an update on the logistics for the next day's Zoom meeting which will be a Zoom Webinar format. Executive Director Carruthers talked about how the Governor Recall Election has impacted the operations of SCDD and recent changes to the SCDD budget. Executive Director Carruthers let members know that the legislature passed legislation extending virtual meetings for boards through the end of 2021.

Bridgette Kolakosky, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs reviewed a draft of the SCDD "How an Idea Becomes a Law" training and asked for feedback on the language of the materials. Feedback included: balance graphics with words, use fewer words and make sure to use as much plain language that is connected to emotions as possible, record a voice over for the PowerPoint since some people have vision issues, and increase font size. Deputy Director Kolakosky also asked for feedback on the Flyer and survey for the "There Should Be a Law" Contest. The survey is available at <https://bit.ly/BillIdeas>.

Members talked about their concern for the safety of school children as California moves away from virtual learning in favor of in-person learning, the lack of consistency with access to Self-Determination and regional center services, and the reality of caregivers and healthcare professionals experiencing burnout. The Committee took the following actions:

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the July 26, 2021 meeting minutes.
- Recommend Council Approve the 2022 SCDD Policy Priorities.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on November 29, 2021.