This is a teleconference and zoom meeting only. There is no physical location being made available to the public. Per EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, teleconferencing restrictions are waived during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, committee members are not required to list their remote locations and members of the public may participate telephonically or by Zoom from any location. Accessible formats of all agenda and materials can be found online at www.scdd.ca.gov.

MEETING ID: 940 0285 9590
MEETING PASSWORD: 422719
Check out Zoom Download Instructions and Tips on how to use Zoom to learn the basics about the Zoom platform.

OR

JOIN BY TELECONFERENCE: (VOICE ONLY)
CALL IN NUMBER: (888) 475 4499
MEETING ID: 940 0285 9590
MEETING PASSWORD: 422719

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov
DATE: September 13, 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
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item 3.</th>
<th>ESTABLISH QUORUM</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Item 4.</td>
<td>PUBLIC COMMENTS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>This item is for members of the public to provide comments and/or present information to this body on matters not listed on the agenda. There will be up to 20 minutes allocated to hear from the public with each person allotted up to 3 minutes to comment. Additionally, there will be up to 10 minutes allocated to hear from the public on each Council agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 5.</td>
<td>CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. Chair Report</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. Online Meeting Etiquette</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C. Meeting Ground rules</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 6.</td>
<td>APPROVAL OF July 26, 2021 MINUTES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 7.</td>
<td>REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presented by: SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. SCDD Agency Update</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. Review of Council Agenda</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Item 8.</td>
<td>SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS/INPUT TO THE COUNCIL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. SAAC Recommendations/Input on Council Agenda Voting Items</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a. September 14, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda Items</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. General Recommendations/Input to the Council</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Item 9. SAAC FEEDBACK ON INTRODUCTION TO LEGISLATIVE PROCESS INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

Presented by: SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky

**Page 17**

### Item 10. 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

**Page 37**

### Item 11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Executive Committee  
B. Legislative and Public Policy Committee

**Page 39**

### Item 12. SSAN REPORT

**Page 41**

### Item 13. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: November 29, 2021

**Page 41**

---

**Accessibility**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 11123.1 and 11125(f) and Executive Order N-29-20 (This Executive Order can be found by clicking the link on page one of the agenda, or by typing [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf) into your web browser), individuals with disabilities who require accessible alternative formats of the agenda and related meeting materials and/or auxiliary aids/services to participate in this meeting should contact Riana Hardin at (916) 263-8196 or [Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov). Please provide at least 3 business days prior to the meeting to allow adequate time to respond to all requests.

All times indicated and the order of business are approximate and subject to change.
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.
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM 6
ACTION ITEM

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of July 26, 2021 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the July 26, 2021 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

July 26, 2021 SAAC Minutes
SELF–ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Members Present</th>
<th>Members Not Present</th>
<th>Others Attending</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nicole Adler (SA)</td>
<td>Maria Marquez (SA)</td>
<td>Rihana Ahmad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sandra Aldana (SA)</td>
<td>Sandra Aldana (SA)</td>
<td>Holly Bins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeana Eriksen (SA)</td>
<td>Julio Garnica (SA)</td>
<td>Aaron</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew Lagrand (SA)</td>
<td>Rosanna Ryan (SA)</td>
<td>Carruthers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Riana Hardin</td>
<td>Wesley Witherspoon (SA)</td>
<td>Gail Forrest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beth Hurn</td>
<td>Robin</td>
<td>Riana Hardin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Henny Kupferstein</td>
<td>Maitino-Erben</td>
<td>Beth Hurn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robin Maitino-Erben</td>
<td>Charles Nguyen</td>
<td>Henny</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaryAgnes Nolan</td>
<td>Nicole Patterson</td>
<td>Kupferstein</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicole Patterson</td>
<td>Chris Snyder</td>
<td>Robin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chris Snyder</td>
<td></td>
<td>Maitino-Erben</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 2:01 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
Dr. Kupferstein introduced herself as the first regional center client who transitioned from the traditional model to self-determination on July 1. Dr. Kupferstein requested that people with disabilities be given prioritization in contracting with DDS to help regional center clients transition to self-determination. Dr. Kupferstein added that by prioritizing people with disabilities as independent facilitators, we would be promoting a peer support model; currently, clients interested in being independent facilitators are being told that it is a conflict of interest to be included in regional center lists. Dr. Kupferstein expressed that if we don’t advocate for clients to be prioritized for meaningful contracts with DDS, then we will never have opportunities to gainful and meaningful income.

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 MAY 24, 2021 MINUTES
Members reviewed the minutes from the May 24th meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the July SAAC packet.

ACTION 1
It was moved/seconded (Aldana [SA]/Witherspoon [SA]) and carried to approve the May 24th minutes as presented. Motion Passed without objection.

7. REFLECTIONS ON THE ADA
SAAC members discussed the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as a civil rights issue and their experiences facing discrimination due to their disability. Public spaces like doctors’ offices, hair salons and coffee shops are still not fully accessible to people with disabilities. Members mentioned concern that the US has yet to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) as an example of the advocacy work that still needs to be done. Sharing stories and lived experiences is a great tool to impact change.
8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS
In preparation for the July Council meeting, SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed Council Business with the Committee. SAAC members talked about the Cycle 44 Grant Process and Recommendations. Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed the Cycle 44 Grant Recommendations, provided members with an update on the status of SCDD budget, and updated members on ongoing contracts SCDD has with DDS relating to Developmental Centers (DCs).

9. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON COUNCIL BUSINESS
Following discussion on the items up for a vote during the July Council meeting, SAAC members chose to make the following recommendation to the Council regarding the Cycle 44 Grants:

**ACTION 2:**
It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/Ryan [SA]) to recommend the Council adopt the State Plan Committee’s Recommendation to approve the Cycle 44 Grants as presented. Motion passed without objection.

10. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURES
Holly Bins, SCDD Manager–CRA/VAS Project, provided SAAC with an update on SCDD’s work to support residents in state operated facilities and transition them into community living settings. The CRA/VAS Projects of SCDD exist to carry out an inter-agency agreement between SCDD and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The CRA/VAS Project team has overseen the closure of 7 developmental centers since 1996 and has helped to transition residents into supported community living spaces. The population of residents living in developmental centers in California has decreased from 13,400 in 1968 to 253 people as of July 1, 2021.
You can learn more about the work of the CRA/VAS team by visiting the Clients Rights Advocate (CRA) and Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS) pages on the Council’s website.
11. MEMBER UPDATES

Members provided updates and talked about issues and concerns from their communities. Members mentioned an inconsistency in vaccination and mask requirements for in-person education at colleges and universities. Members reported that some members of the SCDD Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) are having trouble transitioning to self-determination.

There continues to be a need for affordable/accessible housing in California. The on-going drought across the state continues to lead to wildfires and other safety concerns. Transportation and internet access continue to be an issue in several counties.

The topic of authentic representation of people with disabilities in the media was also discussed.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee members shared updates from other Council Committees and were referred to the committee reports included in the July 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 4:02 P.M.
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.
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
THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY BLANK
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.

SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Bridget Kolakosky would like SAAC members feedback on the usability and plain language of the DRAFT SCDD Bill Proposal Form which is a tool intended to collect feedback from Council, RAC and community members on bill ideas. Deputy Director Kolakosky would also like feedback on the Improving Public Policy: How an Idea Becomes Law training material.

Please take the time to carefully review materials attached to this agenda item and be prepared to participate in an active conversation.

**Attachments:**

- DRAFT SCDD Bill Proposal Form
- Improving Public Policy: How an Idea Becomes Law PowerPoint
SCDD Bill Idea Form 2022

SCDD is developing our Legislative Priorities for 2022. We welcome your bill ideas that will make the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities better. As you consider policies that make positive, life-altering change for people with I/DD, think of ways to improve education, housing, transportation and health policies.

✓ For ideas of what to suggest, you can review SCDD’s approved Policy Priorities for 2022 or the Bills SCDD has Supported this Past Year

✓ Input from your Regional Advisory Committee during a meeting or via email is highly recommended

BILL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER
• The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) meets:
  ✓ To discuss Councilmember priorities and proposals
  ✓ LPPC staff will present proposals that are ready for consideration and gather other proposals from LPPC members
• Gather bill ideas, research possible solutions, and have initial, broad conversations with legislative staff

OCTOBER
• Continue to research possible solutions, begin the process of developing official legislative proposal drafts, have more specific conversations with legislative staff, begin creating coalitions of supporting organizations

NOVEMBER
• Research will conclude and drafts of proposals will be finalized

NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY
• Council-approved bill ideas will be circulated to Legislators for authorship

*Bills will be introduced by the 3rd week in February in order to be considered in the 2022 legislative session*
1. Today’s Date: ____________

2. RO#/County: ________________

3. Contact Information
   Name: __________________________________________
   Phone Number: ________________________________
   Email: ________________________________________

4. What Problem Do You Hope to Solve?
   _______________________________________________

5. What Is Your Solution to That Problem?
   _______________________________________________
   _______________________________________________

6. Do You Know If This Idea Has Been Introduced as a Bill Before?
   _______________________________________________

7. Has the Council Discussed This Topic in The Past?
   _______________________________________________
8. Do You Know Who Might Oppose Your Idea?

________________________________________________________________________

9. Do You Know Who Might Support Your Idea?

________________________________________________________________________

10. Do You Have Any Additional Information to Help Us Learn More About This Issue?

________________________________________________________________________

Once you have completed this worksheet to the best of your ability, please email this completed worksheet to scdd@scdd.ca.gov or mail it to:

State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Attention: Legislative and Public Policy Department
3831 North Freeway Blvd., Suite 125
Sacramento, CA 95834
Improving Public Policy: How an Idea Becomes Law

The Legislative Process
Step 1: From an Idea to a Bill

Step 2: The First House of the Legislature

Step 3: The Second House of the Legislature

Step 4: The Governor’s Office

Overview

How SCDD Takes an Idea and Turns it into Law
Public policy is a government response to real-world problems.

Example: Traffic laws make safe streets with stops signs and speeding limits.

Public policy applies at every level of government - from your neighborhood to your city, county, region, state, or nation.

But first, what is public policy?
Step 1: From a Good Idea to a Bill

- **September** – ideas are presented at the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC).

- **October** – SCDD staff research issues to identify the bill ideas that best fit the Council’s policy priorities.

- **November** - Councilmembers decide which bill ideas they want to be a priority in the coming year.
November through February

SCDD staff continue research, conduct meetings, and find an author. This is a state legislator who wants to champion our bill.

January

2022 Legislative session starts

Mid February

The bill introduction deadline

November through February

From a Legislative Proposal to Legislation
All bills must be introduced by the bill introduction deadline.

If it was introduced by a Senator, it will be Senate Bill, or SB 123. If it was introduced by an Assemblymember, it will be Assembly Bill, or AB 123.

The bill next goes to the policy committee and will be set for a hearing.
Support and opposition letters are sent to the committee. The bill will be analyzed by the committee. Sometimes they will improve the bill with amendments.
The author will present the bill to the committee.

SCDD will testify as a sponsor.

The committee will discuss the bill. Then vote. The bill will pass out of committee if it gets the majority of votes.

Committee Hearing Day
The bill will go to Appropriations Committee if it costs the state money.

The bill will have a hearing and may go to the committee's Suspense file if the costs are still high. The Suspense file hearing will decide which bills will pass on the "suspense file."
The bill then will be voted on by the full Assembly or the Senate, whereas all of the members of the house, where all of the bills will be voted on by the full house, are...
The same process is then repeated in the Second House. Once a bill passes the final vote of the Second House, it is presented to the Governor.
The Governor has three options. He can sign the bill, veto the bill, or take no action.

1. **Sign** → Make the bill law
2. **Veto** → Reject the bill
3. **No Action** → The bill becomes law.
The Governor.

Support and opposition send letters to the Governor’s staff.

The author and sponsors meet with the Governor’s Office (continued).

Step 4: The Finish Line –
The Governor has thirty days to act on a bill. Most bills will become law on January 1st of the following year.
¿QUESTIONS?
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
AGENDA ITEM 10
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
THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY BLANK
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 and Public Policy Committee

Attachments

None
The SSAN met on September 7th & 8th 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 December 8th & 9th 2021 over Zoom.

Handout

- September 2021 SSAN Report
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
AGENDA ITEM 13
INFORMATION ITEM

SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021.
THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY BLANK