

January 24, 2022

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

January 24, 2022

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee met on January 24, 2022 over Zoom. The Committee reviewed Council business relating to self-advocacy and discussed ongoing challenges of meeting the needs of people with I/DD during an ongoing public health crisis.

In preparation for the January 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 Zoom meeting. Executive Director Carruthers, has been working with several utility companies to figure out a way to improve services and supports to customers with disabilities during public safety power shutoffs. Council staff has been working to get a number of bills introduced and authored, now that the state legislature is back in session. SCDD Staff continue to educate communities across California about resources and supports available to them.

Joseph Hernandez, SCDD Self-Determination Program Manager reviewed drafts of SCDD Self-Determination Program Training Modules and asked for feedback on the language of the materials. Overall the feedback was positive. Members suggested increasing the font size and using more graphics. Members asked about translating the materials into different languages and whether the materials would be available in Braille.

Members raised concerns about the need for more mental health supports, the shortage of bus drivers and the need for more access to dental care and accessible health care services. Members talked about concerns with the lack of awareness given to pedestrians by drivers, since a large portion of people with disabilities do not drive, and concerns about the lack of rain in California.

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the November 29, 2021 meeting minutes.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on March 21, 2022.