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STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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MEETING ID: **870 5137 7025**

DATE: February 15, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: Harold Fujita and Rick Wood

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

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- A. Update on DDS Directives & other SDP related activities
 - B. November SSDAC Meeting Wrap-up
 - C. Committee Accomplishment
 - D. Workgroup Update
 - E. Co-Chair Election Announcement
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Presented by: Aaron Carruthers

- A. Funding Update for SSDAC Support
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Item 8. SCDD SDP STATEWIDE ORIENTATION UPDATE

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Presented by: Aaron Carruthers and Joe Hernandez



There will be a 30-minute lunch break following the SCDD Updates.

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**AGENDA ITEM 4.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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AGENDA ITEM 5.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Approval of November 10, 2021 Minutes

Committee members will review and approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting.

Action Recommended

Approve the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes

Attachment

November 10, 2021 Minutes



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**Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021**

Attending Members

Casey Taylor (TCRC)
Charles Nutt (FNRC)
Irene Litherland (RCEB)
Jon Francis (NLACRC)
Joyce Clark (SDRC)
Carla Lehmann (WRC)
Benita Ayala (ACRC)
Mariela Ramos (VMRC)
Martha Johansen (SARC)
Michelle Smith (CVRC)
Pierre Landry (FDLRC)
Rick Wood (Co-Chair, KRC)
Robert Taylor (RCRC)
Sascha Bittner (GGRC)
Sherry Johnson (SCLARC)
Deby Hight (NBRC)
Tim Jin (RCOC)
Cathay Liu (ELARC)

Absent Members

Bertha Monterrey (SGPRC)
Linda Chan-Rapp (HRC)
Maia Pawooskar (IRC)
Maria Marquez (Co-Chair)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Albert Feliciano
Benita Shaw
Beth Hurn
Bridget Kolakosky
Captioner – Laura
Carolina Vargas
Chris Arroyo
Christina Cantrella
Christine Tolbert
Cindy Cox
Connie Lapin
Danielle Isola
Danielle Isola
Dena Hernandez
EJ Vasquez
Elisa Escareno
Faviola Valencia
Felicia Ford
Gabriella Ohmstead
Graciela
Huyen Tran
Jan Opsvig
Jennifer Lucas
Jerry Corradi
Joe Hernandez

Others Attending

Judy Mark
Julie Eby-Mackenzie
Karen Harrison
Katie Hornberger
Ken DaRosa
Kidada Medina
Koleen
Lai Saelee
Lia Cervantes
Lisa Hooks
Marcia Eichelberger
Maria Klassen
Mary Ellen Stives
MaryAgnes Nolan
Megan Swope
Melissa Crisp-Cooper
Miriam
Molly Kennedy
Morgan Curtiz
Nancy Bargmann
Nassreeen Zarea
Nina Spiegelman
Peter Kangas
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Robert Zarea

Others Attending

Robin Maitino-Erben
Ronda Kopito
Rosia Lasca
Ross Long
Roxy Ortiz
Nina Spiegelman
Peter Kangas
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Sandra McElwee
Santiago Villalobos
Sarah May
Scarlett VonThenen
Sheila Jones
Silvia Haro
Sofia Cervantes
Sonya Bingaman
Steven Cisneros
Sue Gavin
Suzy Requarth,
Taleen Kharchadourian
Tamra Pauly
Tim Travis
Vi Ibarra
Victoria Berrey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Rick Wood (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves as indicated.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Landry/Taylor) and carried to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously by acclamation [see page 1 for a list of voting members]).

5. **CO-CHAIR REPORT TO SSDAC**

Co-Chair Rick Wood provided a report of his activities since the June SSDAC meeting, including the status of work completed by the SSDAC Workgroup and enrollment patterns he has been seeing across the state.

Co-Chair Wood then invited Executive Director Carruthers to provide an update on the SDP evaluation, statewide orientation, and funding of the SSDAC.

The interim SDP legislative report was submitted to the legislature and planning has begun for the 2022 SDP evaluation. Members will be provided with updates throughout the process.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has been contracted to assist DDS by providing orientation and training to all consumers and families who are interested in participating in the Self-Determination Program. SCDD will be developing a standardized training in multiple languages.

DDS has agreed to allocate funding to support SSDAC. An interagency agreement is currently under development that ensures that member requests for meetings and workgroup supports are captured. The agreement will likely include three reports or other form of written materials be created annually.

6. **SELF-DETERMINATION SUCCESS STORIES**

Committee members Tim Jin, Sherry Alvarez, Sascha Bittner and SDP client Nasreen shared their personal journeys to becoming self-determined. In addition, Committee members Charles Nutt, Robert Taylor, and Jon Francis provided brief reports from their local advisory committees.

7. **OMBUDSPERSON INTRODUCTION**

Acting Self-Determination Ombudsperson Katie Hornberger introduced herself to the Committee and provided an overview of the goals and responsibilities of that position.

She also spoke about work being done regarding point of service disparities, facilitator payment issues, program rules, and whether changes are needed to help underserved people get into the program.

8. UPDATE FROM DDS

DDS Director Nancy Bargmann provided an in-depth update on the Self-Determination Program that included enrollment data, updating/releasing directives and FAQs, funding, standardizing the statewide orientation, new trailer bill language to improve services and more. For more information, a copy of the full DDS presentation is available on-line at <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>.

9. DISCUSSION Q&A WITH DDS

Following the presentation, the Committee and members of the public were allotted time to ask questions about the information presented. Once completed, the transcript from the Q&A will be made available on-line at <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>.

10. DISCUSSION OF DDS SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Following the Q&A, the Committee and members of the public engaged in a round-table discussion to discuss next steps that included delegating the workgroup to develop a summary and/or report that takes the information provided in the Q&A, categorize it by topic, and have it available to share with the local advisory committees, DDS and SCDD.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Other public member feedback received included, Ms. Judy Mark requesting that SCDD produce a list of all the promises made by Director Bargmann and follow-up with her.

Public member Marcia asked why social rec was not included in DDS' budget. Regarding budgets, public member Taleen stated that they believed you had to use the entire budget or be at risk of losing it which is counterproductive to the idea of being net neutral.

Following public comments, Co-Chair Wood announced that there are two vacancies in the SSDAC workgroup. Those interested in serving on the workgroup should email Robin Maitino-Erben and copy Maria Marquez.

12. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:35 p.m. with the next meeting to take place in February 2021.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Co-Chair Reports

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon will thank Co-Chair Maria Marquez for her valuable contributions during the past 4 years and introduce Councilmember Harold Fujita as the new Co-Chair to the Committee.

Co-Chair Rick Wood will then provide an update on SSDAC-related activities that have taken place since the November 2021 meeting. His update will include spotlighting Committee accomplishments, expansion of the SSDAC Workgroup, timing of the next Co-Chair election, recent DDS directives, and more.

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

SCDD Updates

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide members with SDP-related updates that impact the Council. These updates will include, status of trailer bill language pertaining to the SDP evaluation report, funding to support the SSDAC, and more.

SSDAC Funding Background:

The first Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting was convened in March of 2016. Since that time, the Council has been seeking dollars to fund this important statutorily-created body. On multiple occasions, the Committee has acted and/or requested to meet more frequently than twice a year. The Council has done its best to accommodate this request with its limited resources and in June of 2020 asked the Chairs of the local advisory committees for \$3,000 each to fund more meetings. Several Regional Centers chose not to allocate this money. The Council’s Executive Director (and later select committee members) reached out to DDS to request funding to carry out the statutorily required mandate of this Committee.

Purpose of Update:

In November of 2021, the Executive Director announced that DDS had agreed to allocate funding to support SSDAC. At this meeting, Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide members with an update on the contract and breadth of the scope of work. Following his update, members will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

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**AGENDA ITEM 8.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

SCDD SDP Statewide Orientation Update

Background:

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has been contracted to assist DDS by providing orientation and training to all consumers and families who are interested in participating in the Self-Determination Program.

The orientation materials are currently under DDS review and once approved, will contain the following information.

- Overview of the Self-Determination Program;
- Person-Centered Planning;
- Individual Budget Development and Spending Plan;
- Working with others (FMS, Independent Facilitator or others who can help with the transition to the Self-Determination Program and regional center); and
- How to select and arrange for Self-Determination Services.

Purpose of Update:

During this meeting, members will be provided with an update on the process used to develop the orientation and be given an opportunity to provide feedback that ensures that the training materials list above are effective for consumers and families.

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Update on Permanent Ombudsperson

Background:

In November 2021, Acting Self-Determination Ombudsperson Katie Hornberger introduced herself to the Committee and provided an overview of the goals and responsibilities of that position which include:

Goals

- Increasing the number of people in the Self-Determination Program (SDP)
- Reducing the amount of time it takes to enter SDP
- Recommending policy change at regional centers and DDS

Responsibilities

1. Providing information to regional center clients and their families,
2. Facilitating solutions to disagreements,
3. Investigating complaints regarding implementation of the program,
4. Recommending strategies for change to the department and the legislature,
5. Compiling and reporting data to the legislature.

Purpose of Update:

At this meeting, Acting Self-Determination Program Ombudsperson Katie Hornberger will provide an update on the recruitment efforts for a permanent ombudsperson.

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AGENDA ITEM 10.

POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

2022 Goal and Priority Setting Exercise

WIC 4685.8 states that the SSDAC will identify self-determination best practices, effective consumer and family training materials, implementation concerns, systemic issues, ways to enhance the program, and recommendations regarding the most effective method for participants to learn of individuals who are available to provide services and supports.

With the above mandate in mind, members will prioritize targeted goals for 2022. This exercise could lead to action being taken and/or delegation of tasks to the SSDAC Workgroup.

The Co-Chairs are requesting that members be prepared to share their top 3 to 5 goals/priorities at this meeting. Once a consensus is reached on the top 3, the goal is to develop a workplan to achieve those goals/priorities within a specified timeframe.

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AGENDA ITEM 11.

POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Next Steps and Adjournment

Committee members will discuss next steps. This discussion could lead to action being taken and/or delegation of tasks to the SSDAC Workgroup.