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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: March 21, 2022

TIME: 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Nicole Adler

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- Item 1. CALL TO ORDER
 - Item 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
 - Item 3. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Committee on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to three minutes to speak.

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Presented by: Sarah May, Regional Manager – North State

Item 6. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Report
- B. Meeting Ground rules

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Presented by: SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers

- A. SCDD Agency Update
- B. Review of Council Agenda

**ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN
THE COUNCIL PACKET**

Item 9. MEMBER UPDATES

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- A. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees
- B. Emerging Issues
- C. Barriers to Self-Advocacy

Item 10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Administrative Committee
- B. Employment First Committee
- C. Executive Committee
- D. Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- E. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

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Next Meeting: May 23, 2022

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

SCDD Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP) Introduction

In order to carry out the 2022-2026 state plan, SCDD has created groups called Disability Expert Advisory Panels (DEAPs) which consist of staff interested in focusing on specific subjects within the agency's work. The Self-Advocacy DEAP is interested in hearing from SAAC members for feedback as well and would like to begin by having a general discussion about self-advocacy needs in California.

Attachments:

- SCDD Self-Advocacy DEAP Info sheet

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**Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP) Information
by Sarah May- SCDD North State**

Self Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)

March 21, 2022

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has started the new State Plan in October 2021.
- Self-Advocacy is one of the Goals of the SCDD State Plan. The other goal are focused on creating systems change and building capacity in education, employment, health & safety, housing, and self-determination
- To work on these goals statewide- SCDD has put together a Disability Expert Advisory Panel (**DEAP**) for each focus area. The DEAPs are made up of SCDD Headquarters staff, Manager's, and Community Program Specialists from our regional offices across the state.
- Dena Hernandez from North Valley Hills is the Lead staff person for the Self Advocacy DEAP. I am on this DEAP along with Riana Hardin.
- We have had one meeting with the next scheduled for March 30th, 2022, from 8:30am-10:30am on zoom.
- The main purpose of all the DEAP's is to focus on system change, advocacy and capacity building.
- We have been asked to put training modules (Learning Series) together for a SCDD Learning Management System- so people can access free trainings on different topics online.
- We wanted to hear from SAAC members as self-advocacy EXPERTS on what main things the SCDD Self Advocacy DEAP should focus on statewide.

Along with any items you think are important to be worked on- we have a couple of questions to ask:

- 1) Would SAAC like to have a representative attend occasional Self Advocacy DEAP meetings?
- 2) Would SAAC like regular updates from the Self Advocacy DEAP on what is being worked on and to give feedback/comments?

Just some ideas that the Self-Advocacy DEAP came up with at the first meeting was:

- Put a Training Series on Self Advocacy together – What is Self-Advocacy, how to get involved, Leadership Training etc.
- Start a Self-Advocate Speaker's Bureau or Statewide Registry-self advocate topic experts to help with trainings across the state. Develop a way to pay self-advocates for their time doing these trainings.
- Training on how to get on boards- help people get involved in boards/committees in their community at the local and State Level
- Engage more Youth in the Self Advocacy Movement
- Make sure all SCDD materials are in Plain Language, Accessible as well as in threshold languages.

We are asking SAAC members to let us know any ideas- you can email anytime to:

Dena.hernandez@scdd.ca.gov or

Sarah.May@scdd.ca.gov or

Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov

I would like to open it up for any comments/questions/ideas?

Thank you!!

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Chair Report and Announcements

Committee Chair Nicole Adler will provide an update and SCDD staff will provide Committee members with an overview of ground rules for online meetings.

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ACTION ITEM

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the January 24, 2022 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

January 24, 2022 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2022**

Members Present

Nicole Adler (SA)
Jeana Eriksen (SA)
Julio Garnica (SA)
Maria Marquez (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Rosanna Ryan (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Aaron Carruthers
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
Joe Hernandez
Carin Hewitt
Sarah May
Leslie Mata
Charles Nguyen
MaryAgnes Nolan
Nicole Patterson
Tina Reszler
Yaritza Sanchez
Victoria Schlusser
Viri Salgado
Chris Snyder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Jeana Eriksen called the meeting to order at 2:06 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.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair provided updates

6. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the November 29th meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the January SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Ryan [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the November 29th minutes as presented. Motion Passed without objection.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided committee members with an overview of the agenda for the Council meeting and an update on the logistics for the Zoom meeting. Executive Director Carruthers updated members on SCDD operational activities since the November Council meeting. Executive Director Carruthers has been working with several utility companies to improve services and supports to customers with disabilities during public safety power shutoffs. Council staff continue to work toward the Council's legislative priorities, now that the state legislature is back in session. SCDD staff continue to educate communities across California about resources and supports available to them.

8. SAAC RECOMMENDATION ON SELF-DETERMINATION TRAINING MODULES

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.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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9. MEMBER UPDATES

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.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee members shared updates from other Council Committees and were referred to the committee reports included in the September Council Packet.

11. SSAN REPORT

The SSAN Report was included in both the SAAC Packet and the Council Packet and will be presented during the January Council meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 P.M.

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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.

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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. Updates/Concerns from the Regional Advisory Committees
- B. Emerging Issues
- C. Barriers to Self-Advocacy

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Committee Updates

SAAC members will have an opportunity to share any updates from other SCDD Committees. The following committees have met since the January Council meeting:

- Administrative Committee
- Employment First Committee
- Executive Committee
- Legislative and Public Policy Committee
- Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Attachments

None

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Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

The SSAN met on March 9th & 10th over Zoom. Councilmember Maria Marquez will provide the committee with an update on SSAN activity since the last meeting.

The next SSAN meeting will take place on June 15th & 16th 2022 over Zoom.

Attachment

- March 2022 SSAN Report

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Recent Activity: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) met on March 9th & 10th, 2022 over Zoom.

Focus of Meeting:

The March 2022 Zoom SSAN meeting was held over the course of two days. SSAN members introduced themselves and shared one self-advocacy related project that they have been working on.

The SSAN Officers proposed updating the SSAN Goals:

1. Strengthen Self-Advocacy in California
 - a. Focus: Civic Engagement
 - b. Focus: Youth Engagement
 - c. Focus: Self-Determination
2. Improve access to Services and Supports
 - a. Focus: Access to Medical Care and Resources
 - b. Focus: Access to Transportation Services
3. Improve Access to Competitive Integrated Employment
 - a. Focus: Training
 - b. Focus: Building Awareness

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the December SSAN meeting. Executive Director Carruthers talked about the challenges of responding to the ongoing public health crisis of COVID–19 and keeping everyone safe. SCDD continues to address vaccine hesitancy among Californians with I/DD and their communities by providing timely, up to date and easy to understand information and resources. Executive Director Carruthers addressed SCDD efforts to implement [California Senate Bill 639](#) which will end subminimum wage in California by 2025. SCDD has a new 5-year State Plan and remains committed to supporting SSAN.

Representatives from DDS asked for input on special incident reporting categories and shared their thoughts about the types of situations that warrant filing a report. Topics included medication errors, hospitalization, pregnancy and relationship issues.

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Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



On day 2 of the SSAN Meeting, members of the SCDD Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) engaged in a conversation with SSAN members about what it means to have a disability, how disability impacts lives and what other people misunderstand about having a disability. Members shared their thoughts and experiences and discussed how having a disability has changed their perspective on life.

Actress Alice Kina Diehl talked to members about the importance of authentic representation of people with disabilities in media and SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs provided members with an update on legislation SCDD is sponsoring and considering taking positions on. The Legislative and Public Policy Committee meets on March 17th to consider recommendations.

The SSAN workgroups met using Zoom breakout rooms to discuss ongoing projects, goals, and priorities.

Actions Taken:

- Approved the Minutes from the December 2021 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the SSAN Priorities
- Approved adding a YO Disabled and Proud as a member of SSAN
- Approved the March 2022 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:

- Operations (formerly Officers, Bylaws, and Membership)
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Legislative and Civic Engagement
- Newsletter and Communications
- Youth Engagement

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for June 15–16 2022 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022.

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