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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: May 23, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Nicole Adler

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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 3 minutes to speak.

Additionally, there will be up to 5 minutes allocated to hear from the public on each agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.

Item 5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Report
- B. Meeting Ground rules

Item 6. APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2022 MINUTES

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Item 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

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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 8. 2022 PROJECT FEEDBACK: EXPANDING ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINES TO THE I/DD COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA

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Presented by: Tamica Fouts-Rachel, SCDD Vaccine Project Coordinator

Item 9. SELF-ADVOCACY COUNCIL PRESENTATION PREP

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Item 10. SCDD DEAP UPDATES

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Presented by: Riana Hardin, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

Item 11. MEMBER UPDATES

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- A. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees
- B. Emerging Issues or Barriers to Self-Advocacy
- C. Community self-advocacy projects/activities

Item 12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Membership Committee
- C. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Item 13. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: July 25, 2022

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All times indicated and the order of business are approximate and subject to change.

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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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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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Approval of March 21, 2022 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the March 21, 2022 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

March 21, 2022 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 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
Katie Hornberger
Beth Hurn
Sarah May
Charles Nguyen
MaryAgnes Nolan
Nicole Patterson
Tina Reszler
Viri Salgado
Joshua Sudarma
Chris Snyder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Nicole Adler called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Hornberger, California's Acting Statewide Self-Determination Ombudsperson informed the committee that the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is in the process of updating rules related to special incident reporting and would like feedback from committee members. Current rules require that regional center (RC) staff be notified if someone dies, is a victim of a crime, is a missing person, has been abused or seriously injured, or if there have been medication errors or hospitalizations. An email address was provided for feedback submission.

MaryAgnes Nolan, SCDD's Quality Assessment Coordinator for National Core Indicators (NCI) project, asked committee members to spread the word and encourage families to fill out surveys if they receive one to give feedback about the services they receive. Questions can be directed to the local Quality Assessment Coordinators.

5. 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 focus areas within the agency's work. The Self-Advocacy DEAP is interested in hearing from SAAC members and would like to begin by having a general discussion about self-advocacy needs in California.

Sarah May, SCDD North State Regional Manager provided information about current DEAP projects and asked for committee members' thoughts about working collaboratively. The Self-Advocacy DEAP invited members of SAAC to their upcoming meeting scheduled for March 30th.

Committee members expressed an interest in participating in Self-Advocacy DEAP meetings and being involved with and updated on Self-Advocacy DEAP activities. Materials for this agenda item can be found starting on page 5 of the March 2022 SAAC Packet posted on the SAAC page of the SCDD website.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

6. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Nicole Adler introduced herself to SAAC and shared her vision with SAAC members.

7. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2022 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 24th, 2022 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 11 of the March 2022 SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

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

8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an overview of the March Council meeting agenda 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 continues to work with legislative staff to introduce state legislation aligned with SCDD goals and priorities. SCDD is taking positions on 22 pieces of legislation relating to access and inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities this session and has invited the authors of Council sponsored legislation to attend the March 2022 Council meeting. SCDD Staff continue to educate communities across California about resources and supports available to them.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

9. MEMBER UPDATES

Members raised concerns about the ongoing housing crisis and the limited availability of section 8 housing options, the rise in prices of gas, the need for more mental health services and the challenge of addressing the needs of self-advocates during a public health crisis. Members continue to be concerned about the impact of droughts, fires and other natural disasters on the lives and safety of people with disabilities and their ability to access services and supports, as well as the impact that COVID-19 has had on employment and education. The ongoing crisis in Ukraine has committee members concerned about how people with disabilities can be supported during armed conflicts.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committee members shared updates from other Council Committees and were referred to the committee reports included in the March 2022 Council Packet.

11. SSAN REPORT

Councilmember Maria Marquez provided SAAC members with an update of the SSAN that can be found on page 23 of the March 2022 SAAC Packet.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 P.M.

Legend:

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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***2022 Project Feedback: Expanding Access to COVID 19 Vaccines to the I/DD
Community in California***

Tamica Fouts-Rachel, Vaccine Project Manager will review a short presentation on the project and would like your feedback and ideas on how to improve access to information about COVID-19 vaccines and other public health related information to people with I/DD.

Ahead of the May SAAC meeting, please take a look at the website: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/pages/parent-page> and make note of any changes that should be made or information that would be helpful to have on the page and be prepared to share your thoughts.

Handouts:

- Project Overview Presentation

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

Self-Advocacy Presentation to the Council Preparation

Members of SAAC have expressed an interest in putting together a self-advocacy related presentation for the July Council meeting. This agenda item is a chance to share your ideas on what you would like to be included in a presentation on self-advocacy to the Council. Some ideas for topics are:

- History of disability rights/independent living movement
- People First of California/self-advocacy groups
- Celebrating Legislative Wins (like the Americans with Disabilities Act)

Attachments:

- None

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SCDD DEAP Updates

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. Riana Hardin, SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator, will provide SAAC members with an update on Self-Advocacy DEAP activity since the March SAAC meeting and welcomes any feedback members may have about self-advocacy training needs in California.

Attachments:

- SCDD Self-Advocacy DEAP May Activity Update

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**Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP) Information
by Dena Hernandez-North Valley Hills & Peter Mendoza- Sacramento**

Self Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)

May 9, 2022

Reminder: What the DEAPs are and what the DEAPs do:

- 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.
- 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.

UPDATE from the Self-Advocacy DEAP:

- The Self Advocacy DEAP thanks Nicole Adler & Wesley Witherspoon for volunteering to represent SAAC on this DEAP and attending our last two meetings.
- Here are the important self-advocacy topics that the Self Advocacy DEAP came up with input from all the members from across the state and will be working on over the next 5 years:
 - Speakers Bureau (could benefit all DEAPS- develop a policy for stipends for members)

- Youth Engagement
- Plain Language/ Easy Read/ ASL (Easy ACCESS)
- Representation on boards/committees (Nothing About Us without us)
- Legislative Advocacy/Educate Public officials
- Navigating regional center services & generic services
- Appeal Process (RC/Generic Services/Education)
- Promote self-advocacy to the youth
- Decision Making & Conflict resolution
- Interviewing skills (for a job, to volunteer, to be on a board etc)
- How to manage direct support staff (training/educate)
- How to educate/train IHSS employees
- Set up a 6 months/year statewide leadership academy
- How to Not Give Up/ Highlight of Leaders in our state- share the good and the bad
- Urban & Rural Areas- address these different needs
- Transportation Advocacy
- Equity & Disparities
- Success Stories from Self Advocate Leaders
- Healthy Relationships & sexuality
- SCDD Statewide Self Advocacy Conference- rotate North/South
- Provide info on any/ all self-advocacy conferences/seminars
- Collaborative trainings with staff and self-advocates and with topic experts
- Quarterly SA meetings and have certain themes: Transportation as an example
- Voter Summit
- Access to Independence

We are asking SAAC members to let us know any ideas or if we might have missed any topics. The Self-Advocacy DEAP would also like to know which ideas are the most important. We will send a report/update for each SAAC meeting. You can email us anytime if you have questions, comments, or concerns! Thank you!

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Member Updates

All members will have five minutes to provide the committee with updates regarding local and regional concern(s) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Updates may include:

- A. Updates/Concerns from the Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)
- B. Emerging issues or barriers to self-advocacy
- C. Community self-advocacy projects/activities

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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:

- Executive Committee
- Membership Committee
- Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Attachments

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Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2022.

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