



NOTICE/AGENDA

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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MEETING DETAILS:

PHYSICAL LOCATION

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DATE: June 28, 2022

TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM


COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:

Harold Fujita and Rick Wood


Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

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AGENDA ITEM 4.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Approval of February 15, 2022 Minutes

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

Action Recommended

Approve the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes

Attachment

February 15, 2022 Minutes



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**Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022**

Attending Members

Darylene Williams(TCRC)
Charles Nutt (FNRC)
Irene Litherland (RCEB)
Jon Francis (NLACRC)
Carla Lehmann (WRC)
Lisa Cooley (ACRC)
Maia Pawooskar (IRC)
Mariela Ramos (VMRC)
Martha Johansen (SARC)
Melissa Crisp-Cooper
(EBRC)
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)
Harold Fujita (Co-Chair)
Ameen Ali (SGPRC)

Absent Members

Joyce Clark (SDRC)
Linda Chan-Rapp (HRC)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Albert Feliciano
Alicia Amador Cortez
Alicia Manzo
Ana Barragan
Ariela Gross
Beth Hurn
Caralina Navsarro
Carla Lehmann
Carmen Baca
Cathy Furukawa
Charles Nguyen
Chris Arroyo
Christina Cannarella
Christine Kantor
Christine Tolbert
Cindy Cox
Claudia Wenger
Connie Lapin
Daysi Funes
Dena Hernandez
Dora Contreras
Elizabeth Gomez
Erika Acosta Millan
Faviola Cruz
Faviola Valencia
Fernando Gomez
Fernando Preciado
Gladys Lizarraga
Harvey Lapin
Huyen Tran
Jeanette Weisman
Joe Hernandez

Others Attending

Judy Mark
Karina Saldana
Katie Hornberger
Kidada Medina
Kristianna Moralls
Lai Saelee
Lia Cervantes
Lisa Hooks
Lourdes Gomez
Maria Elena Diaz
Maria Klassen
Maria Marquez
Maria Montoya
Mary Ellen Stives
MaryAgnes Nolan
Megan Swope
Melissa Crisp-Cooper
Molly Kennedy
Myra Garcia
Naomi Hagel
Nina Spiegelman
Olivia Gonzalez

Others Attending

Robin Maitino-Erben
Rosa Vadillo
Ross Long
Roxy Ortiz
Rubi Saldana
Riana Hardin
Rihana Ahmad
Samuel Coston
Sandra McElwee
Sara Martinez
Sarah May
Scarlett VonThenen
Sheila Jordan-Jones
Sofia Cervantes
Sonni Charness
Suzy Requarth,
Taleen Kharchadourian
Tamra Pauly
Tanisha Morris
Tania Morawiec
Tanya Hernandez
Teresa Ayala
Tina Harshman
Tina Reszler
Vi Ibarra
Vianey Gomez
Vicki Smith
Victoria Schlussler

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Rick Wood (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves as indicated.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Molly Kennedy informed the committee that Disability Voices United has held discussion groups with Independent Facilitators, Financial Management Services, LACs, and self/family advocates, and will be distributing their assessment of the barriers that are still impacting people as they work to transition into the Self-Determination Program.

SCDD Deputy Director of Regional Center Operations Tania Moraweic announced that SCDD will be sending 9 individuals, including self-advocates, to participate in a 2-part train the trainer series through the Department of Rehabilitation.

Harvey Lapin urged the committee members and advocates to reach out to regional center boards of directors in support of the Self Determination Program.

Tina Harshman explained that vendors are hesitant to be set up to serve SDP participants due to uncertainty about payment. She suggested creating documents that can be used to clarify the process for vendors to increase participation in the program.

Lourdes Gomez advocated to normalize extended school hours and out of home respite services to allow families of regional center clients to engage in self-care.

Rubi Saldana expressed that she does not feel supported by her regional center board, and that changes to services take a very long time.

Elizabeth Gomez expressed concern about the impact that lengthy evaluation processes have on SDP participation. Regional centers have been asking families to move forward without necessary services and amend their budgets after evaluations are complete and services are approved, creating unnecessary and time-consuming barriers to participate.

Christina Cannarella proposed that regional center board members be provided with SDP training, and that each board have a seat for SDP. She called for greater stakeholder engagement in public meetings and expressed a need for supporting stakeholders in giving public comment.

Maria Elena Diaz requested that more time be allowed for public comment, to allow families of regional center clients to express the barriers they are facing in transitioning from the traditional program to the self-determination program.

Fernando Gomez encouraged the committee to revise the agenda so that the community has greater opportunity to express their concerns through public comment.

Daysi Funes expressed frustration about the disparities and barriers that Hispanic families are experiencing when trying to enroll in SDP.

Kristianna Moralls expressed that the Self-Determination Program is worth supporting despite the challenges and encouraged everyone to continue to be vigilant in protecting the integrity of the program.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Nutt/Landry) and carried to approve the November 2021 meeting minutes as corrected. (Motion passed unanimously by acclamation [see page 1 for a list of voting members], see corrections below).

- Remove Lisa Cooley from the attendance list
- Page 6, Danielle Isola was listed twice
- Page 8, remove apostrophe after SCDD
- Page 8, capitalize Social Rec

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

SSDAC Co-Chair Rick Wood gave an overview of the changes that the SSDAC helped to accomplish in 2021, including increasing enrollment in SDP, the creation of the Office of the Ombudsperson, and providing feedback that led to new DDS budget initiatives and directives. Co-chair Wood acknowledged that the SSDAC still has work to do to address the barriers that were discussed during public comment. Co-Chair Wood asked committee members to have discussions with their LACs about the updates to the DDS FAQ, the DDS goods and services directive, and how to allocate funds left over from the SDP pilot period to reduce barriers and increase enrollment.

Co-Chair Wood announced that committee members Lisa Cooley, Joyce Clark and Carla Lehman have joined the SSDAC workgroup, and reminded the committee that co-chair elections will occur at the next statewide meeting.

A pre-recorded message from SCDD Chair Wesley Witherspoon was played. Chair Witherspoon thanked Maria Marquez for her service as SSDAC co-chair and introduced the newly appointed co-chair, Harold Fujita. Maria Marquez thanked Co-Chair Rick Wood and the rest of their committee members for their work to advance SDP. Co-Chair Harold Fujita introduced himself and explained the principles that he brings to his position as co-chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Molly Kennedy expressed concerns about a lack of self-advocate leaders on the SSDAC.

Mari explained the barriers that she has faced while enrolling in SDP, and the long wait times that she has been given for assessments. She asked for the committee's assistance in addressing these concerns.

Carla Lehmann expressed concerns about SDP participants paying out of pocket for services while waiting for the assessments that regional centers are requiring.

Tina Harshman called for a system to be set up to reimburse people who pay out of pocket for services while waiting for an assessment.

Harvey Lapin asked that advocates bring these concerns to regional center boards.

Connie Lapin expressed concerns that Person Centered Planning is not being prioritized.

Lisa Cooley encouraged advocates to discuss the barriers they are facing with the Director of Client Services at the regional center.

Maria Marquez encouraged self-advocates to continue to speak up and express their needs.

7. SCDD UPDATES

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided the committee with updates on SCDD activities and announced that funding has been secured to provide the SSDAC with a

dedicated staff member. Executive Director Carruthers encouraged committee members to be recruiters for the position. Committee members expressed a desire to assist in the recruitment and screening process and make the position part of the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) to ensure that it is open to people with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christina Cannarella asked that LACs that have contributed to funding a staff position be refunded, and that SCDD include RC board members in SDP Training.

Mayra Garcia expressed concern that Inland and Harbor regional centers are discriminating against the Latino community and asked who will provide these families with support.

8. SCDD SDP STATEWIDE ORIENTATION UPDATE

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers introduced Self-Determination Program Manager Joseph Hernandez, who gave an update on the status of the statewide orientation and provided an overview of the orientation training modules. Co-Chair Rick Wood asked that committee members and members of the public submit comments to Joseph Hernandez via email by February 21, 2022.

9. UPDATE ON PERMANENT OMBUDSPERSON

Katie Hornberger, interim Ombudsperson for the Self-Determination Program at the Department of Developmental Services provided the committee with an update on the status of the permanent Ombudsperson position. The Office of the Ombudsperson has responded to 130 requests since it was established and has helped DDS identify gaps in the law as well as DDS policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lourdes Gomez asked that the Office of the Ombudsperson establish a timeline so that those who call for assistance can anticipate when they will receive a response.

10. 2022 GOAL AND PRIORITY SETTING EXERCISE

Co-Chair Rick Wood opened the floor for committee members to discuss what they would like the SSDAC to focus on achieving over the course of 2022-23. Committee members expressed an interest in creating a platform for sharing

best practices, working to reduce racial disparities, creating a timeline for the SDP enrollment process, increasing data collection, and SDP training for RC staff, Independent Facilitators and family/self-advocates. Committee members voted on these priorities and took the following action:

It was moved/seconded (Pawoskar/Landry) and carried to delegate the creation of a workplan and timeline based on the results of the priority poll to the SSDAC workgroup. (Motion passed unanimously by acclamation [see page 1 for a list of voting members]).

11. **NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:37 p.m. with the next meeting to take place sometime in May 2022.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Co-Chair Reports

Co-Chairs Harold Fujita and Rick Wood will provide an update on SSDAC-related activities that have taken place since the February 2022 meeting, including spotlighting the work they and the SSDAC Workgroup have been doing, updating members on Bagley-Keene challenges the Local Advisory Committees continue to experience in light of the sunset of the Governor’s Executive Order, and more.

Attachment

None – may be handouts the day of the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM 6.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Officer Elections

Committee members will elect a Co-Chair to begin their 2-year term beginning July 1st.

Instructions

Any Local Chair is eligible to nominate themselves as Co-Chair of the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC). In order to be nominated, candidate's must be present to be considered. Each candidate will be provided 7 minutes to present. Candidates will present their Candidate Statement Form which is due by June 24th.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Co-Chair will serve in partnership with the SCDD appointed Chair as a co-equal. Together, the Chair and Co-Chair will run SSDAC meetings, set meeting agendas and work closely together. Chair and Co-Chair will work with staff on SSDAC needs.

The SSDAC Co-Chair must be a member of SSDAC and remain a member of SSDAC to continue to serve as Co-Chair. The Co-Chair is elected by SSDAC Members through a public vote. SSDAC Co-Chair candidates can self-nominate and candidates may provide a statement answering the questions located on the following page. A SSDAC member may serve as Co-Chair for 2 years. That person may serve one additional 2-year term. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms the SSDAC Co-Chair.

Voting

The co-chair will be elected by a simple majority vote. If no nominee is elected by a simple majority vote, the Committee will hold a run-off election between the nominees who received the two highest number of votes.

Attachments

Candidate Statement Form.



2022 SSDAC Co-Chair Candidate Statement Form

The following Candidate Statement Form is being provided to those who may be interested in nominating themselves as Co-Chair of the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC). Candidate statements are due by June 24, 2022, in order to be distributed and posted before the June 28th meeting. Statements may be emailed to robin.maitino@scdd.ca.gov.

The Co-Chair will serve in partnership with the SCDD appointed Chair as a co-equal. Together, the Chair and Co-Chair will run SSDAC meetings, set meeting agendas and work closely together. Chairs will work with staff on SSDAC needs.

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2022 SSDAC Co-Chair Candidate Statement

Candidate Name:

Why do you want to serve as Co-Chair?

What are your experiences in leadership and/or the Self-Determination Program and meeting facilitation skills?

What is your time availability to serve as Co-Chair?

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

DDS Update

Director Nancy Bargmann or her designee will provide members with an update on SDP-related activities including any relevant updates on trailer bill language, new initiatives and more.

Attachment

None – may be handouts the day of the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 8.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

SCDD Updates

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will provide members with an update on SDP-related activities the Council is participating in, Bagley-Keene accommodations he has made since the sunset of the Executive Order and more.

Attachment

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Introduction to the Self-Determination Advocate Leadership Committee

Self-Advocate’s Molly Kennedy and Keisha Weller from the Self-Determination Advocate Leadership Committee will introduce themselves, educate the SSDAC on the Committee’s purpose, and present a barrier they have identified along with a proposed solution to that barrier.

Attachment

None – may be handouts the day of the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM 10.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

2022-23 Activities Update and Presentation

At the February 15th SSDAC meeting, members participated in a survey to determine activity priorities. Results of the survey showed that the Committee's priorities are to develop a platform to share best practices, identify trainings and/or provide feedback on trainings for Service Coordinators, and engage in disparity outreach and/or develop an educational video targeted at ethnic disparities.

Workgroup members met multiple times to develop a workplan and timeline to address these priorities. At this meeting, members will be presented with the Workgroup's timelines for each activity and asked to delegate the Workgroup to carry out these workplans.

Action Recommended

Adopt the SSDAC Workgroup's activity workplans and delegate the Workgroup to carry out the activities identified in each workplan.

Attachments

Best Practices Workplan and Timeline

Service Coordinator Training Workplan and Timeline

Disparities Workplan and Timeline

SDP Best Practices Timeline

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jun-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine layout and fill out webpage request form 	Jul-2022	Workgroup	As much detail as possible, we can assume the style will match other SDP pages but will need direction on sections/headers, dropdowns vs. always showing, photos/banner, content, etc.
Jul-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine categories and what constitutes a best practice and how to promote it. 	Sept-2022	Committee/Workgroup	
Jul-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine submission and approval process. 	Sept-2022	Committee/Workgroup	
Aug-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSDAC and Workgroup compile internal best practices. 	Aug 30, 2022		
Sept-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do outreach to locals and community based organizations soliciting information. 	Nov-2022	Workgroup and SCDD Staff (with guidance from Co-Chairs)	
Oct-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Creation of Webpage Draft 	Nov-2022	SPT	Allow a few weeks, depending on workload
Nov-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Draft 		Workgroup/SSDAC	Note any changes
Dec-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin review of initial best practices material. 	Jan-2023		
Dec-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise/Finalize Webpage 	Jan-2023	SPT	
Feb-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Final Page/Approve 	Feb 28, 2023	Workgroup/SSDAC	Decide when to go live (depends on if we have content approved. May want to wait until enough content is approved to fill out the page)
Mar-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Submitting Approved Best Practices to SCDD Webmaster 		Committee via workgroup/Co-Chairs	

SDP Service Coordinator Trainings Timeline

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Notes</u>
May-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to RCs for existing trainings 	Complete	SCDD Staff	
Jun-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile and sort collected RC materials 	Jul 15, 2022	SCDD Staff	
Jul-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review RC materials 	Jul 31, 2022	SSDAC Workgroup	
Jul-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine best practices and suggestions for SC SDP Training 	Sep 30, 2022	SSDAC Workgroup	
Oct-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft SC SDP Training recommendations letter to DDS 	Oct 31, 2022	SSDAC Workgroup	
Oct-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Draft letter 	Oct 31, 2022	SSDAC Workgroup SCDD Staff	
Oct-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Draft letter for Feedback to SSDAC 	Nov 2022	SSDAC Chairs	
Dec-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize Draft letter 		SSDAC Workgroup SCDD staff	
Dec-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit letter to DDS and Regional Centers 		Co-Chairs and Executive Director	

SDP Disparities Outreach Timeline

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jun-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact RCs for existing outreach methods, including videos and other materials. 	Aug 2022	Committee and SCDD Staff	
Aug-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and sort existing resources 	Sept 2022	Workgroup and SCDD Staff	
Sept-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review RC materials and discuss next steps 	Oct 2022	Workgroup	
Oct-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconvene to finalize next steps 	Nov 2022		<p>Should the Committee find existing resources to adapt and implement statewide this process could take as little as six months.</p> <p>Should the Committee decide to seek funding through the state process to develop a video and/or ad, this will take 18 months, possibly more.</p>
Nov-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD 			

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**AGENDA ITEM 11.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

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**AGENDA ITEM 12.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next statewide meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in September or October. The type of meeting (Zoom vs. In-Person) is dependent on COVID infection trends. More will be announced at a later date.