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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: July 25, 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 MAY 23, 2022 MINUTES



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Item 7. DDS STATEWIDE TRAINING UPDATE

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Presented by: Joseph Hernandez, SCDD Self-Determination Program Manager

Item 8. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

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Presented by: SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers and SCDD Staff

- A. SCDD Agency Update
- B. Review of Council Agenda
- C. Vaccine Project Updates
- D. Self-Advocacy DEAP Update

ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET

Item 9. FEEDBACK ON SCDD WEBSITE

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Presented by: SCDD Staff

**Item 10. REFLECTIONS ON THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEXT STEPS** **Page 25**

Presented by: SCDD Staff

Item 11. MEMBER UPDATES **Page 27**

- A. Updates/Concerns from Regional Advisory Committees
- B. Emerging Issues or Barriers to Self-Advocacy
- C. Community self-advocacy projects/activities
- D. SCDD Committee Updates
- E. Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022

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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 May 23, 2022 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the May 23, 2022 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

May 23, 2022 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2022**

Members Present

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

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Aaron Carruthers
Tamica Foots-Rachal
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
Charles Nguyen
Tina Reszler
Victoria Schlussler

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Nicole Adler called the meeting to order at 1:34 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

5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Nicole Adler recognized that a lot is going on in the world right now and thanked people for taking the time to attend the meeting. SAAC Chair Adler encouraged members to be patient and kind to each other.

6. APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2022 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the March 21st, 2022 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the May 2022 SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the March 21st minutes as presented. (Ayes: Adler [SA], Eriksen [SA], Garnica [SA], Marquez [SA], Ponton [SA], Ryan [SA], Witherspoon [SA]; Abstention: Ybarra [SA]) Motion Passed.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an overview of the May Council meeting logistics. SCDD remains in a strong position thanks to an increase in support and opportunities from the federal government and continues to provide timely, easy-to-understand information and resources to Californians with I/DD. SCDD Executive Director Carruthers provided the committee with updates on several SCDD programs and projects and asked committee members to share their experiences and concerns. Committee members shared concerns about the rise in the cost of living and the impact of inflation on the price of gas and food. Committee members also shared their experiences working with regional centers to get enrolled in the Self-Determination Program.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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

Tamica Foots-Rachel, SCDD Vaccine Project Manager, spoke about collaborating with the California Department of Public Health to increase access to information about COVID-19 vaccines for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Members reviewed the webpage <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/pages/parent-page> and provided suggestions to increase accessibility and usability. Suggestions included using more graphics instead of pictures, renaming the page to reach a wider audience, increasing the font size, using more concise, plain language, including information about how to schedule in-home vaccination appointments, and making the page available in multiple languages (especially Spanish).

9. SELF-ADVOCACY COUNCIL PRESENTATION PREP

Members discussed organizing a self-advocacy-related presentation for a future Council meeting. Members suggested that the presentation cover the following topics: Ed Roberts, the Capitol Crawl protest, self-advocacy groups, important legislation, the history of People First of California, and the history of institutions in California.

10. SCDD SELF-ADVOCACY DEAP UPDATE

Riana Hardin, SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator and member of the SCDD Self-Advocacy DEAP provided members with an update on DEAP activities and asked members for ideas on the training topics that the Self-Advocacy DEAP should create. Members were encouraged to email their ideas to Ms. Hardin. Materials for this item can be found beginning on page 19 of the May SAAC packet.

Legend:

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11. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared updates on self-advocacy issues in their communities. Several members talked about the challenges of scheduling community meetings amid ongoing public health concerns, meeting Bagley Keene requirements, and organizing to meet in person. Other concerns raised included the need for more affordable housing options, concerns about homelessness, and the ongoing drought in California. There continues to be a need to include the disability community in planning for and responding to natural disasters and global incidents.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

DDS Statewide Training Update

Joseph Hernandez, SCDD Self-Determination Program Manager will provide SAAC members with an update on the rollout of the DDS Statewide Self-Determination Training modules.

Attachments

- English Statewide Self-Determination Program Orientation Flyer
- Spanish Statewide Self-Determination Program Orientation Flyer

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Join Us to Learn...

- What is SDP*
- How SDP Works
- The Principles of SDP
- Steps to Enroll in SDP
- Key Roles in SDP
- Your Next Steps

* Self-Determination Program

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- Pasos para inscribirse en Autodeterminación
- Cómo funciona Autodeterminación
- Funciones clave en Autodeterminación
- Los principios de Autodeterminación
- Tus próximos pasos

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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
- C. Vaccine Project Updates
- D. Self-Advocacy DEAP Updates

Items related to this agenda item can be found in the Council Packet.

Attachments

- C. SCDD Feedback: CA Safe Schools for ALL

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SCDD FEEDBACK CA SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL

6/29/2022



WEBSITE REVIEWED:

<https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/pages/parent-page>



► Advocate Feedback Participants Information

- *Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC):
5/23/2022 Meeting*
- *Statewide Self-Advocacy Advisory Network (SSAN):
6/29/2022
Meeting*



1. What do you like about this page?

- COVID-19 information is all on one page
- Diversity of cultural groups
- Multiple languages available



2. What don't you like about this page?

Not inclusive

Problem:

1. Page is for one group of people.
 - a. What if you are not a parent or student?
 - b. Where is the page like this for other groups?
 - c. Page is named "**CA Safe Schools for All**", but **logo** says, "California **for All**".
 - d. Page is not inclusive of all Californians and appears to be only for students and parents



2. Information on vaccine/booster access is at the bottom, **under 'Safety'**. Should be at top or clearly identified.
3. Other language materials or formats are in 'English' instead of the native language as a label. (e.g., if a page is downloadable in Spanish, the label should say 'espanol' not 'Spanish'.



Idea(s):

4. Do not segregate information for separate populations under 'Californians for all'
5. Rename the page to be more inclusive
6. Add a 'popular resource' area at top of page for important information:
 - a. Appointments
 - b. Support Phone numbers for people who need help
 - c. Reporting Positive Tests
7. Label alternate language materials by using native language labels so they are understood.



3. What else would you like to see on this page?

- Inclusion of people with disabilities in the pictures.
 - i. Pictures are diverse pictures in ethnicity but not ability.
 - ii. Most images are of children and do not reflect all groups



4. Does this page seem easy to use? No

- Too much information
- Text heavy
- Hard to find the buttons 'Virtual Training Academy' – looks like random text at top
- Accessibility features are usually at top right, not the far left as a best practice



5. Is it easy to read?

- Both the page and the resources on the links are not plain language
- Challenge to read using assistive technology
- 'Virtual Training Academy' page is very overwhelming with information.
- Not user friendly or in plain language.
- Downloadable information has too much information on one page



6. Are the letters a good size?

- Font is too small in many areas, and not accessible for blind/low vision. Should be 14pt. or higher



7. Is the color ok on this page?

- Font color on some areas of the page is 'gray on white' is hard to read



Other Input and/or suggestions

- Add a clearly identified 'Get Help' section on how to get supports that looks like the other sections on the page
 - i. Supports– 800#
 1. This will help expand access to people with disabilities, people who speak other languages, older adults, and others.
 - ii. Accessible transportation options
 1. Office of Aging and Independent Living Center supports for scheduling and transportation
 - iii. Scheduling
 1. MyTurn site does not appear to be ADA compliant
 - iv. Information for individuals who are homebound, and how to schedule appointments

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**AGENDA ITEM 9
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Feedback on SCDD Website

This item is an opportunity for SAAC members to provide feedback to Council staff on the accessibility of the SCDD website, including the layout/design, type of information (content), and resources that should be hosted.

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**AGENDA ITEM 10
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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Reflections on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Next Steps

July 26, 2022 will mark the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA is a groundbreaking civil rights law that was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life: in the workplace, at school, public transportation and public and private places that are open to the general public. Since the enactment of the ADA, California and the USA have seen both legislative and social change regarding accessibility, but there is still room for improvement.

This agenda item is an opportunity to have a conversation about the successes and the challenges you have experienced or heard about since the passage of the ADA. In preparation for this discussion, SAAC members are encouraged to think about the following questions:

- What does the ADA mean to you?
- How has your life changed since the passage of the ADA?
- Do you have any recommendations on what the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) should be working to address access barriers?

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Member Updates

All members will have five minutes to give the committee updates on 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
- D. SCDD Committee Updates
- E. Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

Attachments:

June 2022 SSAN Report

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**AGENDA ITEM 11 E.
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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 June 29th & 30th, 2022 over Zoom.

Focus of Meeting:

The June 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.

Tamica Fouts-Rachal, SCDD Vaccine Program Manager, talked to SSAN members about the importance of access to accurate, up to date, easy to understand information on public health related topics and asked for input from SSAN on the accessibility of [California's COVID-19 Parent Information Page](#). SCDD Vaccine Program Manager Fouts-Rachel, plans on sharing feedback from self-advocates with the California Department of Public Health to improve the website. SCDD is in the planning stages of organizing a webinar on the impact of COVID–19. If you are interested in sharing your story during the webinar, please contact your local SCDD office. Members reviewed a COVID-19 informational resource and offered suggestions to make it more accessible and easier to understand.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activity since the March SSAN meeting. This included a brief overview of the Council’s legislative work, and efforts to distribute COVID-19 test kits and increase access to vaccines and vaccine-related information. Executive Director Carruthers informed members that SCDD staff has undergone training in preparation to facilitate the statewide Self-Determination Program Orientation and answered SSAN members’ questions about how to ensure that Supported Decision Making is made available to those who would benefit from it.

Day one ended with a presentation from Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) on the impact of stress on our wellbeing and the importance of including self-care practices in your life. Members were given tips and strategies on how to relax and help people who are struggling, along with resources.

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



On day 2 of the meeting, SSAN Members were provided with a legislative update that informed them of the status of each of the 4 bills that SCDD is sponsoring during this legislative session. SCDD staff members provided updates on the SCDD Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) video project and the activities of the SCDD Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP). SSAN Members provided SCDD staff with feedback about self-advocacy related training topics.

Members talked about how to embrace disability justice and shared their thoughts and experiences in relation to their identities as people with disabilities, person first language, and the medical vs. social model of disability.

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

Actions Taken:

- Approved the Minutes from the March 2022 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the June 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 September 7–8 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 September 19, 2022.

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