

September 19, 2022

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

September 19, 2022

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) met on September 19. The Committee reviewed Council business relating to self-advocacy and discussed ongoing challenges of meeting the needs of people with I/DD during an ongoing public health crisis.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an overview of the September Council meeting agenda. The September meeting will include both programmatic and administrative updates and voting items aimed at increasing access to services and supports for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dena Hernandez, North Valley Hills Regional Office Manager and Peter Mendoza, Sacramento Regional Office Community Program Specialist reviewed the DRAFT Introductory Self-Advocacy Training developed by the SCDD DEAP and encouraged members to email any feedback they might have on the material to Dena, Peter or SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator Riana Hardin. A copy of the presentation can be found starting on page 17 of the September Self-Advocates Advisory Committee packet.

Members shared updates from their Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), self-advocacy barriers and issues in their communities, and self-advocacy projects they are working on. Highlights from their updates included: concerns about the lack of service providers, the need for comprehensive and consistent support throughout the life span of people with disabilities, the need for inclusive education, the need for access to mental health services, the importance of ensuring authentic portrayals of people with disabilities in the media, the importance of safety and crime prevention, and the need for accessible and affordable housing in California.

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on November 28, 2022.