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## **STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**POSTED AT:** [www.scdd.ca.gov](http://www.scdd.ca.gov)

**DATE:** November 28, 2022

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**

Nicole Adler

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**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 September 19, 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
- C. Developmental Center Update
- D. Self-Advocacy DEAP Update

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

**Item 8. SAAC SELF-ADVOCACY PRESENTATION FEEDBACK**

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Presented by: SCDD Staff

**Item 9. 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
- D. SCDD Committee Updates

**Item 10. SAAC REFLECTIONS AND ROLE WITHIN COUNCIL**

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- A. Reflect on committee work in the past year
- B. Consider providing Recommendations to the Council on:
  - i. Legislative Recommendations
  - ii. Council Voting Items
  - iii. Emerging Issues
- C. Talk about goals for the coming year

**Item 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023

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**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Chair Report and Announcements***

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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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**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**ACTION ITEM**

**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Approval of September 19, 2022 Minutes***

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***Action Recommended***

Approve the September 19, 2022 SAAC Minutes

***Attachments***

- September 19, 2022 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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  
Anne De Medeiros  
Peter Mendoza  
Riana Hardin  
Dena Hernandez  
Beth Hurn  
Charles Nguyen  
Tina Reszler  
Victoria Schlusser

**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**

Nicole Adler spoke about the importance of authentic representation in Hollywood. She stated that if a character has a disability, they should be played by actors who are real people with disabilities, if a character is a part of the LGBTQ community, the actor playing the character should also be a member of the LGBTQ community. Representation in Hollywood is important for anyone who wants to see someone like themselves on screen.

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Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

**5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee Chair Nicole Adler talked about the ongoing challenges to accessing support for the Self-Determination Program and the need to make the process easier. Chair Adler recognized that a lot is going on in the world right now and thanked people for taking the time to attend the meeting and encouraged members to be patient and kind to each other.

**6. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2022 MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the September 2022 SAAC packet.

**ACTION 1**

It was moved/seconded (Marquez [SA]/ Ybarra [SA]) and carried to approve the July 25<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion passed without objection.

**7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an overview of the September Council meeting agenda. The Council will receive reports from the Council Chair and Executive Director, along with Committee and Executive Staff. Committee members asked if the November meeting would be in-person or over Zoom. Executive Director Carruthers said that Council leadership would like to meet in-person, but that the agency is paying close attention to the ongoing public health concerns.

**8. PROVIDING SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCDD**

Members discussed ways that the committee can provide recommendations to the Council.

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**9. FEEDBACK ON SCDD SELF-ADVOCACY DEAP TRAINING**

Co-Chairs of the SCDD Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP) 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 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.

**10. MEMBER UPDATES**

Members shared updates on self-advocacy barriers and issues in their communities, self-advocacy projects they are working on, committee updates and the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Report. Highlights from their updates included: transitioning back to in-person meetings when appropriate, the importance of people with disabilities being included in graduation ceremonies, and the continued need for affordable housing.

**11. SSAN REPORT**

Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon provided committee members with a summary of the September SSAN meeting. Highlights included presentations from CalABLE and UC Davis MIND Institute and discussions about what it means to live self-determined lives.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Review of Council Business***

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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. Developmental Center Updates
- D. Self-Advocacy DEAP Updates

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

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**AGENDA ITEM 8  
INFORMATION ITEM**

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

***SAAC Self-Advocacy Presentation Feedback***

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At the May 2022 SAAC meeting, members talked about the idea of organizing a self-advocacy related presentation for a future Council meeting. Members shared their ideas about what should be included in the presentation including: an overview of self-advocacy, important disability leaders like Ed Roberts and Judith Heumann, the history of institutionalization in California, Important organizing moments, like the 504 sit-ins, important legislation, and how self-advocacy groups like People First of California help to keep the self-advocacy movement going.

This item is meant to give members a chance to review the DRAFT presentation and provide feedback on how to improve the presentation for a future Council meeting.

- Do you see anything missing from the outline?
- Is there a section or part that you would like to share your story for?
- Do you have any ideas on pictures that should be included?

***Attachment(s)***

- DRAFT SAAC Self-Advocacy Presentation Outline

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## **Self-Advocacy Presentation Outline SAAC and Council**

1. Introduction
  - a. Presentation outline
  - b. Info about committee
  - c. What is self-advocacy (what it means) (possibly have SAAC members share)
    - i. Pillars of Self-Advocacy
      1. Making decisions
      2. Solving problems in your life
      3. Knowing your rights
      4. Contributing to your community
      5. Speak up for your self
2. Remembering Our Past
  - a. Institutions
  - b. CA memorial project
  - c. Influential Leaders (Ed Roberts and Judith Heumann)
    - i. Independent Living movement
    - ii. Grassroots vs Systems Change Advocacy
  - d. Important Events
    - i. Social Camps (Chance to share experiences)
    - ii. 504 Sit-ins
    - iii. Capitol Crawl
  - e. Self-Advocacy and Important Legislation
    - i. SAAC members share their stories
      1. Special Education
      2. IHSS
3. Organizing for Our Future
  - a. People First of California
    - i. SAAC Share
    - ii. Other Self-Advocacy Groups
  - b. Building Support systems
  - c. Questions

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**AGENDA ITEM 9**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***Member Updates***

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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

**Attachments:**

None

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**AGENDA ITEM 10**

**POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***SAAC Reflections and Role Within Council***

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This item is an opportunity for SAAC members to reflect on the committee's work during the 2021-2022 federal fiscal year, talk about their goals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and talk about the committee's goal within the Council.

Members will have a chance to talk about the Committee's role within the Council structure and talk about any recommendations they would like to draft for the full Council based on Council agenda items, RAC emerging issues, or bill ideas.

**Attachments:**

July 2022 SAAC Reflections on the ADA

**Handouts:**

PowerPoint Presentation

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# Reflections on the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):



The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) offers the following reflections and recommendations on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the ADA:

## The ADA **MEANS**:

- + Better **ACCESS** to supports and services in our communities
- + People with disabilities are seen as **HUMAN BEINGS** and should be treated **EQUALLY**
- + The ADA helps us to be better advocates, councilmembers and citizens because we have and **KNOW OUR RIGHTS**
- + The ADA is **FREEDOM** to **CHOOSE** how we live our lives
- + Security in **KNOWING** that you have the rights to services and supports you may need in the **FUTURE** because your disability **CHANGES** as you go through life and you can develop new and different disabilities throughout your life.

## The **IMPACT** of ADA:

- ✚ Society became aware of the importance of **LANGUAGE** and started to update disability terms to be more **INCLUSIVE**
- ✚ The use of **CURB CUTS** and efforts to make **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ACCESSIBLE**
- ✚ People with disabilities have the **CHANCE** to be who we are and **EXCEED** other's expectations of our abilities

## **RECOMMENDATIONS** from the SAAC to SCDD:

- ✚ More **INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS** about disability topics
- ✚ Talk about **SOCIAL ISSUES** and **CURRENT EVENTS** and how they impact people with disabilities
- ✚ Share more self-advocacy **VIDEOS** and **STORIES**
- ✚ Advocate for **BETTER TRAINING** for support staff
- ✚ Use **SOCIAL MEDIA** to raise awareness of the Council's work by live streaming meetings, tweeting and using hashtags
- ✚ **TAGGING** Council members in social media posts
- ✚ Self-Advocates **INTERVIEWING** each other on social media



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**AGENDA ITEM 11**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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***Adjournment***

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

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