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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT:

DATE: www.scdd.ca.gov January 23, 2023

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 November 29, 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 PRACTICE

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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
- E. Recommendations for Future Meetings and Projects

Item 10. SSAN REPORT

Presented by: Councilmember Maria Marquez

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Item 11. SAAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCDD SSAN REPRESENTATIVE



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Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023

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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 November 28, 2022 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the November 28, 2022 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

- November 28, 2022 SAAC Minutes

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**SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Jeana Eriksen (SA)

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Renee Bauer
Aaron Carruthers
Trina Castro
Anne De Medeiros
April Dawson
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
George Lewis
Charles Nguyen
Alex Phuong
Tina Reszler
Victoria Schlussler
Sandra Van Scotter

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

April Dawson, Executive Director for the California Commission on Disability Access introduced herself to the committee and said that she is working to familiarize herself with other state boards.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

5. CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair Nicole Adler encouraged members to be respectful and patient with each other as we are all navigating personal challenges. There are a lot of concerning events happening in our country and state and she wanted to take a moment to remember the lives lost during a recent shooting at an LGBTQ+ night club. Chair Adler called for serious action to deal with the problems in our communities and urged people to love and respect others.

6. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the September 19th, 2022 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the November 2022 SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Witherspoon [SA]/ Marquez [SA]) and carried to approve the September 19th minutes as presented. Motion passed without objection.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers began the review of Council business by ensuring the committee that the SCDD budget is strong, staff continues to work hard to support people with I/DD throughout the state. Executive Director Carruthers updated members on the Council's work on SB 639 and efforts to finalize reports for the legislature and federal government. Executive Director Carruthers answered questions about the logistics of the November Council meeting.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

8. SAAC SELF-ADVOCACY PRESENTATION FEEDBACK

Members reviewed and provided feedback on a DRAFT SAAC Self-Advocacy Presentation that will be presented at a future SCDD meeting. Member Feedback included requesting the font be made larger and to make minor formatting adjustments, along with adding information about the impact and importance of connecting with other advocates to share experiences.

An outline for the presentation was included in the November SAAC Packet on page 15. The presentation will cover an overview of self-advocacy; a brief history of disability rights movement including the use of state hospitals/institutions to house and treat people with I/DD in California, efforts to remember the lives lost through institutionalization through the California Memorial Project, information about disability leaders, important events, and different ways to organize for the future of disability rights.

9. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared updates from their Regional Advisory Committees (RACs), 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 support for the Self-Determination Program, the need for better training for medical, educational, first responders, and law enforcement professionals on interacting with people with I/DD, the need for inclusive education, the need for access to mental health services, the need to support people in times of crisis, the importance of safety and crime prevention, and the need for and accessible affordable housing in California.

10. SAAC REFLECTIONS AND ROLE WITHIN COUNCIL

Members reviewed the Committee's work over the last fiscal year and shared thoughts about topics to address in the next year. SAAC would like to create an annual update on the status of the Americans with Disabilities Act for the Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 P.M.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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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. 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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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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SAAC Self-Advocacy Presentation Feedback

At the May 2022 SAAC meeting, members discussed creating 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 will give committee members a chance finalize the presentation and prepare for presenting at the January 2023 Council meeting.

- Do you see anything missing from the outline?
- Is there a section or part where you would like to share your story?

Handout(s)

- DRAFT SAAC Self-Advocacy Presentation

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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. Recommendations for Future Meetings and Projects

Attachments:

None

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN) REPORT

The SSAN met on December 13th & 15th over Zoom. Councilmember Maria Marquez will provide the committee with an update on SSAN activity since the last meeting.

The next SSAN meeting will take place on March 8th & 9th 2023 in Sacramento with the option of participating over Zoom.

Attachments:

December 2022 Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Report

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SELF-ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of December 2022 Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Meeting

Recent Activity: The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) met on December 13th & 15th, 2022 over Zoom.

Focus of Meeting:

The December 2022 SSAN meeting was held on Zoom over the course of two days. SSAN members introduced themselves and shared updates on self-advocacy work and their favorite holiday tradition.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided SSAN members with an update on SCDD activities since the September SSAN meeting. This update included an overview of SCDD achievements for the 2021-2022 federal fiscal year (FFY), including the agency's ability to help over 5 million Californians through training, outreach and systems change work. Executive Director Carruthers talked about SCDD's efforts to address systemic barriers to employment and self-determination. SCDD is reviewing ideas submitted for the "There Should be a Law Contest" and looks forward to updating members more in the coming months. SCDD is closely watching what is happening with both the state and federal budgets, as well as inflation. While things may seem uncertain right now, SCDD is hopeful that funding will remain stable to support the agency's work.

SSAN Workgroup chairs updated members on their activities since the September SSAN meeting and encouraged members to join in the upcoming workgroup meetings in January 2023. SSAN Members reviewed proposed updates to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SSAN and SCDD. Members have until February 12, 2023 to provide feedback on the proposed changes to the MOU before a vote is scheduled for the March 2023 meeting.

SSAN Employment Workgroup Chair Rebecca Donabed, Sequoia Regional Representative, reviewed the updated SSAN Employment First PowerPoint presentation for member feedback and approval.

SSAN Chair Desiree Boykin, ARCA SSAN Representative gave a presentation on grief and how we choose to remember people who impact the type of advocate and person we become. Following the presentation, members shared their experiences with grief and the possibility of creating a SSAN tip sheet with advice on how advocates can process grief.

Day one ended with nominations for the 2022–2024 SSAN Officers. Candidates nominated for a leadership role will have a chance to make statements before the election on day 2 of the SSAN meeting.

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SELF-ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of December 2022 Statewide Self-Advocacy Network Meeting

On day 2 of the meeting, SCDD Legal Counsel provided SSAN Members with a presentation on the Bagley Keene Act to help members hold open meetings that are accessible to the public.

Members ended the meeting by sharing takeaways:

- SSAN and advocacy is stronger than the pandemic
- It is important to ensure that the public has access to SSAN meetings
- Grief is a process and looks different to everyone
- We are stronger together
- We are living through times of change and it is important to be patient and kind to each other

Actions Taken:

- Approved the Minutes from the September 2022 SSAN Meeting
- Approved the SSAN Employment Workgroup's Employment First PowerPoint Presentation
- Approved the 2021–2022 SSAN Annual Report
- Approved the December 2022 Edition of SSAN Newsletter
- Voted for 2022–2024 SSAN Leadership

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

2022 – 2024 SSAN Leadership:

Chair: Charles Nutt, North State Regional Representative

Vice-Chair: Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

Secretary: Rebecca Donabed, Sequoia Regional Representative

SSAN Workgroups:

- Operations
- Self-Determination
- Employment
- Legislative and Civic Engagement
- Newsletter and Communications
- Youth Engagement

The next SSAN Meeting is scheduled for March 8–9, 2023 over Zoom. Please visit the [SSAN Page](#) on the SCDD website for more information.

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**SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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SAAC Recommendation on SCDD Representative to SSAN

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a cross-disability training network and project of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). SSAN works to promote leadership and build bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

SCDD has a standing seat on SSAN and the SCDD SSAN Representative position is currently vacant. Section 2.4 E of the Council Bylaws gives SAAC the ability to nominate a standing representative to SSAN. By selecting a new SCDD Representative to SSAN, SAAC could provide an additional opportunity for leadership development for Self-Advocates serving on the Council.

Learn more about SSAN by exploring the [SSAN Page](#) on SCDD website, where you can find operational documents like the group's Bylaws, past editions of the SSAN Newsletter, and Past Annual Reports.

Recommended Action:

Select the next SCDD Representative to SSAN

Attachments:

SSAN Flyer

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Statewide Self–Advocacy Network

Mission Statement

The Statewide Self–Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy in disability communities by focusing on policy change.

WHO WE ARE:

The Statewide Self–Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a cross-disability network of self-advocates from across California established in 2012, representing:

- 12 State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) regional offices
- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- YO! Disabled and Proud (Youth Organizing Disabled and Proud)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Disability Rights California (DRC)
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD: USC Children’s Hospital; UCLA Tarjan Center; and UCD M.I.N.D. Institute)

WHAT WE DO:

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state
- Speak up for all people with disabilities
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to all people with disabilities
- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks
- Train advocates in their communities in order to grow the Self-Advocacy movement in California
- Share information about programs and supports for people with disabilities

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



How Being A Part of SSAN Can Empower You

- Build lasting friendships
- Learn from advocates from across the state
- Develop and strengthen leadership skills
- Grow as an individual
- Solve access barriers impacting your life
- Connect you to services, supports, and resources
- Great leadership experience to add to your resume

Member Responsibilities

- Share information with other SSAN members
- Outreach in the community
- Be a resource for local advocacy groups
- Provide information to local communities
- Promote legislative and policy change
- Support and training to local self-advocacy groups
- Participate in SSAN workgroup meetings

For more information, check out www.scdd.ca.gov/selfadvocacy or contact the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator at 916-263-8196.

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Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2023.

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