

January 24, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM 7 C.
INFORMATION ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Date of Meeting

January 23, 2023

Meeting's Focus

The Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) met to review Council business relating to self-advocacy and discussed ongoing challenges of meeting the needs of people with I/DD throughout California.

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an update on the status of the agency and an overview of the January Council meeting agenda. The January meeting will include elections for Vice-Chair, along with a presentation on the Governor's proposed budget and a presentation from the Chair of Alaska's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

SCDD staff Peter Mendoza provided an update on the activities of the Self-Advocacy Disability Expert Advisory Panel (DEAP), informing members that the DEAP has submitted project proposal ideas to be reviewed by the State Plan Committee for Program Development Grant Cycle 46. The committee was encouraged to share their own ideas for projects and members discussed their ideas about the barriers and difficulties that people with I/DD face in becoming self-advocates.

Members practiced presenting the final version of the SAAC presentation, "Remembering the History of Self-Advocacy", which will be presented at the January 24, 2023 Council meeting. Members made last minute revisions to the PowerPoint, shared personal stories that they would like to include in the presentation, and discussed strategies for delivering the presentation at the Council meeting.

The Committee acted to recommend to the Council that SAAC member Alex Reyes serve as the next SCDD SSAN Representative.

Items Acted Upon

- Approved the November 28, 2022 meeting minutes.
- Recommended Alex Reyes as the next SCDD SSAN Representative

Future Meeting Dates

The Committee is meeting on March 20, 2023.