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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: September 18, 2023

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. APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2023 MINUTES



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Item 6. 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 7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

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Presented by: SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers

- A. SCDD Agency Updates
- B. Statewide Updates
- C. National Updates

ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET

Item 8. SSAN REPORT AND UPDATES

Presented by: SSAN Leadership

Item 9. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: November 27, 2023

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All times indicated and the order of business are approximate and subject to change.

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AGENDA ITEM 5

ACTION ITEM

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of July 17, 2023 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the July 17, 2023 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

- July 17, 2023 SAAC Minutes

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2023

Members Present

Nicole Adler (SA)
Jeana Eriksen (SA)
Sonia Jones (SA)
Nester Nieves (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Alex Reyes (SA)
Rosanna Ryan (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)
Eric Ybarra (SA)

Members Absent

Julie Gaona (SA)
Julio Garnica (SA)

Others Attending

Mozh Akbari
Rihana Ahmad
Haneef Akbari
Renee Bauer
Aaron Carruthers
Rondale Holloway
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
Marianne Iversen
Stacy Martinez
Charles Nguyen
Debra Ponton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Nicole Adler called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

5. APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2023 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the May 22nd, 2023 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the July 2023 SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Ponton [SA]/ Witherspoon [SA]) and carried to approve the May 22nd minutes as presented. (Aye: Adler [SA], Jones [SA], Nieves [SA], Ponton [SA], Reyes [SA], Ryan [SA], Witherspoon [SA], and Ybarra [SA]; Not Present: Gaona [SA], and Garnica [SA]). Motion passed.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared their recent advocacy activities, including attending local People First meetings, Regional Advisory Committee Meetings, attending the California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference, and starting their own podcast. Members discussed issues of concern in their communities, including access to medical care, specialists, and social rec, making friends and connecting with others, low attendance at self-advocacy meetings, and continued frustration with the Self-Determination Program.

7. REVIEW OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided members with an update on the status of the agency and an overview of the July Council meeting agenda. SCDD continues statewide efforts to promote access to supports and services for people with I/DD so they can be included in their communities. Executive Director Carruthers assured members that SCDD is monitoring federal developments on the debt ceiling.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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8. SCDD Self-Determination Program Evaluation

SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided the committee with a high-level overview of the recommendations in the Self-Determination Program Evaluation, which has been submitted to the legislature.

Recommendations from the report included improving access to information about the program, streamlining the enrollment process, reducing the administrative burden, increase training and support for independent facilitators, using the Self-Determination Program as a tool to improve workforce hiring and retention, and increasing equity within the program.

Members voiced their appreciation for the concept of self-determination but recognized that there is room for improvement. Members were concerned about the number of steps and amount of paperwork involved in the Self-Determination Program and noted that many regional center clients choose to leave the program out of frustration or lack of support.

9. Reflecting on the Americans with Disability Act

Members ended the meeting by sharing reflections on the meaning and impact of the Americans with Disability Act. Committee members shared ideas about how to build on the ADA by improving access to medical care, increasing the accessibility of community events, expanding collaborations with mental health services, creating spaces to talk about the intersectionality between disability and other identity groups, continuing to update the language used in laws and everyday communications to be more inclusive, and strengthening and safeguarding state legislation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 P.M.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Member Updates

Each member will have a chance 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
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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Review of Council Business

State Council on Developmental Disabilities staff will review Council Business with the committee. This item may include:

- A. SCDD Agency Updates
- B. Statewide Updates
- C. National Updates: US HHS, Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Health and Human Service Programs or Activities Rule

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

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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

SSAN Report and Updates

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) Leadership Team, along with the SCDD SSAN Representative will provide a verbal report of the September SSAN Meeting and exciting updates on SSAN Projects.

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SELF ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2023.

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