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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

POSTED AT: www.scdd.ca.gov

DATE: November 27, 2023

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

INTERIM COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Eric Ybarra

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 SEPTEMBER 18, 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. Nation updates

ITEMS RELATED TO COUNCIL BUSINESS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET

**Item 8. OVERVIEW OF SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING Page 15
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SDM TAP)**

Presented by: SCDD SDM TAP Staff

**Item 9. REFLECTIONS ON 2022 – 2023 SAAC ACTIVITIES Page 19
AND PLANNING FOR 2023 – 2024**

Item 10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: January 22, 2024

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ACTION ITEM

SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Approval of September 18, 2023 Minutes

Action Recommended

Approve the September 18, 2023 SAAC Minutes

Attachments

- September 18, 2023 SAAC Minutes

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2023

Members Present

Nicole Adler (SA)
Julie Gaona (SA)
Julio Garnica (SA)
Sonia Jones (SA)
Nester Nieves (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Alex Reyes (SA)
Rosanna Ryan (SA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)
Eric Ybarra (SA)

Others Attending

Rihana Ahmad
Aaron Carruthers
Rebecca Donabed
Riana Hardin
Beth Hurn
George Lewis
Marianne Iversen
Sarah May
Charles Nguyen
Charles Nutt
Tina Rezler
Alesha Thomas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Nicole Adler called the meeting to order at 1:33 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

Nicole Patterson, Advocacy & Self-Advocate Liaison Specialist, within the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), requested that SAAC appoint a member to serve on the DDS Regional Center Performance Workgroup.

George Lewis, Community Program Specialist with the North Valley Hills Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, talked about the Regional Office's partnership with Disability Rights California to organize the 21st Annual California Memorial Project to commemorate the lives lost at the Stockton Developmental Center. This year's event had a great turnout, with people sharing their thoughts, poems, and flowers. Mr. Lewis closed his remarks with the moving statement: "Let no person ever be removed from the community by reason of disability. Let us honor their memory by reclaiming and healing our past. Let no person ever be laid to rest without recognition."

Alesha Thomas, from the Adaptive Parent Project, shared that she is finishing up a project, funded by a grant from the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), to educate healthcare providers about communicating with people with disabilities in healthcare settings. Ms. Thomas would like to set up one-on-one Zoom sessions with members interested in providing feedback on the accessibility of their materials. To learn more about the Adaptive Parent Project, you can email: Adaptiveparentproject@gmail.com.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2023 MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes from the July 17th, 2023 meeting. The minutes can be found starting on page 7 of the September 2023 SAAC packet.

ACTION 1

It was moved/seconded (Ryan [SA]/ Reyes [SA]) and carried to approve the July 17th minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

6. MEMBER UPDATES

Members shared their concerns about the ongoing need to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community living. Areas of concern included: reliable and accessible public transportation, building and maintaining healthy relationships, access to disability inclusive healthcare, competitive integrated employment (CIE) and its impact on disability benefits, and the marriage penalty for disability benefits. Members continue to be concerned about the need to promote inclusive language, barriers to participation in the Self-Determination Program, and general access to supports and services for people with disabilities.

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 September Council meeting agenda. Executive Director Carruthers asked members to share their top issue of concern about people with I/DD that he should share with the federal government and other decision makers.

Members mentioned several topics, including access to employment opportunities, SSDI and IHSS benefit cuts due to employment, access to healthcare services and medication, the ability to marry without losing benefits, and affordable housing. Overall, members stressed the need to include people with disabilities in the planning and development of all parts of community living.

Legend:

SA = Self-Advocate

FA = Family Advocate

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8. STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN)

SSAN Chair, Charles Nutt and the SSAN Secretary Rebecca Donabed, joined SCDD's SSAN Representative Alex Reyes in providing a summary of the September SSAN meeting.

In addition to participating in several leadership development activities, members of SSAN reviewed and approved the June minutes, reviewed and approved updates to the SSAN bylaws, dissolved the current workgroups and created 4 new workgroups focused on employment, and approved the September 2023 Edition of the "Voices of SSAN" Newsletter. A full report of the September SSAN meeting is posted on the Committee page of the SCDD website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

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FA = Family Advocate

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SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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
- E. Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) updates
- F. Recommendations for future meetings and projects

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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

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

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

Overview of Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program

Last year, AB 1663 was passed through the California Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Newsom, going into effect on January 1, 2023. AB 1663 added supported decision-making (SDM) to three (3) of California's codes (through California's Welfare and Institutions, Probate, and Health and Safety Codes). AB 1663 identified SCDD, along with other organizations, as stakeholders to provide guidance in the process of supported decision-making.

SCDD started the Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) earlier this year, with funding through the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Supported decision-making is a way to help people who may need guidance and/or other assistance in making important decisions. This includes people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (PwI/DD), dementia, or others who may need help in understanding information, options and making informed choices. SDM is a process that respects people's rights and dignity, promotes independence, and prevents abuse or exploitation.

The SCDD SDM-TAP team will provide SAAC with an overview of the program and recent listening sessions to gain input from community members. This item will also give members a chance to provide feedback to staff on supported decision-making.

Attachments

- English Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) Survey
- Spanish Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) Survey

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Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) Survey

Supported Decision-Making (SDM) is a way to help people who might have trouble making decisions on their own. This can include people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, people with dementia, or anyone else who might need a bit of extra help understanding their options and making informed choices. SDM is a process that respects people's rights and dignity, promotes independence, and prevents abuse or exploitation.

SDM is now codified in California law. This survey is intended to get public input on a new grant program designed to expand and strengthen the use of SDM. Your input will inform planning as we create the grant structure and administer the grants.

The SDM-TAP Grant Input Survey is estimated to take about 10 minutes. You can view and respond to the survey using the link below, email your responses to us at sdmtap@scdd.ca.gov, or call us at (916) 263-7919.

For details about the survey, visit: <https://bit.ly/3ZFxCqs>

If you have additional questions, need language translations or additional support, please email the SDM-TAP team at sdmtap@scdd.ca.gov. Thank you!

Take the Survey Here

Want to know all the latest about Supported Decision Making-Technical Assistance Program? Join our mailing list [HERE](#).



Encuesta de Contribuyentes para el subsidio SDM-TAP

Toma de decisión con apoyos (SDM) es una manera de ayudar a la gente que puede tener problemas en hacer decisiones propias. Esto puede incluir a gente con discapacidad intelectual o de desarrollo, gente con demencia, o cualquiera que podría necesitar un poco de ayuda adicional para comprender sus opciones y hacer decisiones informadas. SDM es un proceso que respeta los derechos y dignidad de la gente, promueve independencia, y previene abuso o explotación.

SDM está ahora codificada en la ley de California. La intención de esta encuesta es de recibir información del público para un nuevo programa de subsidio diseñado para aumentar y fortalecer el use de SDM. Su contribución va a informar la planificación mientras creamos la estructura y administración de los subsidios.

La encuesta de contribución al subsidio de SDM-TAP (programa de toma de decisiones con apoyos y asistencia técnica) tomara unos 10 minutos. Usted puede ver y responder la encuesta en la forma, mandar las respuestas por correo electrónico a sdmtap@scdd.ca.gov, o llamarnos al número (916) 263-7919.

Para obtener detalles sobre la encuesta, visite: <https://bit.ly/46hR4fh>

Si tiene preguntas, necesita traducciones o soporte adicionales, envíe un correo electrónico al equipo de SDM-TAP a sdmtap@scdd.ca.gov.

Empezar Encuesta

¿Quiere conocer la información más reciente sobre SDM-TAP? Regístrese en nuestra lista de correo [AQUÍ](#).

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Reflections on 2022 – 2023 SAAC Activity and Planning for 2023 - 2024

According to the Council's bylaws, the primary role of the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to serve as a voice for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (PwI/DD) and give input to the Council on matters that affect self-advocates in California. The Committee does this by telling the Council about the needs of self-advocates who serve on the Council. SAAC tells the Council about policies, programs, and issues affecting self-advocates in California. SAAC also reviews training materials, resources, and documents to evaluate and make suggestions about plain language and accessibility.

This agenda item will give members the chance to look at topics and discussions from 2022 – 2023 and think about issues that are specific to each member, their community, and the rest of the state. SAAC members can then share ideas on issues to focus on for 2023 – 2024. Additionally, members will identify those issues that need Committee action and issues that need other Committee and/or full Council action.

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Adjournment

The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024.

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