



SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTICE/AGENDA

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TIME: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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Action Item

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** J. Allen
 - 2. QUORUM PRESENT?** J. Allen
 - 3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS** All

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*This is for visitors **only** to give comments and/or information to the Committee on things **not** on the agenda. Each person can have up to three minutes to speak. Visitors, who asked in writing to talk, if any, will be first. The Committee will give time for visitors to talk, for not more than a total of seven minutes before each action item.*

5.  **APPROVE MARCH MEETING NOTES** J. Allen

6. **PERSONAL LEADERSHIP** All



- a. Advocacy Updates
- b. Facilitation Check-in

7.  **KEY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS** All



- a. Conflict of Interest Waiver Request
- b. Program Development: Cycle 35 Priority(s)
- c. Legislation
- d. Governor's May Budget Revision
- e. Questions About Other Items?



LUNCH

8. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**



- A. Council Meeting Process Suggestions J. Allen
- b. SAAC Committee and SAAC Members' Reports All
- c. Update on Committee Activities All

d. SSAN Report

J. Allen



BREAK



e. Committee Communications and Resources

All

f. NACDD Conference

J. Allen

g. CRPD Advocacy

All

9. RECAP AND WRAP-UP

J. Allen



END MEETING

J. Allen

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SCDD Self-Advocates Advisory Committee March 20, 2012

- Members: Jennifer Allen, Jennifer Walsh (*Lucy, attendant*), Molly Kennedy, Lisa Cooley, (*Lois Cissell, facilitator*) Kerstin Williams (*Angie Lewis, facilitator*)
- SCDD: Carol Risley, Executive Director; Tammy Eudy, staff; Leroy Shipp, SCDD Chair
- Guest: Dena Hernandez, AB6 Executive Director; April Lopez, new SCDD member; Michelle Gordon, DDS Consumer Advisory Committee
- Facilitators: Mark Starford, Charlene Jones, Joan Burg

January 2012 Meeting Notes: M/S/C to approve as presented.
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1. Personal Leadership

a. Advocacy Updates- Jennifer A. (Chair) and Lisa C. (VC) shared personal progress

- Jennifer A. gave a SAAC presentation, completed filing system for SCDD papers at home and is continuing to work on personal finance issues.

"If you don't have control of your money (\$\$), you are stressed. When in better control, you can be calm, cool and collected. As a leader, you can be more focused and support other advocates in having a budget and savings for the future."

- Lisa has taken initial steps to prepare for living independently, is working on building skills she will use in her own home.

"Being successful personally means I am in control, recognizing what I need help with and taking responsibility for it. As a peer advocate I can support others by hearing my story and the steps I am taking."

b. Advocacy updates by other members

- Molly has given multiple presentations on healthcare; helped coordinate a conference focusing on CP, participated in the self-advocacy conference, lead

roundtable discussion, created a health care journal and would like feedback on the journal from SAAC members. She will send members a copy for input.

- Kerstin gave a SAAC presentation in AB6 region in Sept. and Oct., also at Self-Advocacy Council 6 meeting, using the PowerPoint template and may do this for local People First group (where she is now president). Kerstin was also elected as the chair of Self-Advocacy Council 6 (3 year term) which celebrated 20 years in February. She will have opportunities to share information about SAAC at the Choices Conference and future regional meetings.
- Jennifer W. held an advisory meeting about her business and used Facebook with some people who can't communicate verbally. She sponsored a display table at the CalTASH conference in Oakland. Jennifer made SAAC presentation last month for San Mateo County Council on Developmental Disabilities, using the SAAC PowerPoint template. She suggested inviting a representative from an IHSS workgroup to participate in statewide network or, at least linking this group to SCDD websites and Network news/materials.
- Tammy has been working on building the self advocacy resource room at SCDD. She has been getting ready for the first meeting of the SSAN by being organized.

2. Council Meeting Agenda Items

a. State Legislation

- Employment First Policy- Did not pass in legislature last year. **AB2338** is new Employment First legislation: LPPC recommends "support."
- **AB171**- PDD/Autism- Requires healthcare plans to cover PDD or autism: LPPC recommends "support" if definition of autism is consistent with national standard.
- **AB1244**- Self-Determination Program: LPPC continues to "support with amendment" about choice in how budget is created (historical spending on services or model)
- **AB1553**- MediCal Managed Care: LPPC recommends "support."
- **AB1554**- Regional Centers: LPPC recommends "support with amendment."
- **AB1525**- Reporting Abuse: LPPC recommends "support" with training added for employees.

b. SCDD Budget Principles

- Should not impact persons with developmental disabilities more than any other group.
- Must not jeopardize quality of life or safety.
- Must not change civil/social rights.
- Must not go against basic laws that protect human rights.
- Must look for available income.
- Must outline level of entitlement but not eliminate access to services.
- Must be shared with entire developmental disabilities system, not only community service.
- Must look at whole state to find cost saving administration, not just impact direct services.
- Must protect continuity and avoid gaps in lives and service needs.
- Must not weaken IPP process.
- Must be as far away as possible from impacting people.

SUMMARY:

- Maintain entitlement
- Whole state shares cuts
- Reductions should be as far away as people served as possible
- Suggested Council consider using principles as overall guidance in future.

c. Governor's Budget

- DDS Cuts: LPPC recommends "oppose" \$200 million trigger reductions.
- Developmental Centers: LPPC recommends stop admissions to DCs, give regional centers flexibility/funding to provide community services.
- IHSS-Eliminate domestic services: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- IHSS- 20% cut in hours: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- IHSS- people with MediCal/ Medicare required to enroll in managed care: LPPC recommends "oppose" expansion of pilot because no results to support this.
- MediCal- reduces eligibility for Medical Therapy: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- MediCal users could only change plan once a year: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- Caregiver Resource Centers- cuts all funding: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- Vocational Rehabilitation increase \$6 million: LPPC recommends "support."
- Independent Living Services decrease \$86,000; LPPC "support"

- Education- end to many types of informational notices/mandates: LPPC recommends "oppose."
- Education-special education reduction by \$24.3 million: LPPC recommends "support."
- Education- increase Special Ed by \$12.3 million: LPPC recommends "support."
- Community Colleges- combines \$\$ for all programs and lets colleges use funding for any purposes: LPPC oppose unless DSP is removed from consolidation.

d. Sponsorship Request

- UCP of San Diego County requests \$999 to assist in paying stipends for director and staff members of College Bound program.

3. Committee Chairperson and Member Reports to SCDD

a. SAAC Chair report to include:

- We are concerned about reports of abuse coming from the developmental centers. As self-advocates we believe people are to be respected and treated with dignity. No matter where people live they should not be abused in any way. (Group Statement)
- There is an advocacy website and all materials shared in the SAAC meeting are available on this site. www.scddadvocacy.org.
- There are many community presentations being given by SAAC members to inform the community about the new Network.

b. SAAC Members prepared individual reports

4. Committee Business

a. Council Chairperson (Leroy Shipp) Report

- If material is being covered too quickly in SCDD meetings, please let Leroy know.
- SAAC will create recommendations at May meeting for "how" SCDD meeting can operate in a more accessible, inclusive and informative way (think about suggestions for SCDD presenters, as well)

- Encourages SAAC members to give presentations to groups and city/county governance groups outside the developmental disability system (Elks, Lions clubs, etc.). **Members agreed that one of their 4 presentations for the year will be with one of these kind of community groups.**
- SAAC members will create an email chain with suggestions of non-disability organizations.

b. Meeting Process Discussion/Suggestions

- Members agreed to bring recommendations for meeting improvements to the May SAAC meeting

c. Election of SSAN Representative

- Jennifer A. was elected

d. Committee Communication

- Chair & Vice-Chair haven't received responses to emails from SAAC members. SAAC members agreed to **respond to emails within 1 week.**
- Chair & Vice-Chair will send emails to committee members within 1 week of each meeting.
- Members suggest creating a document on how to hold meetings in alternative ways? (*Skype, AdobeConnect, Facebook, etc.*)

5. Advocacy

a. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (*Presentation by Michelle Gordon, DDS-CAC*)

- May meeting, SAAC members will discuss support of CRPD, advocate for it, etc.
- SAAC could write a letter to all State Councils in US about the CRPD

b. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disability

- Will meet in Los Angeles in October.
- SAAC will submit a proposal to facilitate a workshop session at the conference? The BRC facilitators will meet with Chair about proposal since it is due before the next SAAC meeting.