



Welcome to the PWD Self-Advocate Peer
Subcommittee Meeting:
*Envisioning a Better Future for Self-
Advocates, Together!*

Monday, December 7th, 2020

10:45 – 11:45 am Eastern Time

Agenda

- 10:45- Welcome & "Coffee with Michael" Icebreaker
- 10:55- Introduction to the PWD Self-Advocate Peer Subcommittee
- 11:05- Reflecting on Our Journey as Self-Advocates
- 11:20- Envisioning the Future, Together
- 11:40- Closing & Evaluation



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"Coffee With Michael" Icebreaker

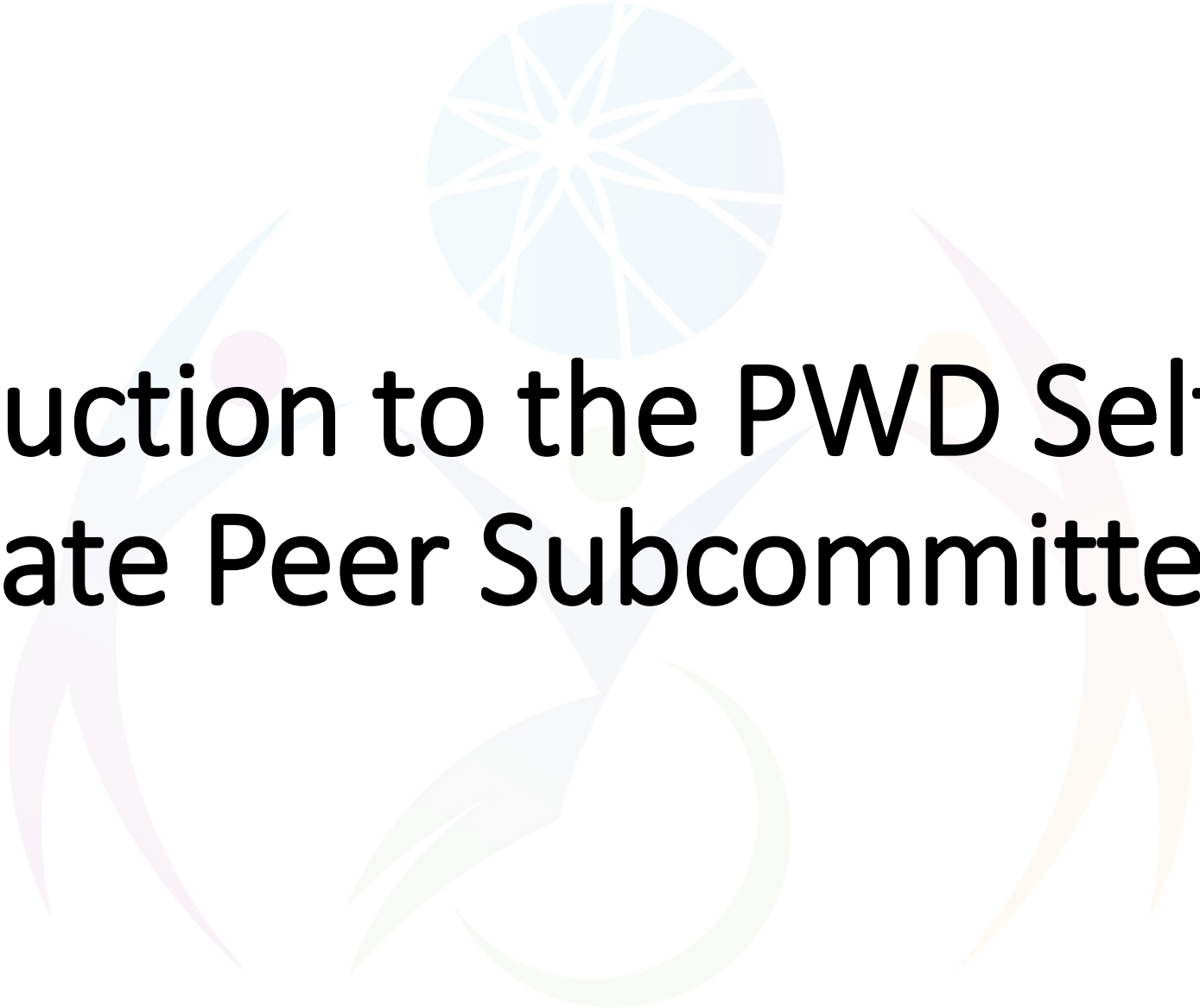
What is your name, what are your pronouns, how would you describe how you look in 1-2 sentences (visual description), and what is your favorite coffee or morning drink?





Introduction to the PWD Self-Advocate Peer Subcommittee

Jairo Arana



Who We Are

We are current PWD/Self-Advocate LEND trainees and LEND alumni who identify as people with disabilities/disabled and participate or graduated from the Self-Advocate discipline in LEND.



What We Do (Our Goals)

- Communicate the importance of the PWD/Self-Advocate discipline to the larger AUCD network
- Mentor and develop future mentors
- Network – meet new people in the PWD/Self-Advocate discipline
- Problem-solve and work on improving our LEND programs and UCEDDs
- Provide opportunities for leadership development



How We Organize



Our Leadership

- Chair- Jairo Arana
- Co-chair- Michael Thornton
- Secretary- Jeiri Flores

These roles rotate every year (ideally)





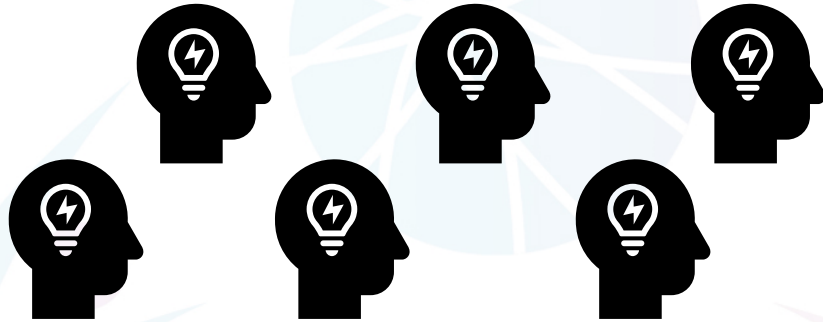
Reflecting on Our Journey as Self-Advocates

Jeiri Flores

Reflection Questions

1. When was the first time you felt like a Self-Advocate?
2. What is your Self-Advocacy style? (your medium/ how you communicate your leadership style and needs?)
3. What has your experience been as a Self-Advocate in the AUCD network?
4. How has your LEND training/experience affected your Self-Advocacy?
5. What kind of impact/influence do you think you've had as a Self-Advocate on your LEND program and/or fellow trainees?





Envisioning the Future, Together

Michael Thornton

Reflection Questions

1. How could the Self-Advocacy experience in the AUCD network be improved?
 - a. What about the Self-Advocacy experience in LEND?
2. How could the AUCD network and/or the PWD Self-Advocate Peer Subcommittee help you achieve your goals as a Self-Advocate?
3. What is one resource, tool, or opportunity that you would like to see created to improve the experience of Self-Advocates in LEND?



Closing Reminders

- **GET INVOLVED!**

- The PWD Workgroup and the Self-Advocate Peer Subcommittee meet on alternating first Wednesdays of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm Eastern. The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.
- Want to join our email listserv? Email Emma Fox, our AUCD staff liaison: efox@aucd.org
- Want to join our Facebook group and tune in to more Coffee with Michael? Find us by searching [AUCD LEND Self-Advocates](#)
- Want to learn more about becoming a leader in our group? Attend our upcoming meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.



Closing Reminders, continued

- **EVALUATION**

- Please let us know what you thought about this meeting and what you'd like to see at future meetings. [The link](#) to a short, 2-minute survey is in the Zoom chat box.



Thank You!

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