



TO: SSAN Members

From: Jennifer Allen, Acting Chair

Date: June 11, 2014

Assignments for June 23-24 meeting

Please do the following for the June meeting:

- 1. Bring examples of brochures you like and don't like.** We will use these to design the SSAN brochure on Monday June 23 in the afternoon.
- 2. Prepare your Member Report before the meeting** and give to Sherry Beamer, our self-advocacy contractor, before the meeting starts. The Member Report Form is in the meeting packet.
- 3. Bring information for self-advocates from your local network to share at a Resource Table** and during your Member Report.
4. Give your module surveys to Sherry before the meeting starts if you did not turn in by June 4.

If you have questions or need help with these assignments, contact Sherry Beamer, our Self-Advocacy Contractor, at 562-652-1759 or beamers@capcinc.org.

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Statewide Self Advocacy Network

MEMBER REPORT



Member name: _____

Agency or Area Board: _____

DATE: _____

Please complete the following and bring to the meeting. Be prepared to give a 3-4 minute report and bring any materials to share with the group. You may report on one, two or all items below. It is up to you! This helps us take accurate minutes. Thank you!

Please share regional self advocacy activities you have been involved in since our last meeting.

Please share any resource material or upcoming events

Is there any issue or information that your region or agency would like the SSAN to know about?



STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING **MINUTES/NOTES**

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 and
Wednesday, December 11, 2013



TIME:
DAY 1- Tuesday, December 10, 2013- 10:00am-5:00pm
DAY 2- Wednesday, December 11, 2013- 8:30am-3:00pm



WHERE: Doubletree Hotel
2001 Point West Drive
Sacramento, CA 95815



Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Trena Wade- Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Members present: Trena Wade (AB13), Robert Levy (UC Davis M.I.N.D.), Jennifer Allen (AB3), Sigrid Bremer (AB9), Nicole Patterson (DDS), Daniel Meadows (DRC), Kyle Minnis (AB11), Michael Arbios (AB4), Chris Rogel (AB12), Robert Balderama (AB6), Cheryl Hewitt (AB7), Kecia Weller (UCLA), Ted Jackson (CFILC), Joe Meadours (CA People First), Julie Gaona (AB10), Jesse Padilla (ARCA).

Others present: Roberta Newton, Mary Agnes Nolan, Thomas Johnson, Anastasia Bacigalupo, Dawn Morley, David Grady, Vicki Smith, Mark Polit (State Council staff) Renee Gonzales, Sherry Beamer (CAPC), Joanne

Newsome, Craig Cook, Judith Kelly, Robin Rhodes, Adrian DeGroat, George Lewis (Facilitators), Bryon MacDonald (Speaker).

Trena Wade, Chair, reported the following absences: B. Guterrez, R. Woodliff, S. Niles. W. West resigned from Area Board 1. Kecia, Kyle and Jennifer were on the State Council Executive Director interview panel and will attend the meeting after lunch. Quorum will be established when they arrive.

Trena reviewed the meeting agenda. All action items for Day 1 will be moved until after lunch when a quorum will be present.



Public Comment

There was no public comment.



Work and Benefits Training

Bryon Macdonald, Program Director, World Institute on Disability (WID), gave a presentation on Work and Benefits. The presentation PowerPoint file was made available to all members for use in their home communities. The main point was for people with disabilities to use tools and services to understand how public benefits are effected by work so that more people will increase their quality of life through employment.



State Council Update

Roberta Newton, Interim Executive Director, gave the report.

- The Pacific Alliance that is presenting today also presented at the November State Council meeting. The federal funding comes from the same source as funding for the Council. This will be another good resource for the SSAN to become an independent organization.

- Interviews for an Executive Director continue today as the offer that was made to the candidate earlier in the year was not accepted.
- The Human Resources Department for the State of California recently provided the Council with an opinion on payment of facilitators. Roberta anticipates more information on facilitation options will be available for the March SSAN meeting.
- Finding preferred hotel meeting space for SSAN meetings is a challenge. Hotels are in the process of being booked for SSAN meetings on March 24/25 at the Doubletree and June 23/24 at the Hilton. For the September and December meetings, the Citizen Hotel has good availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Otherwise the Doubletree and Hilton only has availability on Mondays and Tuesdays which would require Sunday travel for many members.

Trena recommended that a SSAN discussion and vote on the preferred meeting location and schedule be held later in the meeting after quorum is established.



Presentation on Opportunities and Goal Setting

Stacey Milburn, Project Coordinator, Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy, presented briefly on the Alliance. The Alliance is new due to a federal self advocacy grant awarded to the Autism Self Advocacy Network. The Alliance will work with self-advocacy networks in Washington, California, Oregon and Montana. Two of the key grant outcomes that will assist the SSAN are to:

- improve self-advocacy groups through technical assistance on fund raising, and
- to support self-advocacy organizations to become formal 501c3 non-profit organizations.

Stacey provided technical assistance to the SSAN on goal setting. Her PowerPoint presentation file is available to the SSAN for future reference.

SSAN answers to group work on its' vision for people with disabilities ten years from now were:

- a peer advocacy network that links advocates, communities, and statewide leadership that increases representation and builds a voice for Californians with disabilities
- all disability groups are working together for a common goal
- diversity of support choices available to people with disabilities
- accept and respect each other
- equal opportunities
- legislators aware
- legislator with disabilities in office
- more accessible services to housing, etc.
- more person centered supports
- personal and group leadership development supports available
- advocacy organization no longer needed
- more rallies at the State Capitol
- clear advocacy goals that are understood by all

Then there was a practice session on how to develop SMART goals: Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic, Time Bound.

Strategic planning at the March meeting with Self Advocacy contractor CAPC will build on this session.



Review and Approval of September 2013 Minutes

Sigrd noted that Anastasia Bacigalupo of Area Board 9 was present at the last meeting but not listed in the minutes. Daniel made a motion for a minutes change that the SSAN Bylaws were approved; Nicole seconded. The change was approved with Trena and Joe abstaining.

It was moved/seconded (Ted/Sigrid) to approve the minutes as changed. Trena/Joe abstained, all others voiced in favor – motion passed.



Nomination Process Review

Trena reviewed the Officer Nomination and election process in the SSAN Bylaws.

Officer Nominations

The following SSAN members were nominated for office, and accepted the nomination.

Chair: Kyle Minnis, Daniel Meadows, Jennifer Allen

Vice-Chair: Cheryl Hewitt, Robert Balderama, Jennifer Allen, Daniel Meadows, Trena Wade

Secretary: Robert Levy, Sigrid Bremer, Nicole Patterson, Julie Gaona

All nominees will present a nomination speech of no more than five minutes at tomorrow's meeting before a roll call vote is taken for election.

Self Advocacy Grant Update

Sherry Beamer, Project Director, CAPC, introduced herself to the group. The Self Advocacy contract started about a month late due to the State needing to sign it. There are many strategic planning outcomes in the grant to be achieved. Much of the planning work will need to be done in March in order to meet the requirements. Sherry contacted all members and their facilitators prior to the meeting in order to add the Member Reports to the meeting PowerPoint presentation so it is available to the Network. Renee with CAPC will be taking photos during the meeting for the Council website and SSAN information materials.



Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. Details of the Holiday event at 6 p.m. were briefly discussed.

DAY 2



8:30am - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Trena Wade, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 8:45 am. All members were present as on Day 1.



Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Officer Speeches and Election

Each Officer nominee gave a speech, then roll call was taken by office for election. Julie withdrew her nomination for Secretary. The following members were elected:

Chair – Daniel Meadows

Vice-Chair – Jennifer Allen

Secretary – Nicole Patterson

As directed in the SSAN by-laws, Trena passed the gavel as Acting Chair to Daniel to continue leading the meeting.



Legislative Update/ Info on Self Determination

Mark Polit, State Council Deputy Director of Policy & Planning, provided the report and facilitated discussion on three policies.

- The Self Determination bill passed, and now the Council must produce an information piece on what it means. Mark provided a 3 page draft to the SSAN to respond to. Fifteen suggestions for improvement were provided.
- Information on SB 663 was presented and discussed at length. The bill is by Senator Ricardo Lara and sponsored by The Arc of California aimed at protecting people with developmental disabilities from sexual

assault and other crimes. **The SSAN would like a presentation from The Arc of California on this bill at the March meeting.**

- The Employment First bill passed, which makes employment the highest priority for people with developmental disabilities in California. Much of the implementation will be the responsibility of the California Regional Centers. It was recommended by Ted that the SSAN consider developing an educational campaign on Employment First to mobilize the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network in communities throughout California to influence the implementation. **An Employment First campaign will be discussed at the March meeting.**



R Word Training

Sigrid Bremer from Area Board 9 showed a video that is being used for training in development with The Arc of Ventura County on the R word. After the training package is developed Sigrid will make it available to SSAN members.

Discussion on preferred meeting location

Members discussed their dissatisfaction with the Citizen Hotel as a meeting location. One member expressed concern with needing to travel on Sundays for SSAN meetings. Kyle reported that the van at the Hilton is not accessible. Members voted by roll call that they prefer the Doubletree or Hilton instead of the Citizen Hotel for SSAN meetings on Mondays and Tuesday in September and December. The Doubletree is the preferred hotel when available.



Member Report Highlights

Member reports were submitted by writing to Council staff.

Joe Meadours, People First of California

- The Annual Gathering will be in San Francisco in February 2014.
- A book will soon be published: Board of Leaders: How to Be a People First Board Members.
- Board Members are needed in Regions 3, 6, 7, 11 and 12.

Sigrid Bremer, Area Board 9

- Self Advocacy Conference was held
- Sexual Rights DVD soon available from People First of San Luis Obispo

Ted Jackson, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers

- DOnetwork and Access Now advocacy and events for the Campaign for Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and safe and accessible public transportation, housing and the Affordable Care Act
- Disability Capitol Action Day May 21
- 2014 Access Now Health Care Summit: January 7, 1:30 pm, 634 S. Spring, L.A.
- Access Power Summits: Bay Area – Feb. 7; Sacramento – Feb. 21
Southern California – Feb. 26

Nicole Patterson, Department of Developmental Services

- *Feeling Safe, Being Safe* updated web version available Jan. 2014
- The Consumer Advisory Committee has six new members
- Attended first Self Determination Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting on how to organize the services

Trena Wade, Area Board 13

- Many ability awareness, cultural and advocacy events and presentations, including advocating with doctors, disaster preparedness, with the Native American community
- Planning has started for San Diego People First (Mother's Day weekend) and Imperial County Conferences
- Met with San Diego Regional Center on underserved populations

Robert Balderama, Area Board 6

- Self Advocacy Council 6: developed strategic plan, sponsored November Area Meeting - 225 attended, Annual Area Meeting of Self Advocates, Feb. 7, Stockton
- Valley Mountain Regional Center – strategic plan should be completed in January

Kecia Weller, UCLA Tarjan Center

- FriendMaker App available on Itunes – based on Dr. Laugeson’s new book – The Science of Making Friends
- Inclusive Higher Education Conference in DC – the 5 year funding is ending; colleges are concerned about continuing the programs

Cheryl Hewitt, Area Board 7

- Training provided on rights, choice, quality assurance, Lanterman Act for potential residential service providers.
- Connecting with Santa Cruz and regional center self-advocates.
- Self-determination will be a priority focus.

Michael Arbios, Area Board 4

- Transition presentations

Julie Gaona, Area Board 10

- Transportation advocacy

Robert Levy, UC David M.I.N.D. Institute

- Legislative advocacy for Self-determination and Employment First
- Transition presentations

Jesse Padilla, Association of Regional Center Agencies

- Participated in Relationship Training
- Signature campaign to reinstate Early Start services

Daniel Meadows, Disability Rights California

- Legislative advocacy including passage of Self-determination and Employment First bills
- Starting Get Out the Vote campaign for Governor election in 2014
- Partnering with the Office of Client Rights to better promote self-advocacy

Kyle Minnis, Area Board 11

- Self-advocacy group hosted training for parents on the IPP process.
- Starting transportation advocacy for night hours



Adjournment

Before the meeting adjourned, members asked about giving ideas for information topics for the March meeting. Daniel asked that members place any more ideas than were discussed during the meeting on the SSAN Google Group

for consideration before the Officers meeting on January 8 to plan the March meeting.

Daniel Meadows, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.



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SSAN MISSION

Promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Members must make a commitment to attend 2 day meetings 4 times a year in Sacramento.
- Ability to work in both large and small groups
- May be expected to work as a group leader
- Be a mentor to others
- Help carry out advocacy activities with self-advocacy groups and organizations.
- Reach out to people in your area to share and receive information
- Be resource for the local self-advocacy groups.
- Be able to learn from others
- Be active in your community and willing to do presentations
- Be willing to share materials that other member can use
- Be willing to work as a team



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MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Do you have access to the Internet? Yes No Do you have access to email? Yes No

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Are you a: (Please check all that apply)

- Person with a disability
- Member of an advocacy group

Are you able to do the following: (Please check all that apply)

- Attend two-day meetings in Sacramento (4 times a year)
- Able to participate in webinars, phone calls (web cam meetings, SKYPE)
- Participate in local Self-Advocacy meetings and share information with SSAN
- Available to serve a 4-year term as a SSAN Representative

Why do you want to be a SSAN Volunteer Member:

What local advocacy groups or committees do you belong to:

How much time can you dedicate to SSAN activities and help share information with others:

Are you currently employed by an organization providing service(s) to persons with disabilities?

YES NO If yes please explain:

Do you need any accommodations to participate in a meeting? If so please explain:

YES NO

Do you need a facilitator/helper? If yes please explain how they would help you:

YES NO

Please provide a letter of support from your supporting agency or self advocacy group, and two references.

I am willing to serve as a SSAN member and have included why I wish to serve.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed forms to: *Change this information with each vacancy*



Interview Questions

Name of Applicant: _____

1. Please tell us about your experience with self-advocacy
2. Please tell us about your leadership skills
3. What is your experience with speaking in public?
4. What are your strengths?
5. Are there jobs that would be difficult for you to complete?
6. Do you use email?
7. Do you have access to a computer and a printer?
8. Are there any issues or concerns in our region you would like to see change?
9. Describe your experience as a team member?
10. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?