



September 10, 2015

Hello SSAN members,

Here is the September 23-24, 2015 meeting packet. Your packet includes the following:

- Agenda
- June Draft Minutes
- Member Action Report Form
- Last year's SSAN Annual Report
- David Forderer's SCDD SAAC Report
- Kecia Weller's SCDD Employment Committee Report
- Draft Memo of Understanding (MOU)
- Bylaws (amended version)
- Work group histories
- PADSA Power Point Presentation (6 slides per page)

There will be three member presentations for this meeting from Robert Levy, UCEDD MIND; Joe Meadours & Robin Rhoades, PFCA; and Desiree Boykin & Amy Westling, ARCA.

Your packet includes last year's SSAN annual report and a template for the Member Action Report. The goal is to have material for this year's SSAN report and each member is being asked to summarize the self advocacy work that has been done in your region since October 1, 2015. It is important that the work is reflected in this report, so please ask your agency representatives for assistance with developing your report.

We will continue to work on the Memo of Understanding (MOU) and will be updating our bylaws to add to the MOU at this meeting. We will finalize this first draft of the MOU to submit to SCDD for more direction. I need all members and partners to look over these materials and be ready to give their input.

On day 2 of our meeting we will spend time in our workgroups to develop draft language to be included in our next SSAN annual report. Your packet includes notes on the work completed by each group since October 1, 2014. Each work group will have time to meet to come up with a half page draft summary of what the groups have accomplished this past year and report on the action plans their goals. The newsletter group will also be asking for additional input and approval of the draft newsletter. Please make sure you review the workgroup history of the workgroup you participate in.

Additionally, we are coordinating ordering sandwiches on Day 2 so please bring cash if you want to participate.

From Cheryl Hewitt, SSAN Chair



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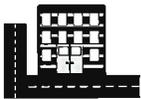
STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING INFORMATION



DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept 24, 2015



TIME: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 10:00am-5pm
Thursday, September 24, 2015 9:30am-3:00pm



WHERE: Hawthorne Suites
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AGENDA FOR DAY 1

**September 23, 2015
10:00am-5:00pm**



Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Regina Woodliff, Vice Chair
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



Review and Approval of Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
ACTION



Public Comment (10:15am)

Public comment is welcome. Comment on agenda items is taken as they are discussed.



Review and Approval of Minutes June 2015

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
ACTION



Member Presentations

Robert Levy, UCEDD MIND
Joe Meadours & Robin Rhoades, PFCA



Quick Break



Member Presentations Continued

Desiree Boykins ARCA CAC & Amy Westling ARCA



Lunch – 60 minutes on your own



SSAN Annual Report / Member Action Reports



SCDD SAAC Report

David Forderer



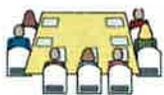
SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) Update

Kecia Weller, Employment First Committee Chairperson
Discussion



SCDD Update

Aaron Carruthers, SCDD Executive Director



Memo of Understanding (MOU) and Bylaws

David Forderer, MOU Committee Chair

Cheryl Hewitt, MOU Co-Chair

Discussion



5:00 Adjourn



AGENDA FOR DAY 2
September 24, 2015
9:30am-3:00pm



Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Regina Woodliff, Vice Chair
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



Review of Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Discussion



Public Comment

Public comment is welcome. Comment on agenda items is taken as they are discussed.



Legislative Update

Bob Giovati, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Planning
Nelly Nieblas, SCDD Legislation and Communication Manager



Workgroups Meet
ACTION



Workgroups Report back to SSAN with Action Plans
ACTION



Lunch – 30 minutes. Working Lunch



Employment Work Group Webinar Report

Kecia Weller, UCEDD Tarjan Center

Lisa Cooley, North State Office



Member Action Reports Continued from Day 1

All



Pacific Alliance Presentation

Charles Horne-Nutt, North State Office



Review Member Action Plans/Assignments

SSAN Officers



Input for next SSAN Meeting

ALL



3:00pm Adjourn



Statewide Self Advocacy Network
 Meeting Minutes
 June 24-25, 2015
 Hawthorne Suites, Sacramento

<p><u>SCDD Regional Office Members in attendance</u> Michael Arbios- North Bay Robert Balderama-North Valley Hills Lisa Cooley- Sacramento Rebecca Donabed- Sequoia Armando Escobedo-San Bernardino Julie Gaona- Los Angeles Ramon Hernandez-Central Coast Cheryl Hewitt- Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Charles Horne-Nutt- North State Regina Woodliff-Bay Area</p> <p><u>Agency Members in attendance</u> Desiree Boykin- ARCA Ted Jackson- CFILC representative Robert Levy-Mind Institute Joe Meadours- People First of California</p> <p><u>Members not in attendance</u> Thomas Forderer- SCDD Nicole Patterson- DDS Kecia Weller- Trajan Center (attended Day2)</p>	<p><u>SCDD Staff in attendance</u> Sonya Bingaman-Sacramento Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hills George Lewis- North Valley Hills Sarah May- North State Shannon Meehan-San Bernardino Mary Agnes Nolan- SCDD HQ Cindy Ruder- North Bay Vicki Smith-San Bernardino/LA Ron Usac-Bay Area</p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> <u>Non SCDD Facilitators</u> Steve Ruder- US Davis Mind Institute Desiree (Julie Gaona's support person) Jana Chapman-Plon</p> <p><u>Guests & Speakers</u> Aaron Carruthers- SCDD Acting Executive Director Bob Giovati- SCDD</p>
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DAY 1

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll call, Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum. Introductions were made by all present.

Review and Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Motion #1 to approve by Regina/Second by Robert B. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion except 1 abstention by Rebecca. Motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review and Approval of the Agenda

ACTION: Motion #2 to approve the agenda by making lunch a working lunch by Armando. / Second by Regina. Vote taken and ALL members voted YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes March 2015

ACTION: Motion #3 to approve the March minutes by Armando/ Second by Regina. Vote taken and ALL members voted YES in favor of this motion except 2 abstentions by Charles and Kyle. Motion passed.

Discussion about how to capture each members vote was brought up and Mary Agnes explained again that it is up to SSAN but the SSAN Secretary must record each member’s vote. It can be roll call by voice or show of hands. She explained the Bagley Keene rule on this.

ACTION: Motion #4 to agree that each vote will be taken by a show of hands and record by the SSAN secretary made by Rebecca / Second by Ted. Vote taken and ALL members voted YES in favor of this motion except 1 abstention by Charles. Motion passed.

Cheryl thanks members for bringing back the awards. Cheryl asked for help in naming the “Red Thing” which is for the member that has the most community presentations. She asked that suggestion be written down and put into the box is on the front table. She will share the suggestions with members later to choose a name.

Workgroups Met and reported back- Cheryl asked new members to pick a work group to join.

- Self Determination
- Employment
- Newsletter/Communication
- Legislative/Policy Workgroup

Each group was asked to develop goals and objectives for the rest of the year and fill out a calendar for conference call meetings for the rest of the year.

There was a handout for each work group chairperson to complete. Each work group chose someone to take the notes to report back to the full group. List of current members on the work group:

- Employment – Rebecca (Regina, Lisa, Ted)
- Newsletter/Communication – Robert L (Desiree, Armando, Joe)
- Legislative/Policy – Robert B (Kyle, Ramon)
- Self-Determination – Julie (Michael, Charles)

The paper with this info was turned into Mary Agnes. The groups reported back the following information:

- Self-Determination – Purpose: Reach out to all regional centers – mtg 8/21 and every other month on the 3rd Friday
- Legislative/Policy – Purpose: Inform and educate communities on legislative positions that SCDD has taken by Dec 31st of 2015 -- meeting dates 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm – Utilize training materials and plain language to educate our community on AB449 – ABLE Act – SB11 Peace Officer training – SB29 Peace Officer Training.
- Employment – Purpose: To educate people with disabilities about their rights for employment. Goal – to increase meaningful and competitive employment Obj – presentation once by webinar 8-15 – four presentations (one per person) to day programs over summer – next meeting July 22 – Presentation at schools in the Fall – 4th Wed of the month – regular meetings – also developed a packet for everyone here for those that want to do the employment committee presentation and has tips and survey included with the flyer for the presentation
- Newsletter/Communication – Purpose: Communicate what SSAN is about so that members can take information back to community to help self-advocates Goal – to redesign newsletter template – review on 7/8 – template to allow for articles to be dropped in to not alter format of template. Goal to also establish cutoff dates for upcoming issues – Feb 1 cutoff, May 1, Aug 1 and Nov 1 – pub Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15 and Nov 15. Meeting dates: 7/8, 8/14, 9/11, 10/2, 11/13, 12/11. Cheryl commented that many folks have contacted her about how impressed they are with the SSAN newsletter.

Member Action Reports

Charles Horne-Nutt from North State Office-

He gave a presentation with Robert Levy on Employment First and then with David at the Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference on behalf of SSAN. He will be at the North State Advisory Committee in June.

Ted Jackson CFILC-

- Gave 2 webinar trainings – on conversations in civic courage to encourage diverse communities and air quality –
- Disability Capitol Action Day – outreach at CAD – 159 new members signed up and did a survey – top 5 – affordable housing – transportation – SSA COL – Employment.
- Recommending Ability Tools to do a presentation at the next SSAN meeting.
- In May went with SOS and county election officials used in Denver, Colorado – best voter turnout rates – role was looking at accessibility issues and then testified about elections in hearings – voter accessible advisory committee member – encouraging voters with disabilities to get out to vote.

Lisa Cooley- Sacramento Office-

- Presentation at Statewide SA Conf 5/20 – on Transition from College to Work for students in HS
- ADA forum at Capitol Action Day –
- Will do presentations in community on any subject and on her local RC Self Determination Advisory Committee

Robert Levy – UC Davis, MIND Institute –

- 4/20 presentation on some work history at UC Davis MIND Institute for a medical class on campus –
- 5/1 presentation on Employment First with Charles at Supported Life Institute Conference – People were impressed about how Employment First works.

Armando Escobedo

Armando – don't have much of a report because he is new – he does sit on the Microenterprise committee for his local RC – recently attended a Self Determination training by San Bernardino Office

Cheryl Hewitt Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Office

- Training for parents helping parents on Self Determination and something new and different - -
- went to Fiesta Educativa with a translator – working through the regional center and how to get disability rights - -
- July 7th meeting – spoke before San Jose City Council on rights –
- presented on Capitol Action Day appointments – went in as SSAN members – thanks to Robert and Regina for participating –
- – There is an Action Alert paper on the back table to encourage people to send a message to the Governor that we can't keep surviving like this – you can also go on the website – called "Your 20-second email".
- Aaron Carruthers – Answered question about whether SSAN members can go to meet with Governor's office as SSAN members or need to go as private individuals. Recommendation that going as private individuals would be better since SCDD has not weighed in on SSAN members meeting with Governor's office directly. Question – the SCDD would be comfortable with SSAN members going as private citizens? Answer – yes, as private citizens it's your choice. Cheryl asked Ted if he'd be willing to make the appointment – Ted is asking that he'd be provided a list of names and topics for discussion to make the appointment. People interested? What is the topic? Ted – if we went as private citizens, you would need to fund your own way here. However, if it was around an SSAN meeting and there was a break in the schedule where people could go as private individuals then you may already be up in the area.

Michael Arbios from North Bay Office-

- Going to SELPA legislative day – interviewed several members of the legislative committee
- Upcoming regional 8/20 self-advocacy event –
- Need more Supported Employment opportunities

Robert Balderama North Valley Hills Office –

- Worked with local social services transportation advisory committee and discussed unmet transit needs in the area and reviewed a survey for transit riders to determine if additional rides were needed to accommodate riders preferences – ultimately we chose new routes that made sense and accommodated multiple riders using transit services
- Attended VMRC board meeting to discuss lack of dental services in the area and affects overall health. VMRC Clinical Director noted that there was no plan at this time as it will take new legislation to get new funds for dental services.

- Presentations/Outreach – worked with Regional Office 6 on the history of the self-advocacy movement in that area – presentation is tomorrow.

Ramon Hernandez- Central Coast-

- Presentations in the community on Self Determination at People First San Luis Obispo – Oxnard – and South County advocates in Santa Barbara – a lot of positive feedback – like the idea of the program because people are very unhappy with the services they get now and the services don't meet their needs.
- Also will be going to the SDAC meeting next Tuesday in Santa Barbara.

Kyle Minnis-Orange County Office-

- Has been out of commission for last month- no report

Desiree Boykin ARCA –

- Various training at day programs and to self-advocates and went to People First conference in Fresno

Regina Woodliff from Bay Area Office-

- Gave a training on SD along with Gabriel Rogin at Alameda County transitional fair.
- Went to State Capitol Action Day spoke about working and living independently
- Did 2 presentations on transitioning from school to work and talked about Employment First and what it takes to get a job and live independently.
- Discussed regional center services and answered questions on transportation and the differences between day programs and jobs and gave history of how I became a stronger self-advocate.
- Resource she wants to share is the Governor's phone number and the rally for the push for 10% budget increase – people should call the Governor 916-445-2841 –
- Yes, would like presentations from other agencies from SSAN.

Joe Meadours – CA People First –

- People First in San Jose (240 people) – health was the focus and he did the keynote and did leadership training for boards.
- PF received a grant to fill the Board of Directors
- Attended 2 rallies at Capitol to support Lanterman Coalition – met with Shannon Grove –
- PFCA is looking for new members for their board so there is a paper in the back showing what areas they need representatives – if you are from that area go talk to Joe!!

Julie Gaona Los Angeles Office–

- Went to a rally press conference about the cost of rent in LA – not only for the disabled but for everyone – spoke about how people are working 2 or 3 jobs and still aren't able to pay rent. Spoke about the slumlords – about bad living conditions and the group were going to speak to some of the owners – was on Ch 4 news (NBC) –
- Been involved with SD with some regional centers and Westside RC – very active in SD and meeting monthly on 2nd Tuesday of every month.
- Also involved with transportation issues for Los Angeles area – access and fare increases and will be capping the fares at not more than \$5 per trip. Very expensive but not much can be done. It's from the federal and state government that handles that.

David Forderer – SCDD and Kecia Weller- Tarjan

David and Kecia were at SCDD Business and couldn't attend the meeting. Their reports are in the packet for all to read.

Kyle awarded the RED Thing to Julie for most presentations!

Question about what the question means on the form regarding presentation from partner agencies on SSAN for future meetings.

ACTION: Motion #5 to have the SSAN Agency Partners give a presentation about their organization at the next meeting by Charles/Second by Robert L. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

SCDD Update- Active Executive Director- Aaron Carruthers

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – This is scheduled to be discussed tomorrow. MOU is to help clarify what the relationship is between SSAN and SCDD and what is the relationship and what is that SSAN supposed to do and what support SCDD is to provide to SSAN. MOUs are often used to lay out the rule and expectations between 2 groups. Aaron confirmed SCDD commitment to Self-Advocacy and to SSAN in discussion about the relationship between SSAN and SCDD.
- Power Point Presentation- Aaron reviewed this with the SSAN on the SCDD State Plan goals and progress.

Nominations for Vice Chair

Armando and Regina were nominated and accepted the nominations.

Speeches and election will be held on day 2.

5:05pm- ADJOURNED Day 1

SSAN DAY 2 Minutes

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 9:33. Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum. Introductions were made by all present. Cheryl Reminded Lisa to give out the Minion and Armando needs to give out most exciting member report.

The Executive Comm would like to have you consider doing a working lunch so that members can leave earlier to make their trains and planes

ACTION: Motion #6 to have a working lunch made by Regina/ Second by Lisa. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion except 1 abstention by Robert Levy.. Motion passed.

Cheryl congratulated 2 of the SSAN members who are attending Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy (PSADSA) Training and were chosen out of a number of people from 5 different states – both Rebecca and David were selected. Cheryl is asking that both get as much information and bring it back to the next SSAN meeting.

Review and approve the Agenda

ACTION: Motion #7 to approve agenda by Charles/Second by Kecia. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Employment First Committee Report- Kecia Weller

Kecia said Lisa C served as acting chair for employment first committee at last meeting – requested DDS to check employment numbers because their statistics seemed wrong – will forward issue to LPPC for consideration – ILC presented on ABLE Act and they also discussed transition and suggestion on getting someone to come from Washington DC – self-determination, employment, financial funding, service design, financial management, how others fund career development, -- at the next meeting the committee would like to get reports on EF and CECY and review Governor's report – the Promise Grant, the ABLE act. Next meeting on 6/30.

SCDD Report- David Forderer (absent) given by Charles Horne-Nutt

Desiree passed out some flyers from DDS who gave a talk at the SAAC on the MOU between agencies on how to assist people with severe disabilities. The flyer is asking for input. New Council member Jay was sworn in and we stood up together – a new process. Each member reported on what they have been doing. There was an update on the MTARS report – SCDD has met about 50% of the requirements and will start receiving money on a more regular basis as a result. The SCDD approved a budget with an anticipated deficit “being in the red” – please suggest ideas on how to cut costs. Gov’s budget update that no 10% increase was included. SCDD Exec Com pursuing the job of SCDD Executive Director and the next interviews are on July 15. Discussion at SCDD to join several other departments to conduct an ADA celebration – Lisa C will lead. A new full time HR person was hired at SCDD. David will be at the NADD meeting. Next Council meeting is on 7/14 and 7/15.

Election of SSAN Vice Chair – Speeches and Roll Call Voting

The candidates running for vice chair gave their speeches and Regina was elected Vice Chair. Roll Call vote completed and recorded.

Charles – Abstain

Lisa – Regina

Michael – Regina

Robert B – Regina

Rebecca – Armando

Ramon – Regina

Julie – Regina

Kyle – Armando

Armando – Armando

Ted – Regina

Kecia – Regina

Robert L – Abstain

Regina – Regina

Desiree – Armando

Legislative Update

Bob Giovati gave this update. He handed out information on the legislation the LPPC has reviewed and the paper shows the SCDD’s stance on each. He asked that members go on line and seek out the info if interest in looking in to bills.

Mary Agnes set the computer up/on-line and Bob showed people how to find info on Capitol Track.

PRESENTATION- Self Advocacy Council 6- Robert Balderama-

Robert presented a power point and short video on the Self-Advocacy Council 6. All members received the video and information in a folder.

Recognition Awards-

Pooh – Member with the most interesting report. Armando Escobedo picked Charles Horne-Nutt.

Minion – Member who participated the most. Lisa Cooley picked Armando Escobedo.

Red Thing – Member who did the most presentations in between SSAN meetings – Robert Levy picked Julie Gaona.

ACTION: Motion #8 to approve the Recognition Awards by Robert Levy and Armando seconded it. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion with the exception of 1 abstention by Kecia. Motion passed.

Cheryl reminded members of the following:

- Make sure you do the work group agendas before each of your meetings or you can't have the meeting. The agenda MUST list where each person will be participating from. It needs to be a public place. Mary Agnes gave you a copy of the agenda template so that you can fill it out. If you have problems with it, contact Mary Agnes or Cheryl but remember they have to be posted at least 2 weeks before your meeting date. Public location means no homes. Have to have the addresses of where each person is going to be when they call in for the meeting.
- Requesting that each member bring back 4 community resources that they can collaborate with. 4 agencies that you talk to about SSAN or SCDD that you work with on behalf of SSAN or SCDD. That is the assignment for this next quarter.
- How do people like the weekly summaries? Members said they liked the summaries. Cheryl wants more ideas from the group so email her information that she can put into the weekly summaries – tell her what you're doing so she has stuff to put in the summaries.

Input for next SSAN Meeting

- Presentations from partner agencies
- Presentation on ABLE Act
- Presentation from Rebecca and David on Leadership Training

- Presentation on Bagley-Keene
- Presentation on Progressive Employment and Concepts

Lisa to give minion award – toArmando...!!

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Ted Jackson

Ted reviewed what a MOU is and how it works. MOU is a memo of understanding – will be for SSAN and SCDD- to understand what each group expect and not expect from the other and document it so everyone understands. All members were given a DRAFT of the MOU and Ted asked that everyone review it. He asked for suggestions on what the SSAN should be responsible for:

- Educating communities – on what’s going on with SCDD and SSAN
- policy changes being done by SCDD – be their outreach
- Continue to be Self-Advocates – be informed and try to attend as many community events as we can to spread the mission about the SSAN
- Be responsible for speaking up during times when we can give input. Example – one year from now, we have a discussion about meeting location. It’s our responsibility to speak up about our needs.
- SCDD’s State Plan has a goal on Self-Advocacy- be a strong voice on this
- Responsibilities as a SSAN Member such as reading thru the packet before the meetings and being prepared at the meetings, completing member reports.
- Financial responsibility over the SSAN budget
- Add a treasurer and Sargent of Arms to Officer Committee
- SSAN Annual Report- what is our role in that?

What should SCDD be responsible for:

- SSAN have better communication flow with SCDD –SSAN has to wait for approval from SCDD –takes too long
- SCDD tell SSAN the process for requests
- Provide more wheelchair accessible hotels
- Give a reason if a request is denied
- SCDD chair or vice chair should attend SSAN meetings
- Provide more training to SSAN

Ted said to read through draft MOU– send TED your notes so that he can combine it all together to give to the MOU group. Email it back to Ted.

Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by SCDD staff



Statewide Self Advocacy Network MEMBER ACTION REPORT September 23-24, 2015



Complete this first page on anything you have done during September 2015.

Member name: _____

Agency or Regional Office: _____

Please describe the area you represent. (Example: Name of area, # of Counties in the area, name of regional center(s), population, etc.)

Please list the trainings or work with any agencies or organizations you have done and say how many people attended.

Please list how many presentations or outreach activities you have done to new self-advocates. Say how many self-advocates attended or how many you talked to.

Please list any new resources you have and bring copies to share with others.

Please list ANY barriers to doing any SSAN work in your community.



This section of Member Action Report is going to help put the SSAN Annual Report together.

We need you to give us information on things you have done between October 1, 2014- through August 31, 2015

Calendar to help list dates, activities and presentations-
Please say how many people were at the activity/ presentation
(you can attach another piece of paper if you need to)

<u>October 2014</u> EXAMPLE I presented Employment 1 st info to my Self-advocacy group. There were 15 people Gave out 25 SSAN newsletters at a multi-cultural event	<u>March 2015</u>
<u>October 2014</u>	<u>April 2015</u>
<u>November 2014</u>	<u>May 2015</u>
<u>December 2015</u>	<u>June 2015</u>
<u>January 2015</u>	<u>July 2015</u>
<u>February 2015</u>	<u>August 2015</u>

ALSO -PLEASE review the Self Advocacy Group list and update it as needed.
This information will eventually be added to our website. *Thank you!*

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Statewide Self Advocacy Network

Annual Report

October 1, 2013- September 30, 2014



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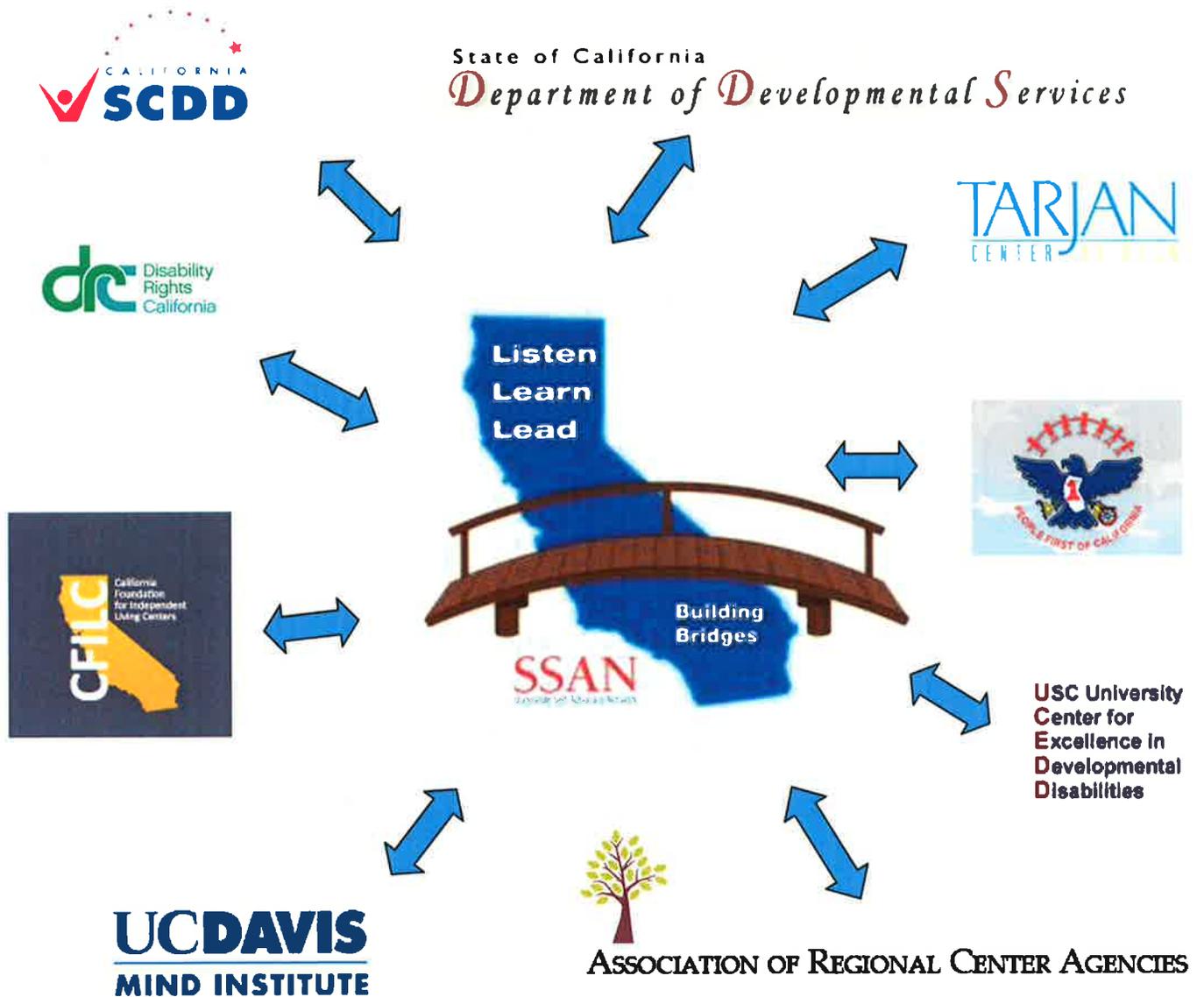
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Mission Statement

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.



Message from SSAN Chair

There is a great deal of future opportunity for the Statewide Self Advocacy Network to move forward in a positive direction. We have a voice! The strength of our voice needs to be heard by all individuals in California. Our job is to make their voice loud as well. As we strengthen those voices they will be empowered to speak up and express what is needed to improve their lives.

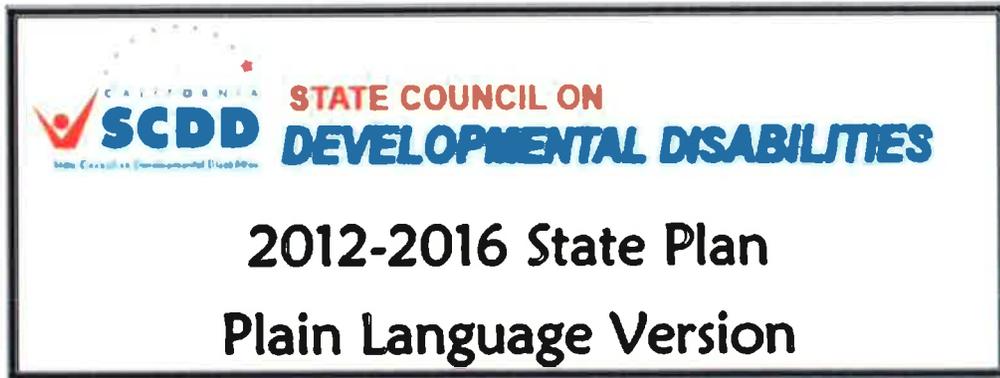


Advocacy is what drives me. Not only am I to advocate for myself, but I have a mission to teach others with disabilities to advocate for themselves. It is not always easy to be an advocate, sometimes we make people uncomfortable by insisting on change, by insisting on self-determination. I am okay with creating that feeling of discomfort; it is what an advocate is supposed to do.

Here are the needs that I will address:

- We need to promote leadership development.
- We need to promote inter-agency collaboration.
- We need to be representatives at the table of the policy makers.
- We need to *be* the policy makers.

Cheryl Hewitt
SSAN Chair



SCDD Self Advocacy Goal

Goal #1

Individuals with developmental disabilities get the help they need to be a part of the community and control their lives

Objectives

1a) The Council will support a statewide self-advocacy network.

1b) The Council will help start 23 new self-advocacy groups in different parts of the State. We will help 370 more people be part of self advocacy groups.

1c) The Council will teach at least 2800 self-advocates about their rights.

1d) The Council will help at least 31 groups of youth and people with different disabilities to have better leaders.

1e) At least 125 individuals with developmental disabilities will be trained so they can train other people with developmental disabilities to become leaders.

SSAN Members 2013-2014

- Region 1 – Willie West
- Region 2 – Charles Horne-Nutt
- Region 3 – Jennifer Allen
- Region 4 – Michael Arbios
- Region 5 – Regina Woodliff
- Region 6 – Robert Balderama
- Region 7 – Cheryl Hewitt
- Region 8 – Rebecca Donabed
- Region 9 – Sigrid Bremer
- Region 10 – Julie Gaona
- Region 11 – Kyle Minnis
- Region 12 – Chris Rogel
- Region 13 – Trena Wade
- Association of Regional Center Agencies – Jesse Padilla & Desiree Boykin
- California Foundation of Independent Living Centers – Ted Jackson
- Department of Developmental Services – Nicole Patterson
- Disability Rights California – Daniel Meadows
- People First of California – Joseph Meadours
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities – David Forderer
- University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) UC Davis MIND Institute – Robert Levy
- UCEDD UCLA Tarjan Center – Kecia Weller
- UCEDD USC - vacant

SSAN Officers

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Jennifer Allen, Vice Chair
Nicole Patterson, Secretary

2013-2014 SSAN Meetings

SSAN held 3 meetings between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. Meetings were held on December 10 -11, 2013, June 23 - 24, 2014 and September 9 - 10, 2014. A meeting that was scheduled for March 2014 was cancelled due to budget issues.

Each SSAN meeting included member reports on issues and concerns in their regions, legislative updates, training for members, and resources to distribute to members' communities.

Members received legislative updates on these issues:

- Self-Determination
- Equity and Diversity
- Employment
- IHSS
- Autism Treatment Insurance Mandate
- Housing
- Abuse and Neglect
- Safety Plans for Licensed Facilities
- School Districts Suspending or Expelling Students

Members received training on:

- Social Security Work Incentives
- ASAN Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy
- Goal Setting
- R-word
- Working Together
- Learning Disabilities
- Starting a Non Profit Organization
- Employment First
- Self Determination
- Leadership

During 2013-2014, SSAN worked on these organizational and operating issues:

- Developing a SSAN brochure,
- Revised bylaws,
- Elected officers,
- Compiling a listing of self advocacy groups throughout the state, and
- Established two committees

SSAN's committees on Employment and Self Determination were established to respond to community requests for trainings on these topics. The committees have developed outreach plans with timelines, and are developing training materials.

2013-2014 SSAN Accomplishments

What We Do

- *Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state.*
- *Speak up for people with disabilities.*
- *Learn about and advocate for issues important to people with disabilities.*
- *Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks*

~SSAN Bylaws

Presentations & Trainings

SSAN members provided 64 presentations and trainings to 1180 individuals throughout the state. Presentation and training topics were:

- Medi-Cal Managed Care (17 participants)
- State Budget (2 presentations, 128 participants)
- SSAN (5 presentations, 260 participants)
- Transition (9 presentations, 380 participants)
- History of Rights (2 presentations, 12 participants)
- Employment First (2 presentations, 145 participants)
- Self Determination (36 presentations, 105 participants)
- Safety (12 participants)
- Self Advocacy (12 participants)
- Leadership (12 participants)
- Self Determination (12 participants)
- R –word (25 participants)
- Autism (20 participants)
- First Responders (40 participants)

Resource Sharing

SSAN members distributed information about these resources to their communities:

LOW COST GLASSES



The California Vision Project is a non-profit, optometric charity designed to provide low-income, uninsured families throughout the state of California with free comprehensive eye exams and low cost glasses. 1-800-877-5738
<http://www.californiavision.org/patients.html>

LOW COST INTERNET SERVICE



The Digital Access Project supports people with disabilities to get internet services at a lower cost, perfect for those who have limited incomes. <http://digitalaccessproject.org/>

SAFETY INFORMATION

PREDATOR AWARENESS TASK FORCE



The Predator Awareness Task Force (PATF) works to reduce the risk of victimization for people with developmental disabilities through education and advocacy
www.scoe.org/patf

WORK INCENTIVES

Disability Benefits 101

working with a disability in California



Learn how work and benefits go together. This site has tool and information on health coverage, benefits, and employment.
<http://ca.db101.org/>

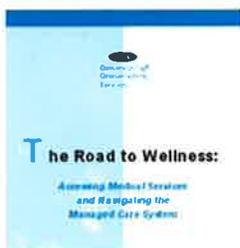
SUPPORT FOR SELF ADVOCACY GROUPS



ASAN is giving technical assistance to self advocates to help advocacy become stronger. ASAN will provide information about how to fundraise, find new members, and lead meetings. ASAN will help groups learn this by hosting trainings (via phone and computer) and mentoring groups.

<http://autisticadvocacy.org/chapters/padsa/>

HEALTH CARE and WELLNESS



“The Road to Wellness: Accessing Medical Services and Navigating the Managed Care System” How to get Medical, what Medi-cal covers, what to do if you have a problem.

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/Wellness/docs/medicaldirectorybklt.pdf>



Far Northern Regional Center’s Live Well. Internet Safety, Bed Bugs, Preventing Heat Illness, & more.

www.fnrclivewell.com



Guide to Healthy Living

http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/docs/GuideHealthyLiving_English.pdf

Needs Assessment

SSAN members conducted surveys with self advocates in their local communities to determine training needs throughout the state. 236 surveys were completed. The results showed that self advocates wanted information about: 1. Good Health Care, 2. Work, and 3. Self Determination. See attachments for the SSAN survey and survey results.

Advocacy

SSAN members advocated in their regions on transportation, In Home Support Services, and housing.

Members distributed fact sheets and wrote letters to legislators on Employment First, Self Determination, SB577, AB 1595.

SSAN members provided testimony on AB 1041 – Employment First and SB 1109 - Integrated Competitive Employment.

Community Involvement

SSAN members were active in their communities and participated in a wide variety of community events, including:

- Capitol Action Day
- Support Life Conference
- People First of California Annual Gathering
- Regional conferences in Los Angeles, Tri Counties, North Bay, San Diego, and Region 6
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network Leadership Training
- Statewide Self Advocacy Conference
- Day of Remembrance
- National Core Indicators Training
- DO Network

“51.2 million people have some level of disability. Whereas, 32.5 million people have a severe disability. These numbers represent a significant portion of our population so the chances of our first responders coming into contact with them is great. That is why it is vital to have up to date training as well as assessment skills.”

Robert Balderama
Region 6 Member
Opening remarks, First Responder Training

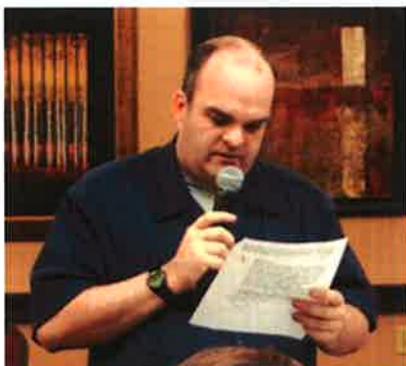
Highlights of SSAN Members' Actions 2013-2014

Region 1 Willie West



- Suggested having a SSAN application process and piloted the SSAN recruitment documents in order to help build a stronger network.

Region 2 Charles Horne-Nutt



- SSAN surveys were collected 41 self advocates.
- A presentation was given to People First of Paradise about Medi-Cal Managed Care and the handout that was used in the training was shared with SSAN.
- Appointed to be a member of SCDD Area Board 2 by the Governor.

Region 3 Jennifer Allen



- Participated in Capitol Action Day
- Distributed SSAN surveys
- Attended ASAN Leadership training

Region 4 Michael Arbios



- Gave trainings on Employment First, History of Rights, Transition to Adult Services
- Facilitated regional meeting and gave presentation on state budget, introduced Assmeblymember Mariko Yamada
- Distributed SSAN surveys

Region 5 Regina Woodliff



- Attended the People First Gathering in San Francisco
- Presented to transition students about the future.
- Presented to Concord City Council.

Region 6 Robert Balderama



- Self Advocacy Council 6 developed strategic plan and sponsored Area Meeting – 225 attended
- Presented at a training for self advocates, families and professionals regarding how First Responders interact with people who have disabilities
- Collected SSAN surveys from 128 self advocates
- SSAN reports are included in the Area Board 6 packet.
- As a member of the VMRC Board of Directors, shares SSAN info at their meetings. Has given out Employment First, Self Determination and AB1595 info

Region 7 Cheryl Hewitt



- 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.
- Developed a Self Determination training package and completed seven trainings to 40 people, many in residential living.
- Participated in Disability Capitol Action Day and met with legislators
- Building a regional group of self advocacy organization

Region 8 Rebecca Donabed



- I gave a presentation on what the SSAN is to about 100-150 people.

Region 9 Sigrid Bremer



- Self Advocacy Conference was held.
- Sexual Rights DVD soon available from People First of San Luis Obispo.
- Attended the People First Gathering in San Francisco
- Spoke at the Tri-counties Town Hall Meeting.
- People's Advisory Group wrote a letter about the minimum wage change.

Region 10 Julie Gaona



- I keep working on transportation. We are trying to get other transportation companies to get involved in providing transportation.
- My husband and I gave our presentation at the self advocacy conference. We are both involved in the self advocacy board for Los Angeles county.

Region 11 Kyle Minnis



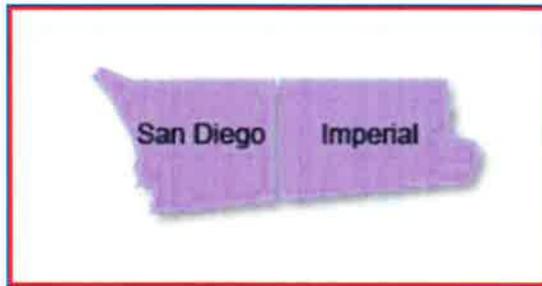
- Self-advocacy group hosted training for parents on the IPP process.
- Starting transportation advocacy for night hours.

Region 12 Chris Rogel



- Working on starting two new self advocacy groups.
- Giving presentations in Bishop, Ontario, Temecula and Blythe.
- I did presentations in a program called "Get Safe." It's a program about how to protect and provide safety.
- I presented what a self advocate does, how to become one, and what does self-advocacy mean. I also discussed that self advocates could make a difference to society.

Region 13 Trena Wade



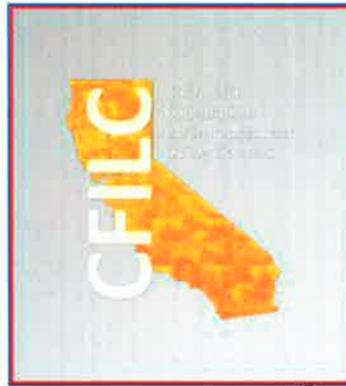
- Many ability awareness, cultural and advocacy events and presentations, including advocating with doctors, disaster preparedness, with the Native American community. Planning has started for San Diego People First (Mother's Day weekend) and Imperial County Conferences.
- Met with San Diego Regional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

Association of Regional Center Agencies Jesse Padilla & Desiree Boykin



- Participated in Relationship Training
- Signature campaign to reinstate Early Start services
- Increasing the activity of self-advocates through Self Advocacy and Legislation work groups.
- ARCA Consumer Advisory Committee completed the SSAN survey.

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers Ted Jackson



- Organized 3 Access Now Power Summits where people with disabilities identified their advocacy priorities and developed community-driven campaign strategies to build accessible communities.
- The DOnetwork's Regional Access Now Campaigns have begun meeting and carrying out their campaign plans. They are working on transportation and healthcare in Southern California, getting more disability history in K-12th grade classrooms in the Central Valley and Northern California, and advocating for better accessibility on the new BART cars in the Bay Area.
- Organized the 12th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day (DCAD) on May 21, 2014 at the State Capitol. It was attended by nearly 1500 people with disabilities and their allies. Participants marched on the Solidarity March, heard speakers at the Educational Rally, got information and resources at the Disability Resource Fair and met with their legislators about important disability-related policy issues.

Department of Developmental Services Nicole Patterson



- Attended first Self Determination Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting on how to organize the services.

Disability Rights California Daniel Meadows



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

People First of California Joe Meadours



- The Annual Gathering was held in San Francisco in February 2014.
- A book will soon be published: Board of Leaders: How to Be a People First Board Members.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities David Forderer



- New Committees developed: State Plan and Membership
- Committees –David is on Membership Committee
- Contract Purchasing manual completed
- Michael Clark has been appointed Interim Director

UCEDD MIND Institute Robert Levy



- I did a presentation about my Successes at the UCD MIND Institute for the Pathways to Employment conference
- Testified on SB1109 Integrated Competitive Employment bill.
- Passed out SSAN Training Module surveys at Disability Capitol Action Day
- Did a presentation with Ted Jackson at the Supported Life Conference about the SSAN and collected 28 SSAN Training Module surveys.
- 3 transition presentations on family preparation and work experiences at the 2014 Transition Fair at the Napa Valley College.
- Panel presentation on Living with Autism at UC Davis M.I.N.D.

UCEDD UCLA Tarjan Center
Kecia Weller



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

UCEDD USC
vacant

SSAN Plans for the Future

For 2014-2015, SSAN officers identified these plans:

- **Communication** – Identify ways to facilitate members' communication between SSAN meetings with each other, and members' communication with their regions. One idea that is being explored is publishing a SSAN newsletter.
- **Legislative Advocacy** –SCDD has provided valuable legislative information and action alerts to SSAN. SSAN would like to engage in more legislative advocacy and expand the distribution of legislative information and alerts.
- **Continue to develop training** – SSAN is developing training materials about Employment First and Self Determination. SSAN would like to continually develop updated training materials. SSAN would like to contribute to the work of SCDD's Employment First Committee by providing trainings to self advocates about EFC's mission and accomplishments.
- **Networking** - Continue networking within SSAN, and network outside of SSAN with other agencies.

I want to do more to help change California so that everyone is treated with the same respect. I want to build up my strengths to pay things forward to be a voice to individuals that cannot speak up for themselves. Always remember that we can never do this alone, it always takes teamwork. Thanks for allowing me to be part of a positive and productive team that is going to help plan for changes in California for individuals with disabilities.

Charles Horne-Nutt
Region 2 Member

Attachments

SSAN Training Survey

SSAN Training Survey Results



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN)



Training Module Idea Survey

The State Council Self-Advocacy Grant Contractor CAPC will work with SSAN to develop 4 Train the Trainer Modules. At our March meeting we will select the topics.

To help with this discussion, please get input from your area network on which modules will help people the most. Please fill out as many of these surveys as you can before March 17. The form can be filled out by individuals or group.

Contact Sherry Beamer if any questions and to return your results:

beamers@capcinc.org

562-652-1759

7200 Greenleaf Ave Suite 170, Whittier, CA 90602

Choose 4 Ideas:

Work

Self Determination

Starting Self-Advocacy Groups

Good health care

Good life for seniors

Other: _____



If you chose Work, pick at least 1 topic:

___ Writing a resume

___ How to sell yourself to get a job

___ How to build your job skills

___ How to learn about and find jobs that are right for you

___ Other: _____



If you chose Self Determination, pick at least 1 topic:

___ What is it?

___ How does it work?

___ How can I be part of it?

___ Why is it good?

___ When is it not easy?

___ Success stories

___ Other: _____



If you chose Starting Self Advocacy Groups, pick at least 1 topic:

How to start self-advocacy groups

How to create a statewide advocacy plan

How to build community partnerships

How to teach new leaders

Other: _____



If you chose Good Health Care, pick at least 1 topic:

How does the Affordable Care Act affect us?

How does Medi-cal work?

How to find the best doctors?

Other: _____



If you chose a Good Life for Seniors, pick at least 1 topic:

___ How do I retire?

___ How do I plan for the end of my life?

___ How do I get different supports as I get older?

___ Other _____



If you chose another idea, list at least 1 topic:



Training Module Idea Survey

RESULTS

Choose 4 Ideas:

104 Work	2 nd Place
88 Self Determination	3 rd Place
77 Starting Self-Advocacy Groups	4 th Place
105 Good health care	1 st Place
69 Good life for seniors	
10 Other: _____	

OTHER: Comments

- Educating California Students about developmental disabilities and human rights!
- Better hygiene care
- Internet Training
- Exercise
- Be Independent



If you chose Work, pick at least 1 topic:

- 24** Writing a resume
- 25** How to sell yourself to get a job
- 25** How to build your job skills
- 53** How to learn about and find jobs that are right for you
- 4** Other: Comments- To get along at the job
How to learn the job



If you chose Self Determination, pick at least 1 topic:

- 27** *What is it?*
- 28** *How does it work?*
- 20** *How can I be part of it?*
- 14** *Why is it good?*
- 10** *When is it not easy?*
- 24** Success stories
- 2** Other: Comments- How to avoid being taken advantage of
How to motivate people to be interested in SD



If you chose Starting Self Advocacy Groups, pick at least 1 topic:

- 39** How to start self-advocacy groups
- 23** How to create a statewide advocacy plan
- 20** How to build community partnerships
- 23** How to teach new leaders
- 4** Other: Comment- How to keep self-advocacy groups running



If you chose Good Health Care, pick at least 1 topic:

- 38** How does the Affordable Care Act affect us?
- 34** How does Medi-cal work?
- 46** How to find the best doctors?
- 7** Other: Comments: How to balance my diet to keep my weight down
How to find the Best doctors
Teaching good habits so you take care of yourself
Offer Healthier foods & snacks at programs
No junk food!



If you chose a Good Life for Seniors, pick at least 1 topic:

- 21** How do I retire?
- 20** How do I plan for the end of my life?
- 43** How do I get different supports as I get older?
- 4** Other: Comment- Network



If you chose another idea, list at least 1 topic:

- We have a very small population that has a full understanding of the disability movement and people with developmental disabilities. If we educate our youth, throughout their elementary, middle school, and high school years about developmental disabilities we will have much less bullying and more opportunities for self-determination, education, work and housing.
- Be more independent and living on my own
- Draw pictures
- How to use the internet
- Public speaking



SSAN Report to SCDD by David Forderer **September 15, 2015**

- The last SSAN meeting was on June 24-25, 2015 and was reported on at the July 2015 Council meeting.
- The next SSAN meeting is on September 23-24, 2015 in Sacramento.
- Since the last Council meeting 4 SSAN members attended a Leadership Training in Seattle, Washington. The members were nominated by the SSAN Chair and staff as potential candidates for the training. The highlights of this training are:
 - DD Policy and Medicaid
 - Fundraising
 - State Plan Group Session – S.M.A.R.T. Goals
 - Community Organizing
 - Direct Action
 - Staying in Charge in Your Self-Advocacy Group
 - Managing a Self Advocacy Organization
 - Advocacy in Social Media

SSAN Members who attended the PADSA Training:
Charles Horne-Nutt, David Forderer, Robert Levy,
and Rebecca Donabed



EMPLOYMENT FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

KECIA WELLER, EFC CHAIR

JUNE 30, 2015

The Employment First Committee met on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. We had a very ambitious agenda, and were presented with a great deal of information.

We were given a brief update on the Blueprint by Andy Mudryk from Disability Rights California. This is a collaborative group with representatives from Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Education, Department of Developmental, and Disability Rights California. This group is trying to identify changes in policies to improve integrated, competitive employment for individuals with I/DD. If you go to <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/> you can tab on "CIE" and see more information. The rough draft is close to being posted, and if you are interested, you can be sent an email for notification of meetings.

Next we were given a very informative presentation on the PROMISE Grant, which is intended to improve the provision and coordination of services for child SSI recipients and their families. This is a collaborative between the Department of Education, Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Labor. CaPROMISE stands for California Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income. 3172 students are being targeted to participate in this program in Northern CA, Greater LA, Southern Coastal and Greater Inland. Students are between 14 and 16 years old.

Direct support to CaPROMISE participants and their families are provided through 20 Local Education Agencies (covering about 89 school districts), Expandability and over 60 Career Services Coordinators. Services include Case Management and Transition Planning; Financial Planning and Benefits Management; Career and Work-Based Learning; Parent Training and Information and other Services and supports.

This is a five year project, and enrollment of students continues until April 30, 2016. 31 Work Incentive Planners will begin in July at Department of Rehabilitation offices throughout the State of California.

The State Council gave Jay Nolan a two year grant in the amount of approximately \$750,000 called "*Education, Empowerment and Employment for Success*" that was a partnership between Jay Nolan Community Services in the Los Angeles area, and Easter Seals in the San Diego area. From the report we learned that 76 young adults between the ages of 17-30 were served. The grantees collaborated with 7 high schools, 10 colleges and universities and 5 adult learning and occupational centers. Additionally they collaborated with 10 generic community resource agencies, 5 regional centers, the California Department of Rehabilitation and CA PASS (Plan to Achieve Self-Support) Professionals. The outcomes were 24 wage earning jobs achieved, 5 carved jobs, 3 small businesses, 1 resource ownership opportunity and 1 approved PASS plan was developed. 22 people went to college, there were 7 paid internships, 5 volunteer positions were developed and 24 people were assisted to receive long term supports and services. What was learned from this grant was:

- Using a strength based process, getting to know the person and the circle well was beneficial
- Understand the person's community and their resources
- Create real opportunities in real environments
- Have funders work together
- Provide options for flexible funding
- Be willing to fund an upfront investment in people's futures

The College 2 Career presentation had to be consolidated from a 60 minute presentation to a 10 minute presentation; so much of the planned information was not included. What we did learn is that College to Career is in five regional areas, and is intended to be a three year program. Three more programs are coming on board during the next year. Applicants come from school districts, regional center, Department Of Rehabilitation, Disability Support Programs and Services counselors, etc. The fall semester offers a "College Smart Module", which covers the basics to college success, professional emails, communication, time management, organization, responsibility, punctuality, professional appearance, self- advocacy, identifying strengths, strategies for challenges, college and career exploration and more. The spring semester is the "Job Smart Module", which teaches students how to conduct an effective job search, resume development, master employment application, cover letter writing, job search strategies, etc. Year 2 fall semester is Professional Experience, and in the spring semester, it is work experience. The goal of Year 3 is successful, competitive employment in the field that aligns with the students' academic and employment goals. The presenter shared success stories, and talked about collaboration as being key to success, not only with Department of Rehabilitation, but with businesses as well.

Progressive Employment Concepts was the final presentation (CECY gave up their time so others could present). As we had heard from Jay Nolan, Progressive Employment Concepts also spoke about the need to utilize the Customized Employment model to locate jobs that people will be successful in. Networking with community, family, friends, etc. was stressed in locating employment opportunities, and talking employer language was also discussed. Success stories were shared, and ideas for “next steps”, such as training employers, were identified.

At the next meeting, it was suggested that meeting objectives were put on the agenda, so the desired outcome could be understood. Also, a suggestion was made to have a laminated sheet on each table to remind members of the information in the Employment First policy, so the meeting stays on track.

The next Employment First meeting will be on September 29, 2015.

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN)

and

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD).

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the SSAN and SCDD to create the rules for the on-going working relationship between these two groups.

A MOU is an important agreement between two or more groups. Groups or organizations can use MOUs to set up official partnerships. A MOU is NOT a legal contract, but it is a very serious agreement between two groups, which is stronger than a spoken agreement. This MOU will become an agreement after both the SSAN and the SCDD have each and separately voted to approve it by a majority.

Background (History of the SSAN)

The SSAN is a program of the SCDD that was founded in 2012. Grants were awarded to organizations in 2012 and 2013 to organize the SSAN. In 2014 the SSAN leadership decided that the grant awardees were not meeting their needs. They asked the SCDD to directly organize the SSAN's meetings and activities for the time being. This action was approved by the SCDD.

In 2015, representatives from the SSAN and SCDD staff agreed to develop this MOU. This will help these two groups get better at working together. It will let the SCDD know what they need to provide for the SSAN and its members ; and it will let the SSAN know what to expect from the SCDD.

Purpose (Meaning of the SSAN)

The SSAN connects self-advocates, their communities and statewide organizations to increase leadership by persons with disabilities. The SCDD advocates, promotes and implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.

The SSAN works for both individual and systems change advocacy. Individual advocacy is helping one person make something better for themselves so they can be more independent. Systems Change advocacy is changing the way things are done to make them better for everyone so many people can live independently.

The SCDD agrees to:

- Respect all SSAN members as qualified individuals to consider all matters before the SSAN, including policy positions and discussions, decision making processes and SSAN actions.
- Provide support to the SSAN as a whole and its individual members that respects and acknowledges the rights and promises of the Independent Living Movement.
- Provide technical and logistic assistance to the SSAN leadership to plan quarterly in person meetings.
- Plan the SSAN meeting logistics based on the agenda approved by the SSAN leadership. However if a financial cost beyond meeting logistics is required for SSAN agenda items, the SCDD will inform the SSAN leadership at least 14 days in advance of the next SSAN meeting.
- Provide financial support to the SSAN and its members for 4 quarterly in-person meetings per year. The amount of this financial support may change from year to year or quarter to quarter depending on the SCDD's budget. The SCDD may change the SSAN budget at any time, however they must notify the SSAN leadership of budget changes before the next SSAN meeting. If a SSAN meeting is within one month of a budget change by the SCDD, the SCDD will maintain the next meeting's logistical arrangements for that meeting.
- Provide logistical support such as scheduling and teleconference lines for SSAN subcommittee and leadership meetings between SSAN quarterly in person meetings.
- The SCDD Regional Offices will select representatives to become SSAN members. Each SCDD Regional Office may choose their own criteria or standards for choosing their SSAN

representative. Each SCDD Regional Office will review their representative choice every two years.

- Provide regular in person and written policy briefings. Provide updates at quarterly SSAN in person meetings and between these meetings on legislation or issue positions taken by the SCDD council members or legislation and issues as requested by the SSAN leadership or its members regardless of SCDD position. These policy briefings or updates, either in person or written, will be communicated in “plain language” as defined by the State of California or agreed to by the SSAN and SCDD.
- Provide technical and logistical assistance to SSAN members for meeting with their elected officials to educate them on issues as described in the previous bullet point.

The SSAN agrees to:

- Perform the duties of representative to the SSAN as described in its by-laws and the ideals of the Independent Living Movement.
- Conduct themselves in the most professional manner at all times, adhering to all regulations for the State of California.
- Request technical assistance and logistical help from the SCDD to plan the quarterly in person SSAN meetings within a reasonable amount of time, so that the SCDD can make arrangements in compliance with state regulations.
- Develop a list of goals or priorities at each quarterly SSAN meeting for the following SSAN quarterly meeting. The SSAN leadership agrees to inform the SCDD support staff of these agenda goals and priorities immediately so that they may begin to plan to support the SSAN.
- The SSAN leadership and members may not make requests or changes to the SSAN meeting that require additional funding support within 30 days of the next SSAN meeting.
- Request support for an in person SSAN leadership meeting 6 weeks before the actual quarterly SSAN meeting
- The SSAN leadership will request that the SCDD present any policy or issue briefing or updates either in writing or in person at least 30 days before any sub-committee or quarterly meeting

- Conduct all meetings according to California's open meeting laws, using Robert's Rules for parliamentary procedure.

Reporting

The SSAN leadership agrees to report all of the SSAN's activities and progress to the SCDD staff on the deadlines communicated by the SCDD staff. The SCDD agrees to give the SSAN three (3) months notice of reports needed. The SCDD will report on the SSAN's progress and activities to the state and federal government.

Funding (Who pays for the SSAN)

This MOU does not promise that the SCDD will fund the SSAN or spend a certain amount of money on the SSAN. The SSAN and its members should not expect funding from the SCDD because of this document. The budget for the SSAN is decided by the SCDD and the SSAN. The members of the SCDD and SSAN agree to understand this fact.

Upon agreement of both the SCDD and SSAN, a grant may be awarded by the SCDD to a third party organization to organize and provide technical and logistical assistance to the SSAN. This agreement must be approved by majority vote of the SSAN and SCDD council members at separate meetings. If both the SCDD and SSAN agree to offer a grant as described above, both groups will have the chance to participate in the planning of the request for proposals in the following ways:

1) the SSAN will have the opportunity to give input on the scope of work and applicant qualifications for the RFP; 2) the SCDD may develop the final RFP including the scope of work, and will be make all financial decisions regarding the RFP and the grant. The public will have the opportunity to give public comment on this process as spelled out in California law. The grant awardee will report progress to the SCDD and any other state and federal funders that are required by law.

If the SSAN decides by majority vote of its members to separate from the SCDD, they must find their own funding and this agreement will end. If the SCDD decides by majority vote of the council to not fund the SSAN anymore, this agreement will end and SSAN members may then decide on their future.

Duration (Timeline for this agreement)

This MOU can end when either the SSAN or the SCDD council decides to break it by majority vote of either group's members. The MOU can be

changed at any time. Changes can be proposed by either the SSAN or SCDD leadership, however the changes or new agreement must be approved by majority vote of both the SSAN and SCDD council members. The members of each group must vote at separate meetings.

If this MOU is not approved by majority vote of both SSAN members and SCDD council members at separate meetings then this agreement will not become active.

This agreement and both the SSAN and SCDD must follow instructions for meeting procedures spelled out in California's open meeting laws, known as the Brown Act and the Bagley-Keane Act.

This agreement must be reviewed every three (3) YEARS by the full membership of both the SSAN and SCDD. Every 3 years it must be approved by majority vote of both the SSAN and the SCDD Council members at separate meetings.

If the SCDD council members decide by majority vote to offer a grant to an organization again to organize the activities of the SSAN, and a grant is awarded, this agreement will end.

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Bylaws Statewide Self-Advocate Network (SSAN)



Rule I – Network Name

“Statewide Self-Advocate Network (SSAN)”

Rule II – Mission (Purpose)

Mission Statement

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

What we do

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state.
- Speak up for people with disabilities.
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to people with disabilities.

- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks.



Rule III - Membership

The SSAN consists of advocates for people with developmental and other disabilities who are members representing regions and organizations or affiliates in California. New members will participate in an orientation with the Chair of SSAN and the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator.

Members are expected to attend all meetings and inform the SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator if they must miss a meeting (example: doctor's appointment, sickness, and work commitment or transportation problems). The sponsoring agency will be notified by the Chair of SSAN if their member misses more than two consecutive meetings.

Members shall serve for a four-year term. A member may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms as appointed by their area or organization.

Area Boards 1, 3, 5, 7, and Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Disability Rights California (DRC), terms begin with 1/2014 to 12/2014

Area Boards 9, 11, 13 California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC), University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities of Southern California Children's Hospital (UCEDD - USC) terms begin with 1/2014 to 12/2015

Area Boards 2, 4, 6, and University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities of University California Los Angeles Tarjan Center (UCEDD - UCLA), Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities University California Davis MIND Institute (MIND), Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA), terms begin with

1/2014 to 12/2016

Area Boards 8, 10, 12 (California People First) CAPF, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) terms begin with 1/2014 to 12/2017

Rule IV – Officers and Elections

Officers

SSAN officers will be Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

To run for SSAN Chair, the individual must have been an active member of SSAN for at least one (1) year.

If an officer cannot complete a term, another member will be elected by the SSAN at the next regularly scheduled meeting. That newly elected officer shall serve the remainder of that term. The completion of that vacated term does not count towards the term limit of any officer position.

Duties of the Chair:

1. Work with SSAN Executive Committee which includes Vice Chair and Secretary along with ~~the network contractors and SCDD~~ *support* staff to prepare meeting agendas.
2. Represent SSAN in the community.
3. Work with SSAN members to follow up on issues brought up at meetings.
4. Work with SSAN ~~contractors~~ *support staff* in between meetings.
5. Communicate as needed with SSAN members in between meetings.
6. Know SSAN By-laws.
7. In the event of a time, date or location change the Chair will notify members before creating agenda.

Duties of the Vice-Chair:

1. As a member of the SSAN Executive Committee work along with ~~the network contractors and SCDD~~ *support* staff to prepare meeting agendas.
2. Perform all duties of Chair in absence of Chair.
3. Have ongoing communication with the Chair before each meeting.
4. Assist Chair to follow up on issues brought up at meetings.

Duties of Secretary

1. As a member of the SSAN Executive Committee work along with ~~the network contractors and SCDD~~ *support* staff to prepare meeting agendas.
2. Perform all duties of Vice Chair in their absence.
3. Takes roll call to establish quorum.
4. Works with ~~network contractor~~ *support staff* to prepare and distribute minutes of meetings.
5. Keep track of motions, votes and actions at meetings.
6. Act as parliamentarian.

Requirements of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

1. Attends SSAN meetings regularly.
2. Serve as a mentor for new members
3. Know SSAN By-Laws and meeting procedures.

Election of Officers

The SSAN will nominate and vote for their officers. Members cannot nominate themselves but must be nominated by another member and seconded by another member and the nominee has the right to refuse the nomination.

Nominations will be made on day 1 of the meeting, speeches and elections will be done on Day 2 of the meeting. The results of the

elections will take effect that day.

Speeches with a five minute time limit will be allowed but if there are 10 or more candidates for all offices combined the SSAN members may vote to reduce the time limit.

The nominated member receiving the most votes will hold the office for a term of two (2) years. An officer is limited to serving only one (1) time in the same office consecutively but may run for that office after sitting out for one term.

The chair does not vote in elections unless there is a tie and then the chair will break the tie unless the chair is running for that office. Then, we will have a run-off election without speeches between the top two candidates.

Elections will be held at the first SSAN meeting following October 1 and voting shall be by roll call.

The chair can fill any officer vacancies on a temporary basis until the next meeting when it will be voted on.

An officer stays in their position until they are termed out, is elected to a new office, or resigns.



Rule V - Meetings

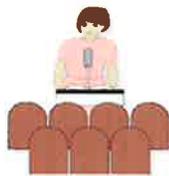
The SSAN will meet quarterly. The SSAN may have regional or special meetings to discuss important issues or presentations. Meetings shall be noticed and conducted according to Bagley-Keene and the process of the meeting shall follow Roberts Rules of Order.



Rule VI - Voting

Each member has one (1) vote and has authority to vote on issues presented at SSAN meetings.

A quorum (50% plus one) for SSAN requires 12 members. A majority of the quorum present shall be necessary to take action on business.



Rule VII – Committees

Standing (Permanent) – may meet monthly by webcam, telephone, or in-person either, before, after or during an SSAN meeting.

Executive – The Executive Committee is made up of the SSAN Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Its purpose is to set the agenda, work with ~~network contractors~~ and SCDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator and any business that may arise between regularly scheduled SSAN meetings.

Ad Hoc (temporary) - A member can make a motion to create a committee if they feel one is needed as an ad hoc. An ad hoc committee shall have a Chair appointed by the SSAN Chair. Ad hoc committee terms and duties are determined by SSAN.



Rule VIII – Amendments

Amendments to these By-laws require a 2/3 vote of the full SSAN.

SSAN Employment Workgroup History 2015



- **Established on September 9, 2014 at the full SSAN meeting after reviewing the results of a SSAN survey conducted earlier in the year.** Members decided to put together a power point for members to use in their communities.
- **October 15, 2014 - Workgroup meeting.** Members worked on drafting the Employment First Power Point.
- **December 9, 2014 – Presentation to SCDD EFC.** 2 Members, Robert Levy and Cheryl Hewitt, presented the power point at the SCDD EFC meeting for input. North Bay office staff assisted with presentation and all edits suggested.
- **December 15-16, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting.** At the last SSAN meeting, members broke into four workgroups. The Employment group decided to have members meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. An action plan was created to do the following:
 1. Plan outreach to do presentations
 2. Training to do power point presentations
 3. Develop a handout
 4. Review homework assignments
 5. Planning for 2015
- **January 21, 2015 – Presentation to SAAC.** SSAN members David Forderer and Charles Horne-Nutt presented the power point to the SAAC and staff assisted with edits suggested.
- **January 22, 2015 – Presentation to SCDD Council.** SSAN Chair, Cheryl Hewitt presented the power point to the Council with North Bay staff assistance. The Council lost quorum therefore could not approve it for distribution. Referred to the next SCDD Executive Committee meeting.
- **January 28, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members discussed Outreach Presentation Reports, Power Point Training, Developing a Handout, Review

of Homework Assignments and Planning for 2015. Members were provided with an electronic copy of “Making a Good Speech.”

- **February 24, 2015 – SCDD Executive Committee approved power point for distribution.**
- **February 25, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members went over the talking points and were provided with “Making a Good Speech Handout” in addition to the electronic packet of information that was provided at the previous meeting and included the Power Point, the SCDD Employment First Policy, Resources Sheet, and a Survey.
- **March 3-4, 2015 – Full SSAN meeting.** Members received a copy of the approved power point and the workgroup was provided with a packet to Presentation/Training Materials that included the Power Point, the SCDD Employment First Policy, Resources Sheet, and a Survey.
- **March 11, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members reported on presentations that they will be doing and reviewed what was discussed at the March SSAN Meeting and planned to review the presentation packet at the next meeting.
- **April 22, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members reported on presentations that were given and work completed. Members reviewed the presentation packet and workgroup chair will email it to all members to decide what should be provided to all. Staff (North Valley Hills) created a workgroup calendar as a result of this meeting for all SSAN members to use.
- **May 27, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members reported on work they have done and reviewed the Employment First Power Point to create suggestions on how to present it. Members asked that all the previously provided documents be resent.
- **June 17, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members discussed Training Packet.
- **June 24-25, 2015 – Full SSAN meeting.** Members decided on a Purpose, Goal, and Objectives for the workgroup. They are as follows: Purpose: The Employment workgroup will educate people with disabilities about their rights for employment. Goal: To increase opportunities for people with disabilities to get meaningful and competitive employment. Measurable

Objectives: A. To do the presentation on 1 webinar. B. To do four presentations (one per member) to day programs. The decided on the following for the upcoming meetings:

At the July 22, 2015 workgroup meeting:

1. Check in on presentations to Day Programs
 - a. Debrief on presentations that have happened
2. Planning & Practice for Webinar

At the August 26, 2015 workgroup meeting:

1. Debrief webinar
2. Set new goals for doing presentations at schools
3. Develop strategy for approaching schools

The Rest of the year will be determined at the September SSAN meeting.

- **July 22, 2015 - Workgroup meeting.** Members discussed that no one has had a chance to give a presentation on Employment yet but they have identified groups to give them to. Everyone likes the Presentation Packet/Materials but they need to add a SSAN brochure once it is developed. Members discussed the upcoming webinar that Ted Jackson, CFILC is hosting. Both Lisa and Kecia will be presenting.
- **August 6, 2015 – Practice Webinar Session.** Ted and Kecia with MA and Dena. Lisa will practice with Ted at a later date.
- **August 18, 2015 – Webinar.** Ted hosted with Kecia and Lisa presenting.
- **August 26, 2015 – Workgroup meeting.** Members reported that they hadn't gone to local day programs yet. They discussed the webinar and strategies to reach out to the schools.
- **Full SSAN meeting is on September 23-24, 2015**
- **Next meeting: October 28, 2015 at 2:30 pm.**



SSAN Legislative Workgroup History 2015

- **Established at the December 15-16, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting.**
Charles H. will be chair and focus will be on bullying, members will contribute to the newsletter.
- **January 22, 2015** –Charles stepped down as chair
- **February 2015-** SSAN Chair asked David Forderer to be the new chair for the Legislative Workgroup.
- **March 3-4, 2015 Full SSAN meeting workgroup session.** A packet was prepared by the SSAN Chair and provided to the workgroup chair. The packet included a summary of the workgroup background and directions by the SSAN Chair asking the workgroup to look at the ABLE Act and get more information to put in the SSAN Newsletter and to also educate members so they know how they can be more involved. Verbal directions were unclear and information was not returned after the workgroup session. Workgroup chair was also provided with an information sheet for future workgroup meeting calls, a list of the SCDD LPPC Legislative Report. Group was also asked to show the Abuse Video during the workgroup report time. All SSAN members watched this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhLsATwO0o4>

- **April 7, 2015 Legislative Workgroup Meeting.** Workgroup recommended legislation for SSAN to support AB 449 – California version of the ABLE Act and SB 11 Peace Officer Training in Mental Health. Workgroup members were encouraged by the Newsletter workgroup to send articles or information to the Newsletter workgroup by 4/29 to be included in the newsletter. Staff from Central Coast Office assisted workgroup in establishing a survey through survey monkey to get feedback on 4 questions about State and Federal Bills: 1) Which bills would you like to receive information about? 2) How would you like the information about the bills organized? 3) How would you like the information presented to you? 4) How would you like to receive this information?
- **May 5, 2015 Legislative Workgroup Meeting.** Members discussed recommended legislation, Capitol Action Day with Legislator Assignments and Scheduling Appointments, Creating a template for SCDD HQ Staff to use for informing SSAN members about legislation.
- **June 9, 2015 Legislative Workgroup Meeting.** Members discussed legislation and taking positions as an individual vs. as a SSAN member. They also discussed how well Capitol Action Day went, how SCDD is a member of the Lanterman Coalition and SSAN is included as part of SCDD for now. There were 4 responses back from the survey and SCDD Central Coast staff will break down the information and email it to the Deputy Director of Policy and Planning.

- **June 16, 2015 Email was sent to Deputy Director of Policy and Planning on survey results.** Results included the following information: The results of the survey are:
 - SSAN members want information on bills being supported, opposed and watched by the State Council,
 - SSAN members would like the information organized by topic area,
 - SSAN members would like the basic information about each bill (bill number, author, title of the bill, and where it is in the legislative process),
 - SSAN members would like a plain language breakdown of each bill,
 - SSAN members would like information about whether other state or federal agencies, nonprofits, provider agencies/coalitions, community groups, etc. support/oppose/watch each bill, and,
 - SSAN members would like to receive this information in the SSAN meeting packet, via email, and by clicking an online version of the information on the SCDD website.

- **June 24-25, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting Legislative Workgroup Meeting.** Workgroup was provided with a packet of information and asked to develop the Purpose, Goal, and Measureable Objective for the workgroup. Future workgroup dates were also scheduled and a template was provided to the workgroup chair to notify others. The group came up with the following - **Purpose:** The Legislative workgroup will inform and educate our communities on statewide legislation that SCDD has taken a position on. **Goal:** To research and utilize training materials in plain language to educate our communities on AB 449-ABLE Account; SB 11- Peace Officer Training and SB 29-Peace Officer Training. **Measurable Objective:** By 12/31/15, the SSAN

legislative workgroup will have given at least 8 presentations on the legislative bills. Ramon will be the group note taker.

- **July 14, 2015 Workgroup Meeting – Cancelled.**
- **August 11, 2015 Workgroup Meeting.** Members reviewed a draft document that staff assisted in preparing for workgroup chair on the background of the group, the purpose and measurable objective. Workgroup Chair requested staff re-email him the survey results previously sent out so he can forward them to the members. Workgroup Chair will design a new survey that can be handed out at the full SSAN meeting. Discussion that members would like to see that a visit to the Capitol is included in a future SSAN meeting.
- **Next Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 1:00 pm.** Members need to report on how many presentations they have done on legislative bills.

SSAN Conference Line

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Participant Code: 8703085

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SSAN Newsletter Workgroup History 2015



Established at the December 15-16, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting. Robert L. will be chair with Kecia, Cheryl, Joe, Desiree. Members broke into four workgroups. The Newsletter/Communication group created the following action plan:

1. Ask each workgroup to have an article in the newsletter
2. Have the newsletter out by June 15, 2015
3. By February 2015 contact the other chairs
4. Call back the group members by mid February 2015
5. Have the newsletter organized for the June 2015 meeting.
6. Contact all SSAN members by email on 1/7/15

The first newsletter will focus on bullying; Members will meet on 1/7/15 at 10 am by conference call.

- **January 7, 2015** – Cancelled.
- **February 4, 2015** – Members decided to have a vice chair for the workgroup. Discussed possible features including a Legislative Corner, spotlighting a SSAN representative, An Advocacy word/concept of the month, upcoming conference and webinars, and upcoming presentations by SSAN members. Cheryl mentioned the newsletter sample that she and NB Staff drafted with stories about people who inspire them. Discussed media releases and Robert will contact MA. The newsletter with topic of bullying will be completed 3/30/15 or 4/1/15. All members were asked to send in articles.
- **March 3-4, 2015 Full SSAN meeting workgroup session.** A packet was prepared by the SSAN Chair and provided to the workgroup chair. The packet included a summary of the workgroup background and directions by the SSAN Chair asking the workgroup to discuss what was gathered on the bullying stories from the assignment sheet and identify resources to put in

the newsletter. Also have the group look at the information on the SCDD website. Verbal directions were unclear and information was not returned after the workgroup session. Workgroup chair was also provided with an information sheet for future workgroup meeting calls. An Abuse Video during the workgroup report time. All SSAN members watched this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhLsATwO0o4>

- **March 11, 2015 – Newsletter Workgroup Meeting.** Members Robert Levy, Joe Meadows, Kecia Weller, Cheryl Hewitt and Desiree Boykin participated. Dena Hernandez and Steve Ruder were also on the call. Members picked Desiree Boykin to be a Co-chair. Discussed articles for Bullying were Regina Woodliff, David Forderer and Ramon Hernandez as extras were Cheryl Hewitt (extra only.), Mike Arbois and Ted Jackson (but didn't use.) Decided to keep the same the format, include Ramon's Bio article. Members discussed an article about Desiree becoming Secretary and Ted's article about Capitol Action Day 2015. The next newsletter committee meeting will be on 4/1/15 at 12pm.
- **April 1, 2015 Newsletter Workgroup Meeting.** Members Robert Levy Cheryl Hewitt, Desiree Boykin and Joe Meadours participated. Steve Ruder and Dena Hernandez were also on the call. Members discussed the work on getting Ted's article of Capitol Action Day and waiting for that article to be completed. The final newsletter draft is due on 4/15/15 or earlier. The 2 issues of the newsletter will be posted on the State Council Website soon. Members will be having an email meeting on 4/15/15 or earlier to go over the newsletter to see how everything is looking then. The next newsletter meeting on 4/29/15 will be talking about what topics are we going to put in the next newsletter for the 3rd issue. Like writing about the past events being Capitol Action Day, Supported Life Conference workshops and also People First Conference workshops.

- **April 29, 2015 Newsletter Workgroup Meeting.** Members Robert Levy and Desiree Boykin participated. Steve Ruder and Dena Hernandez were also on the call. Both issues of the newsletters and the two presentations are now on the State Council for Developmental Disabilities website. Members discussed that the SSAN newsletter issues will be due on February, May, August and November each year depending the SSAN meeting date. The 3rd SSAN newsletter issue is sometime in August 2015. Members decided to work on the following for the next issue: Getting Paul Mansell's bio and also the photo; Getting the new Vice Chair story and also the photo; Getting the Regional Office 3 Sacramento new representative bio and also the photo once has been chosen then; Getting information on the Choices conference workshop Robert Balderama and also the photo; Getting information on the Supported Life conference workshop Robert Levy, Charles Horne-Nutt and David Forderer and also the photos. Maybe adding 2 more photos from their Micro Enterprise businesses when they were mentioned on the Employment First power point presentation; Capitol Action Day Robert Levy, Cheryl Hewitt and Regina Woodliff and also the photos; People First of California Conference workshop Joe Meadours and also the photo; San Diego People's First conference workshop Paul Mansell and also the photo; World games event with Desiree Boykin and also the photo; America Disability Act 25th Anniversary story by Cheryl Hewitt and also the photo. The next SSAN Newsletter is on 6/10/15.
- **June 10, 2015 Newsletter Workgroup Meeting.** Members discussed using the same newsletter format. Staff Dena Hernandez participated and sent the Chair the updated newsletter layout and will bring copies for the full SSAN meeting later this month. It includes Paul Mansell's article with pictures to follow later. Robert Balderama will his article and picture for CHOICES by next week or by the SSAN meeting. Staff will provide copies of the Photo Release so that Robert can ask the two people at Progressive to give their ok to use their picture. There will be paper photo releases at the SSAN meeting for the new members. Robert will ask the new members (Paul, Lisa, and

Adele) for a bio and picture for the newsletter and also have them sign the photo release. Cheryl Hewitt will ask SSAN members bring any info or email you any info about upcoming events (Aug, Sept, Oct) in their area they would like in the newsletter. Cheryl also suggested having Desiree come up with a new quote for the front page of the SSAN Newsletter. At the upcoming SSAN meeting the work groups will be asked to fill out a calendar for the rest of the year and also come up with a goal for the group for the rest of the year at the SSAN meeting. The next work group meeting after the full SSAN meeting will be on July 8th, 2015 at 12 pm.

- **June 24-25, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting Legislative Workgroup Meeting.**

Workgroup was provided with a packet of information and asked to develop the Purpose, Goal, and Measureable Objective for the workgroup. Future workgroup dates were also scheduled and a template was provided to the workgroup chair to notify others. The group came up with the following - **Purpose:** The Newsletter workgroup will communicate what SSAN is about so members can take information back to their community to help self-advocates.

Goal: Redesign Quarterly Newsletter Template. Establish cutoff dates for members to submit articles.

Cutoff Dates for Articles	Publication Date
Feb 1	Feb 15
May 1	May 15
Aug 1	Aug 15
Nov 1	Nov 15

Measurable Objectives: Armando to redesign template so group can review on 7/8/2015 – template will allow articles to be dropped in without changing the format of the template.

- **July 8, 2015 Workgroup Meeting** – Group met and reported that they didn't get the bio articles done for Paul Mansell, Lisa Cooley and Adele Escobedo. Robert will ask the SSAN members if they have any articles to write about. Members discussed the goals in the year for the SSAN Newsletter committee staff for the final drafts only; Having the issues out on time; Being only the

final drafts which is 4 times a year; Keeping the rough draft Deadline on time; Keeping the articles short and brief; Keeping the proper grammar wording for those articles; Keeping the articles strictly by the subject; Setting the dates on the calendar for the SSAN newsletter committee staff meeting for the rest of the year being after the SSAN 7/8/15 meeting date and it will end on 12/31/15 only at the June 2015 SSAN meeting. Starting in December 2, 2015- December 3, 2015 being the SSAN meeting dates we will be setting up the dates for the 2016 calendar year and every December SSAN meeting dates thereafter we will be setting up the SSAN newsletter committee staff meeting dates for each calendar year for now on.

- **August 14, 2015 Workgroup Meeting.** Meeting cancelled.

- **Next Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2015 at 10:00 am.**

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SSAN Self-Determination Workgroup History 2015

- **Workgroup was formed at the September 2014 SSAN Meeting**

- **Workgroup Meetings to work on Self-Determination power point**
 - **October 1, 2014**
 - **October 29, 2014**
 - **December 11, 2014**

- **December 15-16, 2015 Full SSAN meeting.** Julie Gaona presented the draft Self Determination power point (12/15/14) and the group approved it pending SCDD approval to use this presentation in the community. The Workgroup met and came up with the following plan:
 1. Get a copy of the SD Power Point
 2. Sign up for Self Determination
 3. Check updates on the DDS website
 4. Provide SSAN with an update about SD

- **January 9, 2015 Workgroup meeting – Cancelled**

- **January 21, 2015 Self Determination power point presented at the SAAC meeting.** SAAC members made some suggested edits that were completed that night.

- **January 22, 2015. SD power point was presented at the full Council meeting.** SCDD ED provided additional updated information on the Self Determination Waiver for power point. Unable to approve as they lost quorum. Referred to SCDD Executive Committee meeting.

- **February 24, 2015. SCDD Executive Committee approved for distribution.**

- **March 4-5, 2015 Full SSAN meeting.** All members received a copy of the final power point and were emailed an electronic version. Workgroup was provided with a list of Regional Centers by Cheryl and were asked to call each RC to see where they are with SD. Cheryl also asked that the group come up with some survey questions for some consistency in how to present the material and maybe ask Desiree if she can mention it at her ARCA meeting. Cheryl also asked that the group come up with some talking points for the Power Point presentation so members could have some helpful hints when doing presentations in their communities. (There was some confusion at this meeting and it is unknown if these tasks were completed.)

March 3-4, 2015 Self Determination (SD) Workgroup Docs

- Workgroup instructions
 - Info for workgroup calls
 - Suggestions on How to give a Presentation on SD
 - Copy of Approved SD Power Point
 - SD Handout – A New Option!
 - Copy of Regional Centers Directory
 - Copy of Regional Center's on California Map
 - Copy of Maria Marquez' power point from September 2014
 - DRC Fact Sheet on SB 468 – Self-Determination
- **March 13, 2015 Workgroup meeting – cancelled.**
 - **May 2, 2015 Statewide Self-Advocacy Presentation.** Charles Horne-Nutt and David Forderer presented the SD PP at the 2015 Supported Life Statewide Self Advocacy Conference. 27 evaluation summaries were turned in and the presentation was well liked.

- **June 24-25, 2015 Full SSAN meeting.** Workgroup met and came up with the purpose of the workgroup, developed a goal and measurable objectives. The group also came up with meeting dates for the rest of the year. Members were provided with a list of the Regional Centers and planned to contact them to see if they have had their SD meetings. The workgroup came up with the following:

Purpose: The Self Determination workgroup will reach out to other regions to find out what works and what does not!

Goal: Call each Regional Center and find out their status on Self Determination!

Measurable Objectives: Outreach and inform them about the budget cuts and how it is going to affect self-determination.

- **August 21, 2015 Workgroup Meeting.** Cheryl and Julie. Julie will draft a one page document for everyone to look at.

Next Scheduled Meeting Dates:

- September 23-24, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting
- October 16, 2015 workgroup call at 4:00 pm.
- December 2-3, 2015 Full SSAN Meeting
- December 18, 2015 workgroup call at 4:00 pm.




SSAN and the Pacific Alliance on Disability Self-Advocacy




September 8, 2015



HISTORY Summer 2013



- AIDD announced a funding opportunity as a Project of National Significance to provide regional technical assistance to self-advocacy organizations
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) presented a proposal to establish the Pacific Alliance for Disability Self-Advocacy (PADSA)
- Ari Ne’eman, ASAN President reached out to SSAN to become one of the recipients of the Technical Assistance
- SSAN Acting Chair, Trena Wade wrote the AIDD Commissioner a letter of support to endorse ASAN providing regional technical assistance on the West Coast and surrounding states



HISTORY Fall 2013



- ASAN was awarded the agreement to implement the PADSA
- Technical Assistance Flyer to support self-advocacy groups in California, Oregon, Washington and Montana
- Started accepting applications for state coordinator positions
- Reached out to representatives from self-advocacy groups and DD Network partners
- Assessments were started to enhance the capacity of the self-advocacy movement
- November 2013 Council Meeting Stacey Milbern, PADSA Project Coordinator did a presentation and asked Council for \$50,000 in funding



PADSA Recruitment



- PADSA Project Coordinator - Stacey Milbern started recruitment for two self-advocates to help coordinate the technical assistance in California
- Acting SSAN Chair, Trena Wade was hired for the Southern California Representative
- Alexa McBride was hired as the Northern California Representative




HISTORY Winter 2013/2014



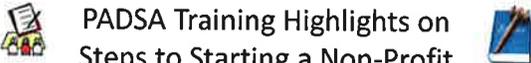
- CAPC, Inc. was awarded SCDD funding to provide self-advocacy support services and asked to help SSAN move toward breaking away as an independent organization
- Stacey Milbern, PADSA Project Coordinator, presented a Presentation on Opportunities and Goal Setting and taught SSAN members about SMART Goals at the December 2013 SSAN Meeting.
- Ari Ne’eman provided training to SSAN Officers in January 2014 on behalf of ASAN/PADSA on Becoming a Non-Profit
- AIDD provided a corrective action plan to SCDD and funding process changed creating a lack of accessible funds



HISTORY Spring/Summer 2014

- March 2014 SSAN meeting had to be canceled due to SCDD funding issues
- June 23-24, 2015 SSAN meeting – Mark Polit, SCDD Acting Executive Director advised SSAN that the Council believes the SSAN can stand on their own and would like to see that happen in the next 1-2 years
- SSAN members felt this is unrealistic – 4 years seems more realistic
- At this meeting, Stacey Milbern, PADSA Project Coordinator presented at the on How to Start a Non-Profit





PADSA Training Highlights on Steps to Starting a Non-Profit

- Develop by-laws
- Elect a Board of Directors (like SSAN Officers)
- Write Articles of Incorporation to apply as California Corporation
- Pay application fee
- Complete nonprofit application
- Complete nonprofit application to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Inform the State of California after approved by the IRS

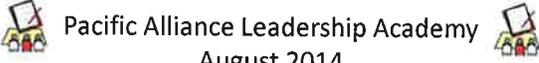
PADSA Assistance Offered to SSAN for Non-Profit

- Unbiased facilitation to make a decision about whether to become a non-profit
- Goal setting for the non-profit and coaching to complete the application process
- Resource Guides and webinars
- Annual Leadership Academy
- Executive Leadership coaching



PADSA Recommended Next Steps

- Complete a Needs Assessment and an Action Plan for decision making
- Trena Wade, PADSA Southern California representative can assist
- Challenges include staying organized
- A self-advocacy network in Oregon is in the process of becoming a non-profit
- People First Groups in the country have a history of becoming a non-profit

Pacific Alliance Leadership Academy August 2014

- Self-advocates were invited by invitation only by PADSA staff
- Jennifer Allen, SSAN Vice Chair and Acting Chair attended
- Jennifer reported on the Leadership Training at the September 2014 SSAN meeting
- ASAN provided the training in the Bay Area
- 16 people were in attendance
- Jennifer recorded the training on her cell phone and was given a book



December 2014

- Natalia Rivera Morales, ASAN Leadership Programs Coordinator advised that Stacey Milbern is no longer with PADSA
- Starting in January 2015 Kris Guin, ASAN Technical Assistance Coordinator will be our contact
- Julia Bascom is the ASAN Director of Programs
- Trena Wade is the PADSA State Coordinator




PADSA Quarterly Advisory Calls

- PADSA "Disability Advisory Council"
- All 4 states are involved (California, Oregon, Washington, and Montana)
- Easy to get confused – The "Disability Advisory Council" is often referred to as "The Council" and in California we automatically think of SCDD not PADSA
- Members are both self-advocates and staff
- Members are invited to participate by PADSA
- Calls are set up through Doodle Poll



PADSA Advisory Calls

- Nicole Patterson, DDS SSAN representative was also involved at the beginning
- Joe Meadours, PFCA is now involved
- Cheryl Hewitt, SSAN chair is now involved
- Mary Agnes Nolan, SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator has been involved since the beginning



PADSA Advisory Calls - 2014

- January 10, 2014 – Nicole and Mary Agnes
- April 22, 2014 – Mary Agnes
- July 9, 2014 – canceled
- July 25, 2014
- September 26, 2014




PADSA Advisory Calls - 2015

- January 23, 2015 – Cheryl and MA participated.
- February 2015 – PADSA requested nominations for 2015 PADSA Leadership Academy with leadership experience
- April 8, 2015 – Mini-Grant Recipients were announced
- June 16, 2015 – Cheryl, MA, Joe Meadours participated
- August 16-20, 2015 Leadership Academy

Pacific Alliance Leadership Academy August 16-August 20, 2015




Academy Training Topics

- DD Policy and Medicaid
- Fundraising
- State Plan Group Session – S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Community Organizing
- Direct Action
- Staying in Charge in Your Self-Advocacy Group
- Managing a Self Advocacy Organization
- Advocacy in Social Media
- Report Out



DD Policy and Medicaid

- Mary Lee Fay, Executive Director from National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
- Discussed Policy, Goals and Issues in State I/DD systems



Fundraising



- Kevin R. Webb, Sr. Director
- Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation
- Fundraising for Self-Advocacy Organizations
- Different Types
- Why you need to do it
- Tips and recommendations to get funding



State Plan Group – S.M.A.R.T. Goals

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Timely



🔑 This is the Key to Organizing the group!

Community Organizing

- Building your own self advocacy groups
- Allegra Stout, Community Organizer, Boston Center for Independent Living



Community Organizing is the process of bringing people together to build collective power to win improvement in people's lives and challenge the power structure.

Power = the ability to make what you want happen



Direct Action



- Bruce Darling – BDarling@CDRNYS.org
- Types of Direct Action
- Identifying the issue
- Selecting the target
- Demands - How to protest and get your voices heard. Chain yourself up
- Scouting the Hit
- Planning the Action
- Mobilizing people
- Be a stronger advocate
- Debrief



Center for Disability Rights, Inc.
Empowering People. Help. Resources.

Staying in Charge in Your Self Advocacy Group

- Boundaries
- Role Playing
- The facilitator's role
- SSAN Members came up with some possible things for California to possibly work on
- Maybe do this at a future meeting



Managing a Self Advocacy Organization



- Ari Ne'eman
- Elaborated on the S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Talked about how to be positive and productive in your meetings
- How to set up your meetings with bylaws
- Structure and Sustainability
- Planning and priorities
- Decision Making

Advocacy in Social Media

Kris Guin, Technical Assistance Coordinator presented

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Tumblr
- Emails



How to use this – make a success of leadership

Reports

Possible things for California to work on

SSAN to move toward becoming a Non Profit – may put on hold- long term goal

School Districts to implement bullying policies



California



Goal

Become an Independent Non-Profit

SSAN Mission

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

Example of Steps for California

1. Identify funding sources

- a) Donations
- b) Membership fees
- c) Grants
- d) Individual
- e) Corporate
- f) Fundraiser
- g) Workshops
- h) Presentations



2. Ask for help from other non-profits

3. Within 3 years



What needs to get done?



1. Contact foundation center to clarify necessary steps to become a non-profit
2. Reach out to other non-profit organizations about what worked and what does not work to become a non-profit organization
3. Identify your budget
4. Contact a lawyer in assisting in the formation to become a non-profit organization
5. Identify different companies and organizations to support SSAN's mission
6. Identify other fundraising ideas (i.e. donations, memberships, scholarships, etc.)

Best Part of Leadership Training

Charles Horne-Nutt

- S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Boundaries
- Fundraiser information



Best Part of Leadership Training Rebecca Donabed

- Boundaries
- Role playing
- S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Really- really enjoyed it.



Best Part of Leadership Training Robert Levy

- S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Boundaries



Best Part of Leadership Training David Forderer

- State Plan Group Session when discussing the State Goal of Becoming a Non-Profit
- Boundaries Exercise – Staying in charge of your facilitator
- Ari Ne’eman’s presentation on Managing a Self Advocacy Organization



Seattle, Washington 2015



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For More Information

The following 2015 Pacific Leadership Academy Presentations are available at:
<http://pacific-alliance.org/leadership-academy/2015-academy/>

- [DD Policy and Medicaid](#)
- [Fundraising](#)
- [Community Organizing](#)
- [Staying in Charge Part 1](#)
- [Staying in Charge Part 2](#)
- [Managing a Self Advocacy Organization](#)
- [Advocacy in Social Media](#)
- [Leadership Academy Schedule](#)
- [Leadership Academy Booklet](#)

