



June 9, 2015

Hello SSAN members,

Here is the June meeting packet. Your packet includes the following:

- Agenda
- March Minutes
- SSAN Meeting and Workgroup Calendar
- Member Action Report Form
- Outreach / Presentation Form
- David Forderer's SAAC/Council report with a list of legislative bills that SCDD took positions on at the May 20, 2015 Council meeting and a flyer on the California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint
- Kecia Weller's SCDD Employment Committee Report
- Vice-Chair Duties
- Second Edition of the SSAN Newsletter

Your packet includes a SSAN Meeting and Workgroup Calendar. When the workgroups meet on day one, the groups will be asked to develop at least one goal and objective at the meeting as well as to update the calendar with future meeting dates and times.

Please don't forget to do your member action report and provide the information on your presentations. Both forms are included. This is very important because it helps us with the annual report that goes to the federal government at the end of the year.

David's report that includes a list of bills that SCDD took positions on at the May 20, 2015 Council meeting and a request for input on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).

Kecia's EFC report is also included.

The MOU committee has met and will have a discussion and there will be more information provided at the meeting for SSAN members to look at.

We will be having elections for Vice Chair and the duties are in the packet. See if these duties fit with your talents and prepare your speech for the SSAN body.

We put out a terrific newsletter again. We are still getting compliments on it and it is included as well. We have already started on the next edition.

Due to time restraints I am asking that you check out of your rooms prior to the meeting on the second day.

From Cheryl Hewitt, SSAN Chair



Posted on: [www.scdd.ca.gov](http://www.scdd.ca.gov)

## **STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING INFORMATION**



**DATE:** Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25, 2015



**TIME:** Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00 am-5pm  
Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9:30am-3:00pm



**WHERE:** Hawthorne Suites  
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## AGENDA FOR DAY 1

June 24, 2015  
10:00am-5:00pm

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### **Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions**

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson  
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson  
**ACTION**



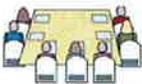
### **Public Comment**

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### **Review and Approval of Minutes March 2015**

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson  
**ACTION**



### **Workgroups Meet**

**ACTION**



### **Workgroups Report back to SSAN with Action Plans**

**ACTION**



**Lunch** – 90 minutes. On Your Own



**Member Action Reports**

All  
Discussion



**SCDD Update**

Aaron Carruthers, SCDD Executive Director (A)



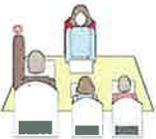
**SCDD Report**

David Forderer  
**ACTION**



**SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) Update**

Kecia Weller, Employment First Committee Chairperson  
Discussion on the April 14, 2015 meeting



**Nominations for Vice Chair**

**ACTION**



**5:00 Adjourn**



## AGENDA FOR DAY 2

June 25, 2015  
9:30am-3:00pm



### **Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions**

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson  
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.*



### **Candidate Speeches and Vote for Vice Chair**

ALL  
ACTION



### **Legislative Update**

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



### **Self Advocacy Council 6- How we started -Presentation**

Robert Balderama, SSAN Member region 6



**Lunch – 90 minutes. On Your Own**



**Memo of Understanding (MOU) Discussion**  
Ted Jackson, MOU Committee Chair



**Review Member Action Plans/Assignments**  
SSAN Officers



**Input for next SSAN Meeting**  
ALL



**3:00pm Adjourn**



Statewide Self Advocacy Network  
 Meeting Minutes  
 March 4 & 5, 2015  
 Hawthorne Suites, Sacramento

<p><b><u>SCDD Regional Office Members in attendance</u></b>          Jennifer Allen- Sacramento          Michael Arbios- North Bay          Robert Balderama-North Valley Hills          Julie Gaona- Los Angeles          Ramon Hernandez-Central Coast          Cheryl Hewitt- Silicon Valley Monterey Bay          Regina Woodliff-Bay Area</p> <p><b><u>Agency Members in attendance</u></b>          Desiree Boykin- ARCA          David Forderer- SCDD          Ted Jackson- CFILC representative          Robert Levy-UCEDD Mind Institute          Joe Meadours- People First of California</p> <p><b><u>SCDD Staff in attendance</u></b>          Anastasia Bacigalupo- Central Coast          Sonya Bingaman-Sacramento          Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hills          George Lewis- North Valley Hills          Mary Agnes Nolan- SCDD HQ          Cindy Ruder- North Bay          Ron Usac-Bay Area</p>	<p><b><u>Members not in attendance</u></b>          Rebecca Donabed- Sequoia          Charles Horne-Nutt- North State          Kyle Minnis - Orange County Office          Nicole Patterson- DDS          Kecia Weller- UCEDD Trajan Center</p> <p><b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>  <b><u>Non SCDD Facilitators</u></b>          Wayne Glusker-facilitator          Robin Rhoades- People First of CA          Steve Ruder- US Davis Mind Institute          Dezirae Nunez          Jana Chapman/Plon          Jennifer Caldwell</p> <p><b><u>Guests &amp; Speakers</u></b>          Tony Anderson- Lanterman Coalition          Mike Clark- SCDD Interim Executive Director          Nelly Nieblas- SCDD          Bob Giovati- SCDD          Aaron Carruthers- SCDD          Kirk Aranda- CFILC's Youth Organizer          Jake Atteberry- Yo Disabled &amp; Proud          Christina Mills- Program Director of Yo Disabled &amp; Proud</p>
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**DAY 1**

**Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions**

Cheryl Hewitt, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call was taken and there was not a quorum. Introductions were made by all present.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

A Motion could not be taken as there was not a quorum- this will be revisited upon getting a quorum.

## **Lanterman Coalition Presentation**

Tony Anderson- gave a power point presentation about the Lanterman Act Coalition and he encouraged all to get involved with their legislators on the 10 campaign ideas to make change happen! All members were given a copy of the power point. He reviewed what is on the [www.Lantermancoalition.org](http://www.Lantermancoalition.org)

Question asked: Can SSAN be a part of the Lanterman Coalition? Discussion about role of SSAN- Would like SCDD representative, David Forderer to check with SCDD on protocol and rules on how to best support the coalition since SCDD is already a member. David Forderer agreed to do this and let SSAN know. Tony had to head to the Capitol for a Rally- Cheryl thanked him for his time and said SSAN will be in touch once a decision has been.

## **Introductions again**

Since more people arrived for the meeting- introductions were done again and included the audience as well. A quorum was established at this point.

## **Review and Approval of Agenda with quorum**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve by Michael/Second by Regina. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

## **Review and Approval of Minutes Sept 2014**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Julie./ Second by Regina. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Lanterman Coalition**

Since a quorum has been achieved the following motion was made to request SCDD representative David Forderer to discuss SSAN participation with the Lanterman Coalition.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve Michael./ Second by Robert B. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

## **SCDD Update**

Mike Clark, Interim Executive Director gave the update.

- One of the big jobs of the state council is to develop, approve and maintain a 5 year state plan for systems advocacy, capacity building, systems change in the world of developmental services. To improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our current state plan goes until September 2016.
- He shared and went over the Survey for the SCDD's next State Plan. He asked for input from the members and also that the members share this information in their communities. Everyone received a hard copy of the survey with a stamped addressed envelope to return to SCDD. There will also be a survey on-line- the link will be shared once it is up and running. Input due on or before May 31, 2015- but sooner is better than later.
- He shared that Cheryl and Jennifer met with him and Bob Giovati over a month ago. Cheryl and Jennifer raised concerns regarding SCDD support of SSAN. Mike shared that SCDD is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCDD & SSAN. It will be discussed with SSAN after the draft and make sure both parties are in agreement. It was suggested that Mike review the SSAN by-laws (an emailed copy was sent to Mike during this meeting). SSAN will get a MOU workgroup together and contact Mike to set up a meeting.
- He gave an overview of SCDD history to the present with the signing of AB1595 and an overview of where SCDD is today.

## **Member Action Reports**

Cheryl called the meeting to order 1:45 pm. Since we have a new member, before we start doing the member reports, I want him to come get the Winnie the Pooh. Ramon will hold onto the Winnie the Pooh and then at the end of the reports give it to the member who had the most exciting member report. We also have another stuffed animal- that will be given to the member who participates the most.

## **David Forderer- SCDD –**

- My member report is that I met with Senator Jim Beall since the last time we met. And he was briefing me on a major piece of legislation on the right to die. He was briefing me on it. And he said that there was going to be lots of debate about the bill itself.

**Jennifer Allen from Sacramento Office-** Due to health reasons, I have nothing to report.

### **Michael Arbios from North Bay Office-**

- I emailed Robert Levy an article about a football player who bullied another football player. It was from last year- it was a big deal back then.
- I give trainings to group homes that get into trouble.
- I will be providing presentations on Self-Determination, and self advocacy and your IPP.

**Regina Woodliff from Bay Area Office-** My report is on last month on self-employment- trying to do that with the schools- for self-employment and self-determination.

### **Robert Balderama North Valley Hills Office –**

- I spoke with people at my day program- about the bullying situation- there was at least 4 people that had told me that they had been bullied. - I also provided the anti-bullying material at Options- from DDS safety net.
- I also worked on transportation advisory committee and I worked with our local social services transportation advisory committee- we complete a list of applications applying for transportation funds and assisted choosing awardees.
- I attended our regional center board meeting.
- I did a presentation on black history month to a group of self advocates.
- I attend the Options day program- We are starting a series of sexual education classes at options. Once the series is over I will bring materials and resources to this group.
- The Self Advocacy Council 6 has started a newsletter, “The Chatter”.
- Our 28<sup>th</sup> annual CHOICES Conference- May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. I have registration forms.

### **Cheryl Hewitt Silicon Valley Monterrey Bay Office**

- My bullying sorry- When I was little, my little sister pushed me in my wheel chair in the neighborhood. And basically they would take the pebbles out of the driveway, and start throwing them at me. I asked my mother why they did this and she said it was that people pick on the weakest. I never listened to that.
- I gave training to group of people at a supportive housing complex- we wrote a letter about a subsidy increase.
- I gave a presentation to Parents Helping Parents- to help through the “long road” of transition.
- One of the resources that I found is The Centers for Independent Living will loan you a piece of technology and let you use it for a month. ILRCs are a great resource of information and they have great materials for handing out to folks.

### **Julie Gaona Los Angeles Office–**

- My bullying story- I think we have all been bullied in our life- unfortunate but it makes you stronger. By junior high/beginning of high school, I was one of the most popular girls in the entire high school and everyone respected me in the end.
- I have been doing a lot of presentations on self-determination and educating people. I went to New Horizons and educated them on self-determination. I also spoke to some parents and spoke to them on self-determination.
- Recently I attended a meeting with the Los Angeles County Board for Developmentally Disabled. And we talked about IHSS- she was from a law firm- people with disabilities- adults- going to hearings- I learned a couple of things about that. How they rank us and how to review your IHSS file regarding that. Also I learned that if you need more hours, you can receive up to 283, even though there were budget cuts.
- I have also been working on transportation for access as well as Metrolink. Access wants to increase their fares- we are writing our legislators that this can't happen because we are all on fixed incomes.
- I recently attended a meeting with Ted Jackson and members of other Independent Living agencies. One thing we talked about was increase minimum wage because the cost of living has increased. We are having people sign a petition about this.

### **Ramon Hernandez- Central Coast-**

- My story on bullying is about the use of words. They used the r word a lot- as we all know it is used to talk down to someone and to make them feel inferior. I think we need to stop using that word. To me we need to stop using that word and looking at people as equals. We all have challenges but with the proper resources and programs, we can all do what we can do to the best of our abilities.
- I haven't met with any agencies or outreach to new self advocates yet.
- I have found new resources- about the ABLE act- allows people with disabilities to save up to \$2,000 without having their monthly SSI payment stopped.

### **Desiree Boykin ARCA –**

- My report on bullying- there is a guy on the radio talking about bullying and he talks about what people with disabilities go through with bullying. I

shared information by email. I found some other newsletters online and shared them with people in my community.

### **Ted Jackson CFILC**–

- I found a bullying story from the United Kingdom, known as England, Scotland. The director at ILRC highlights a lot of stories from the UK because they talk a lot about new ways to handle situations. The article talks about how to stop bullying. There is a link on my report and you read it online.
- I was a speaker at a California elections panel in February. It's a big conference of about 200 people. This year was all about access for people with disabilities and it was really great. We were able to give them data about people with disabilities and voting.
- The DO network held two meetings – one in Claremont about CalFresh and social security. For many people, they get these benefits- the funding was cut- big push to get the programs refunded. The second meeting was in San Francisco- we had visitor who has worked on many bills related to people with disabilities- he talked about how to keep the momentum going with legislative advocacy.
- New resources- [www.voterapp.us](http://www.voterapp.us) it's a cool new app- can show it to people at the break and you can pick different topics on the app. You can agree or disagree- it will compute your answers and tell you which presidential candidate most agrees with your views. If you would like to test it, please give me your email, and I will put you in the testing pool.
- We had some victories within the DO network- 1) we were able to get online voter registration so that it is screen reader accessible, the secretary of state liked our platform so much, they are making theirs just like ours and other states are interested, too! 2) There was a case out of San Francisco- we partnered with the American Civil Liberties Union and the ILRC- the case was where a woman with a disability was arrested but wasn't given accommodations. The case is going forward and will challenge whether a person with a disability has a right to accommodations when arrested. 3) Bart: The new Bart card- we successfully won- the board of directors agreed to our terms last Thursday- for the next 50 years, there will be a sign on and separate entrance for wheelchairs- two wheelchair spaces next to each other- they removed some of the poles so that wheelchairs can get by. It took 3 years but we did it!

### **Joe Meadours – CA People First** –

- People still think that people with disabilities have a label on their back. When I was first getting involved with People First movement, I saw people get booted from the group.
- I talked to Desiree about possibly having the 2016 PF Gathering in LA. We also talked about how to start new chapters in their area.
- People First California will do training at Porterville on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- People First is the only advocate group on the Advisory Committee of Disability Action Coalition- this committee is responsible for Capitol Action Day.
- I have not done any outreach to any new self advocates at this time.
- People First Ca has a grant from Pacific Alliance to help us fill all the vacant seats that are on our board.

**Robert Levy – UC Davis, MIND Institute –**

- No story on bullying right now.
- On 02/02/15, I gave a presentation at the UC Davis Mind Institute about some of my commitments to the UC Davis Medical School. For the student module training class. I did do some training sessions at UC Davis on computers and medical school students some training classes.
- New resources- not right now.
- Presentation/outreach with SSAN members- UC Davis Mind institute- 02/02/2015. I talked about some of my commitments of my full life. I did not have any links or a website- there were 10 people at the presentation. No follow up, no materials. Attendees liked the presentation.
- I work with Progresso employment concepts- here in Sacramento, Davis, Eureka, etc. My child experiences being on the track team, my employment experiences- I talked about my experiences in the CA Conservation Corps and when I moved out of my parents' home and learned how to live with roommates. If I have to move out again, then I know how to live with roommates.

Ramon Hernandez was asked to pick a winner of the Winnie the Pooh for the best Member Report- He chose Ted Jackson.

**David Forderer – SCDD** - David Report was included in the packet. The highlight is that SCDD has a new chairperson- April Lopez. Elections for vice chair will be held at the March meeting. I have been appointed at the chair of the Self Advocates Advisory Committee.

Cheryl announced that both power points- Employment & Self Determination were approved by SCDD. All members were given a paper copy. Cheryl said that Aaron Carruthers from SCDD gave a compliment on the first SSAN newsletter.

Cheryl went over the Presentation & Outreach by SSAN members form.

### **SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) Update**

Kecia Weller, Employment First Committee Chairperson, was unable to attend the meeting. Next EFC meeting is April 24, 2015.

### **Nominations for Secretary**

Desiree and Robert Levy were nominated and accepted the nominations. Speeches and election will be held on day 2.

### **Members Meeting**

Cheryl asked all support staff and facilitators to leave so that they could have a meeting so members can speak freely about issues. After support staff and facilitators were asked back into the room. The SSAN members thanks all for their support. No other information was given on the discussion during this meeting.

**ADJOURNED Day 1.**

## **SSAN DAY 2 Minutes**

### **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**

Cheryl called the meeting to order at 9:35. Introductions made.

### **Review of Agenda**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve by David F/Second by Regina. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

### **Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson Discussion**

Highlights from Day 1:

- We called the meeting and approved the agenda.
- Tony Anderson presented on the Lanterman Coalition. The body voted to work with the coalition. David and Cheryl will talk to Tony about becoming of a member of the coalition. Mike Clark will meet with SSAN members to come up with clear guidelines about the SSAN to be a member of the coalition.
- Ted won the Winnie the Pooh for his member report.
- Robert and Desiree are running for secretary.
- Information on the back table: The Pacific Alliance- our group encompasses California, Washington, Montana, and Oregon. They do have grants available. Ted has flyers in the back from the ILRCs.

## **Public Comment**

*No public comment*

## **Election of SSAN Secretary – Speeches and Roll Call Voting**

The candidates running for secretary gave their speeches and Desiree was elected Secretary. Roll Call vote completed and recorded. David- Desiree Jennifer- Robert/Michael- Robert/Regina- Desiree/Robert- Desiree/Ramon- Desiree/Julie- Desiree/Desiree- Desiree/Ted- Desiree/Joe- Desiree/Robert L- Robert L.

Discussion about voting by raising one's hand- it might not be the most accommodating way to do it. Aaron Carruthers, SCDD. Offered this info- Bagley-Keene- there was a change that happened and it went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>- that is one of the changes and it is one of many changes we are trying to understand. The vote has to be reported and recorded. SSAN decided to vote by voice and have the SSAN secretary recorded each members vote.

## **Legislative Update**

Nelly Nieblas and Bob Giovati gave this update. They described themselves as the Legislative Team at SCDD. They handed out a list of bills that have something to do with people with developmental disabilities. They hope to get it into a more user friend format. They shared their backgrounds and what brought them to SCDD. They are here to help with any legislative questions/comments and/or concerns. They do not have cards since they both just started working at SCDD but they can be reached by phone at SCDD. Cheryl suggested that any legislative issue/rallies/hearings be put on the SCDD website so SSAN members can participate. They are open to learning more about SSAN and meet the needs of SSAN as it pertains to Legislative Policy and bills.

## **Capitol Action Day & YO! Presentation**

Jake Atteberry and Kirk Aranda from YO! Disable and Proud gave their presentation on their program and information [www.yodisabledproud.org](http://www.yodisabledproud.org) They also gave information on Capitol Action Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Christina Mills- program director of YO! Disabled and Proud encouraged SSAN member to sign a pledge that they will participate at Capitol Action Day and encourage others to attend as well. The Disability Action Coalition is responsible for pulling this major event together. Ted will send information to SSAN members about Capitol Action Day.

**ACTION:** Motion that those SSAN members, who can make it, can attend capitol action day made by Robert L/ Seconded by Robert B. Vote taken and ALL members voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Cheryl and Jennifer decided to give Robert Levy the beanie baby award for participation at today's meeting.

### **Workgroups Meet**

Self Determination

Employment

Newsletter/Communication

Legislative/Policy Workgroup

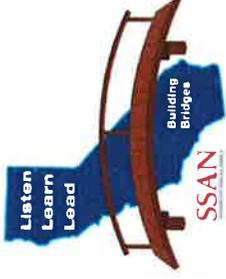
### **Input for next SSAN Meeting**

- The employment work group would like to do a train-the-trainer session so folks can learn the employment first training. We would request if possible an hour and a half. So we can break up into groups and practice.
- Self Determination- Julie said their group is interested in doing that too
- Invite the Supported Life Institute to talk about what they do.
- Suggested that since there is a larger self advocacy movement in Robert Balderama's region that he could do a presentation on how that got started. Robert agreed to do it.
- The workgroups to have a longer time to present on what they are going to be working on and their goals.
- Legislative update
- Report on Capitol Action Day
- David can report on the legislative workgroup
- Have food delivered or catered here. Ted can work with support staff to folks on this. And maybe we can have the food by the pool.

SSAN members watched the You-tube video on Abuse that included Molly Kennedy and SSAN member Kecia Weller.

Cheryl asked the members to complete the evaluation forms and thanked everyone for a good meeting.

**Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.**  
*Minutes respectfully submitted by SCDD staff*



SSAN Meeting & Work Groups- 2015

Month	Full SSAN	MOU	Exec Team	Employment	Legislative	Newsletter	Self Determination
January				28 <sup>th</sup>			
February			12 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup>	
March	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>					11 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
April			8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 2:30	7 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00	
May		15 <sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> @9 am 28 <sup>th</sup> @9am	27 <sup>th</sup> @ 2:30	5 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:00		
June	24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>		9 <sup>th</sup> @ 10 am	17 <sup>th</sup> @ 2:30	9 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:00	10 <sup>th</sup> @ 12:00	
July							
August							
September	23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>						
October							
November							
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>						

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)- Ted Jackson (chair)** Cheryl Hewitt, Desiree Boykin, Julie Gaona, David Forderer, Joe Meadours

**Exec Team- Cheryl Hewitt (chair)**, TBD (vice chair) Desiree Boykin (secretary)

**Employment- Rebecca Donabed (chair)**, Ted Jackson, Regina Woodruff; Kecia Weller; Cheryl Hewitt

**Legislative- David Forderer (chair)**, Robert Balderama, Ramon Hernandez, Charles Horne-Nutt

**Newsletter- Robert Levy (chair)**, Desiree Boykin (vice-chair), Cheryl Hewitt, Joe Meadours

**Self Determination- Julie Gaona (chair)**, Cheryl Hewitt; Michael Arbios?



**Statewide Self Advocacy Network**  
**MEMBER ACTION REPORT**  
June 24-25, 2015

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or Regional Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you give trainings or work with any agencies or organizations?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you done any presentations or outreach to new self advocates?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you found any new resources?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please tell us if you want our agency partners to give a presentation on what their agency does at a future SSAN meeting.

YES      NO

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*



## Presentations & Outreach by SSAN Members

We want to make sure everyone knows about the good work being done by SSAN members! Can you provide us with the information below whenever you do a presentation or do outreach? This information will be included in the SSAN Annual Report.

Regional Office #/Partner Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you talk about? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a website or link to the presentation? If yes, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people were at the presentation? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of follow-up is needed? \_\_\_\_\_

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How many new self-advocates were recruited? \_\_\_\_\_

Did people like your presentation? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know they liked it? \_\_\_\_\_

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What other agencies did you work with? \_\_\_\_\_

In a few brief sentences, please share what you did and how it went. If any new issues came up, please explain what they were. \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you share a story about the experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please attach any handouts you used. You can either send this form to the SSAN Chair, the Self-Advocacy Coordinator at SCDD or bring it to the next SSAN meeting. Thank you for your work to help Californians who have developmental disabilities have better lives!**



**Report from SAAC/SCDD Meeting TO SSAN by David Forderer**  
**Highlights from the May 18-19, 2015 SAAC/Council Meeting in Sacramento**

- Denyse Curtright from the Department of Developmental Services gave a talk (during public comment) to SAAC about her department producing an MOU between the Dept. of Rehabilitation and the Dept. of Health Care Services. The idea is to work together to assist people with severe developmental disabilities to find competitive employment. The blueprint for this cooperation is called California Competitive Integrated Employment. Please see the attached flyer to provide input in this process.
- I asked that SAAC give Denyse Curtright more time at a future SAAC meeting to share her department's vision.
- Steven Kapp's report on the CECY (California Employment Consortium for Youth) was given by Charles Horne-Nutt at the SAAC meeting due to Steven's absence.
- New Councilmember, Jay Lytton was sworn in and the other members were invited to participate repeating the oath.
- Reports were given by the SCDD Leadership. The reports told the members about all the work each person has been doing for SCDD.
- There was an update about the MTARS report- A highlight was the MTARS report detailing the council's effort to comply with the AIDD. Presently the Council has met about 58% of criteria put forth by AIDD and will start receiving payments for money spent, sooner than previously.

- The council approved the 2015-16 annual budget that includes a \$674,000 shortfall. Staff and Council members will be asked to provide solution ideas.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the Governor's Budget that did not include anything regarding the need for a 10% increase to providers that the Lanterman Coalition is requesting.
- I gave a report on our March 4-5, 2015 SSAN meeting to the Council.
- The Council's Executive Committee is actively pursuing the interviewing for the job of Executive Director and will start interviews (on 6/23-24, 2015) with qualified candidates who have met the criteria set forth by the Council. Once the interviews are completed, the Executive Committee will put forth the names(s) of those selected to the full Council at the July 15, 2015 meeting.
- There was discussion by the Council about joining several other departments (DOR, DDS, DOE etc.) to plan an ADA 25th Anniversary celebration event.
- It was announced that Lisa Cooley will be the Vice Chair to the Employment First Committee.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed bills, see the attached Legislative Positions that were voted on May 20, 2015.
- A full time "Human Resource" employee, Sabrina Smith was hired and will oversee the hiring of all new SCDD council employees.
- I have been invited, and I plan to attend the NACDD annual convention to be held July 21-23 in Sparks, Nevada.
- The next SAAC/Council meeting is on July 14-15, 2015 in Sacramento.



The California Department of Education, Department of Rehabilitation and Department of Developmental Services greatly appreciate your participation in today's conversation.

We are interested in any and all input from your advisory council.

To provide input please send email to:

[CaliforniaCIE@dor.ca.gov](mailto:CaliforniaCIE@dor.ca.gov)

To watch progress on the California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE): Blueprint for Reform effort see this webpage:

[http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-\(CIE\).aspx](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/Competitive-Integrated-Employment-(CIE).aspx)



## SCDD Legislation Positions Voted on May 20, 2015

### Assembly Bills (AB) – Support



- AB 74 – Calderon, Inspections
- AB 449 – Irwin, ABLE Account
- AB 563 – Lopez, Aging and IDD
- AB 564 – Eggman, Parental Fees
- AB 643 – Nazarian, Silver Alerts
- AB 648 – Low, Dental Care
- AB 662 – Bonilla, Restrooms
- AB 763 – Burke, Income and Medi-Cal Eligibility
- AB 881 - Garcia, Bullying
- AB 918 – Stone, Seclusion & Restraints
- AB 987 – Levine, Reasonable Accommodation Retaliation
- AB 1218 – Weber, Veterans Contracts
- AB 1261 – Burke, Adult Day Care
- AB 1369 – Frazier, Dyslexia



## SCDD Legislation Positions Voted on May 20, 2015

### Senate Bills (SB) – Support



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- SB 11 – Beall, Peace Officer Training
- SB 29 – Beall, Peace Officer Training
- SB 190 – Beall, Brain Injury
- SB 324 – Pavley, ABLE Program
- SB 490 – Beall & Huff, Regional Centers
- SB 492 – Liu, Coordinated Care
- SB 589 – Block, Voting

### OTHERS

- SB 128 – Wolk, End of Life NO POSITION
- HR 3717 – Murphy, Mental Health Crisis Act OPPOSE



**EMPLOYMENT FIRST REPORT  
PROVIDED BY: KECIA WELLER, EFC CHAIR  
SSAN MEETING  
JUNE 24-25, 2015**

Lisa Cooley served as acting chair at the Employment First meeting on April 14, 2015. There were two members of the public from the Autism Society that shared a handout called "The Employment Crisis". They requested DDS check their employment numbers, as they are seeing different statistics.

During the member reports, SB 644 was presented, and this bill will be sent to the LPPC Committee for consideration.

Liz Pastoral from the State Independent Living Council gave a Power Point presentation about the SILC, and she talked about the ABLE Act.

Member Hodgkins also talked about the Transition to Integrated Meaningful Employment Act. (TIME Act)

A suggestion was made to have someone from Washington come to talk about how they downsized the sheltered workshops.

There was no CECY Report given at this meeting.

The afternoon was spent identifying areas for the work plan, which included:

- Self Determination
- Employment
- Staff Development
- Financial structures (funding)
- Program/service designs
- Benefits planning and management
- Evaluate how other agencies prepare and fund individuals for employment and careers.

The Annual EFC Report was discussed, and staff was going to check to see if the date of July 1, 2015 for the report could be extended.

The Committee offered proposals to:

- Research practices in other states
- Meet with the Director of DDS
- Train Council Staff
- Develop a plan with the regional offices

At the next meeting, the committee would like to:

- Have member give brief reports on something related to EF
- Have a report from CEC
- Review the last report submitted to the Governor

For future meetings, the committee would like to have presentations on:

- Employment Barriers
- The ABLE Act
- The Promise Grant

The Next full EFC is going to be on June 30, 2015.





## **Duties of Vice-Chair and Election of Officers (Adapted from SSAN Bylaws)**



### **Duties of Vice-Chair**

1. As a member of the SSAN Executive Committee work along with 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.

### **Requirements of Vice-Chair**

1. Attend SSAN meetings regularly.
2. Serve as a mentor for new members.
3. Know SSAN Bylaws and meeting procedures.

### **Election of Officers**

Members cannot nominate themselves.

The member must be nominated by another member with a second.

Nominations will be made on Day 1 of the meeting.

Speeches and elections will be done on Day 2 of the meeting.

Speeches have a five minute time limit.

The results of the elections will take effect that day.

The nominated member receiving the most votes will hold the office for a term of two (2) years.

The chair does not vote in elections unless there is a tie.



# Voices of SSAN

Newsletter of the Statewide  
Self Advocacy Network  
Volume 2- April 2015

## SSAN's Mission

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

*"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."*

*- Cheryl Hewitt,  
SSAN Chair*

## From Cheryl Hewitt, SSAN Chair

Welcome to "Voice of SSAN," a newsletter of the Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN)!



Hi there, my name is Ramón Hernández. I was raised in the town of Oxnard, California and continue to reside in the County of Ventura. I was reared by two loving, hard working parents who wanted nothing but the best for me in order to lead the best life possible. It was through their hard work and dedication that I later

on realized my parents were my first advocates. At the age of 13, I began to witness the injustices and inequalities taking place in my environment. At 17 years old, this is where I started analyze and make sense of everything that was taking place around me, in which also initiated my interest in history and politics. It was not until I became involved in community organizing at the grass-roots level in my hometown that I noticed people-power could make a tremendous impact. Although it was not intentional, I felt excluded from these activities because the issues I encountered as a person with a developmental disability were not being addressed. It was not until I moved into a program called, Training for Independent Living from the Arc of Ventura County that I came to terms with my identity as a person who is developmentally disabled. Not long after, I came across a state agency that provides services to people who are developmentally disabled in order to help them achieve self-determination and integrate into their communities called, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, also known as SCDD. In this (Continued on page 2-Hernandez)



## SSAN Members

- Jennifer Allen, Sacramento
- Michael Arbios, North Bay
- Robert Balderama, North Valley Hills
- Desiree Boykin, ARCA
- Rebecca Donabed, Sequoia
- David Forderer, SCDD
- Julie Gaona, Los Angeles
- Ramon Hernandez, Central Coast
- Cheryl Hewitt, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay
- Charles Horne-Nutt, North State
- Ted Jackson, CFILC
- Robert Levy, UC Davis MIND Institute
- Paul Mansell, San Diego Imperial
- Joe Meadours, PFCA
- Kyle Minnis, Orange County
- Nicole Patterson, DDS
- Kecia Weller, UCLA Tarjan Center
- Regina Woodliff, Bay Area

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state agency, I currently serve as a member on the Regional Advisory Committee of the Central Coast office. As a person who serves in this committee, I finally found a place where I can assert myself in and give back to my community. From there, I was chosen to be the Statewide Self-Advocate Network Representative, also known as SSAN. As a SSAN representative, I serve as a link to other organizations across the state of California who work in unison to protect the rights of people who are developmentally disabled; therefore, I find myself fortunate to be surrounded by individuals who share a similar personal background and goals in self-advocacy work.



## MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY

**Desiree Boykin** attended El Camino College, Torrance campus and then transferred to California State University, Dominguez Hills earning a B.A. in Human Services in 2008. Ms. Boykin is employed by the SCLARC as a Consumer Advocate working on behalf of all consumers in the agency's service

area. She also represents SCLARC on the Association for Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and currently on the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) as the ARCA representative. Desiree was elected as the Secretary at the March SSAN meeting.



## STOP BULLYING

### SSAN Members share their bully stories

#### My bullying story by Regina Woodliff

As a child growing up, I was called names and I was beat up and jumped. I was sexually assaulted too.

(Continued on page 3- Bullying)



### **SSAN Partner Agencies**

- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
- California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Disability Rights California (DRC)
- People First of California (PFCA)
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
- University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) UC Davis MIND Institute
- UCEDD UCLA Tarjan Center
- UCEDD USC

### **SSAN Officers**

Cheryl Hewitt, Chair  
Jennifer Allen, Vice Chair  
Desiree Boykin, Secretary

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### **My bullying Story by David Forderer**

I was bullied when I was younger by a caretaker who had a problem with drugs. He threatened me by not providing me with help when I need it.

### **My bullying story by Ramon Hernandez**

In elementary school, I would always witness someone with an intellectual disability being called the R word. and name called needs to be stopped.

### **My bullying story by Cheryl Hewitt**

When I was real young my sisters pushed me to a neighbor's house in my house and we starting to talk. There were about 4 to 5 kids from the neighborhood sitting there. All of a sudden they picked up pebbles and starting throwing them at me. This went on for 10 minutes. When they finally stopped my sister pushed me back home and I told my mother I didn't understand why they were throwing rocks at me. She stated all people throw rocks or do some things to someone weaker than them.

### **A bullying story shared by Michael Arbios**

### **It's Time To Stop Using The Word "Retard"**

By Kasey Studdard Offensive Guard for the Houston Texans and also the Tennessee Titans.

<https://medium.com/the-cauldron/its-time-to-stop-using-the-word-retard-7389f4fbaeed>

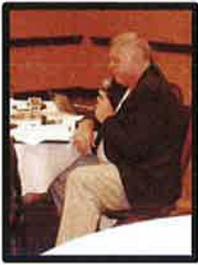
### **Check out these RESOURCES**

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>

[www.R-word.org](http://www.R-word.org)

<https://www.causes.com/campaigns/84605-stop-violence-abuse-bullying-of-people-with-disabilities>

[www.ddssafety.net](http://www.ddssafety.net)



12th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day May 20, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Sacramento, CA

*Disability Capitol Action Day is an annual event coordinated by **The Disability Action Coalition** as an opportunity for people of cross disabilities and their allies to come together in solidarity for learning, resources, unity and to share the current issues that affect their daily lives in California.*

*“There’s an unexplainable feeling I get when I’m at the State Capitol surrounded by people like me. I’ve never been able to sleep the night before. The actual day of the event is so exciting I rarely get the time to go to the restroom,” says Christina Mills, the Organizer of Disability Capitol Action Day 2015.*

*Disability Capitol Action Day is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. This year’s event stands out for a couple of different reasons. The coalition that has been planning the event for years, the Disability Action Coalition has become more formal this year, “we bylaws and a team of dedicated executive officers,” said Mills.*

*The Disability Action Coalition has always included diverse disability rights organizations and allies, but with the new bylaws in place the coalition is now made up entirely of disability organizations that represent the best interest of people with disabilities of all ages. Disability Rights California, the California Association of Public Authorities for In Home Support Services and Californians for Disability Rights are the organizations that make up the executive council.*

*Teresa Favuzzi, Executive Director of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers co-founded Disability Capitol Action Day, organized and mobilized hundreds of people with disabilities, supporters and allies to the State Capitol the first three years of the event.*

*“The event came together after a conversation with former Disability Rights California staff, Virginia Knowlton. We talked about how we didn’t know what the other was doing and that we should be working together to making a bigger event and get people from all over the state across all types of disabilities, ethnicities and languages to have a multicultural Disability Capitol Action Day, “ said Favuzzi.*

*Today, Disability Capitol Action Day has become one of the largest cross-disability events in the country. It is the day that people with disabilities from all over the state come to the capitol to learn, share and have their voices heard! The event includes a disability resource fair, an educational rally, public policy information and added specifically for this year, an Americans with Disability Act 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Forum that is being hosted by Youth Organizing (YO!) Disabled and Proud.*

*It takes almost \$40,000 to host Disability Capitol Action Day. It’s one of the most multicultural disability accessible events around. Each year the coalition raises the funds needed to make the event a reality. Sign Language Interpreters, Spanish & Cantonese Translators, materials in large print, braille and electronic formats are just a few examples of how the funding is spent. When the coalition hits its fundraising goal they have also been able to provide at least \$10,000 in transportation scholarships, which allows people to come by plane, train, bus and car. Lunch is a significant cost and is typically provided to the first 1,000 registered participants.*

*“It never gets old. The energy of the day is powerful and most people that come take the opportunity to go into the Capitol and educate their legislator on important public policy issues impacting the disability community or their personal life,” says Mills.*

*Disability Capitol Action Day will take place on May 20, 2015 from 9am – 3pm on the west lawn of the State Capitol. To register, make a donation or to get additional details about the event we invite you to visit the coalition’s website, [www.disabilityactioncoalition.org](http://www.disabilityactioncoalition.org).*

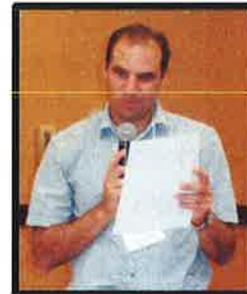
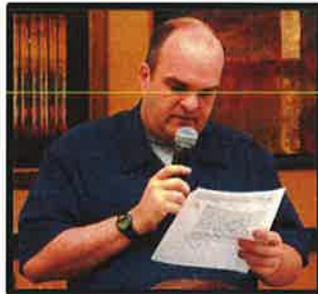
# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference “Celebrate Self-Advocacy”

Friday & Saturday May 1st & 2nd, 2015  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Sacramento, CA.

**Employment First session** Statewide Self-Advocacy Network, SCDD  
Robert Levy, presenter. Friday, May 1, 2015 Session #3 • 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

**Self-Determination session** Statewide Self-Advocacy Network, SCDD  
David Forderer and Charles Horn Nutt, presenters. Saturday, May 2, 2015  
Sessions Session #6 • 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Both David Forderer and Charles Horne Nutt pictured for Self Determination and Robert Levy are pictured for Employment First presentation.



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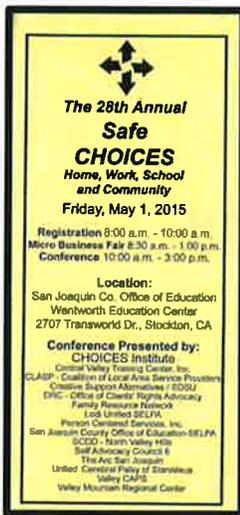
## State Plan Survey

**SCDD wants to help and we need information from you. Please take a moment to complete our online survey by May 29, 2015.**

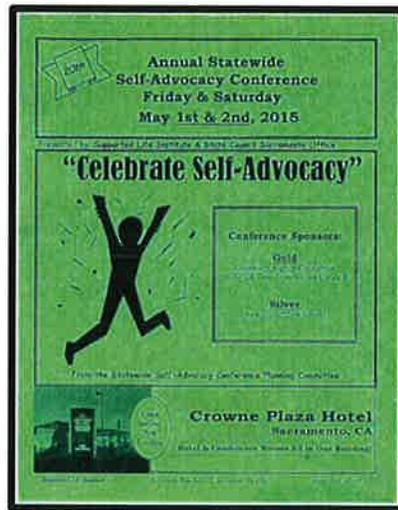
Check out the survey at [www.scdd.ca.gov](http://www.scdd.ca.gov)

# SAVE THE DATE for Upcoming Events!

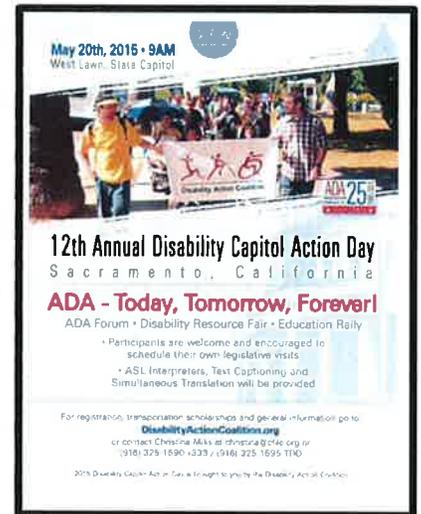
## MAY 2015



**CHOICES Conference**  
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(209) 473-6950



**Annual Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference**  
(916) 567-1947



**Capitol Action Day**  
(916) 325-1690



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MAY 15TH – 17TH, 2015**

**(858) 571-7803 x 118**

## **JUNE 2015**

People First of California is having their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Gathering  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> thru June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Fresno Hotel and Conference Center  
233 Ventura St, Fresno California, 93721**

Our theme for this Gathering will be “ADVOCACY IS A PATH...  
YOU CHOOSE THE DIRECTION”.



I will be a great opportunity for us to learn from each other,  
network, make new friends, and spread the People First  
message.

If you would like more information about the Gathering please  
give us a call at 916-704-7716. The registration information is  
on [www.peoplefirstca.org](http://www.peoplefirstca.org)