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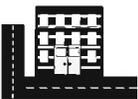
STATEWIDE SELF ADVOCACY NETWORK MEETING INFORMATION



DATE: Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Thursday, September 8, 2016



TIME: Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



WHERE: Crowne Plaza, Sacramento Northeast
5321 Date Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95841
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AGENDA FOR DAY 1

September 7, 2016
10:00am-5:00pm



Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



Review and Approval of Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
ACTION



Public Comment

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



Review and Approval of Minutes June 2016

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
ACTION



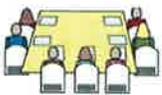
Exciting New Direction for Newsletter

Robert Levy and Officers



SCDD Update

Gabriel Rogin, SCDD Chief Deputy Director (A)



Memo of Understanding (MOU) Discussion

David Forderer, MOU Workgroup Chair
Cheryl Hewitt, MOU Co-Chair

ACTION



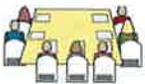
Lunch – 90 minutes on your own



League of Women Voters Non-Partisan Presentation
Rick Bettis



Quick Break



Workgroups Meet and Report back with Action Plans
SSAN Officers
ACTION



Member Action Reports
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



SCDD SAAC Report
David Forderer



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



Pacific Alliance on Disability Self Advocacy Update
Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson



5:00 pm Adjourn



AGENDA FOR DAY 2

September 8, 2016

9:30am-3:00pm



Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson

Desiree Boykin, Secretary



Review of Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson

Discussion



Public Comment

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Legislative Update

Bob Giovati, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Planning



ABLE Act Presentation and Discussion

All



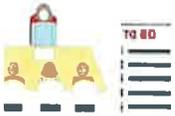
Lunch – 90 minutes.



Member Action Reports Continued
Desiree Boykin, Secretary



SSAN Annual Report
Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson
Desiree Boykin, Secretary
ACTION



Review Member Action Plans/Assignments
SSAN Officers



Input for next SSAN Meeting – Talking Points
ALL



3:00pm Adjourn



Statewide Self Advocacy Network
 Meeting Minutes
 June 8-9, 2016
 Hawthorne Suites, Sacramento

<p><u>SCDD Regional Office Members in attendance</u> David Forderer- SCDD Lisa Cooley- Sacramento Chen Curtiss- North Bay Regina Woodliff-Bay Area Robert Balderama-North Valley Hills Cheryl Hewitt- Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Rebecca Donabed- Sequoia Ramon Hernandez-Central Coast Julie Gaona- Los Angeles Robert Levy – Orange County Paul Mansell- San Diego- Imperial</p> <p><u>Agency Members in attendance</u> Desiree Boykin- ARCA Ted Jackson- CFILC representative Joe Meadours- People First of California Robert Levy-Mind Institute</p> <p><u>Members not in attendance</u> Charles Adams- North Coast Nicole Patterson- DDS Marinda Reed - DRC Kecia Weller- Trajan Center</p>	<p><u>SCDD Staff in attendance</u> Dena Hernandez- North Valley Hills/HQ George Lewis- North Valley Hills Mary Agnes Nolan- SCDD HQ Ron Usac-Bay Area</p> <p><u>Non SCDD Facilitators</u> Steve Ruder- US Davis Mind Institute Tamra Gibson Jana Chapman-Plon Jamie Noll – ARC Solano Wayne Glusker</p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Juanita Chapple Alice Ashby Michael Kennar Stacey Martinez</p> <p><u>Speakers</u> Aaron Carruthers- SCDD Executive Director Bob Giovati- SCDD Ross Long – VAS Project Coordinator Tony Anderson – Lanterman Coalition Love Miller – CA Telephone Access Program Ian Gayton – Self-Advocate Trainer</p>
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DAY 1

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
 Desiree Boykin, Secretary did a roll call vote for members present.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Motion #1 to approve changing the order of the agenda by David Forderer /Second by Regina Woodliff. Roll call vote taken and ALL members present voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

ACTION: Motion #2 to approve the agenda by David Forderer /Second by Rebecca Donabed. Roll call vote taken and ALL members present voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Review and Approval of Minutes December 2015

ACTION: Motion #3 to approve the December minutes by David Forderer/ Second by Regina Woodliff. Roll call vote taken and ALL members voted YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

SCDD Update

Aaron Carruthers, SCDD Executive Director unable to attend today. He will come tomorrow.

Memo of Understanding (MOU) Discussion

Group reviewed draft documents and had many questions. Cheryl explained the background of the MOU and that members needed to assist in creating guidelines. Cheryl read the Mission Statement and information from the power point that went over what the expectations of the Cross-Disability and Training Network would look like as discussed at the March 2016 meeting. Staff provided assistance in clarifying information. The draft document will be voted on day 2 of the meeting.

Supports for Individuals Leaving Developmental Centers Presentation

Ross Long, SCDD Volunteer Advocacy Services Coordinator presented on the Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS) project at Sonoma Developmental Center and advised of the supports that are currently in place for individuals moving from the developmental centers.

Workgroups Meet and Report back with Action Plans

Members met for the 4 different SSAN workgroups and Workgroup Chairs reported back with the new Purpose, Goal, and Objectives of the workgroups that will be included in the MOU. (The legislative group only completed the Purpose, still needs to revise the Goal and Objective.)

SSAN Forms

Members approved the forms presented in the packet.

ACTION: Motion #4 to approve the forms presented in the packet by Rebecca Donabed /Second by Lisa Cooley. Roll vote taken and ALL members present voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Member Action Reports

Member reports were given and Desiree Boykin, Secretary, collected the ones presented.

June 2016 SSAN Member Reports

11 Members Reports were turned in and one email was received. Plus verbal reports without copies right now. The following was reported:

Trainings:

- Self-advocacy Conference May 6-7, 2016– 0 reported
- San Diego People First – 3 Rev it Up Presentations to individuals with disabilities – 100 people
- Self-Determination Training – 100 people
- ABLE Act Presentation – 10 people
- Access Transit Training – 40 people
- Self Determination and Employment First Independent Living – 60 people
- Self-Determination Trainings – 0 reported
- CAC Westside Regional Center
- Special Olympics??
- Training that trains law enforcement on how to handle PWD in crisis
- 3 People First meetings – total of 91 people trained
- Emergency Preparedness

- Hospital/Medical Advocacy – 8 people
- Housing and Tenant Landlord Court – 4 people
- Ongoing Peer Support Group 4-6 people every week

Presentations:

- VMRC Board Meeting
- SAC 6 Meeting
- Transit Meeting
- 21st annual Self Advocacy conference presentation on Love, marriage and relationships
- 3 Self-Determination
- Regional Meeting SACP 100-150 people
- Grass Roots Day – 0 reported
- DDSO 20-25
- Marriage? ? Consumers?
- CFILC Tour???
- ARCA?????
- Advocacy Presentation – 2 people, 1 is joining the State Board of Mental Health
- Autism Research Program – 15 people
- Student Module living life with disabilities – 8 Medical Students
- Voting Rights – 14 people
- 7 Self-Advocacy Meeting SSAN presentations – 94 total people
- Autism Research Training Program – 15 Students
- Living Life with a Disability – 8 Students

Resources:

- DO Network
- Urban Skills Institute
- Community and Employment Option
- Developmental Disability Provide Network
- Arthritis Foundation
- CFILC ???
- RIC???
- Progressive Employment Concepts
- Supported Life Institute

- UC Davis MIND Institute
- AARP Advocacy
- New Mobility Magazine

Barriers reported:

- Current job description and duties
- Transportation
- Closed office
- Not enough time – full time job
- Transportation and staffing for care taking
- Transit
- No connection to a day programs
- Transportation! I got my permit for driving one day I can drive to Sacramento
- Transportation
- Transportation

SCDD SAAC Report

David Forderer's report was provided earlier in the day and he reported on the last two Council meetings and outcomes. The March 2016 meeting information was provided in the packet and the June 2016 information was provided as a handout during his presentation.

SCDD Employment First Committee (EFC) Update

Lisa Cooley, Employment First Committee Vice Chairperson asked to be able to provide her report tomorrow as she had to leave early.

Pacific Alliance on Disability Self Advocacy Update

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson provided an update on PADSA and advised that there would be a leadership training academy in August that she will be attending. For more information about PADSA, members can go to <http://pacific-alliance.org>.

Travel Training / Overview

Staff, Mary Agnes Nolan, provided training on Travel

Adjourn DAY 1- The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

SSAN DAY 2 Minutes

Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Desiree Boykin, Secretary did a roll call vote for members present.

Review and approve the Agenda

Cheryl Hewitt, Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the agenda Agenda was approved. Motion by Lisa/Rebecca

ACTION: Motion #5 to approve agenda by Rebecca Donabed /Second by Lisa Cooley. Roll vote taken and ALL members present voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Lanterman Coalition Update Presentation

Tony Anderson, Executive Director / ARC presented a power point updating the group on what is currently going on with the Lanterman Coalition including their current budget positions, surveys they sent out to providers to report how much they are spending on their staff, and their work with GOTV - Get Out The Vote. There were lots of questions.

Legislative Update

Bob Giovati, SCDD Deputy Director of Policy and Planning provided information on the current list of bills SCDD is supporting. There have been 33 bills supported the last two years and 150+ were watched. SCDD is sponsoring Senator Mendoza's SB 1072 on School Bus Safety and is co-sponsoring Assemblywoman Gonzalez' AB 488 with Disability Rights California (DRC) on protections for people currently working at Sheltered Workshops and Rehabilitation Centers. SCDD continues to have ongoing conversations with law makers on things that are important to people SCDD supports. David Forderer, SSAN Legislative Workgroup Chair advised that Ramon Hernandez will be the liaison from SSAN to be trained the legislative process.

Importance of Training Peace Officers

Ian Gayton, Self-Advocate Trainer trained members on how he trains Law Enforcement Officers about Persons with Disabilities. Ian explained how Senator Beall's bills SB 11 and SB 29 both go into effect on August 1, 2016 and will require additional training for officers regarding people with mental

illness, I/DD, and substance use disorders. Ian encouraged SSAN members to get involved in their own communities and find out how they can be an important part of trainings.

Free Adaptive Phones Presentation

Love Miller, California Telephone Access Program presented on the Free Specialized Telephones that are available to anyone in California that qualifies under one of the criteria: Impairment (Deaf/Deafened; Mobility/Manipulation; Hard of Hearing; Blind; Low Vision; Speech; Cognitive), Hearing Loss (Mild; Moderate; Severe) or Mobility (Upper body; Lower Body; Both) This is an application process and must be signed by Licensed Medical Doctor, Licensed Optometrist; Licensed Audiologist; Department of Rehabilitation Counselor; Superintendent/Audiologist from the California School for the Deaf Fremont/Riverside; Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser; Licensed Physician Assistant; or Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. This presentation was moved back due to time and the prior presentation finishing early. Members can call toll free at 1-800-806-1191 to get more information and find an office in their area.

SCDD Update

SCDD Executive Director, Aaron Carruthers gave members an update on SCDD activities.

Other items discussed:

- Aaron also answered questions about the SCDD budget and how that might affect the support of the SSAN. Aaron stated that SCDD will continue to support the SSAN financially and that the budget will reflect that.
- SSAN members had some issues regarding the current hotel. They gave Aaron a list of items that they would like to see for future meetings.
- SSAN members had some specific questions regarding the ABLE Act. Aaron said that he will research for the answers and get back to SSAN.
- Aaron let the members know that the next SCDD Statewide Self Advocacy meeting will be a conference call from 1pm-4pm on June 21, 2016 and that anyone can call and listen in.
- Aaron shared that he was on a call that asked how State Councils were supporting Self Advocacy in their state. He found out that California is way ahead of other states in supporting self advocacy. He said he was proud to tell others on the call that SSAN is focused and knows there is a job to do to make lives better. He stressed that

SSAN members are leading the nation on this and the “Feds” will like the goal/ decision of SSAN deciding to be a cross disability network.

Memo of Understanding (MOU) Action Steps and Vote

Members voted on a document to present to SCDD. Mary Agnes will add the requested changes to the draft document in the packet and include what each workgroup came up with for the workgroup Purpose, Goal, and Objective.

ACTION: Motion #6 to approve the draft MOU with requested changes by Regina Woodliff/Second by Rebecca Donabed. Roll vote taken and ALL members present voted unanimously YES in favor of this motion except Ted Jackson who abstained. Motion passed.

Review Member Action Plans/Assignments

Cheryl asked members to develop a flyer for their area and to continue to check in with a partner on a weekly basis. Members are asked to be prepared to present the flyer they developed for their area and to keep doing presentations. Also remember to list other agencies they've contacted for the resource binder.

Input for next SSAN Meeting – Talking Points

Members would like to have the following at the next meeting:

- ABLE Act Presentation
- Guide to Legislation
- How to get the VOTE out!
- Research where candidates stand on different disability issues
- Update on Self Determination and Employment First

Talking Points:

- MOU Document will be sent to SCDD regarding SSAN being a Cross Disability Training Network
- Learned about supports being provided to individuals leaving developmental centers
- Voted to use new forms
- Received updated information about the Lanterman Coalition
- Received a Legislative Update
- Learned about the Free Adaptive Phones Program in California
- Learned about the Importance of Training Peace Officers

Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by SCDD staff



Voices of SSAN

Newsletter of the Statewide
Self-Advocacy Network
Volume 6- June 2016

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)!



The 4/23/16
Regional Self
Advocacy
Meeting
by both Robert
Levy and Lisa
Cooley

There were a
lot people

there, mostly from the Sacramento area. The sponsors were from ALTA Regional Center and from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Both Lisa Cooley and I from SSAN were there. ASAN Sacramento local chapter officers were there- Robert Levy-Treasurer Ashley Robertson –Secretary, Resmi Singh -Co-chair and Stacy Shaw - Chair. There were 20-30 people. Lisa Cooley and Sonya Bingaman talked about Self-Determination program. They showed the short video on Self Determination that Willy West, Maria Marquez and Nicole Patterson talked about the program. They highlighted topics like budgeting your money, living independently like living in your own place. Sandra Rose showed us a neat form to use when we go doctor. Daniel Meadows talked about voting. We had our picture taken and it will be available on ASAN facebook page and their website. Hopefully people learned a lot from Lisa's presentation about self-determination. She suggested people should contact their regional center services coordinator for specific questions about the Self Determination Program.

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SSAN Members

- Charles Adams, North Coast
- Robert Balderama, North Valley Hills
- Desiree Boykin, ARCA
- Lisa Cooley, Sacramento
- Chen Curtiss, North Bay
- Rebecca Donabed, Sequoia
- David Forderer, SCDD
- Julie Gaona, Los Angeles
- Ramon Hernandez Central Coast
- Cheryl Hewitt, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay
- Vacant, North State
- Ted Jackson, CFILC
- Arman Khodaei, San Bernardino
- Robert Levy, Orange
- Robert Levy, UC Davis MIND Institute
- Paul Mansell, San Diego Imperial
- Joe Meadours, PFCA
- Nicole Patterson, DDS
- Marinda Reed- DRC
- Kecia Weller, UCLA Tarjan Center
- Regina Woodliff, Bay Area

(Levy/Cooley Continued from Page 1)

The final activity of the day was the leadership game. It was a nice day for that meeting. The Regional Self Advocacy meeting took place at Lions Gate Hotel here in Sacramento over by McClellan Air Force base. The next Regional Self Advocacy meeting will take place sometime in October -More details as we get closer for that October 2016 date. It costs \$5 for the lunch meal.



SSAN Region Highlight of the Quarter - North Bay office by Chen Curtiss

Hello my name is Chen Curtiss. I'm from the North Bay. I live in Solano County.

My programs are based in Vallejo. I like that we have the Tomato Festival. We will be going to the jelly belly factory in Fairfield. I get excited about Selena Gomez coming to town. I enjoy the program that I'm at. I like my job at Walmart and also the Kroc Center that does everything over there. I like talking to the community and I like to be famous like my hat says.

Thinking Out of the Box Conference- by Cheryl Hewitt

I attended the Thinking Out of the Box conference in L.A. on the 18th and 19th of February, 2016. The conference was hosted by Autism Society of L.A. They had a number of speakers regarding all aspects of self determination. They had consumers that were strong advocates in the community. They went over how to do a person's centered plan. They had individuals that were with groups of organizations that belong to health on the financial part of your person's centered plan.

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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
Regina Woodliff, Vice Chair
Desiree Boykin, Secretary

Newsletter Editors

Robert Levy-chair
Desiree Boykin-vice chair

About Transition Planning and Training presentation talk by Regina Woodliff



The first thing is **Ability** and the second is **Dis** means determination, Independence and Self Determination. I had 60 students who attended my presentation. It took place at the Future goals for Adults in Lafayette, California being less than a 25 minute drive a bit east

of Berkeley, California. I talked about my job, for the Job coaches and for the future explorer dynamics. I presented this presentation twice the first time was here in Sacramento on March 3, 2016 for the March 2016 SSAN quarterly meeting right after Carol Watilo did her presentation talk about PEC and being about Integrated Competitive Supported Employment. The second time that I presented this presentation talk was around April or May 2016 to build people's confidence and their Self Esteem. They all liked it and learned a lot and asked me a lot questions and clapped for me by doing a great presentation talk and hopefully I will be doing some more of this presentation talk with the future explorers again in the future.

(Hewitt- Continued from page 2)

There was information regarding the Federal status of our waiver and a number of vendors to gather information from.

The conference was a good opportunity for people to network with others and build resources. At the conference also, the local self determination boards met with Dr. April Lopez –chair of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). She is the chairperson of the SCDD Statewide Advisory Board on Self Determination.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!



SAVE the DATES: OCTOBER 6 - 7, 2016

30th Annual SUPPORTED LIFE CONFERENCE:

Supported Life 2016:
“Inclusion is the New Standard”
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Sacramento CA
Empowering All People with Developmental Disabilities to be Fully Included in the Community
 Presented By **Supported Life Institute & SCDD Sacramento Office**
 Hear a Variety of Important Speakers in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

“Inclusion is the New Standard”

<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Social & Emotional Development Inclusive Education Valuing Diversity Community Based Instruction 	<p>Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... To Independence ... To Jobs and Careers ... To Continuing Education ... To Adulthood & Adult Services ... From Early Start 	<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customized Employment Inclusive Employment Innovative Job Development Microenterprise / Self-Employment Natural Supports
<p>Personal Power & Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy & Self-Advocacy Boardmanship & Facilitation Criminal Justice Issues Person-Centered Planning Rights & Responsibilities Making Your Own Choices 	<p>Communication / AAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistive Technology Computer Access Literacy Speech-Generating Devices 	<p>Living / Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Community Participation Housing, Accessible & Affordable Individualized Support Innovative Living Options Transportation Issues
<p>Family Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Intervention Retirement / Aging Siblings Navigating the System Trust Management Social Security & Health Benefits 	<p>Policy & Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Organizing Meeting w/ Legislators / Lobbying Political Action Voting & Elections Grassroots Advocacy 	<p>Relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse Prevention Friendships Sexuality
<p>Organizational or Staff Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Writing Fundraising Staff Retention Staff Training & HR Organizational Restructuring 		<p>Health & Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise / Diet / Nutrition End-of-Life Planning & Care Health Care Advocacy Positive Behavioral Supports Mental Health Services



At the last SSAN meeting the membership voted to open membership up to more disability organizations and create links and resources that will improve the advocacy for individuals with all types of disabilities throughout California. We are beginning to develop different policies and procedures to make this happen. Our By-Laws will have to be changed to include the changes that need to occur within the SSAN organization. Members will be given things that they are accountable for and the SSAN will monitor whether these things are being done at the local level. I'm very proud that SSAN as a body took this new framework as their focus.

- Cheryl Hewitt- chair

SSAN Member Responsibilities

- Attend ALL 4 quarterly meetings (Unless a medical problem or family emergency arises)
If unable to attend you must notify the SSAN chair in advance of the meeting

WORKGROUPS

- Become a member of and attend all meetings of at least 1 workgroup
 - If unable to attend a meeting you are to notify the workgroup chair in advance of the meeting
 - You are allowed 1 unexcused absence per year
- You must complete ALL workgroup assignments
- Members must reach out between quarterly meetings, to other community organizations dealing with disability issues to collaborate with SSAN
- Do at least 2 presentations dealing with disability advocacy to any size group (i.e. legislation, education, self determination, employment etc)
- Each member will do 1 presentation per year to the SSAN body on any disability topic of their choice
- Members will turn in ALL SSAN issued assignments on time
- Members will be responsible in producing an annual report on their SSAN activities for their identified area(s)

SSAN Workgroup Purpose, Goals, and Measurable Objectives

June/July 2016



SSAN EMPLOYMENT WORKGROUP

Purpose: The Employment workgroup will educate the community about the rights of people with disabilities and their ability to become contributing members of society by having competitive integrated employment.

Goal: To increase opportunities for people with disabilities to get meaningful and competitive integrated employment.

Measurable Objective: SSAN Members will reach out to at least 4 individuals/ groups in one quarter to inform them about achieving gainful employment of the Cross Disability Community.

SSAN SELF-DETERMINATION WORKGROUP

Purpose: To increase the number of people in all catchment areas that know about self-determination.

Goal: To increase self-advocates and their families, and the community's awareness of self-determination.

Measurable Objective: SSAN members will reach out in their communities to at least 3 individual groups per quarter to inform them about the new self-determination law.

- By providing individual information about self-determination
- By providing information by Power Point to different groups
- To identify groups that may benefit from a self-determination presentation
- Develop a tool to monitor how well the information is getting out to the community.



SSAN LEGISLATION WORKGROUP

Purpose: The Legislative workgroup will inform and educate our partners and communities on statewide legislation that SCDD has taken a position on.

Goal: Increase the community's awareness on

- AB 449-ABLE Account
- SB 11- Peace Officer Training
- SB 29-Peace Officer Training.

Measurable Objective: Develop materials that will increase the community's awareness and knowledge about bills AB-449, SB-11 and SB-29 by 12/31/16.

SSAN NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION WORKGROUP

Purpose: The Newsletter/Communication workgroup will highlight SSAN activities and upcoming conferences/events to communicate what SSAN is doing and how they are connected in the community.

Goal: Increase the community's awareness of how SSAN is promoting the self-advocacy movement within the state of California.

Measurable Objective: The Newsletter/ Communication workgroup will produce 4 newsletters highlighting SSAN's advocacy work throughout California.





Statewide Self Advocacy Network
MEMBER ACTION REPORT
September 7 & 8, 2016



Member name: _____

Agency or Regional Office you represent: _____

Please tell a unique thing about the area you represent: _____

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 (including emails and phone calls) with new self-advocates. Please list the number of self-advocates who attended or how many you talked to.

Please attach the flyer for your area and plan to share how you have shared it.

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



SSAN Mission Statement

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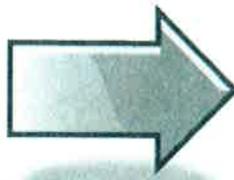
Successful advocacy means building relationships and helpful partnerships. The SSAN partners include:

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and 13 Regional Representatives (Regional Offices)
- Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)
- California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Disability Rights California (DRC)
- People First of California (PFCA)
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (USED: USC Children's Hospital; UCLA Tarjan Center; and UCD M.I.N.D. Institute)

Member Responsibilities

- Share and exchange information between SSAN and the areas they represent
- Reach out to the community and be a resource for the local advocacy groups
- Provide information in local communities
- Promote legislative and policy change
- Provide support and training to local self-advocacy groups

If you have questions or need more information about becoming a Statewide Self Advocacy Network representative for (agency) , please contact (name & phone #)



Report from SCDD Meeting TO SSAN by David Forderer **Highlights from the July 21 - 22, 2016 SAAC and Council Meetings**

July 21, 2016 SAAC Meeting Highlights

Members provided reports on work they have been doing and SAAC is focusing on public safety, active shooter guidelines, and voting accessibility.

Robert Taylor presented information on voting equipment and accessibility to polling places.

Vance Taylor, from the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), Office of Access and Functional Needs, provided an update on the Active Shooter Project and the draft curriculum is almost completed. Vance Taylor will be back at the next meeting to present the draft curriculum. SAAC members will be included in the distribution of the material to provide feedback.

Members are interested in learning more about training provided by Stuart Haskins from Get Safe as well as more about voting activities.

Executive Director Carruthers reviewed the Council Packet with committee members.



July 22, 2016 Council Meeting Highlights

The Council:

- Approved the 2017-2021 State Plan, including the goals, objectives, and work plan
- Approved 9 community grants totaling \$175,440
- Approved Brightside of Down Syndrome \$999 sponsorship request
- Approved San Joaquin Housing Collaborative \$999 sponsorship request
- Reviewed community feedback from the proposal to consolidate the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay and Central Coast Regions into one single region called “Central Coast Region.” The consolidation will continue and be finalized by October 2016.
- Heard questions and concerns from Regional Advisory Committees regarding the HCBS Final Rule. The Council asked executive staff and regional managers to raise those questions in statewide forums and to discuss the questions in detail at the next Council meeting.

Council Members were provided with updated Legislative Information:

- Sponsored SB 1072 (Mendoza) School Bus Safety, it continues through the Assembly
- Opposed AB 1715 (Holden) ABA Licensing, author pulled the bill
- Opposed AB 2091 (Lopez) IEP Translation, opposed 60 day period to translate, author changed to 30 day period

State Plan related work was reported as follows:

- SCDD staff had contact with 137,000 people during May and June 2016
- Collaborated with an average of 350 partner agencies each month

The next SAAC and Council meetings are in Sacramento on September 21-22, 2016



2016



Assembly Bills (AB) – Support

- AB 488 – Gonzalez, Employment Discrimination*
- AB 796 – Nazarian, Health Care Coverage
- AB 1553 – Irwin, Qualified ABLE Program
- AB 2785 – O'Donnell, Special Education: English Learners: Manual
- AB 2809 – Rodriguez, Developmental Services: Regional Centers
- AB 2212 – Harper, Bullying



Senate Bills (SB) – Support

- SB 1072 – Mendoza, School Bus Safety**
- SB 1221- Hertzberg, Firefighters: Interaction with Mentally Disabled Persons



Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) - Support

- SCR 98 – Beall, California's community-based developmental services system: 50th anniversary.

*Co-Sponsoring

**Sponsoring



Election of Officers (From Draft Amended SSAN By-laws 9/9/2014)

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.



Duties of Chair and Election of Officers (From Draft Amended SSAN By-Laws 9/9/2014)

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.

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.

Duties of the Chair:

1. Work with SSAN Executive Committee which includes Vice Chair and Secretary along with *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 *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 Vice Chair and Election of Officers (From Draft Amended 9/9/2014 SSAN By-Laws)

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.

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.

Duties of the 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.



Duties of Secretary and Election of Officers (from Draft Amended 9/9/2014 SSAN By Laws)

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.

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.

Duties of Secretary

1. As a member of the SSAN Executive Committee work along with *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 support staff to prepare and distribute minutes of meetings.
5. Keep track of motions, votes and actions at meetings.
6. Act as parliamentarian.

2017-21 State Plan

Goal 1: Self-Advocacy

Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information and supports to advocate for civil and service rights to achieve self-determination, integration and inclusion in all areas of community life.

1. The Council will increase knowledge about self-determination and person-centered planning by monitoring, supporting and actively engaging in the implementation of the Self-Determination Program.
2. The Council will promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks a) through the strengthening of a statewide self-advocacy organization and by supporting self-advocates; b) within cross-disability leadership coalitions; and c) in training other self-advocates to become leaders.

Goal 2: Employment

Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information to obtain competitive, integrated employment.

1. The Council will increase and promote culturally competent strategies and resources that facilitate competitive, integrated employment (CIE) of people with I/DD.
2. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase CIE for people with I/DD.

Goal 3: Housing

Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased access to affordable, accessible, safe, and fully integrated housing that provides choice and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.

1. The Council will work with housing entities to increase the development and/or provision of community housing for people with I/DD.
2. The Council will identify and decrease barriers to housing for people with I/DD.
3. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase housing for people with I/DD.

Goal 4: Health and Safety

Californians w/ I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information to access health, public safety, and related services that meet their needs and health care choices.

- 1. The Council and its federal partners will increase knowledge and awareness for people with I/DD and their families about the availability of and access to health and public safety-related services and supports.**
- 2. The Council, its federal partners, and self-advocates will increase information and training to law enforcement, court personnel, health care providers, and/or other care professionals about disability-related health and safety issues.**
- 3. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase accessibility to health care and public safety services for people with I/DD and their families.**

Goal 5: Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education

Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information, in order to obtain inclusive education services throughout the lifespan.

- 1. The Council and its federal partners will increase knowledge and awareness of developmental milestones and intervention services for families of young children and professionals.**
- 2. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners and other stakeholders, will increase awareness and knowledge for families and self-advocates about the availability of and access to services which support inclusive education.**
- 3. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners and in collaboration with educators and stakeholders, will increase information and technical assistance to prepare and empower students, families and professionals in developing individualized transition plans that lead to employment, post-secondary education &/or independent living options & opportunities.**
- 4. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase access to quality education services throughout the lifespan for people with I/DD.**

<p style="text-align: center;">Goal 6: Formal & Informal Community Supports</p> <p>Californians with I/DD and their families reflecting the diversity of the state will have increased information and supports to access community-based services available to the general population.</p>
<p>1. The Council, in collaboration with our federal DD partners, will reduce service access barriers and decrease the disparity in available information, which describes services and supports that may be purchased throughout California’s Regional Center system, by translating and providing that information in Spanish and tracking statewide POS disparity data for Spanish-speaking self-advocates and families.</p>
<p>2. The Council will increase the knowledge and skills of people with I/DD to move from institutional to community settings and to increase their ability to self-advocate.</p>
<p>3. The Council will increase outreach, training, and technical assistance to improve the quality of and access to services, including (but not limited to) Regional Centers, education, transportation, public benefits, child care, and recreation for people with I/DD and their families.</p>
<p>4. The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase access to quality community-based services for people with I/DD and their families.</p>