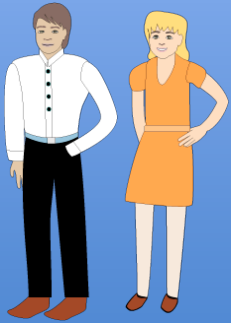


# Self-Advocate Advisory Committee



State Council on Developmental Disabilities



Advocacy

Handouts  
May 2012



# Call to Order

15 min



Introductions and Quorum

Public Comments

▶ Approval Minutes - March 20, 2012 meeting

▶ = Action Item

Mission

# Personal Leadership

30 min



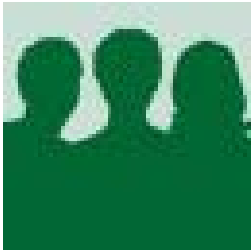
Advocacy Updates

Leadership Plan Updates

Facilitation



## Advocacy updates since March



- Leadership plan
- Action item accomplishments

## Mission

# Personal Leadership



## Facilitation Check-in



- Ways you use a facilitator
- What is different when you use a facilitator?
  
- How can we help facilitators?

# Council Agenda Items

75 min



▶ #1 Issues

▶ #2 Program Development Grants

▶ #3 Legislation

#4 Employment First

▶ #5 Governor's budget - May revision

# Conflict of Interest



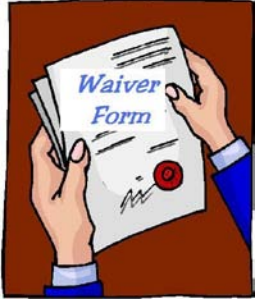
## ***Waiver Request***



Conflicts of Interest happen when a regional center board member (or candidate) has an interest outside of board member duties that can affect their vote while on the board.

1. A legal process was established that can waive (**excuse**) the situation that creates the conflict and allow the member to serve up to one year.
2. DDS director may waive the conflict of interest criteria (**situation**) if the regional center has a good reason, and the area board and State Council approve the request.
3. A decision by an AB and the Council does not do away with the conflict, it only waives (**excuses**) the conflict of interest criteria (**situation**), not the conflict itself.
4. This means the person may still have the conflict while on the board – and they may also take actions to reduce the conflict.

# Conflict of Interest



## ***Waiver Background***

**September 2011**

Area Board and Council procedures for evaluating requests:

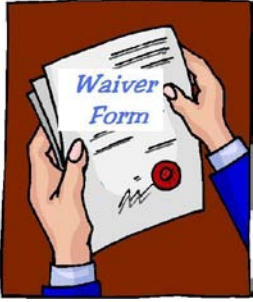
1. Area board will discuss/take action at their next available meeting and discuss:

- Does the regional center use a public board recruitment process?
- (if not, how was the board member in question recruited?)
- What are details of the situation?
- Is this member prohibited from serving based on law?
- Does proposed regional center plan address how to avoid the conflict?
- What impact will approval/denial of waiver have on the board?
- Has the regional center requested this before for the same individual?

2. Area Board will take action to approve/deny waiver request. Within 5 days, the area board sends all information about the discussion or action to the Council.



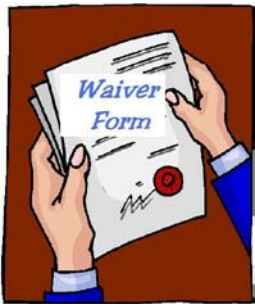
# Conflict of Interest



## Waiver

The Council shall schedule discussion/ action at next available regular Council meeting and:

- Review the Area Board information and action.
- Take action to approve/deny the waiver  
*(unless more information is requested from the AB).*
- Submit Council action to DDS within 5 business days.



# Conflict of Interest



## Waiver Request

### **Situation:**

Far Northern Regional Center Board member Michelle Phillips has a sister who works for a vendor of the regional center, Parent Infant Program.

Ms. Phillips' plan to address the conflict is:

1. She will not vote on any matters related to the conflict;
2. She will not participate in preparation, presentation or approval of reports, plans, policies, analyses, opinions or recommendations regarding the conflict;
3. She will not be involved in negotiation, obligation, or commitment of the regional center to action involving the conflict situation.

### **Law states that a board member cannot be:**

1. An employee of DDS or any agency that provides services to a regional center client,
2. An employee or member of the State Council or an Area Board.
3. Except as otherwise provided in law, an employee or member of a governing board of any entity from which the regional center purchases client services.
4. Any person who has financial interest in regional center, except as a consumer of services.



## Ensuring Fair and Equal Access to services for people with autism spectrum disorders



State Senate Hearing Update



Catherine Blakemore

**USC University  
Center for  
Excellence in  
Developmental  
Disabilities**

Barbara Wheeler

# Program Development



## Program Development Committee



State Council administers Program Development Grants each year to community-based organizations for innovative projects that implement the State Plan.

Approximately \$1 million expected (depending on federal \$\$ to Council).

- \$260,000 managed by Area Boards
- Council committed \$280,000 for support of consumer participation on Council, Employment First Committee, Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and \$100,000 for regional self-advocacy network activities.
- Approximately \$670,000 committed to carrying out State Plan

For 2013 - must establish timeline for requesting, awarding and contracting process for projects to begin October 1, 2012.

# Program Development



## Program Development Committee (PDC) Cycle 35 Priorities

Area Board directors met with Council staff to review process and recommended:

1. Each area be allocated \$20,000 for local projects consistent with Plan and priorities.
2. Area boards fund no more than two projects.
3. Area boards are encouraged to seek regional projects (more than one area board).
4. Funding left be used in a request for proposal for larger statewide projects. Portion to be managed by PDC under selected priority(s) from State Plan.

Executive Committee adopted these recommendations and a standardized evaluation process be developed and used for all projects.

PDC: Meets on May 14, 2012 – They will present recommendations at Council meeting.



# Program Development

## Program Development Cycle 35

Employment First Committee Ideas

### Principles

Statewide impact  
Collaboration  
Include evaluation  
Multi-year, if possible

Cross disability  
Cross cultural  
Be replicable

### Concepts

Build expectations of families  
Build Family Resource Centers  
Use media to highlight employment  
Educating people about how work impacts benefits  
Arts as an employment area

# Legislation Items



(see packet)

AB 2325

AB 2370

AB 1994

AB 2338

AB 2623

SB 1163

AB 2538

SB 1377

AB 1841

SB 764

AB 2074

SB 1381



# Employment First Committee



- Post school employment goals
- Measuring employment outcomes
- Legislative update: AB 2338
- State Council grant priorities
- Annual EF progress report – due July 2012

## **Policy**

It is the policy of the State of California that integrated competitive employment is the priority outcome for working age individuals with developmental disabilities.

In plain language:  
**“Work is for all”**




# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## State Council Principles

### NOT ...

- 
- impact persons more than other groups.
  - reduce choice and self-direction.
  - go against basic laws that protect human rights.
  - change civil/social rights service model or reduce service quality.
  - result in health or safety risks, less community inclusion, less productivity.

### May ...

- outline level of entitlement, but not eliminate access to services.

### MUST ...

- be shared with whole DD system, not only community services.
- protect continuity and avoid gaps in lives and services needed.
- not weaken IPP process and outcomes.
- be as far away from direct impact to people.
- look for all available income.
- Look at whole state to find cost savings, not just impact direct services.

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## **\$200 million trigger reductions**

Proposes many reductions that impact people with developmental disabilities.



Council Position: Oppose \$200 million trigger reductions.

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals



### Community Services Program

\$4.063 billion

(increase of \$79.2 million over 2011-2012)



**Council Position: Review again after DDS issues proposed plan to address \$200 million reduction**

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals



Developmental Centers  
Estimated average number 1,553  
(decrease of 12.8%).

\$559.1 million  
(decrease of \$18 million).

**Council Position: Stop admissions to DCs and give Regional Centers flexibility and funding to provide community services and supports.**

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals

Department of  
**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**CDSS**

**IHSS** eliminates domestic and related services for nearly 254,000 with some exceptions.

**Council Position: Oppose**

**IHSS** 20% cut in hours (to begin April 1, 2012 but court has stopped so far)

**Council Position: Oppose**

**IHSS** people with Medi-Cal and Medicare required to enroll in managed care. IHSS included in managed care plans.

**Council Position: Oppose expansion of pilot programs and mandatory enrollment into managed care— *not sure it will save \$ or improve services.***

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals

Department of  
Health Care Services 

### Medi-Cal

Shifts 1 million + seniors and persons with disabilities on both Medi-Cal and Medicare into managed care.

Expands managed care to include IHSS, other home and community-based services and nursing care.

**Council Position: Oppose mandatory enrollment of Medi/Medi recipients (not enough details) and need an "opt-in" option, not "opt-out."**

Reduces eligibility for Medical Therapy Program.

**Council Position: Oppose**

Requires Medi-Cal users to select health plan during yearly "open enrollment" period and stay in plan for a year.

**Council Position: Oppose**

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Cuts all funding for Caregiver Resource Centers, serving individuals with brain injuries.

**Council Position: Oppose**

### DOR DEPARTMENT of REHABILITATION Employment, Independence & Equality

Vocational Rehabilitation, \$400.5 million

*(increase \$6 million over 2011-2012)*

Independent Living Services, \$20.6 million

*(decrease \$86,000 over 2011-12)*

**Council Position: Support**

# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals



### **General mandates**

Proposes end to many types of informational notices.

**Council Position:** Oppose end to mandates for behavioral intervention plans, pupil suspensions, expulsions and seclusion appeals, and truancy notification.

### **Special Education**

Reduces \$24.3 million to reflect increase from property tax.  
Increase special education by \$12.3 million.

**Council Position:** Support



# 2012-13 Governor's Budget



## Individual Proposals

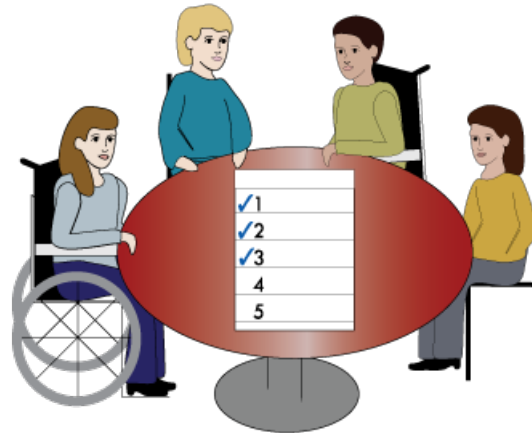


Combines money for all programs and lets colleges use funding for any purpose.

**Council Position: Oppose unless DSP is removed from consolidation proposal.**

# Committee Business – Part 1

60 min



Meeting Recommendations

SAAC and Member Reports

# Committee Business

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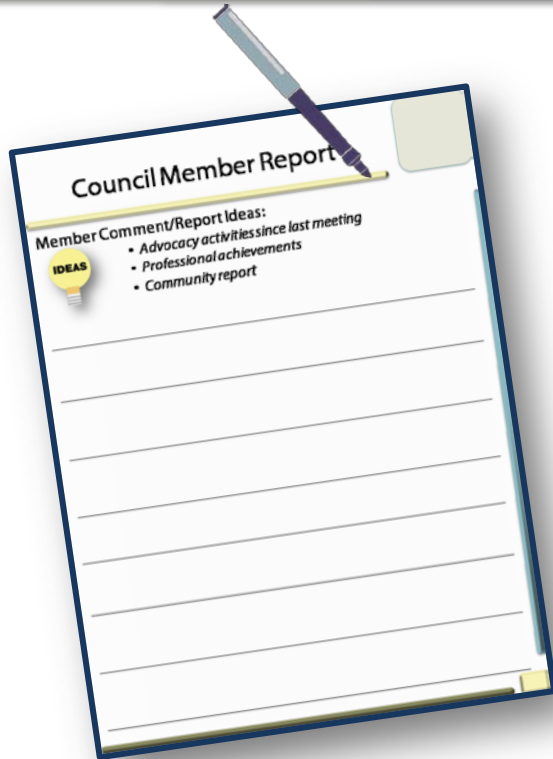
## Recommendations for the Council Chairperson

Review prior recommendations

Teamwork: SAAC/SCDD

Facilitation support

# Committee Report



## **SAAC Report to SCDD**

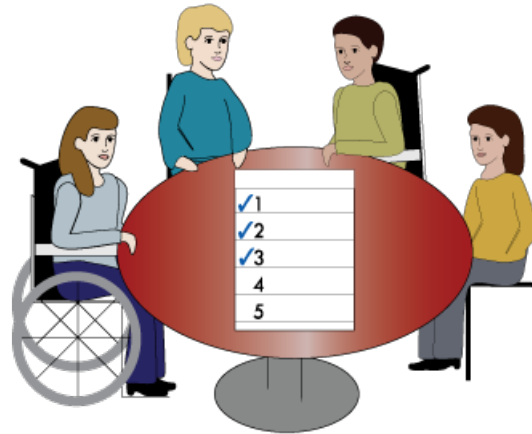
- What should be in the SAAC report?

## **Member Report to SCDD**

- Advocacy and committee activities since last meeting.

# Committee Business – Part 2

75 min



Statewide Self Advocacy Network Report

Communication and Resources

Tech Test – AdobeConnect and Flash Drive

Committee Activities - update

# Statewide Self-Advocacy Network



**SSAN**

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Report on Network activities

Jennifer Allen

- SSAN Activities
- Developing the SAAC advocacy plan

# Committee Business



## Committee Communication

Chair & Vice Chair will stay in contact with members:

- Week **BEFORE** SAAC meetings to check in.
- Week **AFTER** SAAC meetings for feedback.
- **MONTH AFTER** meeting to see how things are going: SAAC presentations, action plans, meeting follow-up.



March 2012 agreement:

- Members will email or call back within a week. *Is that working?*

# Committee Business

## Community Presentations



- Template
- Checklist
- Evaluation and Summary





# Committee Business



## Committee Resources



### Flash Drives

Are they useful?

Task analysis – use instructions to insert



### Website [www.scdadvocacy.org](http://www.scdadvocacy.org)

Advocacy materials

Ideas: Resources section



### Emails/Calls

Communication with each other

Questions/resources

[name@brcenter.org](mailto:name@brcenter.org)

[tech@brcenter.org](mailto:tech@brcenter.org)

# Advocacy and Meeting Review

30 min

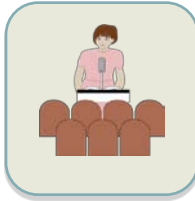


NASCDD Conference

CRPD – Advocating with Elected Officials

Meeting Review

# Advocacy



## NASCDD Conference – Oct. 2012



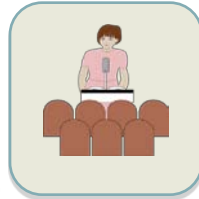
**Presenter:** Jennifer Allen (Acting Chair, SSAN)

**Support:** Carol Risley/Mark Starford

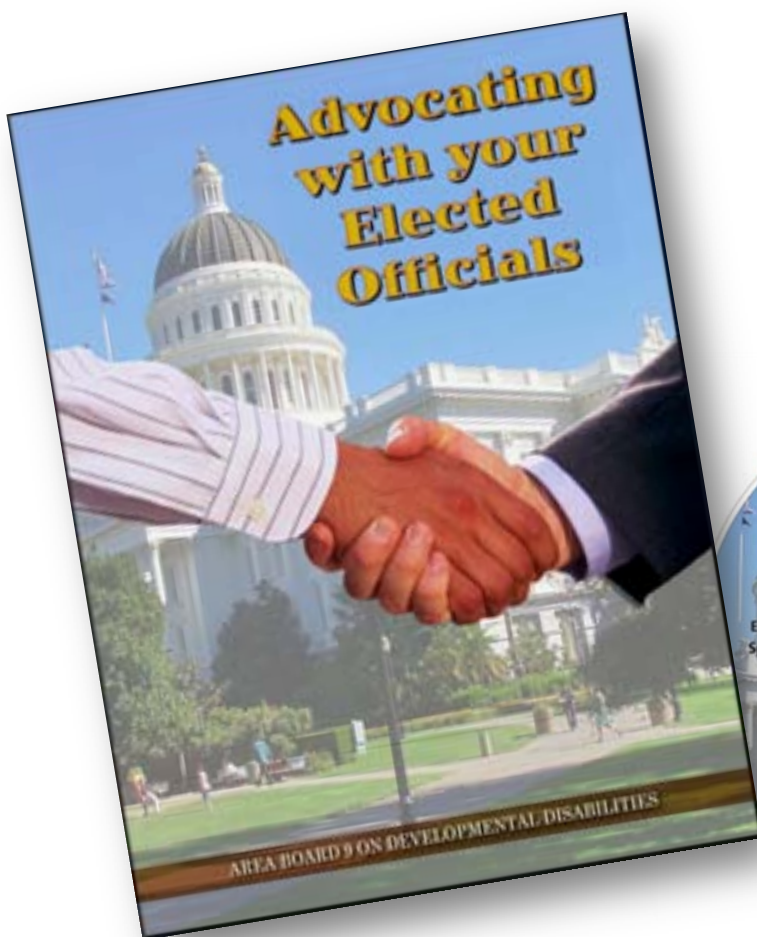
### Workshop Overview

1. Strategies for sustaining a statewide advocacy network led by persons with disabilities and supported by the State Council.
2. Methods to "lead by example" using facilitation support.
3. Building peer advocacy through collaboration of local, regional to statewide organizations.

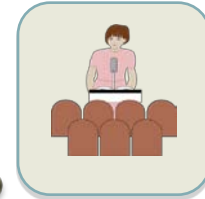
# Advocacy



## Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities Taking action!



# CRPD - Advocacy



## Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities



The UN Treaty ensures persons with disabilities are treated equally.

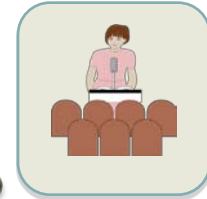
### Article 21



**Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information**

Provide information intended for the public to persons with disabilities in accessible formats they *understand and use*.

# CRPD - Advocacy



## Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities



### Article 29

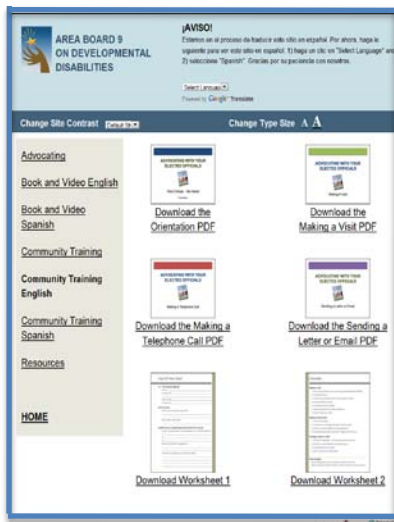
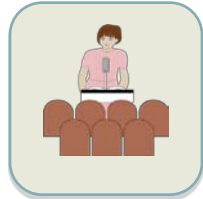


### Participation in political and public life

“Political rights and opportunities” to enjoy them on an equal basis with others.

... Ensure materials are appropriate, accessible, easy to understand and use.

# Advocacy with Elected Officials



Training Videos  
 Trainer "Host" Guide  
 Community training slides  
 Workbook PDF

## Community Training Path



HOST GUIDE

ONLINE VIDEO

TRAINING SLIDES

WORKSHEET

EMAIL SENT

# Meeting Review

