



SSAN MEETING July 25 & 26, 2012

Members Attending:

AB1, Jaimal Kordes; AB2, Ricky Sedillos; AB3, Austin Taylor;
AB4, Jimmy Lee Marks; AB5, Regina Woodliff; AB6, Robert Balderama;
AB7, Sabrina Clark; AB8, Stephanie Niles; AB9, Sigrid Bremer;
AB10, Kecia Weller; AB11, Kyle Minnis; AB12, Donnie Tobias;
AB13 Trena Wade; ARCA, Jesse Padilla; CFILC, Ted Jackson;
DDS, Nicole Patterson; MIND-CED, Robert Levy; SCDD, Jennifer Allen;
UCLA-UCEDD, Steven Kapp; USC-UCEDD, Alison Liao;
DRC, Daniel Meadows.

General - Day 1



Acting chairperson Jennifer Allen welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting of the Network. Members introduced themselves and reviewed the draft meeting Ground Rules. Correction was made to #8 (“or” to “of”) and approved with correction. Kecia W/motion & Kyle M./second. Members also reviewed the agenda for the day and agreed.

Members decided to review April meeting notes in November (along with July meeting notes). Not all members had a chance to look at the notes posted online. Jennifer suggested if hard copies are needed, members should ask supporting organizations to print. Members also suggested they put their SSAN flash drives in a box as they arrive in the morning so Joan Burg (BRC) can collect them and add (download) information files to each one and return to members before meeting begins.

Reminders from the Chair:

- Members use Google Group and Adobe Connect to share experience, resources and stay in touch in between meetings.

Leadership Coaching Presentation

Brian Marsh (Leadership Coach) introduced coaching and how it can assist anyone with personal goals and plans by supporting the person to focus and find their own answers and success.



Kecia W. helped illustrate coaching with a role play of a session where she acted out: “How can I be a strong advocate if I’m I am not empowered?” and stated:

- “I make my own decisions.”
- “If I’m compliant I lose power and control.”
- “Don’t let other people tell you what to think.”

Kecia described her plan and actions to achieve greater empowerment. She agreed to report her outcomes at the November meeting.

Member Briefing Session



Network Outcomes

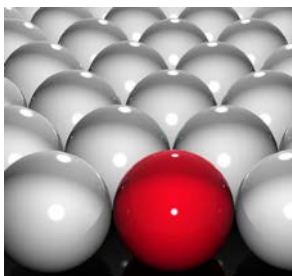
The Network is established to be region centered and ongoing. The Network builds partnerships with new groups, represents many different people and creates plans with real life outcomes. Network members gain expertise and share what they learn with future members who come after them. Regions and organizations are provided support to be successful.

Emerging issues around the state

State Legislation/Budget-

- \$200 million reduction in DDS budget and may be more if November ballot initiative on tax increases does not pass.
- A 3.6% IHHS reduction remains.
- A move to managed care for more Californians on MediCal.
- Employment First Policy is moving forward in state legislature.

Network Branding



Leslie Levine (Design and Tech Specialist) reviewed the ideas of Network branding and tag lines, using member suggestions from the April meeting.

The logo/tag line ideas need to be posted on Google Group by August 9th so decisions can be made and posted by the end of August. Leslie will post reminders on Google.

Network Small Groups - Media Production & AdobeConnect/Google

Members broke into two groups to practice using AdobeConnect and the Network's Google Group as well as how to take better photos and video. Members were encouraged to contact Leslie for help with technology questions tech@brcenter.org

And encouraged to take photos and video related to Network activities and send to Marcia at media@brcenter.org

Discussion: Important Issues to Members

Voting – Members shared information regarding problems with voting and access at polls. Several members had assisted community members in the past and have been involved in voter education activities.



They also suggested resources (Disability Rights California- DRC and California Foundation of Independent Living Centers-CFILC) for voting rights and access.

Assignment for July 26

Members were asked to think about suggestions for a Network mission statement and return the next day with what they would prefer to guide the Network into the future.

General – Day 2

Acting chairperson Jennifer Allen welcomed everyone to the 2nd day of the July Network meeting. Members introduced themselves and shared reports on assignments. Members also reviewed agenda for Day 2 meeting and agreed.

Committee Business - Election of Officers

Candidates for Chairperson

Members gave short speeches (Jennifer, Jimmy, Trena, Daniel, Austin).
Written votes were cast and **Austin** was elected as Chairperson.

Candidates for Vice Chairperson

Members gave short speeches (Jimmy, Sigrid, Kyle, Jennifer, and Trena).
Written votes were cast and **Trena** was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Committee Business - Mission Statement

Members selected several mission statements to determine what they want to include in a final Network mission statement. Results were:

16 votes Build a bridge between the Network and community to promote leadership, disability rights and a united voice.

13 votes Promote leadership that strengthens advocacy and builds bridges among communities, statewide and national policies.

9 votes Connect with others across the state in different communities to create a united voice.

5 votes Listen to people, be a channel of information and lead by example.

7 votes All of the above

Austin agreed to study the choices and return in November with suggestions for a final mission statement to be approved by Network membership.

Committee Business - Operating Rules

Network members reviewed sample Network Operating Rules and decided to establish a two (2) year term for Chair and Vice-Chair and create a Secretary position. Job description for the Secretary position needs to be developed.

Member Reports

Members shared information about their advocacy mission statements and activities in their communities, regions or sponsoring organizations.

Reports were videotaped for a video report at the end of the year (September).

Information Sharing & Gathering



Members exchanged information and resources:

- Accessibility is very important.
- Information on services needs to get to high school students.
- Some regional centers may not always support requests but it's important to fight for what you need.
- Network should move towards contacting the CA governor.
- Do we know our neighbors? Very important for emergency preparedness.
- Regional Centers need competition.
- Think about underserved groups such as military veterans.

Community Assignments

Members reviewed Network assignments for upcoming months:

- Personal Leadership



- Finish Mission Statement.
- Begin your steps and report an outcome at next meeting.
- Complete Facilitation Plan.

- Technology



- Google Group - Make 3 advocacy postings.
- Work with Area Board or organization and learn how to host an AdobeConnect meeting.

- Outreach/Information Gathering



- Identify advocacy groups in your region
- Provide Network update with 2 groups in your region
- Share Network newsletter with groups in your region

Wrap – up and Evaluation



Members finished up by completing and submitting meeting evaluation forms.

Meeting adjourned at 3 PM.