



Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

DAY ONE

Hilton Arden-West Hotel

Sacramento, CA

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Members: Austin Taylor, Trena Wade, Jennifer Allen, Alison Liao, Ricky Sedillos, Sigrid Bremer, Donnie Tobias, Daniel Meadows, Robert Levy, Sabrina Clarke, Regina Woodliff, Stephanie Niles, Nicole Patterson, Jesse Padilla, Ted Jackson, Kyle Minnis

Facilitators: Minah Kim, Judith Kelly, Yazlynn Niewold, Christine Liller, Ron Usac, Daniel Savino, Debbie Marshall, Mary Agnes Nolan, Judy Rogers, David Grady, Steve Ruder, Cindy Ruder, Debbie Kindley, Betty Carlton, Mark Starford, Charlene Jones, Joan Burg

SCDD: Roberta Newton, Mark Polit, Tammy Eudy, Robin Maitino, Melissa Coral, Lois Cisell

Guests: Dawn Morley, Vickie Smith, Mary Ellen Stives, Sarah May, Dena Hernandez, Thomas Johnson, Anastasia Baciagalupo, Ericka Huggins

1. Call To Order by Chairperson - Austin Taylor

- Introductions
- Meeting folders distributed, flash drives updated
- Meeting ground rules reviewed
- Tech Support available throughout meeting

2. Action Items

- Agenda: Kyle M. Motion; Regina W. 2nd *Approved*
- April Meeting Notes: Jennifer A. Motion; Regina Woodliff 2nd *Approved*
- July Meeting Notes: Trena W. Moved; Kyle M. 2nd *Approved*

3. SCDD - Roberta Newton

Updates:

- Carol Risley resigned in September; Roberta N. is acting Executive Director
- New SCDD Director search process will take place in 2013.
- New Deputy Director, Mark Polit was introduced.

Review:

- Federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities funds State Councils in every state and US territory. Also funds Protection & Advocacy agencies like Disability Rights California and University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

State Council is a state agency with members who are self-advocates, family members and state department representatives. Purpose: assure persons with developmental disabilities have access to services needed to live and participate in their communities.
- Federal/State definitions of developmental disabilities were reviewed (see hand out in folder). CA only state that has law Lanterman Act with this type of definition and an entitlement to services for those who are eligible.

4. Network Overview – Austin Taylor

Austin reviewed PowerPoint slides that summarized the Network, its long term purpose, parts and how each part links with the others. Austin spoke about the importance of personal leadership and regional partnerships.

5. Guest Speaker - Ericka Huggins

Ericka Huggins presented her experience in the Civil Rights Movement, as a person who was excluded from mainstream life and denied rights. Ericka spoke about the value of pursuing human and civil rights.

With members, she facilitated a discussion about the importance of *stepping out, taking risks, learning skills, working together* with others (“even if you don’t always like them”) to be successful and change things so others may exercise their rights.

- Others have told you what can do, think, how to advocate, but don’t believe that.
- None of us are born empty; we all have this power within.”
- “We all need to be encouraged and empowered.”
- Rosa Parks shifted thinking; she was an activist for 30 years before that day on the bus when she gave all people permission to say “yes” and “no.”

What can we learn about the Civil Rights Movement?

- Movement was all about what every person is due by law.
- Everybody has a voice and each voice is important.

- Communicate, even use word of mouth, to get views out; ask people what they want
- People with disabilities want to be recognized, as a full member of society, access to better services, “be appreciated for our worth, value and contributions we can make.”
- Lead by your example; if individual voices join together, there is more power

TIPS:

Do one thing really well at a time

- Choose one thing and keep asking yourself “is there more to do here? IF yes, keep going without getting derailed; IF no, you move on to the next issue.

How do you prioritize what to do?

- Ask yourself, how many people will benefit when this is done?

What Do We Want?

- Training and options for education.
- Bring together others who have been segregated and more non-disabled people in the movement.
- Change notion that having a disability automatically puts you in a negative situation.
- Build connection between advocates and community with better communication.
- Make the invisible, visible.

6. Member Reports - Members

Community Report Video from July meeting was shown.

AB 3

Austin T. - developed mission statement: works to overcome belief that disability puts someone in a negative circumstance; has shared SSAN newsletter with groups; Developed facilitation plan - very important to his advocacy work; spoke to 350 service coordinators at all-staff meeting.

AB 5

Regina W. - working hard to stop smoking. Regina speaks up at many groups in region 5.

AB 7

Sabrina C. - Completed the facilitation manual and worksheets; would like help with Google group. Had a few AdobeConnect meetings, sometimes has audio troubles.

AB 8

Stephanie N. - attends vendor meetings; mission is to help her day program and clients succeed better in their goals; Teaches self-advocacy.

AB 9

Sigrid B. - attended back to school at Adult School; Sent two emails to Sen. Feinstein re: CRPD; Worked with ARC Ventura about voting rights issues.

AB 10

Kecia W. (AdobeConnect webinar) - Reviewed personal mission. Reported on personal outcomes, lost 10% of body weight; Used Think-Plan-Do to get new ILS provider; created facilitation plan; posted on Google group; Loves AdobeConnect, hosted many meetings and created SSAN webinars; shared SSAN newsletter and gave presentations on SSAN.

AB 11

Kyle M. - Participated in AB11 hosted earthquake preparedness.

AB 12

Donnie T. - helped raise money for local program; he is in a group that supports local disabled people to help meet individual needs.

AB 13

Trena W. - trained 22 staff at local Regional Center on SSAN and advocacy issues; Partnered with health & wellness committee and spoke about SSAN; new group for youth parents with disabilities-partnering and doing training with them

ARCA

Jesse P. - Practiced AdobeConnect; Had several meetings w/facilitator Tammy Evrard; Conducted voter training w/mock voting booths; Emergency preparedness using Feeling Safe, Being Safe; Using Think-Plan-Do.

CED-MIND

Robert L. - helping people work in the community and earn more money with support from facilitators, eventually be able to work independently; Hosted No Cal SSAN meeting at MIND Institute; Created webinar with Kecia as a recap of regional SSAN meetings; Gave presentation for research director at UCD MIND on living with autism; Will be a mentor at MIND for two new interns.

UCEDD- USC

Alison L.- mission statement is public speaking; Spoke at USC advisory board about SSA. Dr. Wheeler stressed importance of engaging other cultural groups in self-advocacy work; is working to help new self-advocacy groups start.

UCEDD-UCLA

Steven K. (AdobeConnect audio webinar) - Working on self-advocacy for those with autism; Working on youth advisory committee for CECY; Connector for community inclusion for those with developmental disabilities; Shared updates on Google group about projects; Hosted meetings on AdobeConnect; provided SSAN newsletter to Tarjan Center.

DDS

Nicole P. - mission is to ensure all persons with developmental disabilities are included in all aspects of their lives; October was Developmental Disabilities awareness month, spoke to daughter's class; Showed "10 commandments of communicating w/ people w/disabilities" at DDS; Presentation to DDS CAC, members felt it important to work on employment, healthcare & higher education. Also that people at developmental centers not be forgotten.

DRC

Daniel M. - has done 40 trainings on voting; DRC has just completed its 5 year plan- Daniel chose to work on full employment; did leadership training in Chico

SCDD

Jennifer A. – Reports on the activities of the Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC) made CRPD its national issue and will recommend SCDD support the treaty and contact US Senators; will follow investigation of abuse at developmental centers. SAAC wants to make meetings more accessible for their SSAN project and SCDD meetings. Updated facilitation plan; Used AdobeConnect.

7. Recap Network & Next Steps – Members, Austin & Roberta N.

- **Sabrina C.** - Scheduling good; likes the meetings, learning a lot at meetings.
- **Kyle M.** - Now time to come up with a statewide advocacy goal; choose 2-3 goals tomorrow.
- **Robert L.** - Used to receive many Google group posts about current issues and news from SCDD, but not now. Need more legislative updates. *Note: the current event posts were provided by SCDD staff.*
- **Trena W.** - Put lots of information on Google group; encourages people to use Google to report and respond to posts; Google doesn't seem to keep track of views/replies.
- **Daniel M.** - make sure as a group we aren't repeating same information, we should be moving on; let's get to the level where this group knows where it is going.

- **Jennifer A.** - Dream is for Network to reach out and be a bridge to the community; look at individual areas to find a common goal for the Network.
- **Regina W.** - Glad Ericka H. spoke to group; her message was meaningful; we can speak to our senators about what matters to us.
- **Roberta Newton**
Day 2 will gather members' views of SSAN and its future. Overnight assignment has questions that will be considered tomorrow. It is likely the contract between SCDD and BRC will stop at the end of the year. Not due to problem with BRC, but business procedures at SCDD were not followed. Next year another "Request for Proposal" for a SSAN support contract will go out. Self-advocates will be included in proposal selection process. Next SSAN meeting will likely not be until March or April.
- **Austin**
We worked hard to create our group; the delay between now and the next meeting should be seen as an opportunity to improve the quality of our work and services.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 PM