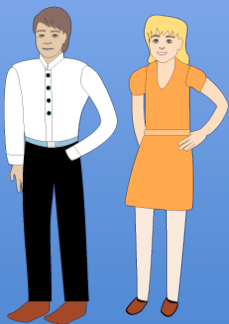


Self-Advocate Advisory Committee



State Council on Developmental Disabilities



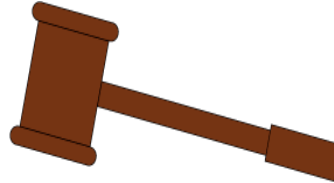
Advocacy

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



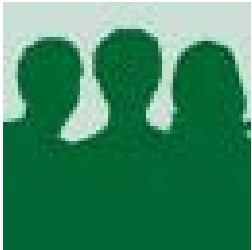
Advocacy Updates

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

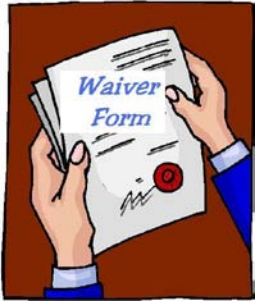


Waiver Request



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

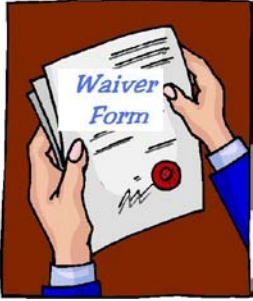
Area Board and Council procedures for evaluating requests:

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.

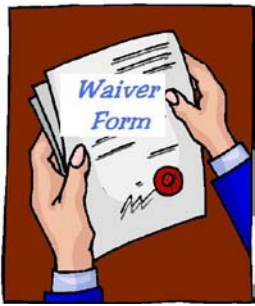
Conflict of Interest



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



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

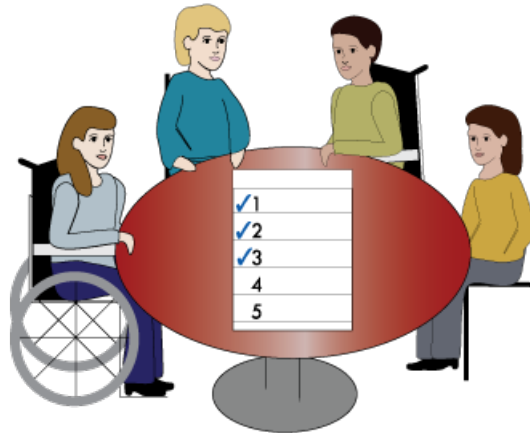


Combines money for all programs and lets colleges use funding for any purpose.

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

Committee Business – Part 1

60 min



Meeting Recommendations

SAAC and Member Reports

Committee Business



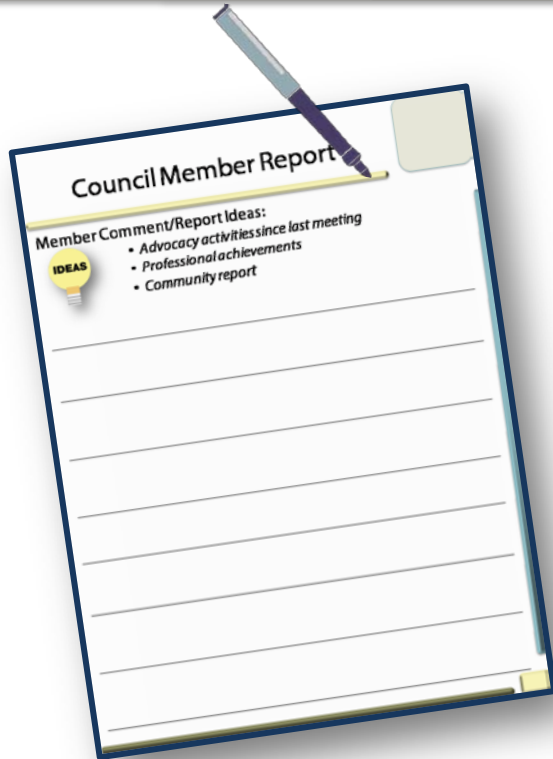
Recommendations for the Council Chairperson

Review prior recommendations

Teamwork: SAAC/SCDD

Facilitation support

Committee Report



SAAC Report to SCDD

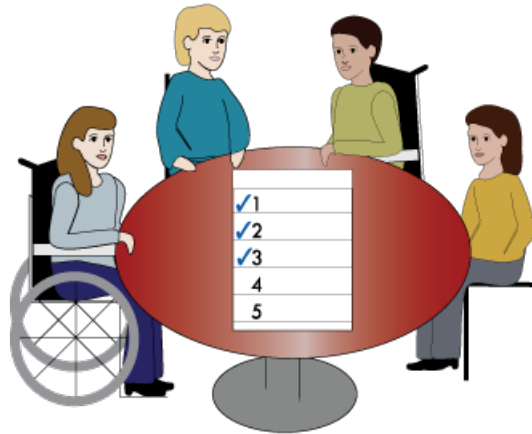
- What should be in the SAAC report?

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



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

Advocacy materials

Ideas: Resources section



Emails/Calls

Communication with each other

Questions/resources

name@brcenter.org
tech@brcenter.org

Advocacy and Meeting Review

30 min

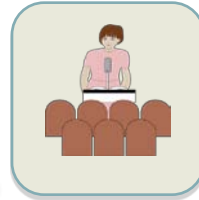


NASCDD Conference

CRPD – Advocating with Elected Officials

Meeting Review

Advocacy



NASCDD Conference – Oct. 2012



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

Support: Carol Risley/Mark Starford

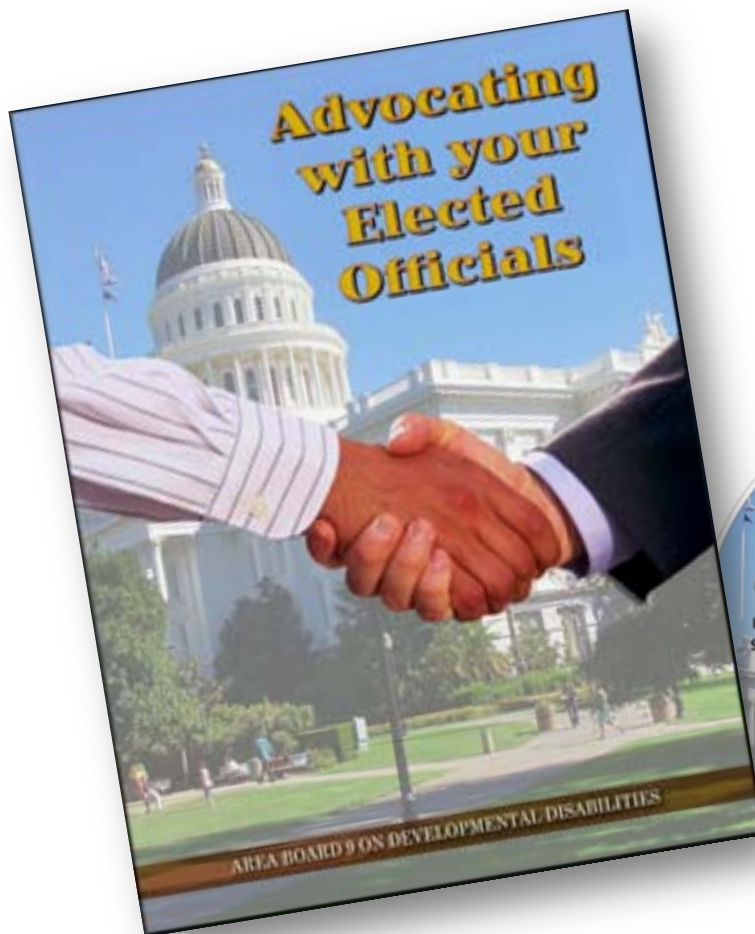
Workshop Overview

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.

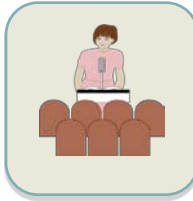
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Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities Taking action!



CRPD - Advocacy



Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities



The UN Treaty ensures persons with disabilities are treated equally.

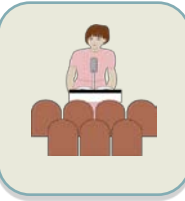
Article 21



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

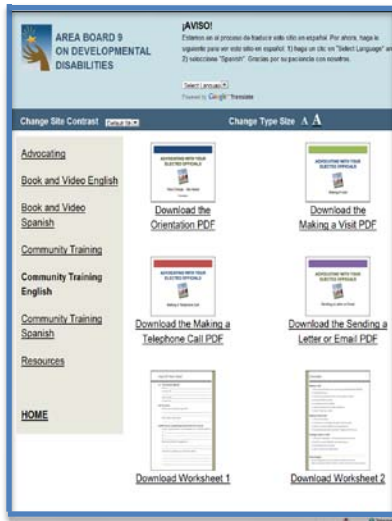
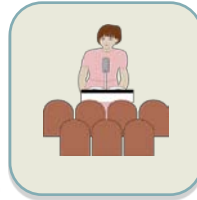


Participation in political and public life

“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

