The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) is a project of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) that started in 2012 with the aim to grow the Self-Advocacy movement in California through training leaders and sharing information. SSAN serves as a connection between SCDD and other state agencies, nonprofits and advocacy groups that serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Statewide Self Advocacy Network

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Mission Statement

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.
Message from SSAN Chair

As I end my term as the SSAN chairperson, I want to say how proud I am of my fellow SSAN members for their hard work and dedication from October 2017 – September 2018.

I am proud of the SSAN officers in working together on the first SSAN Leadership training for the officers. We learned tools to put into practice.

We had very good information at our 4 meetings. Some of the presentations were given by SSAN members. Some of the topics included:

- “How I got Hired” and Benefits of Employment
- Mock Job Interviews & LEAP Hiring
- An Autism Panel
- Vendor Process for Day Programs
- ABLE Act Update
- Mental Health Awareness – tools & tips
- Self Determination Orientation Materials by DDS- gave input
- Updates to the ADA
- Building Accessibility – tools and tips
- Published 4 newsletters with articles written by SSAN members
- Resource Table – resources shared among members to take back to our communities statewide

SSAN members have worked really hard to accomplish the goals of the SCDD State Plan in their regions and beyond. Members encourage the unity of SSAN and it is a great fellowship. The four work groups (Employment, Legislative, Newsletter, and Self Determination) helped build leadership skills and team work.

SSAN will continue to advance the self-advocacy movement in California and it is important to stress that we need to move towards encouraging youth to the movement. They are our future.

Robert Balderama
SSAN Chair
Self-Advocacy Goal

Goal 1: Californians with intellectual/developmental disabilities 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

Objective 1.2
The Council will promote self-advocates in leadership roles in statewide networks a) through 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.
- North Coast Region – Vacant
- North State Region – Teresa Moshier
- Sacramento Region – Lisa Cooley
- North Bay Region – Chen Curtiss
- Bay Area Region – Regina Woodliff
- North Valley Hills Region – Robert Balderama
- Central Coast Region – Vacant
- Sequoia Region – Rebecca Donabed
- Los Angeles Region – Julie Gaona
- Orange County Region – Sean Sullivan
- San Bernardino Region – Daniel Fouste
- San Diego Region – Paul Mansell
- Association of Regional Center Agencies – Desiree Boykin
- California Foundation of Independent Living Centers – Christina Mills
- Department of Developmental Services – Nicole Patterson
- Disability Rights California – Marinda Reed & Scott Baron
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities – David Forderer/Wesley Witherspoon
- University Center on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) UC Davis MIND Institute – Robert Levy
- UCEDD UCLA Tarjan Center – Kecia Weller
- UCEDD USC – Wesley Witherspoon
SSAN Officers
Robert Balderama, Chair
Julie Gaona, Vice Chair
Rebecca Donabed, Secretary

2017-2018 SSAN Meetings

SSAN held 4 meetings between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. Meetings were held on December 6-7, 2017, March 28-29, 2018, June 27-28, 2018 and September 5-6, 2018.

Each SSAN meeting included member reports on issues and concerns in their regions, legislative updates, training for members, and resources to distribute to member’s communities.

From Paul Mansell - representative from San Diego Imperial Regional Office

“SSAN is a positive voice, expressing the wants, needs and concerns of self-advocates in California.”
2017-2018 SSAN Accomplishments

What We Do

☐ Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state.
☐ Speak up for people with disabilities.
☐ Learn about and advocate for issues important to people with disabilities.
☐ Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks

~SSAN Bylaws

Legislative Updates 2017-2018

In preparation for including SSAN members into the policy and legislative work of the Council, regular legislative updates and information on SCDD-supported legislation regarding issues directly affecting people with I/DD are provided to members. Discussions have centered around the following:

LEGISLATION:

- AB 1909 – Nazarian, Require that California Department of Social Services provide translation of written materials in languages that are spoken by the substantial portion of the population.
- AB 1985 – Ting, Clarify that disability is protected under the law, regardless of whether it is temporary, permanent, congenital, or acquired as a part of officer training
- AB 2159 – Chu, The bill would make a failure to implement the fraud prevention measures established by the bill subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000, or if the violation is willful, a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000.
• AB 2171 – Frazier, “One Person One Goal”: Agreement between Department of Education, Department of Developmental Services and Department of Rehabilitation to ensure seamless and coordinated delivery of services to support Employment First

• AB 2244 – Acosta, This bill would deem a request from a regional center for prior written authorization approved by the State Department of Developmental Services if the department does not act on the request within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request, unless the director, in his or her discretion, determines that additional time is reasonably necessary to fully and fairly evaluate the request, as specified.

• AB 2253 – Irwin, Repeal the $100,000 cap on CalABLE accounts

• AB 2291 – Chu, Mandates that schools develop policies and procedures aimed at prevention of bullying

• AB 2331 – Weber, Require consumers to disclose whether they receive Medi-Cal as a part of the intake process

• AB 2408 – Weber, Restricts the use of seclusion and restraint except a students’ behavior presents imminent danger to them or others

• AB 2430 – Arambula, Require that countable income over 100% to 138% of federal poverty level not be counted when considering payments related to SSI/SSP

• AB 2587 – Levine, Remove the 7-day wait period from the temporary family disability application process

• AB 2623 – Holden, Amend the Welfare and Institution Code to include adjustments for increase in federal minimum wage and require that provider rates be no less than federal minimum wage

• AB 2657 – Weber, Restricts the use of seclusion and restraint except a students’ behavior presents imminent danger to them or others

• AB 2704 – O’Donnell, Increase the grant amount awarded to Family Empowerment Centers on Disabilities from $150,00 to $223,000 to account for cost of living increases
• AB 2846 – Grayson, Would require local jurisdictions issuing building permits for commercial construction to provide notice and information regarding disability access

• AB 3006 – Stone, The bill would require each county welfare department to designate one staff person to serve as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator, as described, for the delivery of child welfare services in the county to children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

• AB 3074 – Frazier, The bill would specify the maximum hours of tailored day services that may be authorized in conjunction with existing services under these provisions.

• AB 3127 – Acosta, This bill would deem a request from a regional center for prior written authorization approved by the State Department of Developmental Services if the department does not act on the request within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request, unless the director, in his or her discretion, determines that additional time is reasonably necessary to fully and fairly evaluate the request, as specified.

• AB 3158 – Mathis, establishes a 90-day building accessibility compliance period for businesses

• AB 3200 – Kalra, Reinstates the cost of living adjustment to the SSI/SSP program

• SB 354 – Portantino, Expand the definition of “parent” to include educational rights holder and conservator of the child.

• SB 1011 – Roth, Require conservators be included in an individuals’ IPP process

• SB 1190 – Skinner, Require that State Department of State Hospitals and State Department of Developmental Services to place identification markers on sites that acknowledge past history of sterilization of people

• SB 1191 – Hueso, Would require local law enforcement agencies, as defined, and adult protective services agencies and long-term care ombudsman programs to revise or include in their policy manuals, as defined, specified information regarding elder and dependent adult
abuse. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

- SB 1274 – McGuire, Data sharing bill to show how Employment First Policy impacts use of CalWORKs and CalFRESH

- SB 1320 – Stern, Require that the California Department of Education, the Chancellor of California Community Colleges, California State University system and potentially the Universities of California system to set up a data tracking system to track student data
Presentations and Training 2017-2018

Members received presentations and trainings on:

- Bagley Keene
- “How I got Hired” and Benefits of Employment
- Mock Job Interviews & LEAP Hiring
- An Autism Panel
- Vendor Process for Day Programs
- ABLE Act Update
- Mental Health Awareness – tools & tips
- Self Determination Orientation Materials by DDS - gave input
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Presentations & Trainings provided and/or attended by SSAN Members

SSAN is composed of self-advocates who have community-based leadership roles throughout the state. Through these responsibilities, members provided and attended trainings and presentations throughout the state, related to the SCDD State Plan goals and objectives, some of which included:

Goal 1 Self Advocacy (60 events = 2534 participants)

- 10/20 Celebration of Self-Advocacy @ Ed Roberts Campus-Berkeley – 45 SA 35 Other
- “Is Self-Determination Right for Me?” – 35 SA
- SDP training – 200-210 SA/Other
- Lincoln Training Center (Self-Advocacy) – 29 SA 5 Other
- Antelope Valley Path Point (Self- Advocacy) – 29 SA 5 Other
- Ester Seals San Pedro (Self-Advocacy) – 29 SA 5 Other
- ETTA (Self-Advocacy) – 30 SA 5 Other
- CECA ABLE Arts (Self-Advocacy) – 30 SA 5 Other
- Giant Steps (Self-Advocacy) – 30 SA 5 Other
- Valley Mountain Regional Center Board Self-Determination – 22 SA
- SAC 6 meeting
- Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County – 37 SA 3 FA 13 Others
- Person Centered Planning – 1 SA
- Self-Advocacy – 46 SA
- CAC meeting – 36 SA
- FDC Choices Interviews – 16 Other
- San Francisco ADA Conference – 120 people
- Self-Determination – 40 SA 40 Other
- Westside Regional Board Meeting – 20 SA 15 FA 15 Other
- Bay Area People First Meeting – 16SA 2 Other
- Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee Meeting – 9 SA 8 FA 8 Other
- Consumer Advisory Meeting USC Children’s Hospital – 7 SA 7 FA
- Statewide Self-Determination Meeting – 21 SA 20 Others
- Self-Determination meeting – 7 SA
- North Bay Regional Advisory Committee – 1 SA 2 FA 2 Other
- VMRC Board Meeting – 6 SA 6 FA 5 Others
- VMRC Consumer Services – 5 SA 5 FA
- Self – Advocacy Council 6 meeting – 500 SA 100 FA
- ARCA CAC meeting – 14 SA 3 Other
- DDS CAC – 9 SA 6 FA 6 Other
- Access CAC – 10 SA 1 FA
- Los Angeles County Commission on Disability – 10 Other
- SSAN Self-Determination Workgroup Meeting – 6 SA 4 Other
- Alta Regional Center Self- Determination Advisory Committee meeting – 8 SA
- State Rehabilitation Council Meeting – 3 SA 10 FA 27 Other
- VERA Coalition Teleconference call – 10 SA 10 FA 20 Other
- Executive Planning Committee State Rehabilitation Council – 3 SA 7 FA 1 Other
- Hope Services Mentorship – 26 SA
- Self-Advocacy – 170 SA 10 Other
- IPP – 95 SA
- Panel on Cerebral Palsy – 15 SA 10 FA 20 Other
• DDS CAC Recruiting – 60 SA
• Bay Area RAC Meeting – 10 SA 8 FA 8 Others
• State Rehabilitation Council Meeting – 4 SA 13 FA 30 Others
• SCLAR CAC Meeting – 8 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• Bay Area People First – 9 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• People First of Alameda – 14 SA 0 FA 1 Others
• ARCA CAC Meeting – 13 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• SCLAR CAC Meeting – 8 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• Peer Support at Resource for Independence of the Central Valley
• State Council on Developmental Disabilities Panel on Autism
• Westside Regional Center Board of Directors Meeting – 25 SA 25 FA 25 Others
• SABLAC – 10 SA 0 FA 1 Others
• People First of Alameda – 12 SA 0 FA 1 Others
• ARCA CAC Meeting – 10 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• SCLAR CAC Meeting – 8 SA 0 FA 5 Others
• Disability Advisory Team
• SABLAC – 8 SA 0 FA 1 Others
• ARCA CAC meeting – 15 SA 0 FA 0 Others
• ARCA SDAC meeting – 3 SA 1 FA 5 Others

**Goal 2 Employment** (9 events = 403 participants)

• Employment – 25 SA 5 Other
• Employment – 10 SA
• Employment Mixer – 0 SA 0 FA 13 Others

**Goal 3 Housing** (3 events= 40 participants)

• Housing and Section 8 – 16 SA
• Housing – 4 Other
• Lanterman Housing Alliance Workgroup

**Goal 4 Health & Safety** (27 events= 1075 participants)

• “Internet Safety” – 25 SA
• “Reporting Abuse of Dependent Adults” – 20 people
• Helping Health Professionals Discuss Sexual Violence with their Patients – 35 People
• Panel Discussion at Supported Life Conference – 40 people
• Silence = Violence presentation at Supported Life Conference – 30 people
• “How to Fire Your Attendant When Things Go Wrong” – 7 SA
• Peak Performance (Emergency Preparedness and IPPs) – 29 SA 6 Other
• Arc South Bay ADC Gardena (Crime Prevention and Self-Advocacy) – 29 SA 5 Other
• Independence Plus (Crime Prevention) – 29 SA 5 Other
• Villa Esperanza (Crime Prevention) – 29 SA 5 Other
• Emergency Preparedness – 7 SA
• PALS Downey (Emergency Preparedness) – 29 SA 5 Other
• Healthcare outreach/education – 20 Other
• Cal Lafe Independent Living Center IHSS Benefits – 15 SA 20 FA
• Los Angeles County Crime Prevention – 265 SA 23 Other
• Emergency Preparedness – 40 SA 6 Other
• Relationships and Independence – 20 SA 20 FA
• UC Davis Medical School – 2 SA 60 Other
• CA APS Multimedia Contest
• NCCJD and State Council on Developmental Disabilities # MeToo story
• Recovery Champions
• VERA Coalition – People with Disabilities/People of Color in person Meeting – 6 SA 11 FA 66 Others
• VERA Coalition Teleconference – 14 SA 13 FA 30 Others
• Silence = Violence Network Meeting – 2 SA 9 FA 10 Others
• UCP Meeting – 1 SA 0 FA 5 Others
• Peer Support – A Critical Component of the APS Response to Sexual Assault – 2 SA 25 FA 55 Others
**Goal 5 Education** (6 events = 115 participants)
- 9/27/2017 Presentation at Deer Valley High School in Antioch, CA about Employment, Independence and Self-Advocacy – 36 SA 10 Other
- Education – 1 SA
- Los Angeles School Meeting – 8 SA 23 Other
- San Jose Unified School District Special Education Advisory Commission – 25 Other
- Transition – 6 SA
- Fairfield Solano Community College – 1 SA 0 FA 5 Others

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**Wesley Witherspoon - representative from USC Childrens’ Hospital**

“SSAN is an essential guide for people with disabilities who want to be a part of society. SSAN gives members a bridge to a better life by explaining how to get what you want in easy steps. The SSAN Newsletter is a must read for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

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**Goal 6 Formal & Informal Community Supports** (24 events = 422 participants)

**Goal 6: Community Supports**

- RAC meeting – 5 SA 5 FA 5 Other
- Los Angeles County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee – 5 SA 20 Other
- Burbank ABLE Inc. (Crime Prevention) – 30 SA 5 Other
- Cal ABLE
- Meetings with elected officials SA 2 FA Other 6
- ABLE Act – 2 SA
- EBSH Restraints Guidelines Work Group – 20 SA/Other
- California Democratic Disability Caucus meeting – 1 SA 1 Other
- Treat or Trunk
- Los Angeles County Registrar Voting Systems Assessment Project – 1 SA 2 Others
• Westside Regional Center Voting CAC – 10 SA 3 Other
• East Bay Legislative Breakfast – 50 SA 50 Other
• Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee – 2 SA 3 FA 6 Other
• ARCA Grass Roots Day – 17 SA 17 FA
• Vender Program Planning Meeting – 2 SA 3 Other
• Voting Independence Plus – 20
• Relationships and Independence – 20 SA 20 FA
• ABLE Act – 20 Other
• Transportation – 10 Other
• Suisun City Board Meeting – 1 SA 0 FA 15 Others
• Tulare County bus advisory council
• North State Regional Advisory Committee Meeting – 15 SA 0 FA 7 Others
• AMJAMB The Call Connection – 12 SA 0 FA 3 Others
• UC Davis Summer Institute – 1 SA 15 FA 50 Others

Events were attended by Self-Advocates (SA), Family Advocates (FA), and Others.

Total= 129 events = 4,589 participants

From Lisa Cooley-representative from Sacramento Regional Office

“Supporting the Self Determination Program in California will give all Californians with developmental disabilities the opportunity to have self-directed lives without limits!”
Barriers to Outreach

Transportation continues to be the number one barrier for SSAN members that prevents them from participating in their communities and in advocacy activities. The lack of public transportation options limits self-advocates’ ability to attend events and meetings. Other barriers reported include:

- Work
- Time
- Finances
- Health issues
- Technology
- Being located far away from the regional office
- Issues with Paratransit
- Inconsistency with the level of education of Regional Center Staff
- Lack of interest in Self-Advocacy
- Lack of tools
- Lack of knowledge of people with disabilities in group homes
- Size of region
- Family

During 2017-2018, SSAN worked on these organizational and operating issues:

- Developed 4 SSAN newsletters
- Formalized the Application Process for SSAN Members

Each member is on at least one or more of the following workgroups:

- Employment
- Self Determination
- Newsletter
- Legislation

There were a total of __49__ workgroup meetings

- Employment met ___9___ times
- Self Determination met ___9___ times
- Newsletter met ___9___ times
- Legislation met ___6___ times
- Officers met ___16___ times

Additionally, the SSAN Chair produced ___4___ summaries that kept members updated on current events and the work in progress
SSAN members distributed information about these resources to their communities:

**Advocacy**

Alta Regional Center
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC)
California Independent Living Centers
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
Choices
Disability Organizing Network
Exceptional Minds
Family Resource Centers Network
Local People First chapters
Opportunity House
Regional Advisory Committees
Regional Centers
Self-Advocacy Council 6
Strategies to Empower People (Step)
Supported Life Institute
UCLA Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills
Youth Organizing Disabled Proud
Bullying

Department of Developmental Services
Silence = Violence Network

Education

American River College, Sacramento, CA
Butte College
Chabad at Santa Monica College
Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Consumes River College
Danza College, Cupertino, CA
Disabled Student Programs and Activities
Folsom River College
Libraries
Los Rio Community College District
Mission College, Santa Clara, CA
Sacramento City College
Sacramento State
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Santa Monica College Center for Disabled Students
Sierra College
SMC Computer Programming Club
South Bay Points of Transition, San Diego, CA

Employment

Access 2 Independence
California Department of Rehabilitation
California Employment Development Department
Easter Seals of Sacramento
Employment and Volunteer focused day program
Gone for Good
Progressive Employment Concepts
Work Training Center

Health

Ainsley’s Angels
American Red Cross
California Department of Mental Health
California Health and Human Services (CHHS)
City of Santa Clara Active Communities
Current Financing v. Block grants & per capita caps
Disability Policy Seminar Income Maintenance Health Insurance Chart
Foothill Community Medical and Dental Services
JFS Chaverim
San Jose Parks and Rec, San Jose, CA
Therapeutic Recreation Services
Touch for Understanding
UC Davis Mind Institute

**Housing**

Ability First Accessible Housing
Alta Regional Center
California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD)
California Foundation for Independent Living Centers
Choices
Choices Supported Living Services
Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)
County Housing Authorities
Department of Developmental Services
H.O.M.E. at Westside Regional Center
Harbor Regional Center
Home Ownership of Westside
Housing and Urban Development
Housing Authority of Culver City
Housing NOW
Independent Living Centers
Lanterman Housing Coalition
Regional Centers
Resources for Independent Living Apartment Database
San Andreas Regional Center
San Diego Department of Housing & Community Development
Santa Monica Housing Authority
South Bay Community Services
Subsidize Housing

Disability Rights California
Los Angeles Medical Legal Rights for Children
The Learning Rights Center

CFILC
Disability Rights California Voting Hotline
League of Women Voters
Leg Info
Los Angeles County Voting
Los Angeles Registrar of Voters
RevUp
San Diego Registrar of Voters
Safety

“Emergency Preparedness Checklist”
“Make an Emergency Kit”
“Stay Informed During an Emergency”
Abuse and Neglect Training
Access Dispatch
Access Transit
Adult Protective Services/Child Protected Services
City of San Jose
City of Torrance – Disaster Readiness for People with Developmental or Cognitive Disabilities – National Organization on Disability Publication
County Emergency Preparedness Committee
DDS Emergency Preparedness Web Training
Feeling Safe Being Safe DDS CAC Publication
Fire Departments
How to Interact with Law Enforcement
Independent Living Centers
LA County Emergency Services Program
Los Angeles County of Emergency Management
National Board of Repertory Care
North Bay Regional Center
Prepare Now
Project Second Chance
Ready LA
Sacramento County Emergency Services
San Jose Emergency Managers Association
Santa Clara Community Office of Emergency Preparedness
South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
The ARC of Salano

Self-Determination Informational Resources
California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule
Self-Determination Info from DDS
Target dates for Self-Determination

Information
CADRE
Warmline Family Resource Center
CTECH
Regional Centers
California LifeLine
Voice Options
Digital Access Project
How to Find out Who your Local Legislators Are
Call Connection
SSAN Members – Statewide Network 2017-2018

North Coast Office - Region 1

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Statewide Activity HIGHLIGHTS from SSAN Members

- Participated at Regional Advisory Committees
- Participated at SCDD Meetings in Sacramento
- Participated on the SCDD Self Advocacy Advisory Committee
- Attended the following conferences:
  - Statewide Self Advocacy Conference in Sacramento
  - Supported Life Institute in Sacramento
  - PFCA Gatherings
  - CHOICES 2018 conference in Stockton
  - San Diego People First conference.
- Members are on their regional center boards, IHSS Public Authority, transportation boards, and People First groups.
- Wrote and sent their stories to their Legislators
- Transition Fairs and presentations made across the state

The Statewide Self Advocacy Network Represents ALL 58 counties in California
SSAN established the following four workgroups on in 2014:

**Employment Work Group Information**

CHAIR- Rebecca Donabed/Lisa Cooley

At the September 2017 Full SSAN meeting members updated the workgroup Purpose, Goal, and Objective.

**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.

**Legislative Work Group Information**

CHAIR- Paul Mansell

At the September 2017 Full SSAN Meeting the Legislative Workgroup worked on revising the Purpose, Goal and Measurable Objective.

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

**Goal**: Increase the community’s awareness on legislation that may impact people with disabilities lives.

**Measurable Objective**: Develop materials that will increase the community’s awareness and knowledge about bills that SCDD had taken a position.
Newsletter Work Group Information
CHAIR- Robert Levy (UCEDD Mind Institute)

At the September 2017 Full SSAN Meeting the Newsletter Workgroup worked on revising the Purpose, Goal and Measurable Objective.

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.

Self-Determination Work Group Information
CHAIR- Nicole Patterson/Julie Gaona

At the September 2017 Full SSAN Meeting the Self Determination Workgroup worked on revising the Purpose, Goal and Measurable Objective.

Purpose: To increase the number of people in California that know about the self-determination program.

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
From Desiree Boykin - representative from ARCA CAC

“In 2018 the SSAN members has had two main focuses: the California Self-Determination program and Employment. It is important that that we make sure all parents and adults understand the five principles of Self-Determination and support them in the program to make that a choice if they choose to. The SSAN members have also been concern about employment opportunities for all teen and adults wanting to work. At the SSAN June meeting we had panel of adults talk about the important of working full time part-time and volunteering your time. My past four years working with my fellow SSAN members has been a good learning experience.”

SSAN Plans for the Future

For 2018-2019, SSAN officers identified these plans:

- **Communication** – Continue to produce SSAN newsletters to share information in SSAN meetings as well as with members’ local communities.

- **Legislative Advocacy** – Continue receiving valuable legislative information from SCDD to SSAN.

- **Training Development** – SSAN will develop a Train the Trainer series on various topics (Employment, Housing, Transition Aged Youth, and Self Determination) for SSAN members to go back to their communities to provide training. SSAN members can also train more trainers in their communities.

- **Networking** - Continue networking within SSAN, and network outside of SSAN with other agencies such as mental health services.
I am **Kecia Weller**, representative from the Tarjan Center at UCLA, and I’ve been involved with SSAN since 2012. The SSAN is a cross-disability training network that gives me the opportunity to learn a lot about interesting topics. At the September training, SSAN members participated in an all-day training from the Department of Developmental Services on Self-Determination. This was really neat because California is starting their Self-Determination program. I am sure that the lucky individuals who got into the Self-Determination program will learn a tremendous amount about self-determination from the DDS training.

**My name is David Forderer**, representative from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. SSAN has allowed me to connect with other self-advocates like myself. I find it inspiring to hear about the struggles of other advocates and what they did to resolve their issues. I also have found the group has been a great place to share my advocacy struggles and how I accomplished positive results. Some of the guest speakers SSAN has invited to our meetings have presented some very powerful and information packed lectures”.

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**Words from two SSAN Members...**
SSAN members prepare for a panel presentation at a Statewide Conference in Sacramento.

SSAN Member Lisa Cooley presents at a statewide conference in Sacramento, CA.

SSAN members Chen Curtiss, Desiree Boykin and Robert Levy

SSAN members Nicole Patterson and Daniel Fouste
Members in Action Continued

SSAN Officers attend a training on leadership.

SSAN members participate in meetings.

SSAN members Daniel Foust, Sean Sullivan, and Robert Levy participate on a panel about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

SSAN members Kecia Weller, and Regina Woodliff pose with SSAN Chair Robert Balderama and Vice-Chair Julie Gaona attend a meeting.
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