

OCTOBER 18, 2019
SSDAC CHAIR REPORT

Hello SSDAC members and members of the public:

Thank you all for being here today. I would like to welcome you to today's meeting and provide you with my Chair report.

At the last meeting, we went through a strategic planning exercise and by the end of the meeting we were self-determined as a Committee. A lot has happened since then and we have made a lot of progress on our goals. Today's meeting is structured to make even more progress and discuss next steps.

But before we turn to reporting on our goal progress, I think it is important to pause and acknowledge this Committee's achievements up to now. As I went through meeting minutes dating back to our first meeting in March of 2016, I was happy to see all that we have achieved.

2016

- Provided input on CMS waiver questions that ultimately led to the signing of the waiver,
- Reviewed and provided input on pre-enrollment process,

2017

- Identified best practices for education outreach,
- created resolution that called DDS to fully include local SDAC in the RC trainings,
- Established an SCDD hosted webpage to share local agendas/materials/resources

2018

- identified assistant needed in Budget Development, FMS requirements, enrollment, PCP, independent facilitation and vendor/non-vendored providers to assist DDS with the roll out,
- Provided input on orientation training and materials

2019

- Established Committee Vision and Mission and identified Committee goals and steps to get there.
- Established FB Forum group dedicated to accurate information sharing, timely answers for to questions, and resource sharing
- Q&A released by DDS

- Provided feedback on the evaluation plan

What really important to remember is that in August 2017, after almost a whole year of very little progress, the Committee said “enough” we were tired of waiting and we were loud. DDS heard us and acted. At our next meeting in March 2018, DDS announced the that the waiver had finally been filed and it was approved in June of 2018. We should be proud of this commitment to advocacy.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this possible.