

Agenda Item 10.

2025 Goals and Priorities

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Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide SSDAC members with an overview of progress made toward established goals/priorities and to seek feedback on a survey that the SSDAC Workgroup will use to identify goals and priorities for 2025.

Update on Priorities

In February of 2022, SSDAC members participated in a group activity to share their top priorities. The SSDAC workgroup analyzed feedback, which resulted in identifying three priorities:

- Creation of a platform to share best practices
- Identifying trainings and/or provide feedback on trainings for Service Coordinators
- Engaging in disparity outreach and/or developing an educational video targeted at ethnic disparities.

The Workgroup created timelines and workplans for each of these priorities, which were approved by the committee in June of 2022.

SSDAC Best Practices Platform

February 2023: members provided feedback on the best practice submission process and categories for the online platform.

April 2023: the SSDAC Best Practices Submission Form was distributed widely. The SSDAC Workgroup began reviewing submissions as they were received.

Current Status:

The SSDAC Best Practices Platform is live and the SSDAC workgroup continues to review and approve content as needed. This project will be ongoing as best and promising practices are identified.

Service Coordinator Trainings

November 2022: SCDD staff and workgroup members conducted outreach to regional centers to request Service Coordinator training information and materials.

April 2023: LVAC Members and Regional Center Participant Choices Specialists were encouraged to submit best and/or promising practices via the SSDAC Best Practices Submission Form.

Current Status:

Attempts to gather information and materials have been largely unsuccessful.

In January 2025, the SSDAC Workgroup requested information from SSDAC members regarding their local SDAC's involvement in training service coordinators. Staff recommendation is to take this information to the SSDAC Workgroup to discuss next steps.

SSDAC Disparity Outreach

June 2022: members provided information about how their RC is addressing racial and ethnic disparities to evaluate promising practices and areas of need.

December 2022: SSDAC Workgroup met several times Aug-Oct to draft a Disparities Project Proposal and identify a way that the SSDAC could apply for DDS funds through their equity grant process. It was determined that the SSDAC was unable to apply for funds because SCDD was ineligible to receive funding through a DDS grant.

June 2023: the SSDAC delegated the development of a Disparities Workgroup to the SSDAC Workgroup.

Current Status:

The SSDAC Co-Chair who was leading this project resigned from the committee & the Disparities Workgroup was put on hold. We have continued to make progress on this priority by:

- Evaluating RC outreach methods and updating the SSDAC Best Practices Platform to include effective strategies and materials.
- Providing direct feedback to DDS regarding training and outreach plan development for regional centers.

Next Steps for Current Priorities



Direct the SSDAC Workgroup to assess next steps on providing service coordinator training recommendations



Provide the Workgroup with feedback on goals and priorities for 2025 through participation in a committee-developed survey.

Steps to Establishing 2025-26 Priorities



Review progress on previous priorities.



Consider Recommendations made in [2023](#) and 2024 SSDAC Townhall Reports.



Participate in survey and select your top 5 priorities rating them in 1 through 5 order. Number 1 being your top priority.



Delegate the SSDAC Workgroup to analyze the results of the survey and bring back the results with a workplan to achieve the priorities.