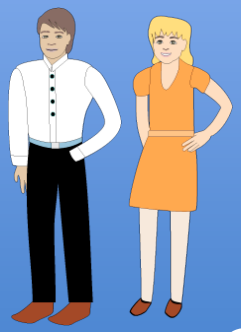
Self-Advocate Advisory Committee

CALIFORNIA SCDD

State Council on Developmental Disabilities



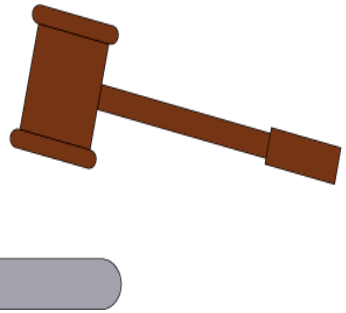
Advocacy

Sept 11, 2012

SAAC Agenda – Sept. 11, 2012

Call to Order Quorum, introductions, public comment Approve July meeting notes	10:00 - 10:15	Jennifer Allen
1. Council Meeting Agenda Items a. Executive Director Evaluation – (Closed Session) b. Election of Nominating Committee c. Community Program Development Grant – Cycle 35	10:15 - 11:15	Jennifer/SAAC Lisa Cooley
2. Personal Leadership a. 2012-13 Leadership Action Plans b. 2012-13 Facilitation Planning	11:15 - 12:15	Jennifer/SAAC
LUNCH	12:15 - 1:15	
3. Committee Business a. SAAC 2012-13 Action Plan b. Communication Plan c. Update on Committee Activities d. SAAC and member Reports	1:15 – 2:45	Jennifer/SAAC
BREAK	2:45 – 3:00	
4. Committee Business Continued a. CRPD action recommendation b. SSAN Plan c. Employment First Advocacy d. Wrap up review, recommendations	3:00 – 4:00	Jennifer/SAAC Lisa C

Call to Order



Introductions and Quorum

Public Comment

★ Approval of July 17, 2012 Minutes

★ = Action Item

Council Agenda Items

Executive Director

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★ Election of Nominating Committee

Executive Committee recommends slate:

1. Leroy Shipp
2. Ray Ceragioli
3. Jorge Aguilar
4. Dan Boomer
5. Jennifer Allen

Council Agenda Items

Program Development Committee

Program Development Grant Cycle 35

FOCUS: Develop innovative transition models to increase amount of youth and young adults with developmental disabilities (ages 14-30) in integrated competitive employment or post secondary education leading to a career.

April '12	Council allocated $20,000 to each Area Board for local projects.
May '12	Council focuses $360,000 statewide funds on youth transition to integrated competitive employment.
June'12	Cycle 35 application process begins.
Aug.'12	PDF Committee recommendations for funding.

Council Agenda Items

Program Development Committee

Funding Award Recommendation

2 year grant $359,782 – Jay Nolan Community Services

To work with individuals ages 14-30 and families on new ways to improve outcomes for competitive employment and post-secondary education.

With Easter Seals Southern CA and Griffin Hammis Associates, create approaches that can continue and be reproduced, including:

- Training advocacy and parent groups, young adult job seekers and high schools on customized employment options and person-centered model.
- Recruit job seekers, create employment teams, support families, expand social capital.

***55 individuals develop employment or secondary education** plans

Personal Leadership Plans

Leadership Action Plans

Committee Support – Facilitation

Personal Leadership Plans

ADVOCACY MISSION AND LEADERSHIP PLAN

Name: _____

Key Words I want to use in my advocacy mission statement:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What the words mean to me:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

ADVOCACY MISSION STATEMENT

Use your key words to create your statement:

_____

2013 Leadership Plan

Personal Leadership

2013 Facilitation Plan

FACILITATION

PURPOSE – PLANNING – PRACTICE

Facilitation Plan

All members of boards, committees and councils must be able to participate equally and make informed decisions. It is important that members who need assistance on a board, committee or council be encouraged and made aware that accommodations are available to enhance their participation.

The following worksheets are designed as a self-survey that addresses a range of facilitation support needs to help identify the type and amount of support that may be useful. The worksheets are designed to be completed by the member and facilitator. Discussion by the facilitation partners is an important component of the self-survey. It provides an opportunity to learn how the team will work together and best ways to provide support.

Committee Business

- SAAC Action Plan
- SAAC Communication Plan
- Update on Committee Activities
- SAAC and Member Reports

Committee Action Plan 2012-2013

1. Present to the Council at least **one (1)** recommendation that includes *research and a position statement*.

   Themes can include –
   - CRPD
   - Accessible meetings
   - Understandable information/communication.

2. Advocate on one (1) state and one (1) national issue.

3. Continue community presentations and outreach (use evaluation forms and submit).

4. Each member make a comment on at least one item at Council meetings.

Committee Business

Communication Plan 2012-13

Review and recommendation for next year

Officer team stays in contact with members:

- Week BEFORE SAAC meetings to check in
- Week AFTER SAAC meetings for feedback
- 1 MONTH AFTER meeting to see how things are going (presentations, action plans, meeting follow-up)

Update 5/2012

Members will email or call back within a week

Communication Using Technology

- *Emails*
  - Members and facilitators
  - Officer communication
- *Website*
  - SCDD Advocacy
- *Video Calls*
  - AdobeConnect

Update on Committee Activities

SAAC Reports, Chair and Members

SAAC Report to SCDD

- What should be in the SAAC report?

Member Reports to SCDD

- What do you want in your report?

Committee Business

SSAN
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Network update

Jennifer Allen, Council representative

What is the Network?

- Builds grassroots leadership and unites voices statewide.
- Expands collaboration
- Creates and shares statewide accessible tools and approaches
- Mentors effective leadership

What is the SAAC?

- Advocate through the Council as a standing committee

Committee Business

SSAN
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

Network update

Jennifer Allen, Council representative

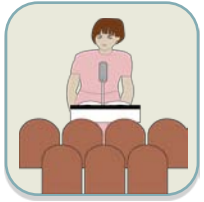
SSAN activities since July meeting

- Regional meetings planned for October
- Use and host meetings with AdobeConnect
- Learning who is in each region
- Thinking about a Network plan
- Members communicate using Google
- Advocacy website

Committee Business, Continued

- CRPD Action Recommendation
- SSAN Plan
- Employment First Advocacy
- Wrap up and Recommendations

Committee Business



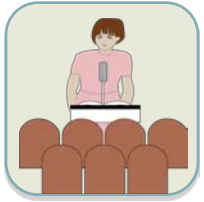
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities describes the obligations of ratifying countries to:

- promote,
- protect,
- fulfill,
- ensure the rights of persons with disabilities.

The treaty shares the ideals of the (ADA):

… empowering persons with disabilities to be independent and productive citizens

Committee Business



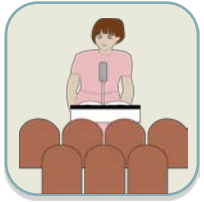
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The CRPD is a legal international human rights treaty that recognizes the dignity and human rights of persons with disabilities.

The CRPD identifies fundamental human rights and provides a code for implementing rights.

The CRPD identifies the steps *State parties* must do to ensure persons with disabilities can enjoy equal status with persons without disabilities.

Committee Business



CRPD: Optional Protocol is a separate treaty

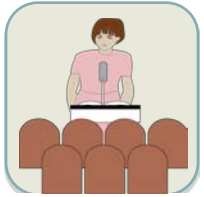
Complaints procedure:

Allows individuals to complain to the CRPD Committee that a State party (country) violated its obligations. The person has to show they exhausted all available ways to solve the issue.

Inquiry procedure:

Allows the CRPD Committee to start an inquiry when there is information that a State party has engaged in very serious violations of the treaty.

Committee Business

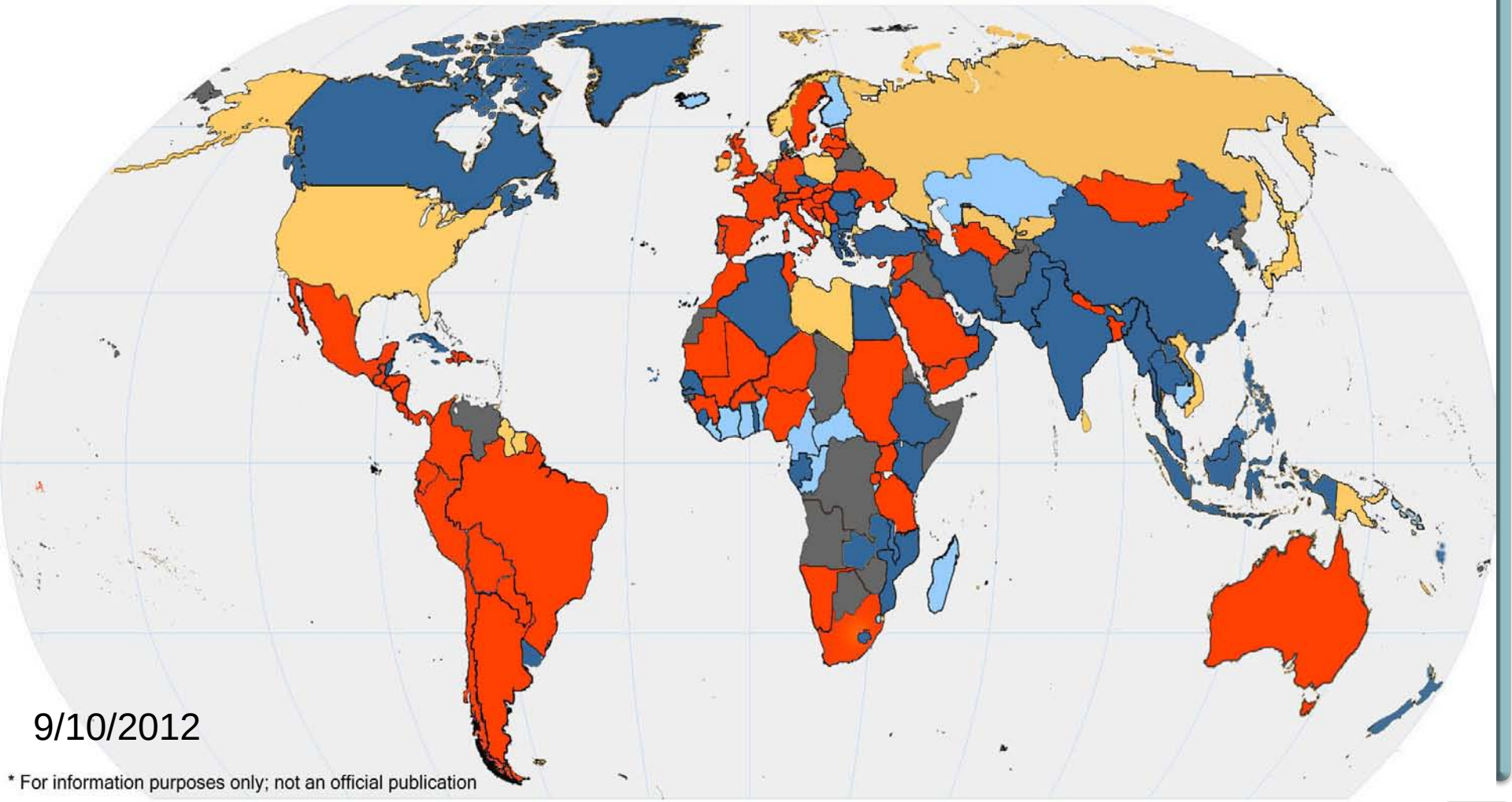


153 signatories to the convention

UNITED NATIONS enable *

UPDATED 15 June 2012

Not Signed | Signed Convention | Signed Convention & Protocol | Ratified Convention | Ratified Convention & Protocol



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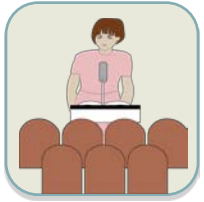

Convention on the Rights of Persons Disabilities

Recommendation to Council

Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

SSAN
Statewide Self-Advocacy Network

SAAC Plan Development Process

Think: SAAC Focus and Goal

Plan: What do you want to be different?
What do you want to do?
Outcomes!

Do: Steps, Who, When
How will you know?

Committee Business

Network Plan Action Item

Think: More people with disabilities taking increased leadership at Council meeting.

Plan: Present to Council at least 1 recommendation *(CRPD, accessible meetings, understandable information/communication?)*

Advocate on 1 state and 1 national issue.

Each member makes comment on at least 1 item at Council meetings.

Do: Outcomes - Steps, Who, When
How will you know?

Employment First Advocacy

Idea

Visit your Legislator

- Tell them why Employment First is important to you -
- Ask them to support Employment First -

Self-Advocate Advisory Committee
September 2012

	Yes/No	Comments/Suggestions
1. Personal Leadership		
SAAC Materials		
Information		
Member input		
2. Council Meeting Agenda		
Information		
Member input		
3. Committee Business		
SAAC Materials		
Information		
Member input		
4. Advocacy: CRPD		
SAAC Materials		
Information		
Member input		
5. Meeting Process		

Wrap Up

Review and Recommendations