Self-Advocates Advisory Committee

CALIFORNIA SCDD

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Advocacy

March 15, 2011

SCDD Preparation Agenda
10 AM – 4 PM

Introductions and Welcome	10.00 - 10.10
CAC Vision – Executive Director	10.15 - 10.45
SCDD Mtg. Agenda Highlights	10.45 - 11.45

- Legislative and Policy Recommendations
- Project SEARCH
- Executive Director Evaluation Tool

Employment First Committee	11.45 - 12.15
LUNCH	12.15 - 1.15
Your Reports at SCDD Mtgs.	1.15 - 1.45

- Legislative and Policy Recommendations
- Project SEARCH
- Executive Director Evaluation Tool
- Employment First

BREAK	1.45 - 2.00
CAC Leadership	2.00 - 4.00

- Purpose, Representation, Advocacy Mission Statements

Meeting Outcomes

- CAC Vision and State Advocacy
- Be prepared for the State Council meeting
- Study key issues
- Share advocacy & leadership mission statements
- Community assignments

Leadership - Direction - Action

SCDD Mission Statement

"The Council collaboratively advocates, promotes and implements policies and practices that achieve

What does all of this mean?

- **SELF-DETERMINATION,**
- **INDEPENDENCE,**
- **PRODUCTIVITY,**
- **INCLUSION**

in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."

SCDD Consumer Representation

- Federal law says consumers comprise at least 60%. Consumers are individuals and family representatives.

Since 2003, California law requires 13 consumer members must be from Area Boards.

- Assembly/Senate each recommend a consumer appointed by the Governor.

SCDD Beliefs

SCDD works to achieve a consumer and family-based system of individualized services, supports, and other assistance.

Through

What does all of this mean?

- **ADVOCACY,**
- **CAPACITY BUILDING,**
- **SYSTEM CHANGE**

Building Consumer Leadership

Vision Statement

A statement about the way we want SCDD to be in the future.

What does all of this mean?

Consumer voice at SCDD meetings

Represent consumers and families.

Active participation at Council meetings.

Engage with your community and advocacy groups.

Building Consumer Leadership

Proactive CAC

What does all of this mean?

- Brings issues to Council meetings from the community.
- Share views on Council meeting materials.
- Bring information to the community.
- Participate on SCDD committees
- Help fulfill the SCDD mission and strategic plan.
- Serve as role models (leadership by example).

Building Statewide Leadership

Statewide peer/self advocacy leadership

SCDD will bring together peer advocates for leadership development and planning

- 13 area boards,
- Community/State advocacy groups
- Agency advisory groups and organizations,

Building Statewide Leadership

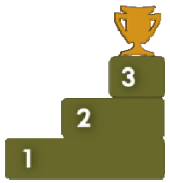
Purpose:

Advance SCDD Strategic Plan

Consumer leadership/advocacy development

THINK Statewide peer advocacy vision

PLAN plans in each community



DO Ongoing activities

Leadership Activities

Personal Leadership – 1st Steps

1. Develop personal advocacy mission statement.
2. Identify advocacy goals and plans achieve them.

Statewide Group

1. Develop statewide advocacy vision.
2. Identify group advocacy goals and plans achieve them.
3. Implement in communities.
4. Annual report to SCDD and community organizations.

Leg & Public Policy Committee

LEGISLATION KEY QUESTIONS

- What does it say?
- Why should SCDD support?
- What do you think about it?
- As a representative, what do people in your community think about it?

Part II
SCDD Meeting Agenda Review

- Legislative and Public Policy Recommendations
- Extension and Expansion of Project SEARCH
- Executive Director Evaluation Tool
- Employment First Committee

Leg & Public Policy Committee

KEY QUESTIONS-LEGISLATIVE BILLS

What does it say?

Why should SCDD support?

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Support

AB171 (Insurance & Autism)

Support, if amended

AB 181 (Mental health services for foster children)

Support

AB 39 (Special Education $ from mental health services fund)

Watch

AB170 (Divide Inland Regional Center into two Regional Centers)

Leg & Public Policy Committee

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SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

AB153 (Include mental health services in health care coverage)

WATCH

SB121 (Improve special education for children incarcerated)

NOT SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB 1059 (Access to special education for foster children)

Leg & Public Policy Committee

2012 Governor's Budget

Trailer Bills: bills to make necessary changes to laws so new budget changes can be carried out legally

SCDD Recommendations:

Proposed changes must have process for appeals and exceptions, not risk health and safety, not more restrictive settings.

OPPOSE
Cap on yearly MediCal spending (durable medical equip., etc.)

OPPOSE
Reduce SSI/SSP to minimum required by federal government.

OPPOSE
Elimination of Adult Day Health Care Services.

SUPPORT
85% Regional Center $$ spent on direct service, with amendments.

Leg & Public Policy Committee

What do you think?

SCDD Recommendations:

SUPPORT
Prohibition of Regional Center's using same accounting firm for 5 years every 10 years.

SUPPORT
Language about conflicts of interest of Regional Center board members and employees, with responsibility by DDS.

OPPOSE
MediCal limit of 6 prescription drugs per month.

OPPOSE
MediCal limits of Doctors visits to 10 per year.

OPPOSE
Cut of IHSS domestic services for people who have housemates or children living with parents.

Leg & Public Policy Committee

What do you think?

SCDD Recommendations:

OPPOSE
Permanent reduction of IHSS by 3.6 % and more reductions by 12%.

OPPOSE
Requirement to get Dr. statement about needing IHSS or at risk of out-of-home placement.

OPPOSE
Development of statewide purchase of service standards.

SUPPORT
Ability to go after 3rd party or insurance for services when child (under 3 yrs.) is injured.

CLARIFICATION
Transition from Agnews and Lanterman DCs and health care systems.

Leg & Public Policy Committee

What do you think?

SCDD Recommendations:

SUPPORT
Regional Centers report their boards follow the law & approve any contract over $350,000.

OPPOSE
MediCal requiring enteral nutrition products for adults be limited.

OPPOSE
MediCal not covering over-the-counter cold products.

OPPOSE
Revising co-payments rates, requiring co-payments for more services.

Project Search

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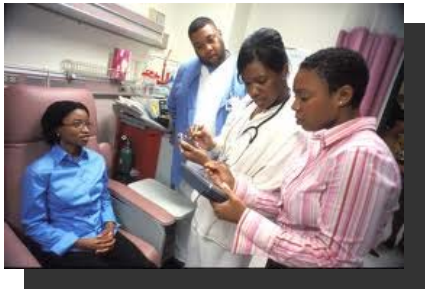


SCDD Recommendation to extend contract and add $37,000.

January presentation about Project Search:

- Exceeded goals
- Wants to expand statewide through Kaiser
- Strengthen existing sites

Executive Director Evaluation

KEY QUESTIONS

What does it say?

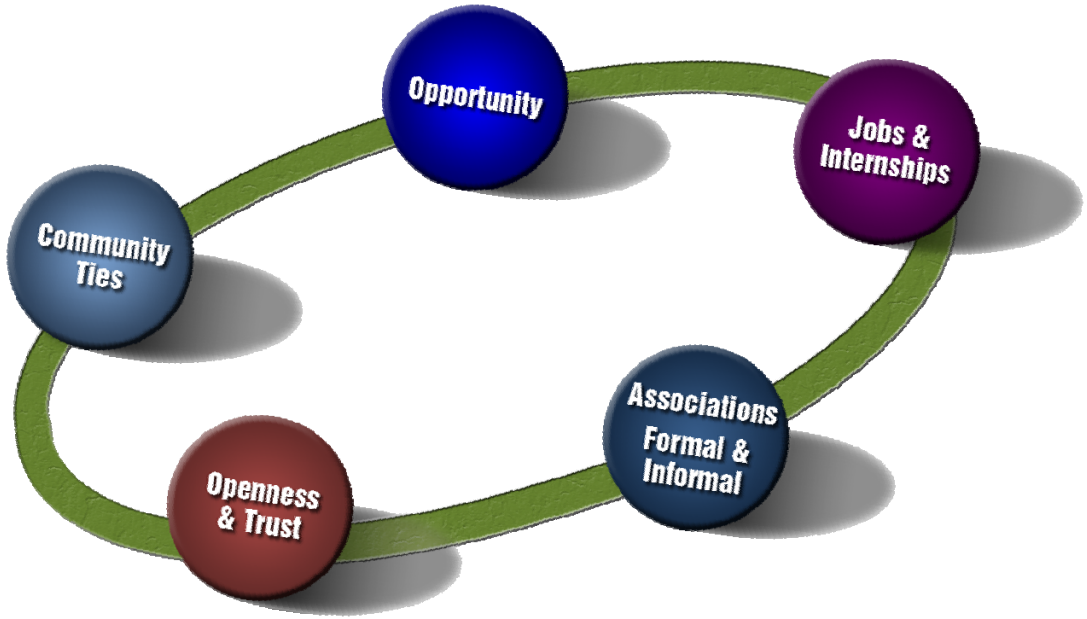
Why should SCDD support?

What do you think about it?

Draft reviewed in January, revised after including three comments:

1. Include Executive Director in evaluation process.
2. Convert to plain language.
3. Add items about state strategic plan & goals

Employment First Committee



Consumer Group Proposal

WORK IS FOR ALL

"People want real jobs, earn real wages in the community with accommodations, if needed"

Group Consensus, modified by SCDD

Employment First Video

QUESTIONS

1. How will the policy help people get and keep jobs?
2. Is it useful for the long-term?
3. Can it be measured

Include consumers in all partnerships and decisions

"nothing about us, without us"

Inclusion/Networking (Natural Supports)

"School age children must be included in their school and community when they are young. That's the foundation that we build everything on"

Group statement, January 2011

- Use local resources and contacts to connect people to good jobs in their local community, join groups, network to find jobs, not just depend on agencies.
- Help children get ready by using natural supports.
- Begin early to include children in neighborhood activities.

Group Strategy, 1/2011

Employment First Video

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Transition

"Will help students learn skills and get experience"

Group Consensus

- Begin work experience at fourteen.
- Increase hours of community paid work as students get older.
- Increase time students learn how to do jobs 2-6 hours a day.
- Work with employers so students keep jobs after they graduate or leave school.

Leadership-Purpose-Representation

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- Engage with community and advocacy groups.
- Bring the voice of the community to the Council
- Participate in Council Statewide strategic plan
- Statewide advocacy plan

Leadership - Representation

Community (before the meeting):

Make and enhance community connections

Ask questions – bring ideas to meetings

Meetings:

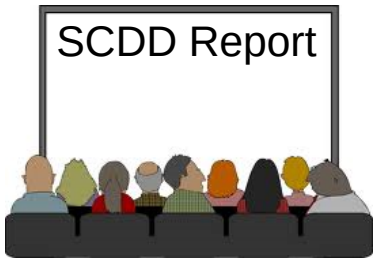
Be prepared: Know the material

Ask questions, give opinions

Share perspective of community members

Lead with new ideas

After Meetings:



Take important decisions/information back

Get input

Personal Leadership

Advocacy Mission Statements

ADVOCACY MISSION STATEMENT & LEADERSHIP GOAL

THINK

Why do you want to be a Council member and leader?

PLAN

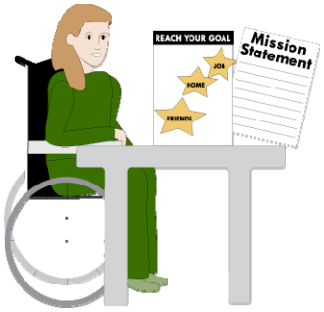
What will you do to be an "*effective*" council member/leader.

DO

What ways can you *take action at meetings and in your community*.

Leadership Activities

Mission Statement



1. Develop personal advocacy Mission Statement.
2. Identify advocacy goals
3. Make the plan to achieve goals (with support).

Video & Booklet Governance Training Series

1. 5-part video “Being an effective Council member.
2. Booklets that follow video.
3. Easy to use SCDD webpage.