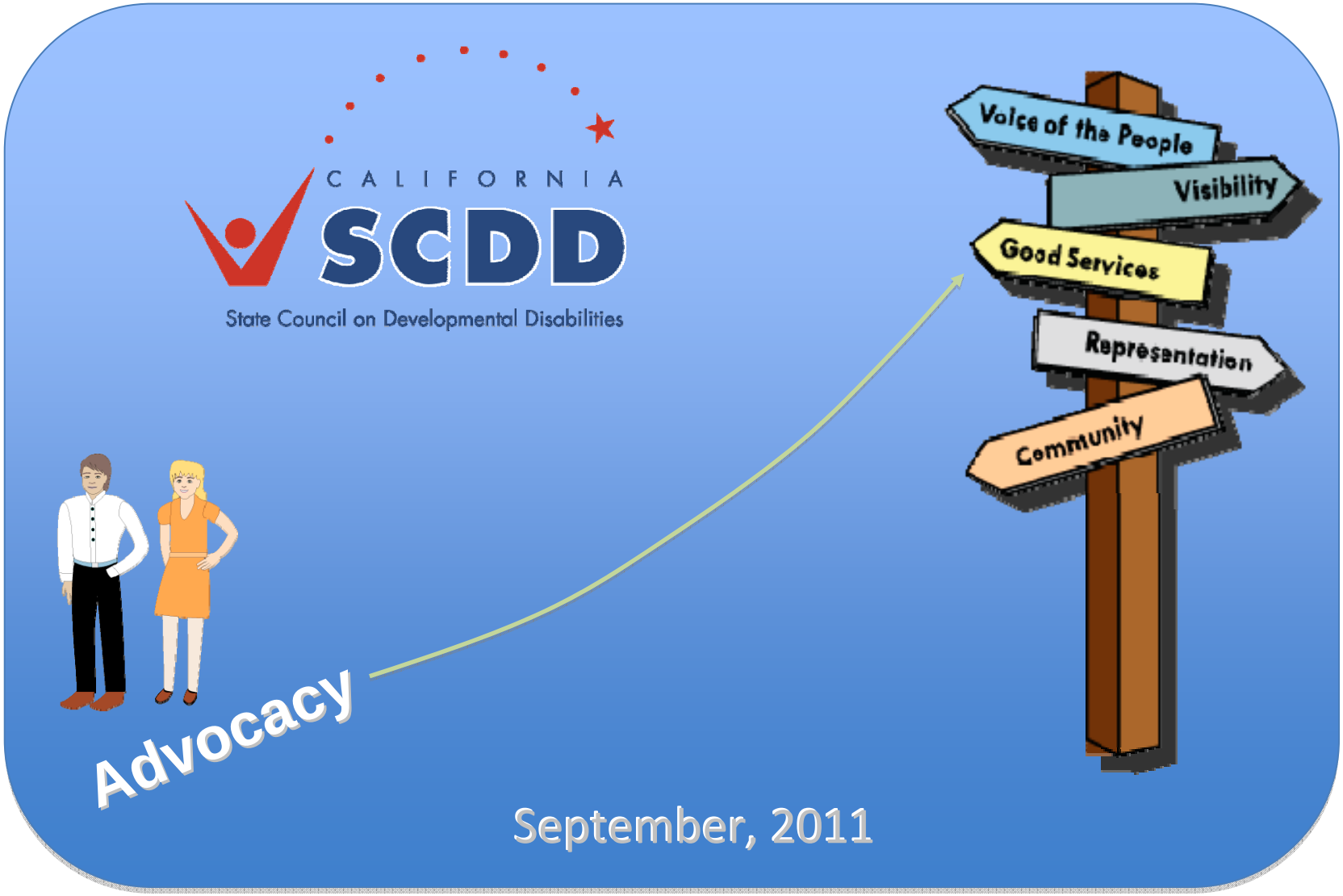
Self-Advocates Advisory Committee



SAAC Meeting Agenda

Welcome/Introductions	10.00 - 10.15	Jennifer Allen
I.SAAC Business	10.15 - 12.30	Facilitators/SAAC

a. Highlights: SCDD Meeting
b. Self-advocacy Network
c. SAAC Update: SCDD Meeting
d. Member Reports

LUNCH	12.30 - 1.30	
2. **Leadership**	1.30 - 3.30	Faciltators/SAAC

a.Facilitation Survey

BREAK	2.30 - 2.45	
3. **Leadership**		Char Wilson, SAAC

a. Personal Mission Statement/Action Plans
b.Personal Mission Statement
c. Leadership Coach: SKYPE presentation “Getting Unstuck”

Wrap Up and Adjourn Jennifer

SAAC Leadership Mission Statement

"Be a voice for all Californians with disabilities by promoting SCDD participation and peer advocacy that advances independence and inclusion"

Key Words (*What do they mean*?)

- Promote independence
- Inclusion
- Increase council member involvement
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Committee Structure – Operating Rules

Operating Rules
Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Rule I – Committee Name

" SELF-ADVOCATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE "

Rule II – Mission (Purpose)

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Committee Activity

Focus on State Council Plan
Goal #1

Individuals with developmental disabilities have information, skills, opportunities and support to:

- Advocate for rights and services.
- Achieve self determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all community life.

Committee members agreed they will make community presentations 4 times a year.

Committee Action Plan

LEARN ABOUT

Learn About

RIGHTS 1 2 3

- Review Template
- Professionalism
- Member Support

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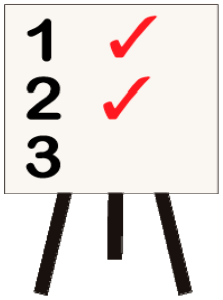
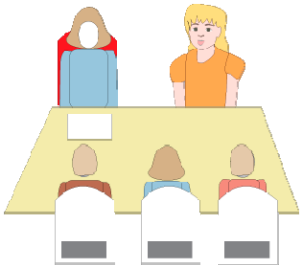
SAAC Business



Chair and Vice Chair Report to Committee

- Staying in contact between meetings
- Supporting members



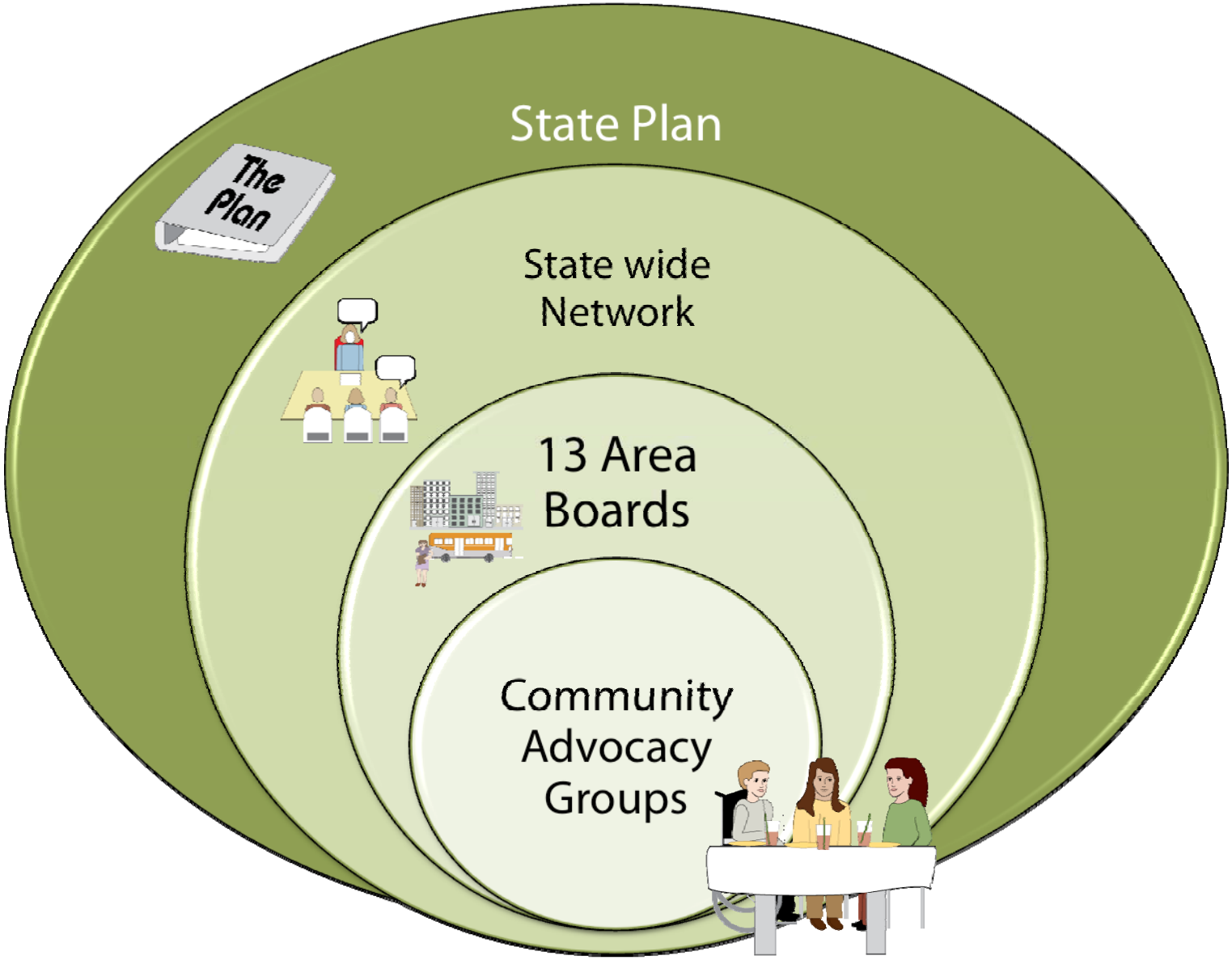
Member Reports

- SAAC advocacy updates

Upcoming advocacy meetings

- Self-Advocacy Conference – San Francisco
- DDS CAC – November 8th/9th

Self-Advocacy Network



Self-Advocacy Network

California State Strategy Plan

Goal 1

Individuals have the information, skills, opportunities and support to advocate for their rights and services.

Objective

SCDD will promote expansion of a statewide self-advocacy network ensuring local delegates participate in statewide meetings and events.

- Strengthen self-advocacy groups, promote new groups at the local level.
- At least 5 new self-advocacy groups developed.
- Self-advocates who participate increase by 150 annually.
- Educate self-advocates to assert their human, and civil rights,
- At least 1,450 self-advocates reached annually.
- Collaborate with cross-disabilities and youth disability organizations.
- Individuals trained to be effective trainers and assume leadership roles.

SCDD Agenda Highlight #1

State Budget Update
2011–12 spending plan

General Fund spending has dropped, but offset by increases in special fund as the state shifts some programs - from state to local responsibility. Federal funds declining. The budget projects General Fund revenues and transfers of $88.5 billion and expenditures of $85.9 billion in 2011–12.

$2.6 billion operating surplus is necessary for the state to address the carry – in deficit and rebuild a reserve.

Budget has mechanism for "triggering" further reductions in 2011–12, if General Fund estimates fall short.

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SCDD Agenda Highlight #1

Tier 1 Cuts - If Revenues $1 Billion Below	Millions
California State University	$100
Developmental Services	$100
Service hours for IHSS by 20 percent	$100
Increase charges to counties for youthful offenders	$72
Community college (offset with $10 per unit fee increase)	$30
Child care by 4 percent	$23
CDCR budget	$20
Eliminate state grants for local libraries	$16
Eliminate vertical prosecution grants	$15
Extend Medi–Cal provider cuts and copayments to managed care	$15
Eliminate funding for local IHSS antifraud efforts	$10
Subtotal	($601)
Tier 2 Cuts—Revenues $2 Billion Below	
Reduce school year by 7 days	$1,540
Eliminate Home–to–School Transportation	248
Community colleges	72
Subtotal	($1,860)
Total	**$2,461**

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SCDD Agenda Highlight #2

Annual Evaluation of the Council Executive Director

(California law-*Closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee.)*

Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 requires Executive Director be evaluated each year.

March 2011 Evaluation draft revised and approved.

June 2011 Evaluation instructions and tool mailed to Council members, Area Board executive directors and Council staff given opportunity to provide input. All evaluation information was submitted to Council chairperson.

August 2011 Executive Committee reviewed evaluation results and provided a report to the executive director. The Executive Committee will "present the evaluation and recommendation to the full Council…"

No discussion about compensation may be held in closed session. Staff Counsel will present background on compensation issues related to exempt employees.

SCDD Agenda Highlight #3

Conflict of Interest Policy

Background

To establish consistent evaluation criteria and process of requests for waivers in accordance with *Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4622 et seq*. and Title 17 Section 54520. These procedures shall be used by the Council) and local area boards.

* *Procedures may be revised in accordance with imminent regulatory changes.*

Regional Center Conflict of Interest Policy

A conflict of interest policy and reporting process for regional centers (RC) is intended to minimize, if not eliminate, the occurrence of conflicts of interest in certain settings.

Purpose: Ensure RC board members act solely in the best interest of the consumers and their families without regard to the interest of any other organization they are associated.

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SCDD Agenda Highlight #3

Conflict of Interest Waiver

If there is good reason that a RC is unable to meet all conflict of interest criteria for their board, DDS director may waive the criteria for up to one year, with approval of the appropriate Area Board and Council.

Council/Area Board procedure :

When area board receives a request for a waiver, it will schedule a discussion and action during the next area board meeting.

When evaluating a request, the area board will analyze:

1. Does the RC have and utilize a board member recruitment process?
2. What specific criteria are involved in the request?
3. Does the proposed plan address avoidance of conflict?
4. What impact will the approval/denial have on the RC board?
5. Has the RC requested a wavier for the same individual before?

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SCDD Agenda Highlight #3

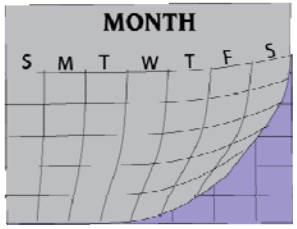
Conflict of Interest Waiver

The Area Board shall:

Take action to approve/deny the waiver request.

Within 5 business days, area board shall forward their analyses and action to the Council.

The Council shall:



Schedule discussion/action for next regular Council meeting.

Council shall review Area Board analyses.

Council shall take action to approve/deny the waiver unless further information is requested from area board.

Council shall submit their action to DDS within 5 business days.

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SAAC Update Presentation

Council Presentation

SAAC Update

Purpose, Organization, Leadership, Action Plan

Developments

Advocacy website, Facilitation Book, Boardsmanship

SAAC Leadership

- Facilitation Book review and Survey
- Mission Statement and Action Plan Reports
- Leadership Coach: Presentation
- Member Action Steps

Facilitation Book

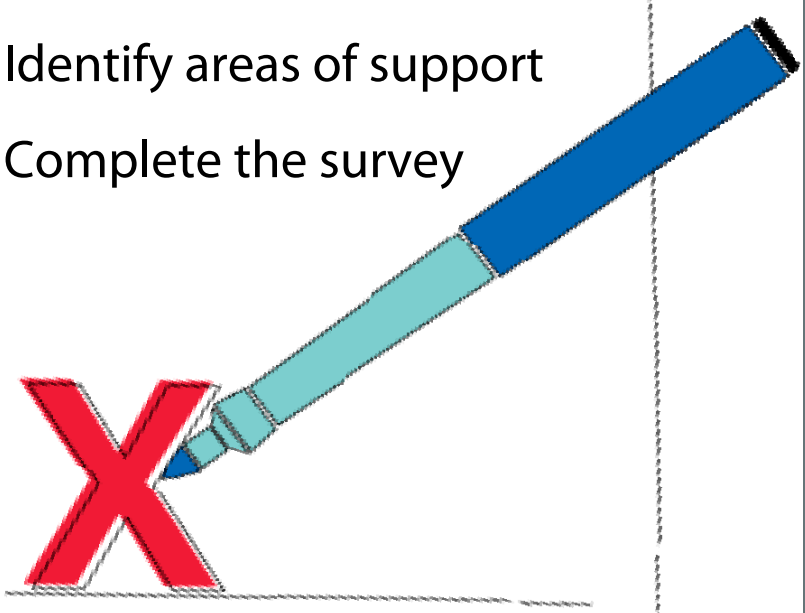
- Role of the facilitator
- Working with the agency
- Learning about boardsmanship
- Partnership:

  Interest survey

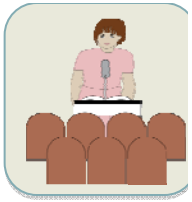
Facilitation Survey

Facilitator Survey

- Review the categories
- Identify areas of support
- Complete the survey



Mission Statement/Action Plan Reports



Last Comments

- Member Action Steps
- Committee Support
- SCDD Meeting