

OCCSS



Our Community Standing Strong

'when self advocacy gets started it is like Kudzu you can't stop it!
Gail Bottoms "Kudzu Summit"2001

Alabama Arkansas Florida Georgia Mississippi North Carolina Oklahoma South Carolina Tennessee

Advisory Committee Meeting
January 15, 2016
Go To Meeting

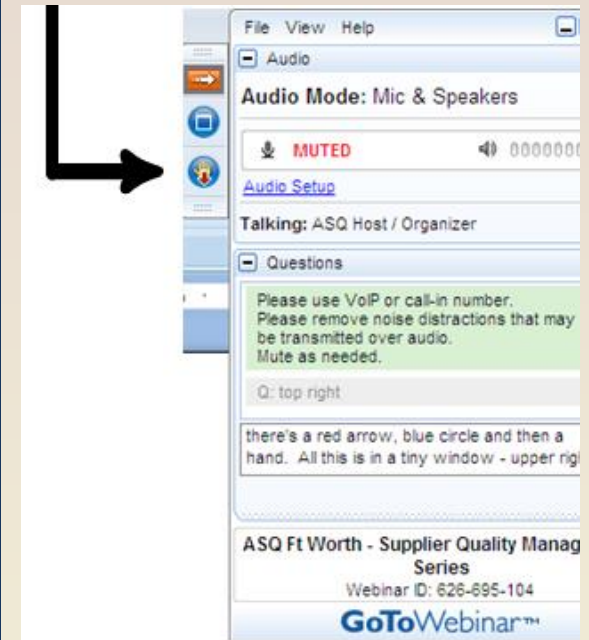


**Hello and
welcome**

WELCOME

Reminders:

- Please mute your device once you join the call
- Remember to raise your hands for questions or write a message in text box
- We will give everyone a chance to ask questions at the end of the presentation



WELCOME

Reminders:

- If you are using more than one device for this webinar, please do not place next to each other, to reduce echoing or feedback.
- Make sure your speakers are turned on.





Attending

- Alabama: Brittany Gore, Nikki Dawson, Susan Ellis
- Georgia: Cheri Mitchell, Renita Brundridge
- Florida: Richard Chapman, Arizona Jenkins
- Mississippi: Taylor Carley, Cindy Singletary, Jerry Alliston
- North Carolina: David Taylor
- South Carolina: Chaqueta Stuckey, Ebony DeLoach, Glenda Hyman Singletary
- Tennessee: Emma Shouse, Carol Rabideau



Agenda

- ✓ Review of our Strengths
- ✓ Review of Mission Statement
- ✓ Our Leadership: The Avengers
- ✓ What do we want to sustain?
- ✓ How and Who?
- ✓ Important Dates and Activities

S (Strengths)

Make a list of the things you are most proud of (Strengths)



- Our history of working together
- Strong Leaders
- Teamwork
- Comfortable expressing ourselves
- Transparency (we are honest with each other)

S (Strengths)

Make a list of the things you are most proud of (Strengths)



- Our states and SABE have strong projects: Long Road Home, Project Vote, SALT, YEL and OCSS
- We make our voices heard
- Communication with each other
- We share opinions
- Our leadership and allies are diverse

S (Strengths)

Make a list of the things you are most proud of (Strengths)



- We have youth leaders within our group
- Support of our Allies
- Persistence
- Planning
- Embrace Technology



S (Strengths)

Make a list of the things you are most proud of
(Strengths)



- Welcoming, loving and hospitable
- Opened minded
- Driven a
- Committed
- Clear vision

S (Strengths)

Make a list of the things you are most proud of (Strengths)



- Respectful of each other
- Listen to each other, learn from each other and teach each other
- Passionate
- We use our limited resources well
- We have some funding to our work
- Energizers
- Committed to going beyond the grant to sustain our connections

natural
Strengths
gifts
Core
abilities
Qualities
talents

Review of SCOTT

- We used the SCOTT to identify possible strategies to work with our partners for sustainability
- We are now going to review what we would like to sustain OCSS's peer to peer technical assistance efforts



Our Mission Statement

- To strengthen the self advocacy movement in the South by identifying and removing barriers for a good lives for all

Vision
Mission
& Values

Next:

**Why is important to us to sustain
our efforts?**

**Self Advocacy is our
power!**



Our leadership: The Avengers

“Captain America to Pepper”

- Strategic planner
- Gives their all
- Support, makes everything easy
- Knows about funding
- Creative Thinkers
- Critical thinkers



- Makes sure everyone is using the best of their abilities
- Makes own choices
- Executes and gets the BIG job done

Our leadership: The Avengers

“Captain America to Pepper”

- Has family support
- Cares about the people
- Executes (gets things done)
- Good at details
- Gets the BIG jobs done



- Passionate Innovative
- Focuses on the mission
- Knows where to get resources
- Can work behind the scenes
- Know how systems work

What do we want to sustain from Our Community Standing Strong?



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What do we want to sustain?

- Ways to Market/showcase our stories
- Ways to maintain our peer to peer technical assistance to share our strategies and successes in connecting with youth, recruiting new members, building partnerships obtaining funding, employment first, organizing around our issues, building our organizations etc.



How and Who will do this???

How?

- Social media-Instagram, twitter, face book, website, vlogs, blogs, webinars, list serves
- Increase accessibility of our message through close captioning, screen reader accessibility
- Regional meetings, face to face connections
- Host a national conference (2018)

Who will do this?

- PF of Georgia (Cheri) volunteered to set up listserv
- Mississippi Self Advocacy Team and UCEDD volunteered to help with webinars and conference calls
- Florida, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia indicated that they may be interested in the 2018 National SABLE Conference.
- Perhaps a regional effort to organize the conference and or a regional would be possible

How and Who will do this???

How?

- Regional projects (Project Vote, Employment First, Long Road Home, Technology Videos)
- Develop a financial plan for the group
- Write grants and work on projects together
- Work with our partners on grants
- Consistent marketing message across national Self Advocacy TA centers
- Form an OCSS Board

Who will do this?

- Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida and Tennessee are working on Project Vote
- Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina plan Long Road Home Events
- Mississippi volunteered to work on technology videos with Project Vote and NEAT (Northeast Advocates Together)
- Discussed the need for a financial committee to develop budget that would needed to sustain our activities
- Possibility discussed of having groups approach their DD Partners regarding the possibility of funding regional projects.
- Other strategies will be discussed at next advisory meeting

Next Face to Face Meeting

- May or early summer 2016 maybe with an extra day for a regional meeting
- Possible Topics for a regional meeting: technology, leadership, telling our stories, successful partnerships
- Possible locations: Tennessee, North Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas, or Florida
- No decision was made. Discussion tabled until next meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATES and ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

Due Now Return W 9 and your contract if you have not already

January 19, 2016 Submit 1st Quarter Invoice. quarterly Plan update, First Vlog for year



OCSS Advisory Committee Meeting

3:30 p.m. EST

2:30 p.m. CST



Webinar dates	Topic
January 21, 2016	Long Road Home: How do we expand our efforts beyond institutions and nursing homes to other segregated and/or restrictive settings
February 18, 2016	Advisory Committee meeting

Next OCSS Webinars Advisory Committee Meeting

3:30 p.m. EST

2:30 p.m. CST



Webinar dates	Topic
March 17, 2016	How can our Partners help to sustain our Peer to Peer efforts?
April 21, 2016	Leadership Training Curriculums

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