



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

August 2014

Decisions About the SAIL Memorial Award

A couple of decisions were made in regards to the Guidelines and the Award.

1. The award will be given out in memory of a SAIL member(s) who have recently passed away.
2. The Award will be given to a community member or organization that is agreed upon by the group.

There was also a conversation and general agreement that each May we would revisit the Award if someone had passed on, along with recapping and celebrating the end of the Session.

Planning for Community Summit 2015 Has Already Begun

The group agreed that it was a good idea to have Corinna Fale represent SAIL again at the Community Summit meetings. Shawn Latham also volunteered to attend as our second representative. The group agreed and is hoping that this will also increase the voice of people with disabilities at the table. Thank you Shawn and Corinna! Just for your information the Community Summit 2015 is scheduled for June 16-18. No other firm information is available at this time.

These Meetings will be at the
Red Lion Hotel Sea-tac

This Meeting will be at the
Sea-tac Airport Conference Center

September 9
November 11
December 9

October 14

More information to come in
next months newsletter!

A Note from the Chair

August 2014

Hello! Work on our Guidelines is almost done. Be ready to vote on issues for our 2015 Legislative Agenda. Come and make your voice heard!

Sincerely, Anthony Nash II, Chair of SAIL

SAIL Loses Another Advocate

I am so sorry to have to say that another SAIL advocate has passed away. Sherry Lookabill passed away on August 3, 2014, she was 61. She was always interested in staying involved even if she wasn't able to make the meetings. I can remember talking with her several times about how the Session was shaping up, and if she should write an e-mail to her legislators about something. I always appreciated her willingness to work on things and make her voice heard. She will definitely be missed.

A potluck to celebrate Sherry's life was held on August 24, 2014.

Legislative Issue Discussion Continues

During the meeting the group went over the possibilities for issues on the 2015 Legislative Agenda. These were the possibilities:

- More than 1 Day Service
- Community Protection
- Abuse & Neglect
- Funding More & Better Homelessness Community Services
- More Shelters for homeless with disabilities
- The ability to have supports if you need to stay home from work because of sickness
- Closing RHC's
- Funding for Parents with disabilities
- Sheltered workshops minimum wage
- No cuts to MPC
- Mental Health Homeless
- No cuts to Medicaid State Plan Dental and Vision
- Increased Reimbursement Rates
- Raises for Individual Providers/Direct Service Providers
- Transition Services

These were the issues that the group would like to follow:

- Individual and Family Support Waiver/ CFCO/Self-Directed Services
- Eligibility for services for people diagnosed with I/DD during adulthood
- Adult Family Home rule changes requiring more community integration.
- Progress on No Paid Services Caseload