



Council on Community Advocacy 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee Report

In 2004 the AUCD Council on Community Advocacy (COCA) Workgroup began its work on the theme of “moving COCA into the future”. As such, that is the intent of the development of the AUCD Council on Community Advocacy 2009-2011 Strategic Plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide an operational model that takes into account liaison teams, diversity, increase representation of CACs at the annual meeting, council business, and leadership development.

The Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee started its work on January 22, 2009. Committee members consist of Susan Yuan - VT, Mitchell Levitz - NY, Sharon Jodock-King - WA, Jan Moss - OK, Mark Smith - NE, Cathy Haarstad - ND, and Karen Irick - SC, Chair. Support was provided by Samantha Marsh, AUCD Disability Policy Leadership Fellow.

The comment period was opened on February 26th and closed on March 20th. The plan was sent to the full COCA membership for comments. The final document incorporated the comments and was forwarded to the full COCA on April 20th, at which time the committee had completed its preliminary work in writing the plan.

On May 21st, during the full COCA conference call, the committee unanimously recommended that the full COCA give consideration and adoption of the strategic plan as written. The vote was unanimous.

The committee submitted the strategic plan on June 15th as a proposal for a poster session during the 2009 AUCD Annual Meeting and Conference. The proposal review committee was impressed with the quality of the proposal and approved the poster session.

Thanks to the full committee for all its hard work and special thanks go to Jan Moss and her UCEDD for providing the poster board for the COCA business meeting and poster session.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Irick, Chair