

# PERSON SERVED ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

*Minutes for Meeting  
January 27, 2010 6:00 pm  
A-wing Board Room*

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## **ATTENDEES:**

Jerilyn George, Tom Quade, Cynthia Walker, Lisa Kamlowsky, Joelyn Karlson, Beth Loeffler, Tom Berry, Johan Fatemi, Sarah Van Winkle, Mary Beth Van Winkle.

**FOCUS GROUP** – As an outcome of the 2009 Survey, CMOR will establish a focus group to further explore survey responses. CMOR needs the PAC group to:

- 1. Identify the demographic group the PAC wants to reach**
- 2. Identify what information the PAC wants to gather from the focus group**
- 3. Identify what it is that the PAC will do with this information.**

### **1. Identify the demographic group the PAC wants to reach:**

The PAC identified a need for two focus groups. The first focus group should include persons served ages 18-24 as well as parents/guardians between the ages of 45-64. The PAC would also like a second focus group consisting of Special Education professionals from the public school systems.

### **2. Identify what information the PAC wants to gather from the focus group**

\*How is a person served expected to learn about our services?

\*Are persons actively involved in service planning?

\*What persons and their families know about the Summit DD?

\*How did persons and their families learn what they currently know?

\*Do persons and their families have a contact to receive information from?

\*What information did persons and their families learn from the local school?

\*How did persons and their families learn about and plan for transition services?

\*What are the barriers persons and their families have experienced in accessing information?

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\*Through what means would the focus group members prefer to get information?

\*What barriers prevent focus group members from attending educational seminars?

\*Are the focus group members active in the service planning process at the school level?

### **3. Identify what it is that the PAC will do with this information**

PAC will use the survey results to:

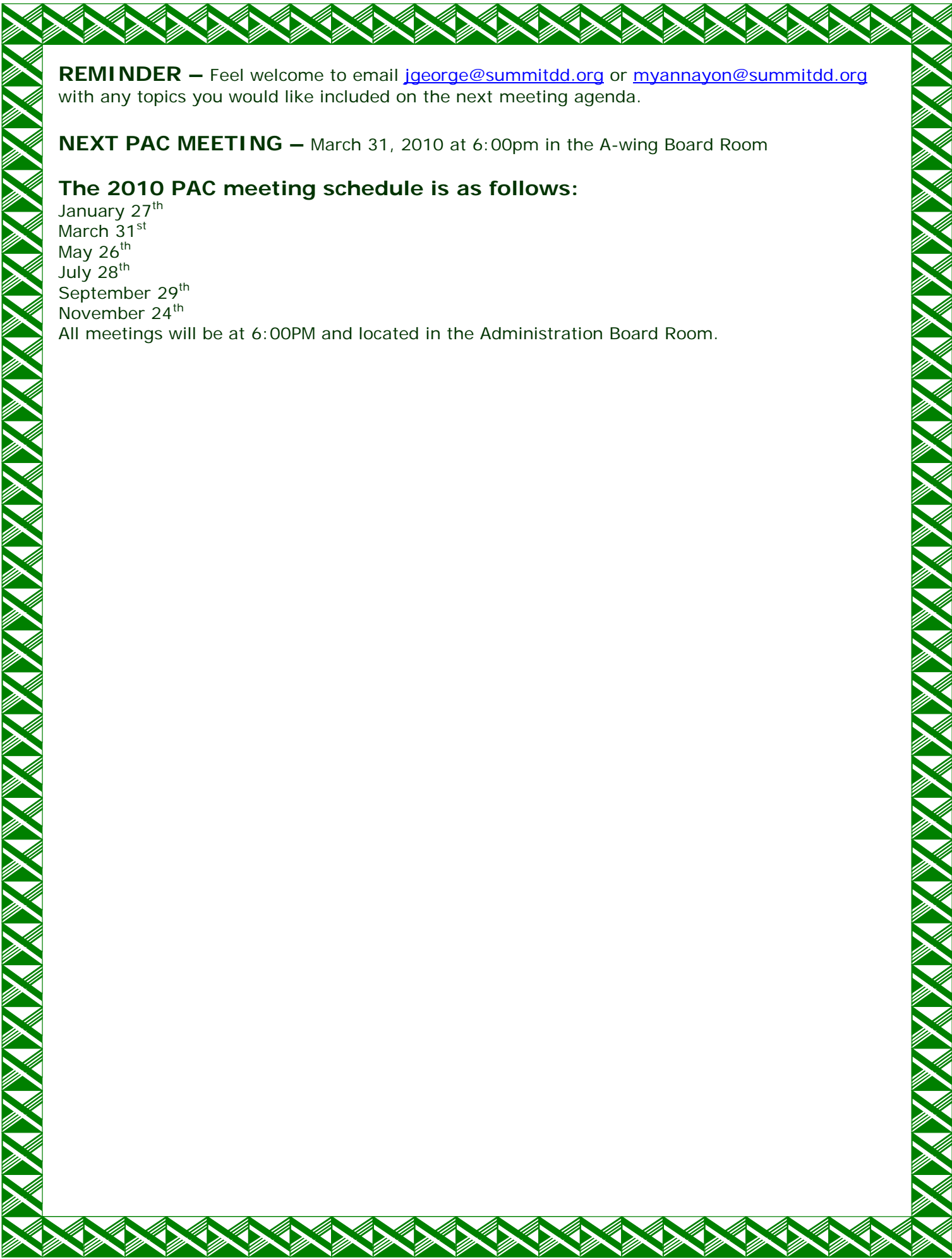
Improve how we inform our community

Modify the method we use to inform the community.

The second focus group is for school professionals and to determine how these professionals know what it is they know.

**2010 SURVEY** – Summit DD is preparing the 2010 survey and will keep PAC updated on its progress.

**STATE FAMILY ADVISORY** –PAC would like to invite Debbie Gross of The ARC to attend PAC meetings in order to speak about the State Family Advisory meetings. Peggy Martin is beginning to do regional meeting for Person Served Advisory trainings and outreaches.



**REMINDER** – Feel welcome to email [jgeorge@summitdd.org](mailto:jgeorge@summitdd.org) or [myannayon@summitdd.org](mailto:myannayon@summitdd.org) with any topics you would like included on the next meeting agenda.

**NEXT PAC MEETING** – March 31, 2010 at 6:00pm in the A-wing Board Room

**The 2010 PAC meeting schedule is as follows:**

January 27<sup>th</sup>

March 31<sup>st</sup>

May 26<sup>th</sup>

July 28<sup>th</sup>

September 29<sup>th</sup>

November 24<sup>th</sup>

All meetings will be at 6:00PM and located in the Administration Board Room.