Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks).

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| Annual ReportFor the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. *While we had a number of goals to meet in terms of outreach and education in the area of DSP Workforce, unfortunately we did not hit our target goals. This was a year of employment transition for both of the Co-Chairs which impacted our productivity on these goals.**The DSP Workforce Interest Network was pleased to sponsor a student/young professional to present his research on the well-being of paid caregivers vs unpaid caregivers at the AAIDD 2016 Annual Conference. A number of proposals on this topic area were submitted this year compared to previous years. We look forward to promoting increased engagement next year.* *On Tuesday morning of the AAIDD Annual Meeting, the DSP Interest Network was convened. There was low attendance. Those in attendance went to the Community Living and Administration Interest Network’s morning meeting as they were hosting a presentation on the workforce by Amy Hewitt. We hope that next year meetings can be coordinated as to avoid scheduling against conflicts with other networks or topics of interest.*  |
| Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and StrategiesFor the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.*The DSP Workforce Interest Network is committed to distributing at least two brief communications (research updates on DSP workforce, white paper, or short newsletter) over the course of the year. In addition, we have been in discussion with other Interest Networks regarding partnering on conducting a webinar. Our goal this year is to conduct two webinars over the course of the year; one in collaboration with another Interest Network, and one that we will host in partnership with an external body.* *We hope that through increased activities and education, we can increase the engagement of members in our special interest group. We look forward to encouraging the attendance of DSP Interest Network members at the 2018 AAIDD Conference.* |