



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved February 3, 2020**

**Date:** Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Start Time:** 7:05 pm **End Time:** 8:27 pm

**Location of This Meeting:** RCEB/San Leandro

**Location of the Next Meeting:** Regional Center of the East Bay/Concord

**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Irene Litherland, Pamela Baird, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang (via phone), Krista Loomis, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Dianne Millner, Jocelyn Manalac, Neil Jacobsen (via phone), Esther Chow

**Committee Members Absent:** Sandra Coss, Morena Grimaldi (due to remote access not working)

**RCEB Staff Present:** Lisa Kleinbub

**SCDD Staff Present:** none

**Guests:** Sara Desumala, Will Sanford, Breeanne Burris (via phone), Valerie Valvona (via phone), Mark Polit, Kimberley Alexander, Patrick McKay, Hannah Michaelsen (via phone), Sandi Soliday (via phone), Dr. Michelle Hernandez (via phone), Owen Cooper.

**Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

The Meeting started at 7:05.

Co-Chairpersons Irene Litherland and Melissa Crisp-Cooper chaired this 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting at RCEB's San Leandro office. Attendees were greeted and self-introductions were made.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the December 2, 2019 minutes as presented"  
[Loomis/Baird] Passed with 1 abstaining.

**Announcements:** Krista Loomis was the note taker of this meeting.

**Agenda Item: Co Chairpersons' Report – Irene Litherland and Melissa Crisp-Cooper**

Co-Chairperson Melissa reported on the division of duties between Melissa and Irene as Co-Chairs:

- Processing minutes of prior meeting – they will trade off each month
- Setting the agenda for the next meeting – they will do together
- Chairing meetings – they will trade off by agenda item
- Serving as contacts between meetings – please email both of them
- Special activities or projects decided on by the committee – they will clarify their involvement; please update both on progress
- Interviewing for new members – one or both will participate, depending on schedules
- Statewide Advisory Committee on SD – one will attend. Melissa will attend in February and Irene will probably attend in June.

The committee is recruiting two new members from Contra Costa County. It is highly preferred that they be self-advocates or family members. Irene will resend the flyer to Lisa and Sheraden for dispersal.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center - Lisa Kleinbub**

Melanie Gonzalez' last day at RCEB was January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hope is to have someone fill her position as soon as possible. Ronke and Shauna will be handling things until then. All participants in SD should contact their case managers with any questions. Numbers: 163 selected including newest group (many who are familiar with SD), 125 have been through the orientation, 59 have received initial budget totals and 3 have spending plans approved. 1 person has started in December and 2 others are close to starting. RCEB is still scheduling orientations for the last selection group. Lisa will get more details for the next meeting about those who have not scheduled their orientations. Hopefully at a future meeting we can hear from some of the people who have started.

Lisa reported that RCEB got a letter regarding the funding for Regional Centers and Advisory committees. There are more details coming out from DDS regarding how to use the money and reimbursement requirements. There will be approximately \$70,000 every year for the Local Advisory Committee with an equal amount to the regional center. The money Regional Centers get is the same for all Regional Centers.

**Agenda Item: Independent Facilitator Training – Vi Ibarra**

There are 4 trainings scheduled:

Concord 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of 9am-1pm

Concord 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm

Oakland January 30<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm

Fremont March 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm

There are now 160 slides in the draft presentation. Those helping with the trainings are asked to please review the draft before Thursday's IF planning phone meeting.

It was recommended that there be planning meetings via telephone after each training and before the next one to incorporate any changes needed based on prior trainings just held.

**Agenda Item: Update on Connecting Selectees and Families – Pamela Baird and Melissa Crisp-Cooper**

Pamela and Melissa reported. A new gmail account has been set up [bayareasdpp@gmail.com](mailto:bayareasdpp@gmail.com). Pamela asked that the email address be included on all RCEB messages sent out to selectees. There were few results to the survey about connection options that was sent out to selectees. The committee decided to hold two self-determination fairs in the spring. They will be 3 hours, possibly from from 9-12. Two tentative dates were set: Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Alameda County and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in Contra Costa. We will invite Independent Facilitators and FMS agencies to be present so that selectees and family members can talk with them directly. Krista is looking into venues in CC County and Lisa Kleinbub is checking the RCEB calendar for availability.

**Agenda Item: Update on Statewide Self-Determination Working Group – Will Sanford**

The working group has not met as a full group since our December meeting and a next meeting date has not yet been set. DDS has rolled out a new website and SD information is now easier to find.

**Agenda Item: Further Discussion on Use of Funds from DDS**

Will Sanford suggested that funds could be used for Independent Facilitators to fill in the gap before a selectee’s initial spending plan is approved. We would need to have an application and selection process in order to do that.

**Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items and Public Comment**

Agenda items to focus on in future meetings include discussion of the IF trainings, planning the SD Fairs, further discussion on how the committee would like to use the funds from DDS, and input for the RCEB website tab on self-determination.

**The meeting was adjourned 8:27 pm**