



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**
Approved 10/7/19

Date: Monday, September 9, 2019

Start Time: 7:01pm **End Time:** 8:41pm

Location of This Meeting: Regional Center of the East Bay/San Leandro

Location of the Next Meeting: RCEB/Concord

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Diane Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Esther Chow, Pamela Baird, Morena Grimaldi (via phone), Pei Wang (via phone)

Committee Members Absent: Krista Loomis, Vi Ibarra

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Melanie Gonzales

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau (via phone)

Guests: Neil Jacobsen, Jocelyn Manalac, Sandra Coss, Breeanne Burris, Sara Desumala

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chairperson Irene Litherland chaired this 49th 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 July 1, 2019 Minutes were approved as presented [Millner/Chow] Crisp-Cooper abstained
The August 5, 2019 Minutes were approved as presented [Crisp-Cooper/Grimaldi]
Abstained: Chow, Lipscomb, Millner

Announcements: Esther Chow was the note taker of this meeting.

Agenda Item: Committee Membership Update

Irene Litherland, Melanie Gonzales and Sheraden Nicholau interviewed 14 applicants. After the interviews, one new application was received and another individual expressed interest. The

main priorities are to recruit self-advocates and to increase demographic representation, especially from the Latino community. The interview team is proposing that two positions be added to the committee so that three of the candidates interviewed can be appointed as new members. It is a requirement for this committee to have at least 50% consumers/family members. There was a discussion of how to increase participation from Contra Costa County. Attendance of meetings held in Concord has been low. The committee discussed adding another two more slots in order to increase membership from Contra Costa County.

M/S/C This Committee approved adding an additional 4 slots, with at least 1 slot designated for Contra Costa County. [Baird/Crisp-Cooper] Unanimous

Sheraden Nicholau will take 2 of the interviewed applicants to the State Council meeting for approval. Melanie Gonzales will take 1 of the interviewed applicants to RCEB for approval. Half of this committee are appointments by SCDD and half by RCEB. Committee members do not vote on the selection of committee members.

The committee also discussed the location of meetings and improving the quality of access via phone. Irene Litherland also raised the idea of an attendance requirement for members. These topics will be discussed at a later meeting.

Agenda Item: Nomination and Vote for Chairperson

M/S/C This Committee nominated and voted for Irene Litherland to be Chairperson for the rest of this calendar year. [Baird/Millner] Unanimous

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Melanie Gonzales reported about 14 orientations had been completed to date. The last orientation to be held will be in Spanish on September 14, 2019. One self-determination spending plan has been approved so far. Three more have been submitted for review. There is no extra funding to designate a case manager to carry a self-determination caseload. Each case manager will carry a few.

Lisa Kleinbub reported DDS plans to do another drawing of names for self-determination pilot on October 1, 2019. Their priority is to increase number of individuals over age 42 as there was a high drop-out rate from this age group.

Regional Centers received a memo from DDS on September 3, 2019 regarding how providers of initial person-centered planning services can be reimbursed directly through service code 024. With this arrangement, the consumer/family member will not have to pay out of pocket first. Maximum allowed amount without DDS prior approval is \$2,500.

HCBS Final Rule self-assessment tool has not been provided by DDS yet.

Agenda Item: Independent Facilitator Training

Sheraden Nicholau and Irene Litherland reported 7 individuals met last week to discuss planning for Independent Facilitator Training. Topics and partners for training have been identified. Plans are being made for two trainings in Alameda County and two in Contra Costa County. These trainings will be conducted in English with interpretation into other languages made available. There will be two prerequisites for participants: 1) Basic Knowledge of Self-Determination 2) Basic Knowledge of Person-Centered Planning. These prerequisites are not meant to be barriers. They can be met by attending a SD pre-enrollment informational meeting, viewing the power point presentation online, attending a PCP 2-day training or participate in one PCP meeting. SCDD can also assist individuals to achieve these prerequisites by providing them with information and training.

Agenda Item: Connecting Selectees and Families

Committee members, Pamela Baird and Melissa Crisp-Cooper, drafted an email to be sent out to selected consumers/families to point them to a new SDP Facebook page for information and support. They will also send out a Survey Monkey to participants/families to solicit other preferred modes of communication/contact. It was recommended they set up a non-personal email address for respondents to this survey.

Other volunteers are needed to reach selectees/families who are limited in English language.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

Two items were raised during the committee membership update agenda item. Nothing further discussed.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

None discussed.

2019 MEETINGS

DATE	LOCATION
<i>October 7th</i>	<i>Concord</i>
November 4th	San Leandro
<i>December 2nd</i>	<i>Concord</i>