



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 2/6/2023**

**Date:** Monday, January 9, 2023

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:30 pm

**Location of This Meeting:** Zoom- no physical meeting location

**Location of the Next Meeting:** Zoom-no physical meeting location

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Dianne Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Pei Wang, Jocelyn Manalac

**Committee Members Absent:** Neil Jacobson

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

**RCEB Staff Present:** Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meningen

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, Paula Senigar, Heather Mabie, Jeffrey Wallace, Peter Kangas, Maxine Paula Milam, Will Sanford, Frida Blum

**Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions**

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Pei monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Frida Blum.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes as submitted" Minutes were approved [Ibarra/Lipscomb].

**Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson**

Irene reported on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee that occurred on December 16. There is a new interim ombudsperson fielding SDP inquiries and concerns. Statewide stats for individuals entering SDP were provided. There are disparities among Hispanic and African American communities, as well as language disparities, particularly with Spanish speakers.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Lindsay presented an update on transitions into SDP. There are 149 total transitions, with six in December and five in January. There are 42 subsequent enrollments: 30 participants moved into year 2 and 12 into year 3. There have been zero un-enrollments. Orientations are being held in English and Spanish with two per month. Beginning in February 2023 RCEB orientations will be held every Thursday. Additionally, Lindsay reported on the meeting she had with the FMS agencies. Most FMS expect a certified budget and spending plan prior to signing up with them. Only one FMS stated that they have a budget threshold (Aveanna). Many FMS require purchase of service and E billing to be in place by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to enrollment date. The budget should be certified, spending plan agreed

to and IEP conducted prior to the 15th of the month. Participants should participate in the process and are welcome to invite independent facilitators.

Jocelyn asked whether there is a list of current FMS availability. Many felt that this will be helpful. Lindsay will look into what RCEB can do. Arthur asked whether case managers are informed regarding consideration of unmet needs in the budget process. Paula expressed concern regarding disputes and how to enter the program while points are still in dispute. Lisa highlighted a directive from DDS about this. Lisa also pointed out there are some new FMS agencies with more availability.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS – Years 1 & 2**

**SDP Brochure:** Members of the workgroup met twice within the month to review content of an updated brochure of SDP.

**Bay Area Collaborative Website:** The website is almost complete and ready for launch. A person has been identified for content management.

**Short-Term Coaching:** Short-term coaching continues. Contracts conclude at the end of the month.

**Newsletter:** Sam reported that work on the newsletter continues and hopes to be translated soon.

#### **Agenda Item: Possible Use of New DDS Funds**

Possible use of funds includes addressing the bottleneck of FMS agencies, outreach to introduce SDP and additional resources for those already in the process of entering the program. A needs assessment survey was also discussed to help pinpoint the best ways to assist people after orientation. Lindsay will design poll questions to be used at the end of orientations. Send suggested questions to her. There was discussion about the need to fix transition issues and help those currently moving into the program versus doing outreach about SDP to underserved communities in spite of so many transition issues. There was concern about how to support people following attendance at orientation. Lindsay said that they will try to notify case managers more frequently regarding who has attended orientation.

#### **Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements**

A question was raised as to whether grants for disparity and inequities are currently in existence. Lisa and Sheraden both responded about current grants.

#### **Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items**

Lindsay will provide an update on the orientation poll questions.

<b>2023 Meetings</b>
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