



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Approved 4/3/2023**

Date: Monday, March 6, 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

ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Members Absent: Neil Jacobson

Committee Administrative Assistant: Sam Coston

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meninger, Jenifer Castaneda

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, Paula Senigar, Alex Gillaspie, Galacia Frisby, Huyen Tran, Jeffrey Wallace, Joyce Butz, Judy Wang, Norma Gonzalez, Lizbeth Juarez, Shakti Kumar Gnanavelu, Tahane Rasheed, Maxine Paula Milam, Will Sanford, Giovanna Wormsbecker

Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Sheraden monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Giovanna Wormsbecker

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

The draft February 6, 2023 minutes will be reviewed by the SDLAC meeting in April.

Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson

Irene reported on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) that took place on February 9. SSDAC has two co-chairs, with the newest chair appointed by the State Council being Viviana Barnwell, who is a parent of RCEB consumer. SSDAC is working on three goals – to highlight best practices; the training of regional center staff and a disparities project. At the SSDAC meeting, Katie Hornberger from DDS gave an update on the types of calls received in the ombudsperson office, with the majority being FMS related. Half the FMS agencies require the staff to be onboarded early. Priorities from DDS include rates for the FMS and targets for independent facilitators. Thus far, the State Council reports that statewide there have been 1,528 individuals oriented into SDP from July 2022 to January 2023. The next meeting will be in late April or early May.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Jenifer stated there are 177 RCEB participants in SDP from as of March 1st, including 89 subsequent enrollments in year two and year three. Spanish orientation attendance has been low. RCEB is conducting staff training using the Spanish orientation. Because of the low turnout for orientation, RCEB has been able to ask questions during their presentation for participants to answer. RCEB provided an update on the FMS agencies. Aveanna requires a consumer to have a spending plan in place and on their own template. They no longer assist with spending plan development. To use GT Independence, the consumer must be enrolled by the 5th of the prior month. Ronke stated that more FMS agencies are being sought out. Concerns were expressed about the number and types of requirements that FMS agencies are putting in place and the threats they pose to the original purpose and principles of the self-determination program.

M/S/C “The committee moves to approve bringing the concerns regarding FMS to DDS.” Motion passed.
[Ibarra/Millner].

Lisa Kleinbub will convey this message at meetings with DDS.

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

SDP Brochure: Vi reported that members of the committee met to finalize the brochure for distribution. Work continues.

Bay Area Collaborative Website: Dianne reported that members of the website committee met with David Grady to look at the website. Launch coming soon. The chairs of the 3 advisory committees have asked Sheraden to facilitate a focus group that will review the website design.

Short-Term Coaching: One coaching contractor submitted a report with the total numbers of individuals assisted by bridge support (22), question and answer sessions (22), and small group workshops (17). More information was provided regarding ethnicity of participants and languages of the sessions.

Post Transition Support Groups: Post-Transition Support Groups continue to serve 15 individuals in two functioning groups.

Newsletter: Sam reported that work on the newsletter is underway.

Agenda Item: Next Round of DDS Funds

Irene shared a listing of possible goals for Year 3 funds based on discussions over the past meetings. These include easing transition into SDP, increasing independent facilitator capacity, informing RCEB consumers about SDP, support groups for those in SDP, the Bay Area website, and interpretation and translation. Dianne Millner added that the economic viability of the FMS seems to be important also.

The website committee has requested a decision soon regarding funding for the website. The amounts requested are \$7,656 for ongoing costs, \$5,333 for the Spanish language conversion, and \$7,167 for adding a learning management system on the website. (The committee had approved an allocation for translation and interpretation in the second year of funds and that can be used to cover the \$5,333 for the Spanish language conversion.) Concern was expressed about funding a learning system before the website has been translated into threshold languages.

M/S/C “The committee moves to approve \$7,656 for ongoing cost of website management plus the use of \$5,333 from Year 2 translation funds for the Spanish language conversion.” Motion passed. [Ibarra/Crisp-Cooper].

Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements

A parent reported many issues with her attempts to transition her son into SDP due in large part to not having a case manager. RCEB staff said that they will continue to communicate with her and help facilitate the process.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

Further discussion and decisions regarding year 3 funding from DDS.

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| April 3 |
| May 1 |
| June 5 |
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