



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DRAFT**

**Date:** Monday, February 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

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**ATTENDEES:**

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau, David Grady

**Guests:** Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, Paula Senigar, Alex Gillaspie, Benjamin Chen, Bianca, Galacia Frisby, Garrett, Heather Mabie, Jeffrey Wallace, Jing Wu, Julissa I., Karr Lee, Lizbeth Juarez, Shakti Kumar Gnanavelu, Tahane Rasheed, Maxine Paula Milam, Will Sanford, Santiago Villalobos, Sharyn Floyd, Veronica Poon, Wandra Boyd, Frida Blum

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

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Vi 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 January 9, 2023 minutes as submitted." Minutes approved. [Ibarra/Lipscomb].

**Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson**

Irene reported the statewide self determination meeting will be held on Thursday from 10 to 4. Additionally, Irene attended two small meetings with DDS directors in which they said they are working to stabilize the FMS agencies and then will address many of the other FMS issues.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Jenifer provided an update on SDP enrollments. The total enrolled as of February 1<sup>st</sup> is 164 participants. Six were enrolled in January and eight were enrolled at the beginning of February; 84 of the participants are in subsequent years, with 61 being in year 2 and 23 individuals being in year 3. There have been zero unenrollment's. Orientations by RCEB will be held every Thursday, alternating in Spanish and English. The statewide orientations for SDP will be in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Furthermore, Jenifer provided an update on FMS agencies. Some expect certified budgets and spending plan to be drafted before signing up with them. Two FMS have a budget threshold, other FMS

agencies do not. Cambrian has a budget threshold of \$120,000; Aveanna has the budget threshold of \$200,000. There was discussion regarding frustration with FMS response times both in terms of enrollment status and answering questions regarding particular cases. Additionally, it was proposed that training be implemented to help individuals from underserved communities get the services that they need.

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

**SDP Brochure:** Vi reported that members of the committee met to continue working on the brochure. Finalization coming soon.

**Bay Area Collaborative Website:** David Grady provided an update on the status of the website. An individual has been chosen to help with the management and upkeep of the site. David asked for input on the draft website and to send him a message about any corrections or additions. He would give Irene information on the input process to send out to members.

**Short-Term Coaching:** Contracts with short-term coaches ended January 31<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested that demographic data be reported to see which communities are being served and find the coaching beneficial.

**Post Transition Support Groups:** There have been two monthly meetings with three to four people participating per meeting. There has been little demand shown for support groups in Spanish. Our workgroup will be meeting with the contractor regarding how best to continue providing support to SDP participants.

**Newsletter:** Sam reported that work is in the development stages.

### **Agenda Item: Next Round of DDS Funds**

Goals for the next round of DDS funds include outreach to get more people into SDP, as well as continuing to highlight areas that are working and areas of concern.

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

Garrett highlighted his company that assists individuals with disabilities in finding roommates. He provided his website for anyone who might be interested. A question was asked regarding when there will be a written process for vendorization under service code 099. The FMS, GT Independence has a caregiver listing for those in SDP with GTI. Other FMS agencies may do the same.

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

Next round of DDS funds.

<b>2023 Meetings</b>
March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5
July 10
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December 4