



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

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024

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: Irene Litherland, Lilian Piruzan Ansari, Vi Ibarra, Dianne Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang, Jocelyn Manalac, Pamela Baird, Lorena Gomez

Committee Members Absent: Morena Grimaldi

Committee Administrative Assistant: Sam Coston

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

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Alicia Jackson, Anna Cheng, Ara, Ari, Elena Bautista, Hilda, Independent Facilitator Training Academy, Jefferey Wallace, Jenny Zegarra Huacachi, Joanne L., Judith Rocha, Karen Nance, Miguel De León, Miriam Luna, Chris Aguire, Norma Gonzalez, Pilar, Sofía, Paula Senigar, Diego Olmedo, Will Sanford, Lizbeth, Tomasa Mendez, Virginia, Zoraida Meza Flores, Giovanna Wormsbecker

Agenda Item: Welcome, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Vi welcomed committee members and guests. Roll call of committee members was taken. Sam recorded the minutes. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Giovanna Wormsbecker. Vi announced that this will be Melissa's final meeting as a member of the committee. Members and guests thanked Melissa for her exemplary work on behalf of the committee.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from January 4, 2024

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the January 4, 2024 minutes as submitted." Minutes passed with correction [Litherland/Ansari].

Agenda Item: New Roles for Upcoming Meetings

Lilian addressed new roles within the committee. She will be the meeting facilitator for the next six months. Pamela will be the records manager. Statewide representatives are Vi and Lilian. Membership lead is Arthur. Irene and Dianne will act as regional liaison.

Agenda Item: Public Comments on Successes and Concerns with SDP

There was a question regarding availability concerning the Independent Facilitator training academy. Lilian highlighted that 60 applicants applied to fill the 30 spots, which shows that interest is high for future trainings, should they occur. Concern was raised over spending plans not being passed within a reasonable timeframe. Additional commentary included discussion of some difficulties within the FMS. Frustration expressed regarding the

switch to an FMS application in order to record hours. It was also expressed how difficult it can be to find good staff members to work with loved ones. Several parents voiced displeasure about slow response time from their RCEB case managers.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Jenifer provided an update on SDP enrollments. 277 participants have been successfully enrolled in SDP – 17 in January and 4 in February so far. There are 141 participants in year 2; 55 in year 3; and 13 in year 4. Statewide orientations are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Those interested in orientations are encouraged to attend the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. There has been higher interest in inquiry about pre-enrollment supports from those who have attended orientations. Jenifer provided an update on DDS directives concerning SDP. The first directive (12/26/23) stipulated billing requirements for providers. Providers now have invoicing requirements which must include the following details: service code, service date, specific task or service, time by task, rate, and total cost. The second directive that Jennifer highlighted clarifies the aforementioned billing requirements that a provider must include. She also shared a breakdown of SDP participants per FMS agency. Aveanna has 55 participants; Mainsl has 64; Cambrian has 47 participants; Essential Pay has 14; GT Independence has 81; and Ritz has 21 participants. Other FMS agencies are used but have less than 10 participants. They include FMS Pay, FACT Financial and Acumen. There have been 32 revisions to date regarding FMS agencies. RCEB tracks changes in FMS, which could be changes in budget, spending or FMS company. There was clarification regarding the number of enrollments for the month of February. Pamela suggested that it would be better to see a month's worth of enrollment data. Lindsay mentioned that the deadline for enrollments is the 15th of the prior month, so the initial count is accurate. Jenifer questioned if the committee finds the data useful in the RCEB report. Irene highlighted that the report helps track trends. Vi also finds the report useful as it provides a record that can help as an aid as to what has been discussed.

Agenda Item: Update on Projects for Year 3 Funding

Vi gave an update on projects that are nearing their completion, including the SDP information sheets, webinars (hosted by NeuroNav) in February and March, and the in-depth Independent Facilitator training. There were 74 applicants that applied to be part of the training; 55 of which are within the RCEB area. Meetings will occur biweekly, with the hopes of 6 total.

Dianne provided an update on two outreach projects: 1) promoting SDP to African American communities and 2) promoting SDP to Latinx communities. Dianne, along with the project committee met with two applicants, and provided them with guidelines that they would like to see implemented. An update will be provided at the March meeting.

Agenda Item: Update on Discussions for Next Fiscal Year RFPs

A workgroup was formed to discuss funding priority planning. The work group reviewed past funded projects and current needs that may benefit from the latest round of DDS funding. The work group developed funding priority groups of work that align with both DDS and the needs of the region. These groups include: 1) SDP workforce and services development. This would entail the recruitment and training of persons as self-directed support providers with a focus on increasing the number of bilingual and bicultural people and persons with lived experiences. Also providing advanced in-depth IF training and a regional center roundtable to troubleshoot and share information, such as the growing pre-enrollment support requests; 2) SDP Joint Trainings and Workshops: joint training for participants, families, regional centers, and others with the focus on training self-advocates and families from diverse communities that are underrepresented in SDP. Proposed goals for this area include pre-enrollment supports which will provide coaching or consult for people served and their families after orientation. It would also help independent facilitators know how to find pre-enrollment supports, and other networking tools, that would be specific to help any problem-solving issues that might arise while planning for enrollment. Lastly, it would allow anyone to look up information and workshops regarding how to navigate traditional and SDP services (for example, rights, service codes, expectation settings, the difference between traditional and SDP models). The target audience

includes SDP participants, their families, professionals in SDP and RCEB staff; 3) SDP collaboratives for shared learning and problem solving. Funds would be earmarked for Bay Area SDP participants and the people that support them to attend in-region and out-of-region events and/or conferences. There was discussion amongst the committee as to whether these proposed areas were up for a vote during this meeting. However, it was clarified that these proposed areas were for discussion to allow committee members to consider which they might like to join. At the March meeting, an announcement will be made as to which committee member will join which subcommittee, and they will meet during March. They will report back to the group at the April meeting.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items

Further discussion will be had regarding the proposed areas for RFP's.

2024 Meetings
March 4
April 8
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 9
October 7
November 6
December 4