



# SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approved March 2, 2020

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020

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

Location of This Meeting: Regional Center of the East Bay/Concord

Location of the Next Meeting: RCEB/San Leandro

#### **ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Pamela Baird, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang (via phone), Krista Loomis, Morena Grimaldi (via phone), Dianne

Millner, Neil Jacobsen (via phone), Sandra Coss, Esther Chow (via phone)

Committee Members Absent: Jocelyn Manalac

**RCEB Staff Present**: Lisa Kleinbub

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Sara Desumala (via phone), Patrick McKay (via phone), Will Sanford, Mark Polit, Dr.

Michelle Hernandez (via phone), Joyce Butz, Hannah Michaelsen

### **Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chairpersons Irene Litherland and Melissa Crisp-Cooper co-chaired this 54th meeting at RCEB's Concord office. Attendees were greeted and self-introductions were made.

#### Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes as corrected"

[Ibarra/Loomis] Passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** Vi Ibarra was the note taker of this meeting.

# Agenda Item: Co-Chairperson's Report

Irene reported that she and Melissa met twice and set the agenda for this meeting together. Updates to the Self-Determination page of the RCEB website have been requested. The website is currently being updated.

Melissa said she will attend the Statewide Advisory Committee next Monday. The agenda for the meeting was sent out today and in addition to updates and administrative items they will spend time discussing the top 5 barriers to implementation. She asked the committee to provide input about either what they would like for her to share at that meeting, or questions we would like for her to ask. It was suggested that she share about our advisory committee's successful community collaboration, including with the regional center, State Council, family resource center, and other community agencies and individuals.

# **Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Lisa reported that the numbers of individuals who have progressed through various stages of implementation of their SD program are, of 163 total selectees: 125 oriented, 36 opted out but 1 came back, 15 person-centered plans submitted, 59 budgets issued by RCEB to participants, 3 spending plans approved and 1 implemented. Three new orientations are scheduled: 2/28 and 3/30 in San Leandro and 3/13 in Concord.

They have completed the job description for the self determination specialist. It will be posted later this week, first internally then externally.

The amount that will be available for the RCEB advisory committee's use will be \$91,945. We are still awaiting guidance on how that can be used, and when it needs to be encumbered by. Hopefully there will be an update at the statewide meeting about this funding. We would like to know what the funds can be used for, including whether they can be used for translation. We would also like to know how other local advisory committees plan to use their funds. Additionally, we'd like to know how non-federally reimbursable items, such as CIE incentives, PIP, copays, and rent subsidies, will be treated in self-determination.

## **Agenda Item: Update on Independent Facilitator Training**

Vi reported on feedback from the three trainings that have been held. Overall, it is very positive. Suggestions were made after the first training that led to reworking how a couple of the sections were offered in the next two trainings. Next training will be March 7, in Fremont. All were encouraged to re-send the flyer through their networks. A question was raised about the status of the creation of a statewide list of independent facilitators.

### **Agenda Item: Planning of Self-Determination Fairs**

March 21, RCEB San Leandro

May 2, Krista is working on confirming a Contra Costa site

Tentative time: 10:00am – 1:00pm, organized as a drop-in event

Event suggestions included providing food, having conversation areas by topic and/or a meet-up area, have tables set up for FMS agencies and independent facilitators, use name tags to indicate what one's affinity is (what they are looking to connect around). As committee members are subject matter experts on a variety of aspects of SD, we can attend to support and facilitate conversation. We may also want to have a workshop on questions related to staffing at a later time to address topics such as how to find, screen, hire and supervise.

Lisa will invite FMS agencies and indicate they should be prepared to send staff and materials that demonstrate their language capacities. Pamela will create a flier. Irene will invite the individuals who attended the independent facilitator trainings with Sheraden emailing to that

list. Melissa and Pamela will send the invitation to the selectee list they have compiled. The need for translation of materials and communication was discussed.

Agenda Item: Update on Statewide Self-Determination Working Group

No discussion, in the interest of time

Agenda Item: Discussion on Use of Funds from DDS

No discussion, in the interest of time

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

None

**Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements** 

None

<b>Upcoming Meeting Dates</b>	
DATE	LOCATION
March 2	San Leandro
April 6	Concord
May 4	San Leandro
June 1	Concord
July 6	San Leandro
August 3	Concord
September 14	San Leandro
October 5	Concord
November 2	San Leandro
December 7	Concord