



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 1/4/16**

**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2015

**Start Time:** 7:05 pm **End Time:** 8:11 pm

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

**Location of the Next Meeting:** RCEB/San Leandro

Self-Determination Program Updates: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/SDPUpdates.cfm>

Video by **Sally Burton-Hoyle, PhD**

*Person-Centered Planning: Why it is Critical for Self-Determination*

<https://vimeo.com/118543476>

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Pamela Baird, Nickole Bouslog, Esther Chow (remotely), Morena Grimaldi, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Kim Luqman, Maria Marquez

**Committee Members Absent:** Irene Litherland, Dianne Millner, Darcy Ting

**Staff Present:** Pam Thomas, Michi Toy

**Guests:** Rebecca Corbett, Guy Houston, Dannon Jenkins, David LaDue, Mark Polit, Will Sanford, Josh Sullivan

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Vi Ibarra chaired this 6th 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 November 2, 2015 Minutes as presented"  
[Luqman/Marquez] Unanimous

### **Agenda Item: Meeting Plans for 2016**

We will continue to alternately meet at both RCEB's San Leandro and Concord offices starting with the January meeting in San Leandro. Vi inquired to the committee on what they would like the meetings to be like for the beginning of the year, and what kind of trainings would be presented. It was recommended that we move the Independent Facilitator Presentation to the January meeting since we had only half the committee in attendance (at the beginning of the meeting).

### **Agenda Item: DDS Updates on Self-Determination – Pam Thomas and Will Sanford**

#### Status

As reiterated before, the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver application was submitted by the Department to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [CMS] back in September with the expectation that we would hear a response within 90 days. CMS responded *informally* back to the State with 180 questions; many of them related to the CMS rules. There were definite denials in regards to college costs such as tuitions and books, and massage therapy treatments. We are expecting a *formal* list of questions from CMS by the end of December, then the Department will work through the Department of Healthcare Services to submit the answers, and once that is submitted, there is another 90 day deadline for CMS to respond.

#### Outreach and Training

The DDS Workgroup headed by Jim Knight will continue to conduct conference calls every two weeks, and they are also pushing DDS to move forward with the outreach/training for regional center staff by March 31<sup>st</sup>. There is also a consensus that the materials that our case managers are trained on, should also be available to our SD advisory group. Pam brought up that in the SD law, we need to contract with the family resource networks to assist with outreach and that we could invite them; both care and FRN's to one of our meetings early in the 2016 year to talk to them about outreach, so that we can begin to have the discussion on how we are going to proceed. We are very fortunate to have strong DDC's both in the Contra Costa and Alameda counties who do a lot of outreach in the community. Other organized sources for outreach are parent associations, SF Autism Society, Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area, etc. DDS has the training video's up on their website and is currently working on voice-overs in 21 languages.

#### Work Group Discussions

- The State Council still needs to organize the SD Chairs meeting, which would benefit all the local SD advisory committees since there are many questions, trainings and information that can be shared at these statewide meetings.
- The workgroup has been discussing the details of FMS payment, rate structure and funding as well as a variety of other topics related to FMS. Pam added that when

choosing an FMS provider, the family really needs to pick a provider with a strong financial background and experience in this program.

- The topic of the workgroup being more transparent by providing minutes was brought up at the last conference call. The response was that if they formalize the meeting and provide all that information, then they are subject to Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act which legislates methods by which public meetings are conducted on the state level. They want to emphasize that this is an advisory work group and want to meet freely, but they will take calls in to listen to the meeting and the public is welcome to attend if they meet in person. Their next conference call meeting is on February 10, 2016.

**Agenda Item: Independent Facilitator Presentation**

This will be moved to our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment**

There were no additional public comments. We closed the meeting in memory of the tragedy that occurred at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino and the lives and families that were affected.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:11**

FUTURE 2016 MEETINGS

<b>DATES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TENTATIVE SUBJECTS</b>
January 4	<b>San Leandro</b>	Independent Facilitator Presentation
February 1	Concord	Outreach
March 7	<b>San Leandro</b>	
April 4	Concord	
May 2	<b>San Leandro</b>	
June 6	Concord	
July 11	<b>San Leandro</b>	
August 1	Concord	
September 12	<b>San Leandro</b>	
October 3	Concord	
November 7	<b>San Leandro</b>	
December 5	Concord	

**Location of the next meeting: San Leandro** → 500 Davis Street, San Leandro  
Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm