



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 4/4/16

**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2016

**Start Time:** 7:14 pm **End Time:** 8:45 pm

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

**Location of the Next Meeting:** RCEB/Concord

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CMS Letter: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/docs/122115Letter.pdf>

DDS' Website on SD updates: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/SDPUpdates.cfm>

Path Facilitation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKx1G879Xu8>

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Esther Chow, Morena Grimaldi, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Irene Litherland, Kim Luqman, Dianne Millner

**Committee Members Absent:** Pamela Baird, Nickole Bouslog, Maria Marquez

**Staff Present:** Jim Burton, Ronke Sodipo, Pam Thomas

**Guests:** Guy Houston, Will Sanford, Sandi Soliday, Josh Sullivan,

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Vi Ibarra chaired this 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at RCEB's San Leandro office. Attendees were greeted and self-introductions were made.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the February 1, 2016 Minutes as presented"  
[Luqman/Grimaldi] Unanimous

**Announcements:** Vi Ibarra announced Nickole Bouslog was on medical leave and passed a card for committee members to sign. Esther Chow was the note taker of this meeting.

**Agenda Item: Updates from DDS Self-Determination Program Workgroup Meeting**

Jim Burton reported the Workgroup met on February 10, 2016 to discuss how to get the federal government to approve CA's Self-Determination Plan. Efforts were focused on answering the 180 questions raised by the federal government regarding CMS rules and their application/compliance. DDS plans to submit answers and questions in March. The Workgroup has

scheduled a phone conference on March 29, 2016. Given CA is behind/has not finished with the whole CMS plan implementation and that some CMS rules, such as “setting,” are unclear, this is going to be a challenge. Compliance with CMS rules may mean fewer choices. Self-determination is the direction the federal government wants to go. The FED wants financial management services to be paid for by CA State and not from an individual’s budget. Guests suggested reaching out to members of congress to see if they could help expedite the process.

**Agenda Item: Update from the State Advisory Meeting**

Vi Ibarra reported she attended the State Advisory Meeting on March 3, 2016 from 10am to 5pm at Westside Regional Center in southern CA. Topics discussed included an overview of self-determination, definition and role of local advisory committee, the need for outreach and training materials in various languages. There was a wide range among advisory committees when it came to meeting frequency and supportiveness of each local Regional Center. Our committee fell in the middle.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment**

**Outreach:** Morena Grimaldi urged committee members and RCEB to start disseminating information about self-determination with links to DDS updates to the community. One suggestion is for RCEB to do a mass mailing to consumers or to give out a flyer to consumer and family members during IPP/annual review. Other suggestions included reaching out to Family Resource Center, local parent support groups, community events etc. Irene Litherland signed up for a table at the Alameda County Transition Fair on March 12, 2016 under Autism Society. Esther Chow will be presenting a brief overview on self-determination at a Cantonese workshop at the Transition Faire. She has obtained English and a Chinese fact sheet and English power points from Gabriel Rogin of SCDD. Sandi Soliday has printed the fact sheets to be included in Transition Faire packet. Caroline Ortiz will introduce self-determination in her workshop at the Transition Faire. Jim Burton plans to introduce self-determination at the upcoming POS Disparity community meetings as well as at Congreso Familiar. There will be a transition fair coming up in Contra Costa County. The introductory video on DDS website has subtitles in other languages and voiceover for a few languages. Everyone was encouraged to send Vi a calendar of community events and fact sheets/power points they might have on self-determination.

**Training:** Jim Burton reported the DDS training material for case managers were almost completed and very well-done. The tentative plan for a number of Regional Centers would be to train 3-5 case managers who could specialize in self-determination rather than training all case managers. DDS is responsible for training case managers. Local Advisory Committee is expected to inform consumers and family members with no budget!

**Replacement:** Both Pam Thomas/RCEB and Gabriel Rogin/SCDD will be leaving this advisory committee. It was suggested to reach out to SCDD Bay Area office to ask them to send a representative to the next meeting. Ronke Sodipo is Pam’s successor at RCEB.

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>	State Advisory Mtg Update (1 <sup>st</sup> mtg of Chairs)
○ April 4	<b>Concord</b>	
○ 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	