



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 10/3/16

Date: Monday, September 12, 2016

Start Time: 7:10 pm **End Time:** 8:35 pm

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

Location of the Next Meeting: RCEB/Concord

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>

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: Morena Grimaldi, Vi Ibarra, Irene Litherland, Nickole Bouslog, Maria Marquez, Arthur Lipscomb, Esther Chow, Dianne Millner

Committee Members Absent: Pamela Baird

Staff Present: Ronke Sodipo

Guests: Will Sanford, Josh Sullivan, Mark Polit, Guy Houston, Sheraden Nicholau

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Vi Ibarra chaired this 15th meeting at RCEB's San Leandro office. Attendees were greeted and self-introductions were made. Vi announced the resignation of Kym Luqman from the committee. Kym has taken a family leave from her employment at Harambee to care for her parents.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

M/S/C The August 1, 2016, Minutes were approved with correction: Under Welcome and Introductions, change RCEB's San Leandro office to Concord office. [Marquez/Bouslog] Unanimous

Announcements: Esther Chow was the note taker of this meeting.

Agenda Item: Chairperson's Report

-The statewide group has not met since the phone conference in June. Statewide Chair, April Lopez, has asked local committees to submit their meeting agendas and minutes as well as training material. The plan is to make these available to all local committees.

-*Person-Centered Thinking Training* by Parents Helping Parents and the 6th Annual Going to College with a Disability Conference Flyers were circulated.

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

-Ronke Sodipo reported that the Workgroup has not met. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2016.

Agenda Item: “For More Information” List

-Ronke Sodipo reported that SANDIS, a Regional Center consumer data base has the capacity to track who has expressed interest in self-determination. The plan is to train all RCEB case managers to give a brief overview of what SD is at each IPP meeting and record any interested consumer/family. About 10 Regional Centers are currently keeping track of an “interest list.” The goal is to complete training all RCEB managers by January 2017. There are currently over 30 case manager openings at RCEB.

-Multiple ways of outreach were discussed, including via case managers/IPP meetings, mailing, invitation to informational meetings, presentations at community and cultural events. A suggestion was made for RCEB to create a Self-Determination information email address such as SelfDet@rceb.org for consumers and families to use if they would like to be added to the “for more information” list. It could include an auto reply feature with a message like “Thank you for your interest in self-determination. You can learn more by going to the following link <http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/SDPUpdates.cfm>.”

Agenda Item: Input on Outreach Materials

-Vi distributed draft brochures she created with Josh Sullivan for review and comments. There was input to reduce words and to increase font size. Suggestions were made to remove the Principles of Self-Determination section, reduce the FAQ to 3 sections: How does it work? What can I buy? Is there someone to help me with the plan and budget? Another suggestion was to make the story/testimonies more concise using “Maria’s Story” as a model as well as to use culturally relevant photos to accompany translation.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

-Arthur Lipscomb distributed a flyer for 24Hr HomeCare, LLC an agency which can provide training on financial management.

-Esther Chow proposed discussing if meeting in Concord office was inconvenient as a greater number of committee members were calling in compared to San Leandro office. Vi suggested to add this issue on a future agenda to discuss as we plan for next year’s meetings.

FUTURE 2016 MEETINGS

DATES		LOCATION
○ October	3	Concord
○ November	7	San Leandro
○ December	5	Concord