



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 7/2/18**

**Date:** Monday, June 4, 2018

**Start Time:** 7:07 pm **End Time:** 8:33 pm

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

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

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Pamela Baird, Vi Ibarra, Irene Litherland, Arthur Lipscomb, Nickole Bouslog, Krista Loomis, Esther Chow (via phone) and Morena Grimaldi (via phone)

**Committee Members Absent:** Dianne Millner, Pei Wang

**RCEB Staff Present:** Ronke Sodipo, Lisa Kleinbub

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Sara Desumala (via phone), Patrick McKay (via phone), Will Sanford, Mark Pollitt (via phone), Jeyashri Ramiya

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Vi Ibarra chaired this 34<sup>th</sup> meeting at RCEB's Concord office. Attendees were greeted and self-introductions were made.

**II. Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C            The May 7, 2018, Minutes were approved as presented [Loomis/Bouslog]  
Unanimous.

**Announcements:** Irene Litherland was the note taker of this meeting.

III. **Agenda Item: Chairperson's Report**

- a. No approval yet by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of California's self-determination waiver. The 90 day deadline will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> and approval is anticipated by then.
- b. There is no meeting scheduled of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Self-Determination.
- c. Former committee member Maria Marquez has moved out of the area and has recently been appointed as Chair of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Self-Determination. The Chair discussed filling the vacant space on our committee and also the position of Vice Chair. A Vice Chair isn't a required position but does assist the Chair in planning agendas and chairs the meetings in the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair can also represent the committee at the statewide meetings if the Chair is not available. If neither the Chair or Vice Chair are available to attend the statewide meeting, another member named by the Chair can represent the local committee at the statewide meeting. The Chair has discussed the role with members Pamela Baird and Irene Litherland, both of whom expressed interest in the Vice Chair position. She proposed meeting with both members monthly in preparation for our meetings and having Irene Litherland fill the official Vice Chair role.

M/S/C Member Irene Litherland will fill the position of Vice Chair of the committee.  
[Bouslog/Baird] Unanimous.

- d. The Chair then discussed the process to fill the vacancy on our committee:
  - i. Chairperson Vi Ibarra distributed information about the current composition of our committee, applications for the open position and the descriptive information used previously to recruit for open spaces on our committee.
  - ii. Comparing the demographics of our committee membership with that of the Regional Center clientele, the priority is to have a Latino self-advocate from Alameda County fill the vacant position. Outreach will be done to La Familia, the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council and Congreso for possible applicants.
  - iii. The committee set dates for the recruitment timeline. The deadline for applications for membership on the committee will be July 16.

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

- a. Will Sanford reported on workgroup activities as of today.
- b. The self-determination waiver approval by CMS is anticipated any day now.

- c. There are many questions left to be resolved regarding implementation, including:
  - i. the usage of independent facilitators, especially for those in the current pilot
  - ii. the usage of the additional \$2.5-3 million that will be received once the pilot participants move over to the CMS self-determination waiver
  - iii. the expectations of service coordinators/case managers when they are used as independent facilitators
  - iv. the financial management service agencies, especially ensuring that there are enough agencies
  - v. the process for assessing that the federal guidelines for “community inclusion” in settings are met and the process for resolving any resulting disagreements in a timely manner
  - vi. developing the budget amount, especially given issues with capturing past amounts for some services and the process for agreeing on costs for unmet needs or under-utilized services.
- d. Will Sanford also pointed out the difference between the “person-centered planning process” which should currently be in use, and a “person-centered plan” which will be new with self-determination.
- e. The next meeting of the work group will be on June 28th. In addition to the above issues, they will be working on building the orientation training so that regional centers are trained to hold the orientations.
- f. Lisa Kleinbub brought up issues that RCEB has had in accessing data in the current system since this will affect the determination of the annual budget amount.
- g. The selection of participants was also discussed. Will Sanford reported that ethnicity will be the first criteria used for selection. Also 50% of those selected must be over 21 years of age.
- h. More than 7,000 are signed up on the selection list but the breakdown of the most recent total by regional center has not been received yet.
- i. The workgroup wants to involve Local Advisory Committees in the settings assessments and in the orientation process.
- j. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) plans to put out a timeline soon.

V. **Agenda Item: Self-Determination Updates to Regional Centers**

- a. RCEB is not yet ready for implementation of self-determination, due to factors such as:
  - i. issues with their data system, with an upgrade not fully implemented
  - ii. an old fiscal system that they are trying to replace
  - iii. the independent facilitator role includes much more than what a case manager currently does

- b. Lisa Kleinbub mentioned that an individual can have more than one independent facilitator and can hire and fire them as needed

**VI. Agenda Item: 2018 Pre-Enrollment Meetings and Outreach**

- a. There will be a workshop on self-determination at the Congreso annual conference in August.
- b. Chairperson Vi Ibarra did outreach to the Sibs group- adult siblings of individuals with I/DD.
- c. Lisa Kleinbub of RCEB reported there have been a total of 18 sign-ups as a result of the webinar that is posted on the RCEB website.
- d. RCEB recently submitted 43 names to the sign-up list. They will be doing two informational meetings per month in each county during June and July.
- e. Chairperson Vi Ibarra held an information session at Ability Now and had more than 30 sign up.

**VII. Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items**

- a. Future topics to discuss should include some of the newer and/or more difficult areas of implementation such as the financial management services agencies, independent facilitators and person-centered planning.

**VIII. Agenda Item: Public Comment**

- a. The annual awards dinner of the Developmental Disabilities Councils of Alameda County and Contra Costa County will be held on June 12th. The deadline for reservations is now June 6th.
- b. Guest Sara Desumala raised the possibility of using self-determination funds for attendance at the Peoples First conference. That would be a very appropriate cost under self-determination!

**IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.**

**2018 MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>July 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>San Leandro</i>
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Concord</b>
<i>September 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>San Leandro</i>
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Concord</b>
<i>November 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>San Leandro</i>
<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Concord</b>