



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 2/6/17**

**Date:** Monday, January 9, 2017

**Start Time:** 7:04 pm **End Time:** 8:24 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:** Vi Ibarra, Irene Litherland, Nickole Bouslog, Arthur Lipscomb, Esther Chow, Pamela Baird, Morena Grimaldi, Dianne Millner

**Committee Members Absent:** Maria Marquez

**RCEB Staff Present:** Ronke Sodipo,

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Josh Sullivan, Mark Polit, Guillermo Elenes, Will Sanford, Patrick McKay, Sara Desumala, Jayashri Ramiya, Krista Loomis, Pei Wang, Deborah Darden (via phone)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairperson Vi Ibarra chaired this 19<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 December 5, 2016 Minutes were approved as presented  
                         [Bouslog/Litherland] Unanimous

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

**Agenda Item: Chairperson's Report**

New member appointments- 15 applications were received to fill the two open committee member positions. Ronke, Sheraden and Vi reviewed the applications and were impressed not only with the number of applicants, but the quality of applicants as well. Nine were selected

for phone interviews which took place in late December. RCEB and SCDD each selected one applicant to appoint for membership. SCDD has recommended the appointment of Pei Wang, pending approval of the SCDD Membership Committee later this quarter. RCEB selected Krista Loomis for appointment. Both appointees introduced themselves, and the committee voted unanimously to approve those appointments. Six of the applicants were invited to attend meetings as guests, or non-voting participants. Those applicants in attendance introduced themselves.

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

Will Sanford reported on the comments made by CMS on the waiver application on December 7, 2016. The main issues are:

- Clarification on the access points- how people will be selected for the initial phase in the period
- Clarify language for home health aide that there be a “need” for the service, rather than an individual “benefitting” from the service
- Clarify how respite differs from child care, and the need for respite to be “temporary and intermittent”
- Clarify how communication support is not the same as durable medical equipment
- Clarification that Individual Training and Education must be necessary for the individual to avoid institutionalization
- Further discussion on how all settings must meet the HCBS setting rule
- Discussion on whether FMS cost will come out of an individual’s budget, or not

No upcoming meetings are currently scheduled for the Workgroup.

**Agenda Item: Outreach**

Our outreach brochure is complete with the exception of one photo release. Discussion about how to handle interpretation of the document. Sheraden and Ronke will work together to begin that process. Will likely focus on a small number of languages at first, with the goal being to have the document interpreted to all of the threshold languages.

Morena shared that she presented information about Self-Determination to the English Language Learners Advisory Committee at Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Since our last meeting, Sheraden and the SCDD have presented information on Self-Determination to a variety of audiences: a conference, agency, a self-advocacy group, Stanford and also shared information with the UC David MIND Institute. She has 5 conferences on her calendar where she has been asked to present, as well as at a parent support group. The Contra Costa Transition Fair will have Self-Determination information available at a resource table, and Pamela Baird has been invited to present at the Mid Alameda County CAC in January.

The subject of Self-Determination has been added to RCEB new hire orientation which takes place quarterly. Starting this quarter, all new staff will receive this information.

Pei asked about how we have engaged up to this point with large agencies such as Kaiser, Children's Hospital, and the Lucille Packard foundation. She will connect directly with Sheraden regarding outreach with these providers. It was discussed that if there are any groups who are interested in learning more about Self-Determination, the committee can identify who would be available to do that outreach.

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

A request was made to include information on how the block grant in the upcoming Governor's budget will affect Self-Determination and this community on next month's agenda, and possibly as a standing item.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment**

Patrick McKay and Sara Desumala requested they receive agendas for future meetings along with call-in numbers if they are not able to attend in person.

Based on under-utilization information shared by RCEB, specific communities such as Vietnamese and Tagalog speakers are under-utilizing services. Based on that information, the suggestion was made that those be kept as a focus in terms of outreach and interpretation of our outreach brochure.

**2017 MEETINGS**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
○ February 6	Concord
○ <b>March 6</b>	<b>San Leandro</b>
○ April 3	Concord
○ <b>May 1</b>	<b>San Leandro</b>
○ June 5	Concord
○ <b>July 10</b>	<b>San Leandro</b>
○ August 7	Concord
○ <b>October 2</b>	<b>San Leandro</b>
○ November 6	Concord
○ <b>December 4</b>	<b>San Leandro</b>