



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Approved 11/2/2020**

Date: October 5, 2020

Start Time: 7:10 PM **End Time:** 8:32 PM

Location of This Meeting: Zoom—no physical meeting location

Location of the Next Meeting : Zoom—no physical meeting location

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present:

Co-Chair Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Dianne Millner, Sandra Coss, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Neil Jacobson

Committee Members Absent: Pei Wang

RCEB Staff Present: Jenifer Castaneda, Lisa Kleinbub

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Will Sanford, Peter Kangas, Nicole De Guzman, Breeanne Burris, Chris Wecks, Kim Schreiber, Michelle Hernandez, Mark Pollit, Kavita Sreedhar, Kishan Sreedhar, Cathy Nielson, Hannah Michaelson and Melissa Robinson.

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Sheraden Nicholau was the note taker of this meeting and Lisa Kleinbub monitored the chat.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

M/S/C “The Committee moves to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting.” [Coss/Millner] Unanimous

Agenda Item: Reports from Co-Chairpersons

Melissa Crisp-Cooper reported that a statewide advisory committee meeting was held in late September. DDS will issue the next round of funds soon. Irene Litherland reported that she and Melissa worked on projects that will be reported on later in the meeting, especially the projects to be funded with DDS funds and the statewide meeting. She also stated that committee members should begin thinking about the selection of a chairperson for next year.

Agenda Item: Committee Membership Recruitment

We are continuing to recruit for two committee members from Contra Costa County, preferably a self-advocate or, secondarily, a family advocate. We need to have representation on our committee of the area served by RCEB. Outreach was committed by Sheraden Nicholau to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bay Area list, Vi Ibarra to the Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council list, Lisa Kleinbub to the RCEB website, and Hannah Michaelsen to the Care Parent Network.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Jenifer shared her monthly written update, sent with the meeting packet. RCEB is reaching out to do orientations for those that haven't yet completed it. They are making accommodations for those who need them, even 1:1 orientations. The DDS funding for our committee for the fiscal year 2020/2021 will be \$125,000. DDS posted a report today of the results of a survey of people who had opted out of SDP across the state. Mark asked how many individual budgets have been completed. Jenifer responded that there are 103 drafted and shared with families as of today. There are some delays with some families signing agreement to budgets due to COVID related concerns and the impact on services. Arthur asked if there is a count of those waiting to get in. Lisa said no.

Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS

Resource Materials Subcommittee Update: Sandra Coss provided an update on the document review for the translation project. Sandra and Jennifer proposed some questions for the committee regarding whether we want to have the exact same set of documents for all languages, or whether it is acceptable to have some specific resources or websites that are only available in certain languages. Irene responded that this may depend on the document and its content. Irene also reminded the subcommittee to consider the total word count.

Selection Committee Update: Irene and Melissa give an update on the contracts set up for the projects funded with our DDS funds. Three contracts have been finalized for coaching (Abound Services, Ally, and Pragnya) and one contract for the training of person-centered plan facilitators (Being Person-Centered with Cheryl Ryan Chan) for a 3 day in-person training in 2021. Coaching will be a minimum of 8 hours per selectee. The balance of the funds have been contracted with The ARCC Center, a financial management agency. Through the ARCC, we will finalize other contracts.

The plan is to have Regional Center offer coaching first to those it is aware are in greatest need of assistance to transition into SDP. After 30 days, coaching will be made available to any selectee (per space available). Morena asked about the criteria for this first group, how they would hear about it and how be selected. Jenifer described those eligible as selectees who have completed the orientation, who may or may not have had a budget drafted by RCEB, and who are 'stuck' and would like help. An invitation will be extended by RCEB to them this week by Jenifer. There was discussion of scenarios of how to identify and communicate with those in more need, and whether to mention the availability of coaching to selectees who were oriented and feel they need assistance to work through the transition process. We are asked to wait

until the beginning of November to do this. Jenifer will communicate with the chairs as an additional way to monitor for those who have more needs and may benefit.

Next Round of Funding: Lisa noted that the next round of funding will be coming soon and we can use this experience with coaching to evaluate the need and prioritize/plan for the next round of funding. Irene stated that she and Melissa would like to survey coaching recipients during and after coaching to determine effectiveness as it will be useful to decide on the next round of funds.

Agenda Item: Possible Virtual Coaching Introduction

Item tabled due to uncertainty of number of spots available in November.

Agenda Item: Report from Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting

FMS Recommendations from Neil Jacobson:

Irene reported on the September 25 meeting of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Self-Determination, held via Zoom. This meeting included chair reports where Irene brought forward the recommendations for DDS guidance on FMS agencies that Neil Jacobson proposed at the last meeting. No action was taken as this was only a report period.

Barriers Report from Statewide Co-Chairpersons:

Much of the statewide meeting time was spent in discussion of the barriers report. Local committees have been asked to discuss the barriers. The chairs of this committee recommend that we discuss the first of the four barrier issues at our next meeting in November.

Statewide Funding Request from Statewide Co-Chairpersons:

The statewide committee also discussed the topic of local committees allocating funding to hire a contracted coordinator so that the statewide committee could increase their meetings to 6 times a year. The Co-Chairs of the statewide committee have recommended that each local contribute \$3000 to the statewide committee for this purpose this year. Our chairs indicated that the proposed use of funds can be considered by our committee in our next round of funding provided that a job description and other details are presented by the statewide chairs.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

Chairs would like committee members to review the barriers report prior to the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

No public comments.

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DATE	LOCATION
December 7	Zoom