



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 12/7/20**

**Date: November 2, 2020**

**Start Time:** 7:00 PM **End Time:** 8:30 PM

**Location of This Meeting:** virtual meeting by Zoom- no physical meeting location

**Location of the Next Meeting:** virtual meeting by Zoom

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**ATTENDEES:**

***Committee Members Present:***

Co-Chair Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Arthur Lipscomb, Dianne Millner, Sandra Coss, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi, Neil Jacobson, Pei Wang

***Committee Members Absent:*** Pamela Baird, Vi Ibarra.

***RCEB Staff Present:*** Lisa Kelibub, Jenifer Castaneda

***SCDD Staff Present:*** Sheraden Nicholau

***Guests:*** Will Sanford, Peter Kangus, Nicole De Guzman, Kim Schreiber, Kavita Sreedhar, Kishan Sreedhar, Melissa Robinson (DDS), , Katie Ramirez, Daniel Worthylake, Ana Jackson, N. Jackson, Jenny Zegarra, Laura Rodriguez, Katie Ramirez, and Emanuel Gonzales.

**Agenda Item: Welcome, Designate Minutes Taker and Chat Monitor, Give Introductions**

Melissa welcomed committee members and guests. Attendees proceeded to introduce themselves. Sandra Coss volunteered to take notes of this meeting and Lisa Kleinbub monitored the chat.

**Agenda Item: Consent to Minutes from October 5 Meeting**

M/S/C The Committee moves to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting. (Millner/Grimaldi), Passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item: Reports from Co-Chairpersons**

There are currently open seats for the Committee. Melissa Crisp-Cooper reported that the Committee received several applications from people interested in being part of the SDLAC. ; However, we did not receive applications from self-advocates or family members living in Contra Costa county. We need to have representation on our Committee from both Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Outreach to Contra Costa County was encouraged. We will continue

spreading the word and are open to receive more applications. Melissa also reported that the co-chairpersons' term would end in December. She asked anyone interested in the position to contact her or Irene before the next committee meeting. If no one expresses interest, Melissa and Irene would be willing to serve another term.

#### **Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Lisa Kleinbusch shared her screen, and Jenifer Castaneda provided an update on the RCEB monthly report that was sent along with the meeting packet. She reported 24 participants have successfully transitioned into SDP. RCEB is reaching out to do orientations for those that haven't yet completed it. Some 1:1 orientations were scheduled but postponed by participants. RCEB is receiving more inquiries about person-centered planning. Three (3) Purchase of Services (POS) for person-centered planning were authorized in October, and there are more to come for November and December 2020. Families are also working on individual budgets and spending plans that will be ready in the following months. Jenifer reported that two selectees moved out of the area. One had fully transitioned to SDP and another left with the individual budget done.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS:**

##### **Selection Committee Update:**

Irene gave an update on the contracts for the projects funded with DDS funds. Four (4) agreements have been finalized for coaching with the following agencies: Abound Services, Ally, Pragnya, and NeuroNav & Sanford. NeuroNav & Sanford will also record the independent facilitator training and the translation of the presentation powerpoint, and resource documents.

##### **Coaching Update**

Coaching will be open to any selectee who has received the orientation and not yet transitioned into the self-determination program. Melissa and Irene will send out a flyer with information about the four agencies that will provide coaching services to participants.

RCEB will hold two "meet and greet" virtual meetings in mid-November for families and coaching agencies. One of the meetings will be conducted in English, and another meeting will be available in other languages. The plan is to have virtual meetings in the afternoon.

Interpretation will be available upon request. Invitations will be sent to selectees in their primary language.

##### **Resource Materials Subcommittee Update**

Sheraden Nicholau provided an update on the document review for the translation project. The subcommittee has completed the task and created an excel document with the selected documents ready for translation into Spanish, Cantonese/Chinese, and Vietnamese.

The subcommittee proposed a question for the Committee regarding whether we want to work in a document: **"Is SDP Right for Me?"** Reportedly Neil created a DRAFT on the Pros and Cons of the SDP. The committee discussed if the committee members would like to work on the documents from clients & parents' perspectives on the program's strengths and challenges. Irene asked the committee for volunteers. Pei Wang, Joselyn Manalac, & Jenifer Castaneda volunteered to work on this document with Neil Jacobson.

#### **Planning for Recording IF Training and Orientation**

Irene reported that NeuroNav & Sanford would be doing the recording and editing of the independent facilitator training. We need to coordinate the timing for translating the powerpoint and documents and the recording of the independent facilitator training. It was suggested that a small subcommittee discuss the sections of the training and initial steps for this project. Sheraden Nicholau, Will Sanford, Jenny Zegarra & Jennifer Castaneda volunteered to work on this group, along with Vi Ibarra and Irene Litherland

### **Planning for Next Round of Funding**

Lisa Kleinbub reported that the DDS funding for our committee for the fiscal year 2020-2021 would be \$125K. The committee should start conversations to identify areas where participants need support to transition to the program.

Irene suggested having the coaching started to see how it works and evaluate it. We will also look into the essential barriers identified by the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Irene and Melissa would like to contact other committees in our area (GGRC and SARC) to review ideas and explore possible joint efforts to use these funds. It would be great to create a solid foundation to maintain specialized services in our area.

### **Agenda Item: Discussion of Barrier #1 in Statewide Co-Chairpersons' Report**

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) submitted a report on the barriers to implementing the Self-Determination Program. There are four (4) broad categories identified as significant barriers.

1. Delay in implementation of the SDP.
2. Lack of guidance by DDS to regional centers and consumers, resulting in inconsistent implementation of the SDP across the regional center system.
3. Lack of trainings for regional center's staff, participants and families.
4. Lack of trainings for, and development of person-centered planners, fiscal management services, independent facilitators and service providers.

**Today we discussed the first barrier:** Delay in implementation of the SDP. Here are some comments on the causes identified by attendees:

- The time-line for the transition into the program is not clear for families.
- Monthly check-in with families would help to identify if they require additional support.
- Take into consideration that this program is new for RCEB and families. We are doing it for the first time.
- COVID-19 has impacted it, and some families have decided to postpone the process.
- Person-centered planning capacity and ability have slowed down the process; there aren't enough vendors that provide person-centered planning.
- SDP represents a significant shift in who takes the initiative on every step.
- Families are gradually taking over authority.

Next month we will add a second barrier to our discussion.

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

None

**Agenda Item: Public Comments and Announcements**

Irene shared information about the 2020 Adult Autism & Developmental Disability Conference organized by Autism Society San Francisco Bay Area in partnership with Stanford Medicine. It will be via Zoom on Saturday, November 7, 2020. They will have a session on Self-Determination.

Lisa Kleinbub stated that RCEB has information on its website about upcoming meetings, including:

Performance contract

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Living Options Workshops.

Nicole DeGuzman announced that GT Independence is now offering FMS services under the co-employer model, in addition to bill payer and sole employer models.

**2020 MEETINGS**

DATE	LOCATION
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Zoom</b>