



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 1/4/2021**

**Date:** Monday, December 7, 2020

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

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

**Location of the Next Meeting:** Zoom-no physical meeting location

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Co-Chair Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang, Dianne Millner, Neil Jacobsen, Sandra Coss, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Members Absent:** Pamela Baird

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Will Sanford, Peter Kangas, Nicole De Guzman, Breeanne Burris, Val Vivona, Kim Schreiber, Julissa Ilizaliturri, Melissa Robinson, Ana Odriozola, Katie Ramirez, Jenny Zegarra, Ben Chen, Kishan Sreedhar, Mark Polit, Kavita Sreedhar, Michelle Hernandez.

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

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Vi volunteered to take minutes.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C            "The committee moves to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes as submitted"  
                         [Coss/Millner] Passed unanimously.

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

Irene discussed two recent DDS directives. The first is a clarification of the 2019 directives issued regarding person-centered planning. It says that one can use the PCP funds from DDS/RC (of up to \$2500) for any of the functions of an independent facilitator.

The second directive waives the requirement that FMS fees come out of a client's spending plan for 30 days, starting October 1. There was discussion about the logistics of implementing this,

and the likelihood of it being renewed for additional 30 day periods. The directive can be found at [dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/DDSDirective\\_Waiver-SDPBudgetRestrictions-FMS\\_11192020.pdf](https://dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/DDSDirective_Waiver-SDPBudgetRestrictions-FMS_11192020.pdf)

**Agenda Item: Committee Membership, chairpersons, 2021 Calendar**

The committee continues to recruit to fill two open seats. In order to maintain committee membership which is representative of the community we serve, priority will be given to self-advocates and residents of Contra Costa County. Irene and Melissa have offered to continue in 2021 as Co-Chairpersons. 2021 meeting dates were shared and are listed at the end of this document.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center:** see summary report attached.

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

- a. **Contracts Update:** all contracts have been signed.
- b. **Coaching Update:** The four coaches have been asked to report to the advisory committee monthly the following information- how many selectees they are coaching, how many have transitioned to SD, and what issues/concerns/common problems are they experiencing.
- c. **Resource Materials Subcommittee Update and Discussion of Document:** As Sandra and Sheraden reported last month, decisions have been made as to which resource materials to include and to be translated. Neil also drafted a useful document which lays out some of the benefits and challenges of self-determination as compared to the traditional system. The committee provided input on further edits to be made to that document. Further input can be sent to Neil@Abilicorp.com.
- d. **Recording IF Training Subcommittee Update:** Vi shared that a group of people who were involved with the IF trainings offered in late 2019 and early 2020 met to discuss preparation for presentations to be recorded. The group suggests using the modules as developed previously. They will also reach out to previous presenters as well as IFs who attended the training to find a variety of people to present the sessions to be recorded. We will be looking for the presentation to be made in English, Spanish and Cantonese.
- e. **Selection Committee Update:** no report
- f. **Next Round of Funding:** Melissa and Irene met with the chairpersons for the GGRC and SARC advisory committees. They will meet again in January to discuss ways the committees can work together to create some regional resources for people in self-determination. Their initial ideas are to do a joint survey of SDP participants and to develop a regional SDP help center. A comment was made that addressing our diverse community and the digital divide should be a priority as we plan for this next round of funding.

**Agenda Item: Discussion of Barrier #2 in Statewide Co-Chairperson’s Report**

The Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) found that significant barriers to implementation of the Self-Determination Program fall into four broad categories. The second category, for discussion at this meeting, is “Lack of guidance by the California Department of Developmental Services to regional centers and consumers, resulting in inconsistent implementation of the SDP across the regional center system.” Some suggestions to address this barrier include:

- DDS guidance should be provided in plain language
- DDS guidance should be sent to SD participants directly at the same time it is sent to RC staff.
- Guidance should be mindful of timing/timelines. Sometimes, guidance is retroactive in effective date which makes following the guidance challenging.
- The need to pay in advance for person-centered planning services is an issue for those who are not using an existing vendor.

Further input on this item can be sent to Irene or Melissa.

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

- Discuss what committee meetings might look like when we can return to in-person gathering. (Will we continue to meet virtually? Or explore an option that would allow for a combination of in-person and virtual?)
- Discussion on how we can better involve, or get updates from, SD participants at our monthly meetings.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements**

None

2021 Meetings
January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5
May 3
June 7
July 12
August 2
September 13
October 4
November 1
December 6



## **SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM**

**Total Participants Successfully Transitioned into SDP: 26**

**\*The following information reflects Participants currently actively in progress to complete transition. Currently Active: 145 Participants.**

**\*Orientations:**

- **141/ 145 Participants completed Orientations**
  - **4 remaining-all English Speaking**
    - **1 (adult) Opted for Alt Services in Traditional, has not reported opting out of SDP**
    - **2 (1 child, 1 adult) unsure about SDP**
    - **1(adult) (1:1)**

**\*Person Centered Plan Completed:**

- **6 in November 2020**

**\*Individual Budgets:**

- **3 Drafted in November 2020**
- **108 Drafted total**

**\*Spending Plan Completed:**

- **6 November 2020**

**\*Queued to Transition:**

- **5 Transitioned 12/1/2020**
- **4 slated for 1/1/2021**

**Paused further Progress due to COVID-19**

- **0 Paused in November**
- **12 Paused Total**
- **1 new Non Active**

**Additional Program Updates: SDP COACH Meet and Greet**

- **November 4<sup>th</sup>. SDP COACH Meet and Greet (Cantonese)**
- **November 30<sup>th</sup>. SDP COACH Meet and Greet (Spanish and English)**
- **FAQ available in English and Spanish for those who did not attend Meet and Greet**

\*Orientations are reported accounting only for active Participants. This report does not reflect Orientations completed by Participants who are inactive.

\*Person Centered Plans are reported accounting for Participants who have expressed they wish a Person Centered Plan. This report does not consider active participation in SDP soft roll out as a desire to have a Person Centered Plan completed.

\*Individual Budgets are reported accounting only for active Participants. This report does not include Individual Budgets that were drafted for inactive Participants.

\* Spending Plans are reported accounting for Participants who have Spending Plans completed, submitted, and reviewed by RCEB only. This report does not reflect Spending Plans in progress.

\*Queued to Transition are reported for Participants who have expressed they would like the Transition on the start date indicated .All Participants reported need a) certified Individual Budget, b) completed Spending Plan c) Signed IPP Signature Page and Person Centered IPP report submitted for a complete transition.

\*\*Non-active: Total non-active since initial DDS selection: 54

<p><b>BASED ON TOTAL NON-ACTIVE</b> Lives in ICF, does not want to move – 3 Current services meet needs – 24 Too much work, currently overwhelmed - 15 Didn't sign up/didn't know what SDP is – 5 Transfers out – 9 Deceased- 1</p>
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