



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 3/1/2021

Date: Monday, February 1, 2021

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

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Co-Chair Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Pei Wang, Dianne Millner, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Sandra Coss, Neil Jacobson

Committee Members Absent: Arthur Lipscomb

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo

SCDD Staff Absent: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Will Sanford, Peter Kangas, Breeanne Burris, Katie Ramirez, Kishan Sreedhar, Kavita Sreedhar, Michelle Hernandez, Teresa Genel, Chris Wecks, Suzie Weschler, Kirstin Rodrigues, Yvette Torres, Alan Spence, Mark Polit.

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

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Irene informed that a revised agenda was emailed before the meeting and presented it for review. Lisa volunteered to monitor the chat box and Ronke volunteered to take minutes.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes/Agenda

“The committee moves to approve the February 1, 2021 revised agenda as submitted” [Grimaldi/Coss] Passed unanimously.

“The committee moves to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting as submitted” [Grimaldi/Coss] Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Reports from Co-Chairpersons

Irene reported that there's a lot going on. She counted a total of 13 different meetings since we last met. She and Melissa also met 3 or 4 times to coordinate. The statewide Advisory Meeting is coming up on February 15, 2021. Irene plans to attend and Melissa may attend portions. The agenda is unknown as of now; however, she encouraged attendees to email Melissa or herself for meeting information. Input from the discussion on "barriers" at this meeting will be forwarded to the statewide committee. Melissa informed that the SDLAC is still looking for self-advocates from Contra Costa County to fill current openings. An email went out from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities regarding previous applicants.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center: See summary report attached.

Agenda Item: Discussion of Statewide Report Barriers #3 and #4

Irene presented the Statewide Report from the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) on the Barriers to Implementing the Self-Determination Program and asked for input on barriers #3 and #4. The report also identified recommendations.

Barrier #3: Lack of Trainings for Regional Center Staff, participants and families.

- Irene discussed that the report identifies inconsistencies in orientation and training for participants statewide. Local Advisory groups and regional centers were encouraged to develop their own orientation tailored to their specific areas. This however has resulted in inconsistencies among other things.

- The committee discussed other barriers within our local area including:
 - More training needed for case managers and participants at the same time- It appears there's a lack of knowledge of SDP amongst some case managers. One member has heard that case managers have recommended not participating in SDP because it's too complicated.
 - Inviting participants to attend the local advisory committee meetings- Needs availability of Spanish interpretation.
 - Inviting case managers to trainings that are provided for participants- One guest indicated they provide ongoing training in San Andreas Regional Center's area and service coordinators (case managers) are invited to attend.
 - More trainings for participants- Some regional centers are providing trainings on various aspects of SDP.
 - There have been some fiscal problems with rolling out SDP which need to be addressed.
 - Language barriers- ensuring there's translations in Spanish and other languages.
 - Sheraden Nicholau reported that her office (State Council of Developmental Disabilities) could do "E blasts" for trainings.
 - SDP as a more flexible system compared to the traditional model and requires a shift in thinking.

- RCEB staff mentioned that while it is prudent to focus on trainings, the underlying realities of large caseloads cannot be ignored. SDP requires more time and involvement from case managers that has to be addressed in context of caseloads. Also need streamlined budget process.

Barrier #4: Lack of Trainings for, and Development of Person-Centered Planners, Fiscal Management Services, Independent Facilitators and Service Providers.

- Irene indicated there is a stronger Independent Facilitator network statewide than when the report was issued.
 - Meeting participants discussed the need for vendorization of more Fiscal Management Services and streamlining the process.
 - Members were encouraged to email Irene and Melissa if they had any further suggestions.

Agenda Item: Document on Strengths and Challenges Update: Irene reported that the work group has continued to work on this. The document previously called “Self-Determination Program, Strengths and Challenges” is now titled “Self-determination Program, An Exploration” and is now formatted with four quadrants for strengths, opportunities, considerations and supports.

Agenda Item: Report on 2021 Planning—Survey Workgroup

Sandra reported that Melissa, Irene, Neil and she have met three times to develop a survey. The survey will be organized by transition steps for SDP. Survey Monkey will be utilized and selectees will need to complete it on their phone, laptop or tablet. Mention was made of including coaching questions and the team confirmed this is already included.

Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS

- Contracts Update:** One contract was completed this past month for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting for Independent Facilitator (IF) Training.
- Coaching Update:** Melissa gave the update on coaching. There are currently 10 people receiving coaching of which 4 of those are in Spanish. A couple of concerns were raised about unmet needs in the budget. There was also mention of reviewing the scope of the coaching program for future funding.
- Resource Materials Subcommittee Update:** Irene reported this is complete. The materials have been submitted to NeuroNav for translation.
- Recording IF Training Subcommittee Update:** Sabrina Kappe of NuroNav gave an update. Recording of the IF Training has started. One of 3 IF trainings have been recorded.

- e. **Request for Proposal—Website and Newsletter:** The RFP has been forwarded to RCEB. Once it's finalized it will be posted and sent out.
- f. **Next Round of Funding:** The survey is important to the decision about the next round of funding. That information will inform us about what is working and what needs may exist.

Agenda Item: Update on Transition Process Guideposts Work Group: This group has started discussing the purpose of guideposts and how the different steps are to be defined.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

None

Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements

- A suggestion was made to include selectees that have already transitioned to SDP in the survey, maybe in the last 6 to 12 months.
- An Orientation for selectees is coming up on Friday February 5, 2021. Jenifer will be presenting this via Zoom. All selectees have been invited via email.

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