



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 2/1/2021**

**Date:** Monday, January 4, 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

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**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,  
**Committee Members Absent:** Neil Jacobson, Arthur Lipscomb (Celeste Palmer attended in his absence)

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

**SCDD Staff Absent:** Sheraden Nicholau

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

**Agenda Item: Welcome, Minutes Taker and Chat Monitor, 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 December 7, 2020 minutes as submitted"  
[Millner/Coss] Passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item: 2021 Meeting Calendar**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the 2021 Meeting Calendar as submitted"  
[Ibarra/Coss] Passed unanimously.

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

Irene reported that we will discuss the third and fourth implementation barriers from the statewide advisory committee at our next local advisory committee meeting. That input will

then be brought to the statewide advisory committee meeting later in February. Irene also mentioned that she had sent out a summary of statewide data, listed by Regional Center, regarding numbers of SDP selectees at each stage of implementation as of the end of November.

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

DDS issued a directive to waive FMS fees due to COVID. The waiver expired on December 19. DDS directives are frequently extended for 30 days at a time. We have not yet received notification of an extension of this directive.

There was a rate increase effective 1/1/2021 for Independent Living Services, Early Start Services and Early Start Therapies. There is not yet a process in place for adjusting Self-Determination budgets that included these service codes in their traditional services. Lisa will report back later on the process for this as well as minimum wage adjustments.

**Agenda Item: Revision of Document on Strengths and Challenges:** This item was tabled as the document is still being revised. The co-chairpersons will be meeting with the work group.

**Agenda Item: Report on 2021 Planning**

The committee will work on developing guideposts/markers/timelines for steps of transition to Self-Determination. This could be used to signal case managers, supervisors and selectees that additional assistance is needed to help an individual move forward in the transition process. Irene asked for volunteers who may be interested in working on this. Jenifer, Peter, Kishan, and Kavita all volunteered.

Other projects the committee discussed include:

- Surveying selectees who have not yet transitioned
- Promoting SDP@RCEB.org as a resource
- Clarifying terminology to make it more understandable and consistent
- Reissuing the RFP for development of a website and newsletter per funding approved last year.
- Plan for another meet and greet which Melissa offered to facilitate in March
- Schedule more time on the agenda, possibly quarterly, to hear more from selectees regarding implementation

Sandra Coss volunteered to participate in the work group developing a survey of SDP selectees to inform our decisions regarding the use of funds.

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

- a. **Contracts Update:** All contracts are in place for the contractors already selected for the first year of funding.

- b. **Coaching Update:** Coaches are submitting updates to the co-chairpersons at the end of the month. They also report on services provided when they submit their invoices to RCEB mid-month. As of today, eleven selectees are receiving coaching and one other is pending. The committee repeated its request that RCEB notify selectees about the availability of coaching.
- c. **Resource Materials Subcommittee Update:** This appears to be complete. Sandra will follow up with Sheraden to see if there are any outstanding items.
- d. **Recording IF Training Subcommittee Update:** Vi shared that we are recruiting for presenters. She will send the information to the advisory committee to see if anyone else is interested in presenting any of the segments. Recording is targeted to start the week of Jan 25.
- e. **Selection Committee Update:** We will reissue the RFP for the two projects that were not yet selected: quarterly electronic newsletter and development of a website
- f. **Next Round of Funding:** The local advisory committee will vote on the various options at the March meeting. We hope to put out the RFP in April and have selections made in May.

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

- Review document on Strengths and Challenges
- Discussion of Barriers to Implementation

**Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements**

None

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