



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 4/4/2022

**Date:** Monday, March 7, 2022

**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, Dianne Millner, Neil Jacobson, Sandra Coss, Pei Wang

**Committee Members Absent:** Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Jocelyn Manalac

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** None

**Guests:** Will Sanford, Martha Knobler, Karl Knobler, Nina Spiegelman, Veronica Poon, Erika Gonzales, Helen Reese, Sabrina Kappe Ramos, Christine Kantor, Jessica Walters, Lucy Navarro, Paula Senigar, Mark Polit, Kishan Sreedhar, Kavita Sreedhar, Paulina Del Toro, Sophia Agafonow, Helen Reese

**Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions**

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Kavita monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the February 7, 2022 minutes as submitted" [Coss/Lipscomb]  
Minutes passed unanimously

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

Melissa shared highlights from the statewide Self Determination meeting on February 15. She noted that the new co-Chair, Harold Fujita, was introduced. Another co-Chair will be elected at the next meeting. DDS will fund the statewide meeting, eliminating the need for committee funding. There was also an update from Katie Hornberger regarding a permanent ombudsperson. Applications are under review. DDS has contracted with the SCDD to provide orientations. An outline was proposed during this meeting, which DDS is reviewing. Each committee was asked to present 3-5 goals or priorities to focus on. Melissa recommended covering gaps in FMS, better communication between RC and families, and more resources in plain language.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

As of the end of February, Jenifer stated there were a total of 69 transitions into SDP. She gave an update on March orientation dates; next orientation dates are March 7 and March 14. Over 500 people have been oriented into SDP since its roll-out. She also shared information on the new FMS, Ritz Vocational Management. There was discussion of FMS waitlist time length. Ronke noted meeting with DDS to discuss challenges that FMSs face. Jenifer stated it is

usually 6 weeks (from orientation to POS). Neil mentioned using Yelp to rate FMS, Independent Facilitators and coaches.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS – Year 1**

**Small Group Workshops:** Irene noted that some of unused the Year 1 allocation for coaching was used for Small Group Workshops. Kishan shared there have been 21 workshops to date, with 50 attendees. Most mentioned that orientation was overwhelming. Kavita inquired how RCEB clients are informed of SDP. The information regarding SDP can be found on the IPP. RCEB is also working on a brochure.

**Collaborative SDP Website:** Neil mentioned that the website committee met and sent out an RFP, with a deadline of March 18, for a contract at month's end.

**Independent Facilitator Training Recording:** Sam stated that the recordings of the IF Training in English, Spanish and Simplified Chinese are posted. Vietnamese translation of the recording is upcoming.

**Person-Centered Plan Facilitation Training:** Sam shared that surveys have been completed by individuals who participated in the training. He has drafted a summary of facilitators who are able to provide services. List for distribution upcoming.

**Newsletter:** Sam elaborated on the newsletter, which will feature interviews from those in the SDP.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS – Year 2**

**Post Transition Support Groups:** The service agreements for Post-Transition Support Groups are being negotiated between the Care Parent Network and Regional Center.

**Advanced Independent Facilitator Training or Mentorship:** Applications for the Advanced Independent Facilitator Training or Mentorship program were received and are under review.

**Short-Term Coaching:** Applications were received and are currently under review.

#### **Agenda Item: Funds from DDS – Year 3**

Funds for Year 3 will be directed to the recruitment of Independent Facilitators, support coaching and spending plan development. Neil suggested working with community colleges to recruit and teach coaches, independent facilitators and person-centered planners. We will do a survey of the people who have been oriented since the roll-out in July 2022, using the format from last year with some updates.

#### **Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements**

No comments recorded.

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

No additional input recorded.

<b>2022 Meetings</b>
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11
August 1
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5