



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Approved 7/11/2022**

**Date:** Monday, June 6, 2022

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

**Location of This Meeting:** Regional Center of the East Bay, 500 Davis St., San Leandro, Zoom

**Location of the Next Meeting:** Regional Center of the East Bay, 500 Davis St., San Leandro, Zoom

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Arthur Lipscomb, Dianne Millner, Neil Jacobson, Pei Wang, Pamela Baird, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Members Absent:** Vi Ibarra, Sandra Coss

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

**RCEB Staff Present:** Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Alisha Erskine

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Will Sanford, Veronica Poon, Melissa Robinson, Christine Kantor, Paula Senigar, Mark Polit, Helen Reese, Peter Kangas, Wandra Boyd, Diana Orozco, Connie Chen, Anne Chen, Kim Schreiber, Lorena Gomez, Rekha Katte, Raghu Rao, Sharon Bacon, Sherry White, Siddhartha Banerjee, Terrasel Jones, Todd S., Sonia Morales, Vivian Wong.

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

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Irene stated the purpose of the committee. Pamela monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes. Interpreters were Diana for Spanish and Connie for Cantonese translation.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the April 4, 2022 minutes as submitted" [Millner/Wang] Minutes passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson**

Irene noted this is her first meeting as the sole Chairperson since Melissa stepped down as Co-Chair at the end of April. Melissa collaborated on various items throughout April. The Statewide Self-determination Advisory Committee will meet later this month and Irene will attend.

**Agenda Item: Discussion of Meeting Locations**

There was discussion of the meeting location going forward. Sheraden highlighted the Bagley Keene Act which stipulates meetings be held at a publicly disclosed public location. Due to the pandemic, Bagley Keene in-person

meeting requirements were suspended and meetings were allowed to be held solely remotely. The law's requirements for public in-person meetings have been reinstated. However, committee members can seek an ADA exemption from the public in-person meeting mandate. AB 1733 is underway to allow meetings to return to a virtual or hybrid format. Until then, the location of the SDLAC meetings will be at the San Leandro RCEB office with remote access available to guests.

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

As of June 1, Alisha stated there are 93 transitions into SDP. She announced SDP orientations on June 9 and June 17 for Spanish; June 10 and 16 for English. There was discussion about difficulties acquiring information about SDP. Some case managers are unaware of how to register individuals for the orientations. Additional questions raised were about having written guidelines for families transitioning into years 2 and 3. Ronke stated guidelines are already in process. She also mentioned that they are working to resolve difficulties in obtaining FMS expense reports, as well as that some FMS agencies are at capacity and have a waitlist for services.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS – Years 1 & 2**

**Collaborative SDP Website:** Dianne mentioned the website committee meets every 2 weeks with a targeted website launch date of June 30.

**Newsletter:** Sam elaborated on the newsletter. Final edits are underway with reviewing pending. Arrangements for translation are being made.

**Post Transition Support Groups:** RCEB has notified self-determination participants of the Post-Transition support groups being organized by the Care Parent Network.

**Short-Term Coaching:** Christine Kantor and Helen Reese of Positive & Possible and the organization Pragnya are both offering short-term coaching services. Notices of the availability were sent out to consumers and family members who had attended orientation since July 2021.

**Advanced Independent Facilitator Training or Mentorship:** Work to develop a program to provide Advanced Independent Facilitator Training or Mentorship is ongoing.

#### **Agenda Item: Participant Survey and Planning for Next Year of DDS Funding**

The survey was sent to over 400 individuals and families currently in SDP, with 37 responses collected. Melissa reported some of the key points from the findings: SDP is too complicated with too much red tape; case managers need more training; some consumers are facing difficulties in getting budgets from case managers; FMS's have long waitlists; there are not enough bilingual staff – they do not communicate well; people cannot find service providers; service providers do not understand SDP. Irene also mentioned key results from a study done by USC on the advantages and disadvantages of self-determination, and challenges and strategies experienced or perceived by families of diverse backgrounds. USC worked in partnership with three community-based organizations to conduct 19 focus groups, with some in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Amharic.

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

There was discussion of exploring the development of project management systems for SDP and other automation services. Neil posed what would it take to get IT departments involved, and how to get a contract to do so. Additional comments included a mechanism to track the status of individual cases.

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

In July, Ronke will be giving a presentation on the process of a SDP participant transitioning from year 1 to year 2. In August, RCEB will present information about the IT requirements of RCEB and DDS (Department of Developmental Services) relevant to project management of the self-determination program.

<b>2022 Meetings</b>
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July 11
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August 1
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September 12
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October 3
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November 7
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December 5
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