



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 12/5/2022

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022A

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: Chair Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Dianne Millner, Jocelyn Manalac, Arthur Lipscomb, Sandra Coss, Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Pei Wang

Committee Members Absent: Neil Jacobson

Committee Administrative Assistant: Sam Coston

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meninger, Alisha Erskine

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, Paula Senigar, Anita Ng, Ivy Flores, Sonia Morales, Kavita Sreedhar, Kishan Sreedhar, Lorena G., Mariana Guerrero, Mike Hu, Muyan Hu, O. Ana, Maxine Paula Milam, Melanie Gonzales, Will Sanford, Wandra Boyd, Swathi, Marian Terry, Giovanna Wormsbecker, Gloria (Mariana) Chagoya.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions

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

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes as submitted" [Ibarra/Coss]. Minutes passed.

Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson

Irene reported that no new date for the statewide self-determination meeting has been set. Sandra announced that this is her last self-determination local advisory committee meeting. She is moving on to a position with DDS. Committee members and guests thanked Sandra for all her contributions.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Alisha stated there are 131 participants in SDP. Orientations are being held by RCEB twice a month in English and twice a month in Spanish. FMS agencies are near capacity and are being selective about the amount of budget that one has. Many individuals are on a waiting list. State Council is working to include more languages to reach more families and individuals who might be underserved. There was discussion about the FMS agencies and the challenges faced, such as language, when working with individuals from various communities. Other attendees brought up additional issues that are delaying transition into the program.

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

Bay Area Collaborative Website: Work on the website continues. Update coming soon. Launch will be soon.

Newsletter: Sam reported that the work on a new newsletter is ongoing.

Post Transition Support Groups: No new report. The Post-Transition Support Groups continue to meet.

Short-Term Coaching: Updates were given from Positive & Possible and Pragnya. Positive & Possible provided Mandarin translations. Helen presented a list of issues that the attendees raised. There haven't been any new sign-ups since August. Pragnya highlighted that they offer small group sessions once per month, Q&A sessions twice per month, as well as one on one coaching sessions. Kavita also brought attention to issues that individuals encounter.

Agenda Item: Discussion of Barriers and How to Respond with Committee's DDS Funding

There was further discussion of the FMS, language, and cultural barriers. No funding decisions were made.

Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements

There was continued discussion about the FMS agencies and the language barriers faced. Concern was raised about issues and delays. It was reported that some FMS agencies are turning away individuals with large budget totals.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

Morena mentioned inviting an FMS rep to attend an SDLAC meeting for discussion on how they work and collaboration opportunities. Lindsay will be meeting with the FMS agencies in December. She will give a report on her findings at the January meeting.

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