



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 5.1.2023

Date: Monday, April 3, 2023

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:45 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, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang, Morena Grimaldi

Committee Members Absent: Neil Jacobson, Pamela Baird, Jocelyn Manalac

Committee Administrative Assistant: Sam Coston

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Menger, Janice Jung

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Peter Kangas, Carola Camacho Maranon, Sophia Agafonow, Huyen Tran, Sharon B., Galacia Frisby, Huyen Tran, Macair, Madhu Ahuja, Julissa I., Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, Mark Polit, Anne Chen, Marisol, Mariana ChG, Meena Tadimeti, David Roth, Giovanna Wormsbecker, Ya Nan Chou

Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Vi monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Giovanna Wormsbecker and Mandarin by Ya Nan Chou.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from February 6 & March 6, 2023

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes with the following changes: to the addition of Morena Grimaldi to the Attendees section; Update from RCEB section changed from "budget threshold" to "budget maximum."

The committee moves to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes with the following addition to the Attendees section: Morena Grimaldi."

Minutes passed as amended [Ibarra/Millner].

Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson

Irene reported on a few meetings attended, including a panel of SDLAC chairpersons hosted by Disability Voices United. Additionally, Irene expressed that she would like to step down as Chairperson. Recruitment efforts are underway for new members to join this committee, with an emphasis on individuals from Contra Costa County and Latinex communities.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Janice provided an update on SDP enrollments. 12 individuals were enrolled in March, with 7 in April. There are 70 individuals in year two, 24 are in year three. Orientations are held every Thursday. Lisa reported that the meeting with DDS, in which she would raise our concerns regarding FMS, has yet to occur. Demographical breakdown of SDP participants was provided. Concerns were raised over getting assistance with SDP from case managers as well as FMS providers not making payments in a timely manner.

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

SDP Brochure: Sam reported that the brochure is complete. Furthermore, it has been translated in Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese. It is ready to be printed. Distribution of the brochure to all RCEB consumers was discussed.

Bay Area Collaborative Website: Dianne reported that members of the website committee met with David Grady to look at the website. Launch coming soon. The chairs of the 3 advisory committees have asked Sheraden to facilitate two focus groups that will review the website. Dianne also reported attending a demonstration for LearnX, a possible add-on that hasn't yet been funded. She also reported that there will be a Spanish language version of the website in the future.

Short-Term Coaching: Irene reported that short-term coaching has ended.

Post Transition Support Groups: Vi read a report from Care Parent Network. Post-Transition Support Groups have met monthly. Attendance has waned from the time of initial meetings. Most of the discussion has centered around frustration with FMS providers (communication and the process of changing providers) and frustration with getting a spending plan for a subsequent year approved by RCEB. They recommend that we promote other resources for families and discontinue the post-transition support groups.

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

Agenda Item: Next Round of DDS Funds

Irene shared a listing of possible goals for Year 3 funds based on discussions over the past meetings. These include easing transition into SDP, increasing independent facilitator capacity, informing RCEB consumers about SDP, support groups for those in SDP, the Bay Area website, and interpretation and translation. Committee members will each take one goal and come up with potential projects and funding amounts for the next meeting. Members of the public were invited to give input by emailing sdadvisoryeastbay@gmail.com.

Agenda Item: Public Comment on Items Not in Agenda; Announcements

Additional comments were made about SDP process, including getting assistance when a problem arises with the length of time to go through the transition steps and receive signed documents. In response, Lindsay clarified that the SDP specialist signs off on the spending plan to confirm that it was completed correctly but doesn't actually approve it. If there is a delay with the signing, she suggested contacting the supervisor. Ronke added that they are trying to provide more information about the process instead of only referring issues to supervisors.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

Further discussion and decisions regarding year 3 funding from DDS.



SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM

Total Participants Successfully Enrolled into SDP: 176

*Enrollments:

- MARCH 2023 ENROLLMENTS : 12
- APRIL 2023 TO DATE: 7
- SUBSEQUENT YEARS TO DATE: 94
 - YEAR 2 : 70
 - YEAR 3: 24
 - YEAR 4:
- UNENROLLMENTS: 0

*Orientations:

- RCEB:
 - RCEB will hosting Orientations EVERY THURSDAY (alternating Spanish/English)
 - Monthly Schedule:
 - 1st Thursday- English, 9:00am-12:00pm
 - 3rd Thursday- English 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - 2nd Thursday- Spanish, 9:00am-12:00pm
 - 4th Thursday- Spanish 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - If there is a specific language need, the Participant should contact their Case Manager with advanced notice so interpretation may be arranged.
- Statewide:
 - English, Spanish, Vietnamese
 - <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation>
- RCEB Spanish Language Orientations attendance is inconsistent and low
 - RCEB will be conducting Spanish language Staff Training
 - RCEB evaluating strategies and support for Staff and Consumers to increase attendance
- Orientation Handouts
 - 2 days before Orientation – 1 page document will be sent to registered participants
 - Orientation Summary will be sent to participants who have completed RCEB hosted SDP Orientation

*Point of Discussion

- Jenifer, SDP Specialist, presented at Alameda County Transition Fair on 3/25. Community requested informational meetings about SDP as they would like general information about SDP prior to committing to SDP Orientation. RCEB recommends SDLAC funding in this area. There were about 65 attendees with various knowledge about SDP process.
- RCEB feedback about SDP brochure

2023 Meetings

May 1

June 5

July 10

August 7

September 11

October 2

November 6

December 4
