



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 7/10/2023

**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Pamela Baird

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Ann Pringle, Christine Kantor, Helen Reese, James Ford, Jefferey Wallace, Lilian Piruzan Ansari, Lorena G, Meggy, Norma Gonzalez, O. Ana, Mark Polit, Paula Senigar, Wandra Boyd, Will Sanford, Xinyuan Guo, Yanin Solis, Zachery Wheeler, Frida Blum, 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 Frida Blum and Mandarin by Ya Nan Chou.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from May 1, 2023**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes as submitted."  
Minutes passed unanimously. [Ibarra/Millner].

**Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson**

Irene mentioned the passing of Committee member Neil Jacobson. She noted what a strong force he had been for disability rights over many decades and admired his determination. Others shared their thoughts of Neil, highlighting his efforts as a great team member and partner, always seeking out the best practices and challenging the way things were done. His positivity was infectious and he'd encourage others to "go, go, go!!!"

Vi will represent the committee at the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting on June 14.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Jenifer provided an update on SDP enrollments. 7 individuals were enrolled in May, with 10 in June. 193 total participants enrolled in SDP. There were updates and discussion on numerous issues, including reinstatement of family cost participation rates, pre-enrollment supports directive, spending plan revisions and new FMS rates. The committee's brochure in English is being distributed and copies in other languages are being printed.

## Agenda Item: Next Round of DDS Funds – Discussion and Approval of Project Funding

Project work groups for three of the committee’s goals presented their project proposals and suggested funding amounts as follows:

**A. Goal: Increase capacity of Independent Facilitators assisting consumers and families from RCEB, especially those from Latino and African-American communities**

- Project #1: Track Your SDP Pizza: Investigate possible development of an online project management communication platform to communicate between participant/family, regional center, FMS and IF regarding progress in SDP collaborative steps. Contractor will outline steps and funding needed for purchase or development of software. Amount \$5,000
- Project #2: Organize and promote presentations by FMS agencies and RCEB for already trained IF's in English and in Spanish. Focus on procedures used and segregation of duties between RCEB and FMS. Amount \$5,000
- Project #3: Update our Independent Facilitator recorded training and promote it online and through community-based organizations. Amount \$15,000

**B. Goal: Inform more RCEB consumers of the option of SDP, especially consumers and families from Latino and African-American communities**

- Project #1: Consult with ethnic-specific consultants and media outlets. Depending on results, arrange focus groups. Determine feasibility of paying modest stipends to grassroots advocates to do outreach. Amount \$30,000
- Project #2: Disseminate SDP info at events targeted to Black and Latino families/individuals. Amount \$3,000
- Project #3: Follow up to determine whether the two projects increased Black and Latino participation. Amount \$2,000

**C. Goal: Increase support for SDP participants as they go through their first year and transition into subsequent years**

- Project #1: Create five or more RCEB-specific information sheets in English and Spanish to be used by participants, family members, IFs, and RCEB staff to support understanding of various components of Self-Determination. Amount \$5,000
- Project #2: Design, host and execute at least 4 different virtual seminars with professionals presenting topics of interest to post-transition SDP participants and families. May also be made available to IF's, RCEB staff and other interested professionals. Simultaneous interpretation funding also needed. Amount \$10,000

M/S/C “The committee moves to approve funding of \$115,000 for the proposed and ongoing projects as follows:

Projects to increase capacity of Independent Facilitators (per Goal A above)	\$25,000
Projects to inform more RCEB consumers of the option of SDP (per Goal B above)	\$35,000
Projects to increase support for SDP participants	

(per Goal C above)	\$15,000
Support and expand Bay Area SDP website	\$10,000
Interpretation and written translation	\$10,000
IT subscription costs for committee and RCEB	\$5,000
Administrative Assistant to committee	<u>\$15,000</u>
 TOTAL	 \$115,000.”

Funding of \$115,000 approved per proposed amounts. [Ibarra/Wang].

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

No public comments recorded.

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

Further discussion and decisions funding from DDS.

2023 Meetings
July 10
August 7
September 11
October 2
November 6
December 4



UPDATES FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2023

**SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM**

**Total Participants Successfully Enrolled into SDP: 193**

### \*Enrollments:

- **MAY 2023 ENROLLMENTS : 7**
- **JUNE 2023 TO DATE: 10**
- **SUBSEQUENT YEARS TO DATE: 106**
  - **YEAR 2 : 87**
  - **YEAR 3: 26**
  - **YEAR 4: 2**
- **UNENROLLMENTS: 0**

### \*Orientations:

- RCEB:
  - RCEB hosting Orientations EVERY THURSDAY (alternating Spanish/English)
  - 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>

### \*Topic of Discussion

- **GT Independence** – changed FMS Employer Burden Rate, now 24%, as of July 1, 2023. Any spending plans in review are being denied processing by the FMS if they do not include new rate
- **Family Cost Participation Program (FCPP)**- to be reinstated July 1,2023. RCEB calculating Individual Budgets for SDP without FCPP at this time, expecting provision of guidance, at which time Individual Budgets will be adjusted to align with DDS Directives

#### **Family Cost Participation Program - CA Department of Developmental Services**

- **FMS Rate Increase Directive 4/26/2023**- RCEB SDP Participants using 7 FMS. 4 FMS have provided new rates, and POS have been written. 3 FMS left (GT Independence, Aveanna, FACT Family) to receive a list from so POS can be written. Services not expected to be impacted.
- **Pre-Enrollment Supports**- DDS Directive provides this begins 7/1/2023. Vendor packets have begun to be sent to Independent Facilitators on IF list, if you are interested in receiving, email [jcastaneda@rceb.org](mailto:jcastaneda@rceb.org) with the subject **"Pre-Enrollment Supports"**

#### **PRE-ENROLLMENT SUPPORTS:**

024 Initial Person Centered Planning- up to \$1,000

099 Self Directed Supports- up to 40 hours to be used between General Self-Directed (General SD) Supports and Financial Management Services Self-Directed (FMS SD) Supports

- **SDP Revisions at RCEB (6/30/2023)**
  - Require New Spending Plan, capturing the amount that has been spent to date and planning for balance of remaining funds. Depending on FMS, they may ask to complete their own template in addition.
  - Require most current FMS Monthly Report (if the request is to change the dollar amount from the original spending, or to add/eliminate service code)
  - RCEB completes Revision Worksheet to outline original spending plan, and new spending plan amounts.
  - Revisions processed Tues,Weds,Thurs to maintain compliance with DDS Directive 1/20/2023 to pay FMS on a weekly basis and notifying within three business days of the planning team finalizing any change in a participant's spending plan.
- Brochures
  - English in circulation already