



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Date:** Monday, October 2, 2023

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:35pm

**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:** Irene Litherland, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Lilian Ansari, Arthur Lipscomb, Pamela Baird, Lorena Gomez, Dianne Millner, Jocelyn Manalac, Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Members Absent:** Pei Wang

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Anna Ordonez, Julissa I., Christine Kantor, Jefferey Wallace, Monica Shaw, Paula Senigar, Peter Kangas, Virginia Horn, Will Sanford, Sophia Agafonow, J. L., Chris, Giovanna Wormsbecker, Ya-Nan

**Agenda Item: Welcome, Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Vi welcomed committee members and guests. Roll call of committee members was taken. Lillian monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes. Lilian monitored the chat. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Giovanna Wormsbecker and Mandarin by Ya Nan.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from September 11, 2023**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the July 10, and August 2023 minutes as corrected. Arthur abstained. Minutes passed as corrected with two additional abstentions. [Litherland/Ansari].

**Agenda Item: Update on Committee Leadership Transition and Member Roles**

Vi elaborated on the roles to be undertaken by committee members without an official Chair. Vi is the meeting facilitator; Melissa is the records manager; Vi and Lilian will partner in being the statewide representatives; Arthur is the membership lead; Irene and Dianne will serve as the

regional liaisons. Lilian will be the chat monitor. Vi gave an update on the statewide Self-Determination meeting. There are openings to join the statewide meetings, for committee members who are interested. Current work includes the examining disparities and thinking of ways to make SDP accessible for all. There was a discussion of data collection, where each advisory committee answers questions pertaining to the SDP. Meetings hosted by Disability Voices United are held monthly and discuss a variety of topics. Those interested are encouraged to attend.

**Agenda Item: Public Comments on Successes and Concerns with SDP**

There was discussion asking how one becomes a certified Independent Facilitator. There was some difficulty in finding links, and the process involved overall. State Council, North Bay Regional Center, as well as RCEB has trainings to help those interested become IFs. A parent commented that Lindsay has been a great support while her son is transitioning into SDP. Wandra noted how much assistance she has received from other individuals going through the SDP process. It's a much easier experience as opposed to a year ago. Concern was expressed about getting Case Manager attention through a supervisor. One parent has spoken to three supervisors and still has not been in contact with a Case Manager. Ronke offered to be in touch to help resolve the issue.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Jenifer gave an update on SDP enrollments. There have been 225 participants successfully enrolled into SDP. 11 have been enrolled for September, with 13 enrollments for October. 166 participants are in subsequent years – 119 in year 2; 40 in year 3 and 7 in year 4. There was one unenrollment, year to date there have been 5. Orientations are held by RCEB once per month, in English and Spanish. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities also offers orientations, with variation in dates and languages. Jenifer provided an update with the FMS agencies. Mainsl will offer new enrollments in 2024, only sole employer and bill payer models. Aveanna will be opening for new enrollments in 2024 also, waitlist included. GTI has varying deadlines for provider enrollments for onboarding of spending plan providers, timeframe can be up to 40 days ahead of target enrollment. SDP brochures continue to be in circulation. An additional language of Tagalog is being translated. SDP fun facts were also shared. There are now 3 SDP specialists. Will suggested tracking the number of people served per FMS to be included in the RCEB monthly report. Jocelyn questioned if there's a way to know if an FMS is running properly. Lindsay and Lisa commented that there is ongoing work to ensure that there is more clarity into the FMS functioning. Jenifer gave an update on requirements of an independent facilitator beginning in 2024, a directive of DDS. Vi asked if a participant can go through the SDP process without an IF. Jenifer relayed that it is not requirement of RCEB. Additionally, Vi asked if RCEB could give a presentation at next month's meeting illustrating what transitioning to subsequent years in SDP looks like.

**Agenda Item: Update on Projects for Year 3 Funding**

Vi gave an update on RFPs currently under review. Project D: promoting SDP to underserved communities; Project E: SDP information sheets and Project E: Post-Transition Webinars. There were questions about possible short-term projects. Some ideas include providing information

sheets and resources for training for IFs; will highlighted NeuroNav which did provide certification at the end of the training. Sheraden noted that most of the calls to her office revolve around spending plans, FMS and transitioning from year to year. She suggested hiring a graphic designer to make a flowchart or decision tree (or updating Guideposts to SDP) that would cover those key topic areas, making it accessible for all. Another idea was using funds to help individuals and families transition to different FMS agencies.

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

No comments recorded.

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

A possible presentation from RCEB detailing the process when transitioning between years in SDP.

**2023 Meetings: November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>**



UPDATES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

**SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM**

**Total Participants Successfully Enrolled into SDP: 246**

**\*Enrollments:**

- OCTOBER 2023 13
- NOVEMBER 2023 :17

**\*Orientations:**

- Orientations at RCEB per month, in Spanish and English.
- Statewide:
  - English, Spanish, Vietnamese
  - <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation>

**\*Topic of Discussion**

**Enrollments to date by FMS**

**Aveanna: 53**

**Mainsl: 48**

**Cambrian: 41**

**Essential Pay: 14**

**GT Independence: 69**

**Ritz: 17**

**Other FMS being used (less than 10): FMS Pay, FACT Financial. Acumen**

**FMS Changes to date: 14**