



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 2/5/2024

**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2024

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:28 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:** Irene Litherland, Lilian Piruzan Ansari, Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Vi Ibarra, Dianne Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Pei Wang, Jocelyn Manalac, Pamela Baird, Lorena Gomez

**Committee Members Absent:** Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Sam Coston

**RCEB Staff Present:** Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meningen

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Anne Chen, Jefferey Wallace, Chris Aguire, Consuelo Resendiz, Paula Senigar, Diego Olmedo, Will Sanford, Christine Kantor, Joyce Butz, Kim Sinclair, Lizbeth, Mark Polit, Rhiannon Morsch, Rosie Lasca, Sherry White, Uriel Ascanio, Giovanna Wormsbecker

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

Vi welcomed committee members and guests. Roll call of committee members was taken. Sam recorded the minutes. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Giovanna Wormsbecker. Vi announced that this will be Melissa's final meeting as a member of the committee. Members and guests thanked Melissa for her exemplary work on behalf of the committee.

**Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from December 4, 2023**

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes as submitted." Minutes passed unanimously. [Ansari/Litherland].

**Agenda Item: Recognition of Our 100<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Vi acknowledged the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SDLAC. She mentioned the initial meeting had occurred in June 2015. Current committee members Pamela, Vi, Irene, Arthur, Morena, and Dianne attended the meeting, along with the Executive Director at RCEB, Jim Burton, Will Sanford, staff from the State Council and others who provided invaluable input over the years. Also acknowledged were past committee members. In the early days, the Statewide Advisory Committee provided a guidepost as to what was occurring with self-determination. Ronke mentioned the participants at RCEB who were part of the pilot program. Overall, expressions were made as to how far SDP has come, thanks to the guidance of DDS and contributions from the committee and participants at large.

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

Kim Sinclair from Autism Society LA shared that they have an advanced Independent Facilitator training for those interested in participating. Available languages are English, Spanish and Korean. Will highlighted that one of the challenges with 099 is the authorization process concerning Independent Facilitators. Pei questioned the SDP renewal process, relating to the IPP, because meeting multiple times throughout the SDP process seems repetitive. Lindsay stated that the need for that is not knowing what the spending plan is during the first meeting, which requires discussion. Once the spending plan is submitted, discussion occurs as to what the plan might consist of. There are ways to streamline communication, like through email, for example, if new needs are not identified. As one of the individuals who helped shape the legislative language of SDP, Mark expressed hopes of more people signing up for the program initially. Those that are enrolled have benefitted greatly, due in part to the committee and RCEB leadership, who have aided in guiding individuals through some troubled spots.

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

Lindsay provided an update on SDP enrollments. 268 participants have been successfully enrolled in SDP. During the implementation of SDP, specifically 2020-2022, there were 115 initial enrollments. As of January 8, 2024, 17 participants enrolled in SDP. There were 138 participants in year 2, 55 in year 3, and 12 in year 4. Statewide orientations are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Lindsay also addressed which FMS agencies participants are using. Aveanna has 54 participants; Mainsl has 59; Cambrian has 44; Essential Pay has 14; Ritz has 18; GT Independence has 77 participants. Other FMS agencies used but have less than 10 participants include: FMS Pay, FACT Financial, and Acumen. There have been 14 FMS changes to date. Lindsay highlighted the DDS directives pertaining to FMS transition supports. An FMS can have a POS written for a three-month period of work for work associated with accepting a case, including initial transferred cases and midyear cases, and then be paid at a corresponding rate for the spending plan creation. In addition, there is a DDS directive (Dec2023) concerning FMS and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports. General enrollment supports are to help someone with pre-enrollment activities and can be billed up to 40 hours. Also available is \$1,000 for person-centered planning. Kim questioned what the breakdown is for ethnicity or language in the number of participants enrolled in SDP.

Vi followed up on the frequency of assessments for ABA. Lisa highlighted that this is where individuals are assessed for behavioral services every six months. She noted that the focus is creating a one-year budget for SDP. There will be two community meetings on behalf of DDS, held on January 16 & 20.

Also addressed was the difficulty that some have when navigating the RECB website, pertaining to SDP. Lindsay is in communication with the website designer to ensure that access is seamless for all. Additionally, Lisa questioned the status of the Bay Area SDP website. Irene and Dianne are part of the website committee and continue to meet with the other Regional Centers' advisory committees. Lisa identified that alternative methods are being discussed to meet varying needs one might have when visiting the website. Pei suggested incorporating AI as a part of the alternative method. Translation to various languages would allow it to be accessible to broader populations.

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

Dianne provided an update on Project D - promoting SDP to underserved communities, particularly African American and Latinx communities. Dianne, along with the project committee, met with two applicants and provided them with guidelines that they would like to see implemented, like self-advocates, for example. There are two projects: African Americans in Contra Costa County and the Latinx community in Alameda County. Project F is post-transition webinars, which has been contracted to NeuroNav. Four presentations will be given in February and March (two in English; two in Spanish).

### **Agenda Item: Plan for Next Fiscal Year Funding**

Vi mentioned some of the projects done previously through the committee. There have been discussions about how funds might be allocated through 2026 within SDP. Currently there are projects on the docket to be completed by March 2024, like the SDP information sheets and the in-depth Independent Facilitator training.

**Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items**

Dianne would like to discuss the outcome of the projects highlighted at future meetings. Also discussed was the possibility of bringing a panel before the committee to discuss how to address finding good staff.

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

Comments were expressed about the availability of FMS agencies. They appear to be taking on more participants and there are more options.

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

Further discussion of SDP projects.

<b>2024 Meetings</b>
February 5
March 4
April 8
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 9
October 7
November 6
December 4