



## SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approved 9/9/2024

**Date:** Monday, May 6, 2024

**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:** Irene Litherland, Vi Ibarra, Dianne Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Jocelyn Manalac, Pamela Baird, Lorena Gomez, Pei Wang, Morena Grimaldi

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Committee Administrative Assistant:**

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

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**Guests:** Gledy, Alicia, Ana Ordonez, Angela Gattis, Angelica Orellana, Ara López, Araceli Luu, Carina, Celia Ramos, Chris Aguire - DDS, Delia, Diana V., Elena Angulo, Iris Calles, Jefferey Wallace, Christine Kantor, Karen Nance, Karina Monje, Letty, Lindsay Pinell, Lisa, Lizbeth, Ma. Reyna Najera, C Maria Teresa Franco Kearns, Mariana ChG, MayraRose Gutierrez, Norma Gonzalez, Paula S., Sonia Morales, Virginia Hom, Will Sanford, Frida Blum

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

Ronke welcomed committee members and guests. Roll call of committee members was taken. Sam recorded the minutes. Vi monitored the chat. The meeting was interpreted into Spanish by Yelka Vargas.

### **Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes from April 2024**

Minutes will be reviewed at a later date.

### **Agenda Item: Committee Roles**

Ronke addressed committee roles. Currently there's a need for a meeting facilitator. Committee members discussed ways to share roles and responsibilities, including meeting facilitation. A potential solution is to have members cofacilitate with two people volunteering to try it out. Committee members discuss ways to share responsibilities and support each other. Discussion was had as to whether or not it would be best to have two people from the committee facilitate the meeting. Irene highlighted that a two-person system works best because you are able to bounce ideas off of one another and gather varying ideas and viewpoints. Ronke opened up the floor to see who might be interested in facilitating the meetings going forward. Pamela volunteered to facilitate the meeting for June, with Jocelyn alternating for July.

**Agenda Item: Membership & Recruitment**

Sheraden reviewed the current membership as well as recruitment efforts going forward. The committee has 9 voting members, including 4 appointed by RCEB, 4 appointed by the State Council of Developmental Disabilities and 1 Office of Clients Rights representative.

The committee needs to recruit new members, specifically self-advocates with experience in self-determination, and a new family resource center representative. Vi encouraged applicants to attend meetings as members of the public to get experience with the committee functions. Committee recruitment flyers will be distributed to committee members and attendees to help with recruitment. Recruiting self-advocates for committee was discussed. Committee members discuss rotation of leadership roles to increase participation. Committee seeks diverse representation, including self-advocates from both Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Challenges in recruiting self-advocates for SDLAC, with ideas for outreach and targeted recruitment was discussed.

**Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center**

Jenifer provided an update on SDP enrollments, highlighting FMS changes and disenrollments. There are 316 participants currently enrolled in SDP. 41 cases are undergoing revisions to FMS models due to miscalculations, changing rates, and provider issues. Jenifer described the streamlined process for case management and enrollment, with increased efficiency. Jenifer discussed new directives for serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. DDS will host a webinar on May 16 to review and provide guidance on two new directives related to employer burden and spending plans. Committee members asked for plain language directives on new billing requirements.

**Agenda Item: Outreach Project Reports**

Dianne and Irene highlighted outreach to underrepresented communities, including Latinx and African American groups. Contractors identified barriers to increase Latinx SDP participation. Families faced challenges with SDP information, access, and financial management. Discussion was had about improving self-determination program for families and clients, including collaboratation with trusted community agencies to expand access to SDP information. Barriers to reaching African American communities included lack of access to clients and concerns about traditional service issues. Recommendations for improving SDP for African American families include identifying and prioritizing their needs, expanding vendor participation, and culturally sensitive guidance. Paula asks about directory for African American families, seeking clarification on why it was missing from prior report. Irene acknowledged Diane's work on summarizing reports and provided additional context. Karen identified directories as a barrier in obtaining information from nonprofit groups. Ronke explained barriers to sharing private client information with surveyors. A parent requested mandatory newsletter for additional information.

**Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items**

Continue discussion of committee roles as well as an update from the outreach project that Diane and Irene are working on.

2024 Meetings
June 3
July 1
<del>August 5</del>
September 9
October 7
November 6
December 4