

## **RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Date:** Monday, October 7, 2024

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:34 pm

**Location of the Meeting:** Zoom- No physical location

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### **ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Dianne Millner, Virginia Hom, Vi Ibarra, Lorena Gomez, Irene Litherland, Pamela Baird, Arthur Lipscomb, Aarthy Desikan, Pei Wang

**Committee Members Absent:** Morena Grimaldi, Joycelyn Manalac

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Samuel Coston

**RCEB Staff Present:** Ashley Harmon, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meninger, Lisa Kleinbub

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**DDS Liaison Present:** Chris Aguire

**Guests:** Frida Blum (Interpreter), Diego Olmedo, Kristin, Tracy, Mariana. Michai, Michi Toy, Norma Gonzalez, Paula S., Peter Kangas, Sherry White, Will Sanford, Zita Mendoza Brito,

### **Agenda Item: Welcome, Interpreter's Introduction, Chat Monitor, Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Dianne Millner welcomed committee members and guests. Committee members and the guests introduced themselves.

### **Agenda Item: Review and Consent to the Minutes from Prior Meetings**

Dianne gave the committee time to review September's minutes. Vi moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Arthur seconded the motion. No opposition. The motion passed.

### **Agenda Item: Pei Wang resignation from Committee/Thanks for service**

Dianne shared that Pei Wang will be leaving the committee. She gave the floor to Pei and anyone else who may have comments. Pei stated that she felt lucky to be a part of the committee. She felt that she had learned a lot during her time serving on the committee. Pei was thankful for the support from RCEB leadership. Between the increase in workload and two kids with special needs, she needs to take time away. She thanked the committee for their support and the friendships that have been formed. Irene thanked Pei for her wisdom and thoughtfulness. She hopes Pei will return in the future. Vi and other members shared their love in the comment section.

### **Agenda Item: Welcome and introduction of new Committee member, Aarthy Desikan**

Sheraden welcomed the newest committee member, Aarthy Desikan. She is a family member from Contra Costa County. Her interests include ensuring services are offered to the community, adaptable dwellings, and accessible housing. She values the

program because it allows clients to advocate for themselves. Some of her strengths are planning and reviewing test data.

Aarthy introduced herself to the public and the committee. Self-determination means a lot to her personally. She is looking forward to working with everyone and learning more. She is a parent of a child with special needs.

#### **Agenda Item: Future Meetings Facilitation/ Update on Hiring 3rd Party Facilitator**

Dianne, Virginia, and Irene have formed a subcommittee to hire someone to facilitate the meeting. The committee recommended hiring a part-time administrator. A job description has been formed and was attached to the agenda. It has been posted to the RCEB website. Dianne will send out a formal job announcement and ask everyone to post it to their outlets. Dianne will commit to facilitating the meeting through December. She is asking for volunteers beginning in January.

#### **Agenda Item: Report- State Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting**

Vi shared that the Statewide Advisory Committee meets quarterly. They will not meet again until December. The official date has not been released. Vi will report back in January.

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

Jenifer shared a report about Self-Determination enrollment. 147 initial enrollments. 176 in the subsequent year, 216 revisions were processed, and 539 total SDP transactions.

#### **Agenda Item: Update on Funded Projects:**

##### **a. DDS Directive Implementation**

DDS staff is available to attend SDLAC meetings on request. DDS has published the Employee Burden Percentages on its website. Sheraden shared the link to the DDS FMS page. Clover Advocates and Neuronav have extended the deadline for participants to 10/15/2024 to amend their spending plans.

##### **b. Outreach Fairs and RFP**

Irene and Dianne are creating SDP fairs for the LatinX and Black Community. An RFP has been issued. They have received a submission for the LatinX SDP fair. They are expecting to enter into a contract soon. There are no submissions for the Black Community Fair. They are trying to get more proposals by the end of October. Dianne will report back at the next meeting.

##### **c. SDP Bay Area Website and New Contractor**

Irene shared that a contractor has been hired for the SDP Bay Area website. Carolyn Fung has been employed for a month, and the committee is meeting every other week. Virginia and Dianne also participate in this committee.

#### **Agenda Item: Intro of proposed Committee Projects for use of DDS funds**

Virginia shared a presentation. Proposed projects include updating the SDP website. She recommended utilizing email and text communication. Training for LVAC members and

RCEB staff training. Virginia will meet with RCEB before the next meeting to discuss what can be implemented.

**Agenda Item: Public comments on successes and concerns with SDP or items not on the agenda.**

Peter Kangas shared that he produced a film called “The Falling.” With Self-Determination, he was able to hire people to assist him. He spoke about being more inclusive in the film industry.

M/S/C “Move to adjourn the meeting.” Motion passed. [Litherland/Millner].