



SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 9, 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

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: Virginia Hom, Jocelyn Mañalac, Dianne Millner, Arthur Lipscomb, Lorena Gomez, Vi Ibarra, Pei Wang, Irene Litherland

Committee Members Absent: Pamela Baird, Morena Grimaldi

Committee Administrative Assistant: none

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

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Sonia M, Christine Kantor, Kristin, Maureen Shea, Aaron Barber, Frances Morales, Chris Aguire – DDS, Paula S, Meena Tadimeti-Special Needs In My City, Joyce Butz, Sonia M, Cynthia Cix, M.G., Aarthy Desikan, Anne Chen, Michai Freeman, Shannon Sevor - GYMGUYZ Silicon Valley, Peter Kangas

Agenda Item: Welcome, Interpreter’s Introduction, Chat Monitor, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Dianne Milner welcomed committee members and guests. Committee members and guest introduced themselves.

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

M/S/C “The committee moves to approve the May and June minutes.” Minutes passed as presented. [Ibarra/Wang].

Agenda Item: Committee Plan for Facilitation of Future Meetings

Discussion of how to provide structure and sustainable leadership of these monthly meetings. We are currently without a permanent chair, and are looking to find ways to share the responsibilities in the meeting, being mindful of the bandwidth of members, as well as their specific skill sets.

A suggestion was made to hire a contractor to provide support to the committee. This person could create meeting minutes and draft agendas, and follow up on loose ends between

meetings, connect with RCEB staff for specific information the committee is in need of. There seemed to be a consensus among the committee member to explore that idea further.

M/S/C “The committee moves to authorized Dianne and Virginia to further explore retaining a contractor to support the ongoing advisory committee meetings”
Motion passed. [Litherland/Wang].

Agenda Item: Public Comments on Successes and Concerns with SDP

- A concern was expressed about diversity in day programs, and timeliness of reimbursements from RCEB.
- Community member is planning to attend an orientation, and her case manager has told her that she is about to attend an orientation as well. It feels like there is a bit of a delay in the case manager having familiarity with the program.
- A suggestion was made to increase availability of orientations for either evenings or weekends. The link to the SCDD orientations was shared in the chat, which currently has no evening or weekend orientations scheduled, but Sheraden will share that feedback with staff that offer these orientations along with the request to add additional availability for future scheduling.
- An IF shared the gratitude that the families she works with expressed for SDP. While acknowledging that transitioning into the program is not easy, families feel that it is beneficial and it is appreciated.
- A question was asked about data on how many RCEB case managers have gone thru SDP training. The community member feels that her case manager is not fully knowledgeable about the program. Response from RCEB: all case managers get basic SDP training, but the SDP participant specialists are the ones that works with and supports the case manager in the transition. Generally the specialists step in after the budget is created, and become much more involved at the stage of creating the spending plan.
- A question was asked looking for an update on the process for certification to become anS IF. DDS is working on that, but there are no updates at this time.
- The Zoom link for this advisory meeting is difficult to find on rceb.org. A request was made to include it where there is information on the Advisory Committee under the SDP page. Currently it is located on the Events tab.

Agenda Item: Report on Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting

The Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) is comprised of the 21 chairs of the local advisory committees. Since our committee currently does not have a chair, Vi Ibarra attended that meeting to represent this committee.

The SSDAC has a co-chair structure, with one co-chair being selected by the committee, and the other appointed by SCDD. The committee voted to eliminate the 2-term limit for co-chairs, and Rick Wood was elected to serve a 3rd term as co-chair by the SSDAC members. The SCDD appointed position remains unfilled.

Qlarant is the DDS contractor selected to review and provide feedback on the eLearning modules they have created for an IF certification course. They will create 24 weekly modules, asking participants to edit, provide comment, etc. on each module. Qlarant is a Maryland based

company.

Update on some Statewide data- In California there were 4638 enrolled in SDP as of the date of that meeting. RCEB is right close to the Statewide average for enrollments as a percentage of their total clients. RCEB ranked 3rd for number of contacts to the Ombudspersons office. This could be contacts by clients, family member, IFs and RCEB staff. Vi was happy to see that our community is using that resource when we are in need of clarification or guidance from that office.

There are two upcoming SSDAC meetings: one is a grant showcase that highlights some ways that local advisory committees are using funds, and that will be followed by a training on the role of the SSDAC, as well as the role of the local advisory committee. The second meeting date is still to be determined, it will be a town hall meeting seeking input on a particular topic, which is also still to be determined.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

Jenifer shared her monthly RCEB report.

- There was a comment from the public that we need to see race/ethnicity data on the reports so we have an understanding of how this program is serving our diverse population.
- Additionally, it was noted that the chat is not accessible, and it cannot be saved. This is due to the Zoom meeting settings, but will be corrected for future meetings.
- A request was made to share and post the RCEB report, preferably prior to the meeting. RCEB requests 3-day notice for accessibility requests.

Agenda Item: Update on Funded Projects

- DDS Directive Implementation – RCEB
 - There are 3 recent directives that DDS has put in place that cause some SDP participants to re-work their spending plan. Two contractors have been identified (NeuroNav and Clover) to assist participants with making these changes. They have the option to access this free support to make their changes, or they can work with their existing IF, or make the changes themselves.
 - At the last advisory committee meeting, the committee approved of allocation up to \$25,000 to provide this support. In order to fully fund support for all eligible participants, we would need an allocation of \$35,000.

M/S/C “The committee moves to authorized up to \$35,000 to fund this project.” Motion passed. [Ibarra/Gomez].

- Outreach Fairs and RFP – Dianne Millner
 - The committee decided to provide outreach fairs to increase access to the African American community, and the Latinx community. The RFPs are currently posted, with the goal of having the fairs completed in February 2025.
- SDP Bay Area Website and New Contractor – Irene Litherland
 - The committee has contracted with a developer to complete the regional website and make it available to the community.

Agenda Item: Public Comment on Items Not in Agenda

- Can RCEB provide information on what the cost would be to pay the rceb.org developer to allow the advisory committee to update the SDP page at rceb.org? The question is exploring if we can allocate advisory committee funding rather than encroaching on the RCEB budget.
- A comment was made regarding accessibility of the SDP regional website as well as the RCEB website.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcements

Virginia summarized a few projects she would like to have further discussion on.

1. Creation of a handbook to provide information on SDP to the community.
2. Ways to reach RCEB clients in addition to mail and email that RCEB currently utilizes
3. Ways to connect with individuals after they attend the Statewide meeting in order to offer further support and information on their next steps.
4. Creation of cohort that could be facilitated by an IF that would allow for RCEB-related information exchange.
5. Carve out on the RCEB website for further SDP information.

Voter registration event Sept 17 hosted by Center for Independent Living. For more information contact mfreeman@thecil.org.

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