

RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 3, 2025

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:31 pm

Location of the Meeting: Zoom- No physical location

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ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Members Absent: Morena Grimaldi

Committee Administrative Assistant: Britney Edmond, Samuel Coston

RCEB Staff Present: Ashley Harmon, Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meninger, Lisa Kleinbub, Jenifer Castaneda, Karina Perez

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

DDS Liaison Present: Chris Aguire

Guests: Giovanni W. (Interpreter), Maricela (Interpreter), Jeannette Castro, Jazmin, Paula S., Meena Tadimeti, Jay Chan, Wandra Boyd, Sonia M., Norma Gonzalez, David Block, Lizbeth Juarez, Thao, Araceli

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 a brief moment to review the minutes from December 2024 and February 2025. Irene suggested changing the verbiage to add "Advisory Committee from Regional Center of East Bay." Arthur moved the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Lorena seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion passed.

Agenda Item: Report on Bay Area Website

The three regional center advisory workshop members are continuing to meet with the website developer. Irene is asking for another committee member to join the subcommittee. Pamela agreed to join the committee.

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

Vi discussed the meeting on February 3rd. A link for the decks and data was added to the chat for everyone to view. At the meeting, there was a segment to discuss goals and priorities. They are planning to host the next meeting in person.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

a. Report on current RCEB SDP Enrollment

Jenifer shared that there are 429 initial enrollments. There are 13 enrollments in March. 161 people in their 1st year of SDP. 130 people in their 2nd year of SDP. 96 people in their 3rd year of SDP. 30 people in their 4th year of SDP. 12 people in their 5th year of SDP. There are 31 revisions in February 2025 and 53 to date since 2025.7 RCEB individuals completed orientation in November 2024 based on the DDSs report.

She also shared that they have launched the no-reply email. It was used for the first time to announce the SDP Spanish Fair to Spanish speakers with registered emails at RCEB. The information is pulled from the SANDIS consumer database. An individual may contact their case manager to update their email account.

b. Any other RCEB updates on new developments at the State or Local level on self-determination

Jenifer revealed that RCEB has finalized the vendoring for HR Alliance and Ridgeline FMS. They offer all three models and will be added to the FMS list on the RCEB website.

c. Update on Potential new Committee members

Sheraden shared that she has just received a new applicant.

d. Update on Funded Projects:

- a. Report on March 1, 2025, SDP Outreach Fair Targeted to LatinX community.

Dianne shared that she visited the LatinX fair. There were workshops, food, and childcare services. They have agreed to give a presentation at the May 1st meeting.

- b. Report on SDP Outreach Targeted to Black Communities

Dianne revealed that the team had a booth at the Black Joy parade. She linked the flyer in the chat. The major focus is a Zoom meeting on March 29th from 1-2:45 p.m. She asked if they could target the black community through the no-reply email. Jenifer asked Dianne to submit the information, and she will assist. Dianne also asked if the vendor could present at the meeting in April.

- c. Creation of RCEB-specific SDP Workbook

Virginia shared that the agreement has been signed. The vendor is gathering information.

Agenda Item: Status of appointed “Proposed Projects” workgroup to recommend the use of approximately \$131,000 of DDS funds allocated to our Committee for the period of 4/1/25-3/31/27, to improve the implementation of self-determination

Dianne revealed that she created a Proposed Projects Workgroup consisting of herself, Irene, Virginia, and Aarthy. The subcommittee will meet later in the week to review potential projects to recommend funding from the committee.

(B) Discussion by Committee members and members of the public on their priorities for the use of such DDS funds.

Dianne allowed the space for the public and members to voice their opinions. She also suggested educating potential vendors. Lack of education makes it difficult to find vendors who will participate in the program.

Paula S. recommended training for self-advocates. This training can include accessible documents and other materials. Irene suggested training in labor rules and regulations. This is for those who directly hire staff. Aarthy suggested reviewing recreational programs and the availability of slots. She added that it would be beneficial to educate similar programs about how to be a Regional Center client. Pamela Baird suggested creating an info fair for non-traditional vendors like yoga instructors and music classes. Jocelyn recommended finding ways to get more activities covered under the programs (i.e., movies). Lorena suggested creating a QR code to educate more people about SDP.

Meena shared that her vendors state it can take around three weeks to receive payment. She feels that there should be a shorter turnaround time. This discourages some vendors from participating in the program. She asked if there is a process in place to assist with issues such as these. Pamela recommended creating a community connection so that parents can share information. Vi shared that creating office hours where clients could join for information and support would be a valuable resource.

Ronke shared that there is a list of social recreation activities with non-vendors that parents can utilize and receive reimbursement. She will gather the list and share it with the committee at the next meeting.

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

No additional comments.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcements

Dianne shared that as these projects are created, she will have to appoint subcommittees. She asked that the committee move a motion to approve a maximum of \$200 for the purchase of Zoom for one year. Vi moved the motion. Pamela seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion passed.

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