

RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 1, 2025

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

Location of the Meeting: Zoom-No physical location

Location of the Next Meeting: Zoom- No physical location

ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Administrative Assistant: Britney Edmond

RCEB Staff Present: Ronke Sodipo, Dr. Rebecca Nanyonjo, Lindsay Meninger,

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

DDS Liaison Present: n/a

Guests: Yelka Vargas (Spanish Interpreter), Brenda Tamez (Spanish Interpreter), Carter, David, Paula, Araceli, Kashif Khan, Kim Sinclair, Colleen Nespor, Patricia, Sonia M., Jay Chan, Mantin Lu, Tanya Hernandez, Meena Tadimeti,

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

Britney introduced herself and welcomed committee members and guests. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Agenda Item: Review and Consent to the November 3, 2025 Minutes

Britney gave the committee members time to review the minutes from November's meeting. Irene entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Vi seconded the motion. The motion to approve the November minutes was passed.

Agenda Item: Report on Bay Area Website

Irene shared that the Bay Area website committee consists of three Bay Area regional centers: the Golden Gate Regional Center, the San Andreas Regional Center, and the Regional Center of the East Bay. She shared that the website has been developed. They are continuing to reshape it. The Bay Area website is a great place for advertising events, webinars, and trainings. As of now, there is a website manager, a committee of representatives, and three advisory committees that oversee the project.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

a. Report on Current RCEB SDP Enrollment

Lindsay Meninger shared her screen and provided a report. There are currently 548 participants enrolled in self-determination. Enrollment is growing monthly. For November, there were 24 initial enrollments, 40 renewals, and 49 revisions. RCEB is currently hosting the self-determination town hall meetings. These are occurring monthly, and the number of attendees is growing. They will continue to run through January. Lindsay stated that the town halls have been a successful endeavor. Due to the success, Jenifer and

Lindsay are adding additional sessions. They will call them public sessions instead of town halls. These sessions will be held on a quarterly basis. The flyers will be distributed in the new year.

Lindsay also shared that there is an LVAC contract underway with two different agencies: the Autism Society of LA and the Independent Facilitator Training Academy.

b. Update on 11/6/2025 DDS Directive regarding regional centers' reporting requirements for a sample of "large" (\$20,000 or more) changes in individual SDP budgets.

Lindsey stated that DDS has published a budget view directive. By February 26, RCEB and all other regional centers are going to be submitting budgets to the department via a reporting tool. That's going to be a random poll; they do not have the tool yet. There is no participation action required. It's an auditing tool to see how the program is functioning. They will be submitting 59 certified budgets that the department will review to see how things are going in the program.

Ronke shared that funding from 2025-2026 funding has been deallocated. There is one more funding year, and it expires in 2027.

Agenda Item: Update on Potential new Committee members

Sheraden stated that there are no new updates on potential members. At this time, there are no new applicants. She shared that the committee is always accepting applications. There are currently 11 committee members. Sheraden also shared that there are a variety of upcoming orientations. She also shared that the next statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting is on December 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. She shared a link in the chat.

Updates from the three Project Workgroups for use of 1st year of DDS funds to improve implementation of Self Determination: (A) Independent Facilitation Capacity Building Workgroup; (B) Moving Forward in Self-Determination Workgroup; and (C) Self-Determination Town Hall/Manage SDP (Learning Series)

- (A) **I.F. Workgroup-** Jocelyn's group consists of her and Aarthy. She shared that all interviews have been completed and all documents have been sent to Jenifer for contractual agreements.
- (B) **Moving Forward in Self-Determination-** Vi shared that the workgroup consists of herself, Irene, and Lorena. She shared that they have interviewed all applicants and made a selection. Vi also extended an apology for the applicant whose RFP somehow fell through the cracks. She stated that they were able to interview the applicant and ensure everyone had a chance to apply. Vi also shared that the target audience for their project are people who are already in self-determination.
- (C) **Town Hall/Managing SDP Workgroup-** Raji shared that this workgroup consists of herself, Virginia, Pamela, and Arthur. She stated that they have completed all interviews and that the contract has been awarded. The flyers will be completed soon, and they

will share them through the RCEB no-reply email. She stated that they have discussed translation. More translation funds will be needed for this project. Virginia requested budget information to know what funds are still available for use.

Vi moved that if the committee gets an estimate of what the interpretation will cost, and the amount of the remaining budget. They can do a vote approving whatever money is being asked for via email. She also stated that at the next meeting, after voting via email, they will state it publicly.

Pamela amended the motion. She moved that based on an estimated cost of translation services not to exceed the amount of available funds, which will expire in March 2026. The committee moves forward with hiring and securing the translation services. Raji seconded the motion. The motion passed.

(D) RCEB regarding the status of contract execution with successful RFP contractors

Lindsay stated that all contracts have been sent and are pending signatures. All will be reporting to the meeting on April 6, 2026. ASLA has two contracts. One is a list of all the IFs working with RCEB for \$10,000.00. They also have the Managing SDP Learning Series for \$30,000.00. The IF Training Academy has two contracts. Training IFs working with RCEB for \$25,000.00 and Moving Forward with SDP for \$9,000.00

Agenda Item: Items/Announcements requesting to be sent out by the Committee's "No Reply" email

Britney asked if anyone has items that need to be sent via the no-reply email. No items were provided.

Agenda Item: Public Comments on Successes and Concerns with SDP, or Items Not on the Agenda

Britney asked if anyone had additional comments. No one had anything to share.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcement

Britney asked if there were additional items and announcements. None were shared.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned