

RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:30 pm

Location of the Meeting: Zoom-No physical location

Location of the Next Meeting: Zoom- No physical location

ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Administrative Assistant: Britney Edmond

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

SCDD Staff Present: n/a

DDS Liaison Present: n/a

Guests: Yelka Vargas (Spanish Interpreter), Mario Perez (Spanish Interpreter), Colleen N., Satwik (PRAGNYA), Chelsea Huffman (Exceptional Intentions), Dr. Laura Espinoza (Autism Society of Los Angeles), Claudia Wenger, Patricia Albano, Rosie Lasca (IF Academy), Sonia M., Jeanette Castro, Kayley Proenza (Disability Voices United), Araceli Lopez, Jean, Uriel, Meena Tadimeti (Special Needs In My City), Laura Espinoza, Olaf Luevano, Arleene Vasquez (La Familia APA), Abby Huang, Gayatri K., Mary Skramstad, Shital Agrawalla, Tracey Huguley (ASL Interpreter), Preselah Seymore, Marlene Gaines (ASL Interpreter), Noelia D., Vidisha, Bridgette Rainey (NeuroNav), Norma Gonzalez (La Familia APA), Shubhada, Kevin L. (BRMA Program Director), K. Howard, Elizabeth Skramstad

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

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

Agenda Item: Review and Consent to the October 6, 2025 Minutes

Dianne gave the committee members time to review the minutes from October's meeting. Dianne entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Raji made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Lorena seconded the motion. The motion to approve the October 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 her screen with the attendees and showed the website home page. The committees are working to streamline it, and they meet monthly to discuss plans. The web address is sdpbayarea.org. Irene also shared the Events section of the website. The Golden Gate Regional Center has several projects listed. She

stated that posting upcoming events in the events section is a great way to utilize the website.

Agenda Item: Adopt 2026 Meeting Dates: 1/5; 2/2; 3/2; 4/6; 5/4; 6/1; 7/6; 8/3; 9/14; 10/5; 11/2; 12/7

After deliberation, Dianne entertained a motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates. Pamela moved the motion as presented. Aarthy seconded the motion. The dates for the 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

a. Report on Current RCEB SDP Enrollment

Jenifer shared her screen. She stated that RCEB has surpassed 500 enrollments. To date, there are 512 enrollments. There are 12 initial enrollments in October. 41 renewals, 62 revisions, and 0 disenrollments. The SDP townhalls are in progress. It is coupled with the Managing Your Self-Determination project that this committee has as an RFP for. It is intended to provide knowledge and confidence to those who are already enrolled and are trying to manage their program. The October webinar was 10/21/2025 and was available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Cantonese. RCEB sent reminder announcements via the no-reply email. The next town hall meeting is scheduled for 11/10/2025 at 10:00 a.m. Jenifer also reminded everyone that the individual spending plan and the current IPP are requirements for participation in the SDP program.

Jenifer also shared a link on the RCEB website to see upcoming events and listening sessions: <https://rceb.org/events>

Agenda Item: Update on Potential new Committee members

Dianne shared that Sheraden is ill and will not be in attendance for this portion of the meeting.

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)

Dianne shared that DDS provides local advisory committees with a certain amount of funds. We have funds that have to be spent by March 31, 2026, and March 31, 2027. The committee created three workgroups. Each workgroup was formed to implement projects that were voted on by the committee.

- (A) **I.F. Workgroup-** Jocelyn shared that the focus of this RFP is Independent Facilitation Capacity Building in the RCEB Catchment area. This project is divided into two parts. Part one is to create the survey and a directory of Independent Facilitators in RCEB's Catchment area. Part two is to do Advanced Independent Facilitator training. Jocelyn shared that the workgroup has interviews scheduled for

November 6th. She stated that they have created questionnaires and templates. They are prepared for the interviews and hope to select the awardees.

(B) **Moving Forward in Self-Determination**- Dianne shared that this workgroup consists of Irene, Vi, and Lorena. Vi shared that the workgroup has received several strong proposals. They have reviewed the proposals and completed the interviews the week prior. A selection was made, and notifications will be sent out early in the week. Once the notifications are sent, the project will be on track for contracting with the Regional Center. The actual webinars will begin as early as January.

(C) **Town Hall/Managing SDP Workgroup**- Dianne shared that this group consists of Virginia, Raji, Arthur, and Pamela. Raji shared that this workgroup has completed the interviewing. She shared that they developed scoring sheets for a fair selection process. Raji asked RCEB if there is additional budget available to get the materials provided translated. Lindsay shared that the funds are allocated in certain pots, and the committee would have to fund that service.

Discussion of possible new project using DDS funds for RCEB surveys

Dianne shared that there is a possible new project for RCEB surveys. Lindsey stated that this is not a formal project. Virginia stated that purchasing a year of surveys without clear topics and questions is not the best use of funds. Ronke added that the committee may want to hold off on 2025-2026 funding. There may be changes occurring. RCEB is awaiting clarity from DDS.

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

Dianne asked if there were any additional items to be sent out via the No-Reply email. She also shared that the College of Adaptive Arts, a college for adults with developmental disabilities, has online and in-person classes. They are hosting an open house at Laney College in Oakland on Saturday, November 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

She also shared that Sheraden wanted to let everyone know that DDS has listed on its page the latest calendar of SDP orientations, with options in English, Arabic, and Spanish. The Statewide Advisory meeting is projected for December 2nd, and if you visit their homepage, they will have materials from previous meetings.

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

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

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcements

Dianne asked if anyone had any items they would like to add to the agenda for the upcoming meeting. She shared that she would like to hear from Ronke about possible changes in funding at the next meeting. She also shared that Britney will be facilitating in December.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

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