

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

**Date:** Monday, January 5, 2026

**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

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### **ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members Present:** Dianne Milner, Virginia Hom, Lorena Gomez, Irene Litherland, Pamela Baird, Arthur Lipscomb, Raji H., Aarthy Desikan

**Committee Administrative Assistant:** Britney Edmond

**RCEB Staff Present:** Ronke Sodipo, Lindsay Meninger,

**SCDD Staff Present:** Sheraden Nicholau

**DDS Liaison Present:** Chris Aguire

**Guests:** Yelka Vargas (Spanish Interpreter), Maricela Miotto (Spanish Interpreter), Preselah Seymore (G T Independence), David, Paula, Araceli, Kashif Khan, Kim Sinclair, Colleen Nesper, Patricia, Sonia M., Jay Chan, Mantin Lu, Tanya Hernandez, Meena Tadimeti, Jenna Braun, Michai Freeman, Jones, Kayley Proenza (Disability Voices United), Eolowo, Chen, Iris Calles, Bridgette Raney (NeuroNav), Rosie (IF Training Academy), Silvia, Randy Ordonez, Yamilka Coca,

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

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

### **Agenda Item: Review and Consent to the December 1, 2025, Minutes**

Dianne gave the committee members time to review the minutes from December's meeting. Irene mentioned adjusting the minutes to ensure it does not reflect that there are three additional committees overseeing. Arthur entertained a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Lorena seconded the motion. The motion to approve the December minutes was passed.

Dianne also shared that this would be her last time facilitating the meeting. Her daughter is moving out of the jurisdiction of RCEB. Dianne will no longer be on the committee after tonight. She received abundant appreciation from members of the committee, RCEB, and the public.

The committee also formed a subgroup of volunteers. Irene, Raji, and Virginia volunteered to form the subgroup that will determine future meeting facilitation. They will also determine whether to extend the contract for the administrative assistant.

### **Agenda Item: Report on Bay Area Website**

No new information was shared about the Bay Area Website

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

a. **Report on Current RCEB SDP Enrollment**

Jenifer shared her screen. RCEB ended December 2025 with 563 initial enrollments. For December, there were 18 initial enrollments, 7 renewals, and 51 revisions. The Revisions varied from a change in FMS to an increase in budget and changes in the spending plan.

Jenifer also shared that RCEB will be using SharePoint as their reporting platform. SharePoint is a website that allows users to upload spending plans and budgets. This will begin later in the month so that RCEB can meet the February 2026 deadline.

She also shared that this month, through March of 2026, the Autism Society of LA is hosting six learning sessions. They will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup> and continue through March 5<sup>th</sup>. Individuals who are currently enrolled in SDP received an email.

The other upcoming event is being hosted by the Independent Facilitator Training Academy. They are hosting three workshops. Three will be in English, and three will be in Spanish. These workshops will also start in January. The registration email and flyer were sent out in December.

RCEB is hosting two more town halls in the same structure since they began in September. It is an informal question and answer forum.

**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.**

Ronke shared that funds can be allocated. If it has been allocated, it can be spent.

**Agenda Item: Update on Potential new Committee members**

Sheraden stated that with one of the committee members stepping down, now is a great time to keep an eye out and talk to the communities. She placed a link in the chat for anyone interested in learning more about serving on the committee.

**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**- The workgroup was not available to share, but Rosie from IF Training Academy shared the project's progress. Rosie shared that they started the recruiting process in December. So far, 25 individuals have enrolled. This is a good sign, considering it is during the holiday season. Rosie stated that they are utilizing Facebook and also doing an email campaign.
- (B) **Moving Forward in Self-Determination**- Yami Coca, from the IF Training Academy, shared that they currently have 52 people signed up: 47 English speakers and 5 Spanish speakers.
- (C) **Town Hall/Managing SDP Workgroup**- Virginia shared that announcements have been sent out to encourage enrollment. They are waiting for a dollar threshold from the Autism Society of LA to get all materials translated into each language.

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

Jenifer stated that all contracts have been executed. Flyers have been shared for both the IF Training Academy and the Autism Society of LA.

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

No items were provided.

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

Nothing shared

**Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcement**

The committee will discuss recommendations from the workgroup on meeting facilitation and the extension of the administrative assistant's contract. Britney will facilitate February's meeting.

The report on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee will be added to the agenda for February.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned