

RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 2, 2026

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:46 pm

Location of the Meeting: Zoom-No physical location

Location of the Next Meeting: Zoom- No physical location

ATTENDEES:

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

Committee Administrative Assistant: Britney Edmond

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

Guests: Yelka Vargas (Spanish Interpreter), Alejandra (Spanish Interpreter), Paul Romero, Jeanette Castro, Bridgette Raney (NeuroNav), Helen Reese, Rosie Lasca (IF Training Academy), Tami Cocoa (IF Training Academy), Breann Van Slooten, Teresa Genel, Maria Isorda, Sonia M., Cyndy Aguilera, Kayley Proenza, Jennifer Carper, Diana Perez, Kashif Khan, Alicia Advocate, J Weir

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: Committee Members Review and Consent to January 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Britney gave the committee members time to review the minutes from January's meeting. Vi made a motion to approve the January minutes. Lorena seconded the motion. The minutes from the January 5, 2026, meeting were approved.

Agenda Item: Report from Workgroup on 2026 Meeting Facilitation

Irene shared that a workgroup was created with her, Virginia, and Raji to discuss who would be the new meeting facilitator and renewing the contract for the Administrative Assistant.

Vi entertained a motion to extend the contract of the administrative assistant. Arthur seconded the motion. The motion to extend the contract of the administrative assistant was approved.

Pamela volunteered to facilitate the upcoming meeting on Monday, March 2nd. The committee has more future conversations on who will be the regular facilitator.

Agenda Item: Report on Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee

The report from the Statewide Self -Determination Advisory Committee was shared ahead of the meeting with the committee members. Vi added that the next meeting will be hosted as a town hall on Tuesday, February 17th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is time for the renewal of the waiver, which allows the funding for the Self-

Determination Program. The timing of the town hall is aligned to ensure the public has an opportunity to share input on that waiver. Vi shared the link in the chat.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

a. Report on Current RCEB SDP Enrollment

Jenifer shared her screen. Currently to date, RCEB has over 600 enrollments. As of the end of January, there are 574 enrollments, 18 of which are new. 30 of these are renewals in the first month. There are 44 revisions.

Jenifer also shared that SDP Town Halls started back in September and the last town hall will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Agenda Item: Update on Potential new Committee members

No update provided.

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**- Rosie from IF Training Academy shared that they have started IF Advanced Training. They have 75 individuals registered. 68 of them have completed the IF training course. 8 of them did not, so they could not participate and were encouraged to take the training elsewhere. The team has completed two of the sessions, and there are four more to go. There are two sessions in February and two in March. There are 12 individuals registered for the one-on-one sessions.

(B) **Moving Forward in Self-Determination**- Yami Coca, from the IF Training Academy, shared that they currently have 53 people enrolled. They are all from the Alameda and Contra Costa counties. They are currently at 100% capacity. They are working to increase Spanish participation by reaching out to Congreso Familia. They are continuing on February 26th and March 5th.

(C) **Town Hall/Managing SDP Workgroup**- Kim Sinclair and Helen Reese from ASLA shared a presentation. The first session was the SDP Tech Toolkit, and the second was the Legal Framework of Rights and Self-Determination. Like the town halls, they are typically 16 to 20 people attending. They are also challenged with increasing the number of Spanish speaking participants.

Kim asked the committee if there are spots available, can the events be extended to those outside of RCEB? Several members of the committee agreed that this would be a great use of the funds. Dr. Rebecca added that the decision is driven by the committee, so she had no input on that. However, she stressed that the information that the participant would receive would be specific to RCEB. We cannot be held responsible for clarifying any confusion from the regional center system that the individual belongs to. Their regional center may operate differently.

Agenda Item: Discussion of goals for next funding round

Dr. Rebecca stated that she attended a meeting with the state trade association, ARCA, as well as with DDS, and one of the updates provided is that there will be trailer language sent out that advises on the direction of funding. Throughout all of the programs that are provided throughout the Regional Center systems, one of which is the Self-Determination Program. The state has proposed the elimination of the \$2 million allocation that was provided to the advisory committees. Each advisory committee received \$100,000 for however they choose to utilize those funds.

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

Nothing shared.

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

Maria Isorda, parent of a Self Determination Program participant, stated that she shares details about the program via social media. She has received great feedback, and many thank her for sharing the content on her social media. Maria also shared that she found out about the program from another parent. She hopes to have the time to become an Independent Facilitator.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcement

Pamela Baird will facilitate the upcoming meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned