

RCEB SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026

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

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

DDS Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Chelsea Coffin, Michelle Munson, Beth Rasler, Preselah Seymore, Kimani Williams, Sol, Delia Llamas, Jeannette Castro (G.T. Independence), Rosie Lasca (IF Training Academy), Colleen Nesor, Supriya (Sam), Chelsea Huffman, Norma Gonzalez, Yami Coca, Jiajiu Yao, Kim Sinclair (Autism Society Los Angeles), Yelka Vargas (Spanish Interpreter), Brenda Tamez (Spanish Interpreter)

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

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

Agenda Item: Committee Members Review and Consent to February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Pamela gave the committee members time to review the minutes from February's meeting. Vi made a motion to approve the January minutes. Lorena seconded the motion. The minutes from the February 2, 2026, meeting were approved.

Agenda Item: Report from Workgroup on 2026 Meeting Facilitation

Irene shared her screen and provided a list of roles that committee members will need to volunteer for due to changes within the committee and staff. Virginia volunteered to monitor the chats at upcoming meetings. Lorena also volunteered to monitor the meeting chats for upcoming meetings.

Irene also shared that the administrative assistant, Britney, has decided not to continue in her role. Her contract will end March 31, 2026.

Aarthy will facilitate the upcoming meeting on Monday, April 6th.

Vi mentioned that if more committee members are not able to volunteer for special roles, they may need to look for new members.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

a. Report on Current RCEB SDP Enrollment

Jenifer shared her screen. In the month of February, there are 14 initial enrollments, 34 renewals, 39 revisions, and 0 disenrollments.

The last SDP Town Hall is on 3/9/2026 from 10 am-11 am. This information is posted on the RCEB website.

Jenifer also shared that the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Implementation Funding for SDP is available. \$113,210.00. The funds allocated can be expended only after both the Regional Center and the LVAC reach an agreement on local needs. If an agreement cannot be reached, the Regional Center will make the final decision.

Agenda Item: Update on Potential new Committee members

No update provided.

Updates from the three current projects funded with 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. 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.
- (B) **Moving Forward in Self-Determination**- Yami Coca, from the IF Training Academy, shared that they have a total of 96 participants registered. They had a full house with the English workshop with 41 attendees. There are two workshops left. An English workshop will be hosted on March 3rd and a Spanish workshop on March 5th.
- (C) **Town Hall/Managing SDP Workgroup**- Kim from Autism Society of Los Angeles shared that Monday night was their final Spanish language session. Thursday would be the final English session. They will then begin gathering data for the next meeting. They have completed gathering data for the IF Gap Analysis and Directory project.
- (D) **Agenda Item: Discussion of goals for next funding round**
Moved to discuss at next meeting due to time restraints.

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

Sonia M. had questions involving her son's budget. Jenifer reached out to the community member directly.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items and Announcement

Aarthy Desikan will facilitate the upcoming meeting on Monday, April 6, 2026. Virginia may have more information to share about using Surveys.

Agenda Item: Adjournment
Meeting adjourned