

**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
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Date: Monday, July 6, 2023

Start Time: 7:05 pm **End Time:** 8:30 pm

Committee Member Attendance

Committee Member	Present	Absent
Arthur Lipscomb	X	
Pamela Baird	X	
Vi Ibarra	X	
Jocelyn Manalac		X
Lorena Gomez	X	
Virginia Hom	X	
Aarthy Desikan		X
Ken Sobieraj		X
Rajashree Joshi-Hangal	X	

Agenda Item: Welcome, Interpreter's Intro, Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Agenda Item: Review and Approve Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026 Meeting

M/S/C "The committee moves to remove the SCDD PowerPoint presentation from the June 1, 2026 minutes, and approve as corrected" [Vi/Pamela] Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

- Parent comment: Starting July 2 her child is without funds. He had a two-month suspension pending certification of his spending plan. Parent is not getting a response from RCEB on certification of that spending plan.
- Parent comment regarding the RCEB timeline document that was shared at last month's meeting. She is asking on the timeline for revision spending plans. At this time, it has been 60 days since revision was requested. RCEB replied that depends on what day of the month the revision is submitted; however, it should be submitted at least 30 days in advance.
- There have been many delays in implementation of their program. It is affecting many families. Commenter wants to know what specific actions the committee has taken to address delays.
- The IPP was held in early June, no response from the case manager since then. The spending plan was submitted 50 days ago, and they have not yet gotten a response.
- Another comment regarding delays from RCEB. They have missed their planned start date for SDP, and it is frustrating and jeopardizing their services. They are regularly not getting responses from the case manager, and seem to only get responses when supervisors are copied on emails. Request that RCEB establish clear standards for responses from case managers.
- We are hearing multiple comments on similar challenges from SDP participants. How can

families work with the regional center to avoid these common challenges? What is the role of the advisory committee in addressing these challenges?

- Commenters adult child is waiting on community-based day program and cannot begin the program until the spending plan is certified. The delay is holding him up starting the program.

Agenda Item: Update on Ongoing Funding for LVACs

Greg Gonzalez shared a message from the Statewide Advisory Committee chairs: They have a meeting later this month set with DDS to seek clarification on the language in the trailer bill that the Governor has signed. At this time, it is unclear if funds will continue to be available to LVACs, it is also unclear how funds may be utilized.

Agenda Item: Updates on Workgroups for Next Funding Round

- 1) Admin Support- the job description was updated and has been posted to RCEB and shared via email through various avenues. It was shared with the RCEB employment specialist as well as by SCDD. No applications have been received as of today. There was a request for it to be re-shared, and also noted that the hourly rate is \$25 per hour, with an estimate of 15-20 hours per month.
- 2) Outreach- several committee members met to discuss ideas about how we might improve outreach. A couple of ideas discussed were:
 - a) There are 7000+ RCEB clients with little or no POS services. There are dedicated case managers to serve these clients to better support them in accessing services. This workgroup has considered allocating funds to provide Independent Facilitators that could assist these low and no POS clients.
 - b) Provide funding to provide printing for more SDP brochures
- 3) IF Capacity- no action, hold until we have clarification of access to future implementation funds.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

RCEB staffed shared [this monthly report](#). At the end of June, DDS had webinars regarding the definition of “cost effective”. Public comment for that is open until July 31, with the proposed definition being submitted on Aug 1. RCEB has hired a fifth Self Determination specialist which completes the full SDP team.

Agenda Item: Update on Potential New Committee Members

There are two new applicants that have gone through some screening with Greg. He has also received a third applicant that he has not yet contacted. None have been interviewed by SCDD, RCEB and LVAC yet.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items

- Summer meetings: Discussion on whether to break for the month of August, or have a meeting as scheduled. We have DDS scheduled to attend the August meeting, but we could look to adjust that. Motion to cancel the August meeting, and move the September meeting from the 7th to the 14th due to the holiday [Vi/Raji]. Passed unanimously.

- Update on status of future and ongoing implementation funding for LVACs
- Potential new committee members
- Definition of “Cost Effective” from DDS
- Reschedule DDS [Federal Access Grievance Process](#) presentation
- What can the LVAC do in response to barriers and challenges that have been identified?
- Get clarification of timelines for revisions (similar to enrollment timeline that has been shared), and have that information posted on the RCEB website. Include the Statewide perspective from SCDD of what is the process of how funding allocations are certified in the revision process. Consider vignettes from RCEB to illustrate the process.