SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
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Date: Monday, October 5, 2026
Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time**: 8:08 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 July 6, 2026 Meeting
M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the September 14, 2026 minutes, as submitted" [Rajashree/Lorena] Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Public Comment

- Two years ago this parent enquired about SDP, and she has not gotten helpful information from her child's case manager as of yet to get into the program. She is identifying an Independent Facilitator to assist them, and they have been advised that should expect to start in the program early next year.
- Kai's Network brought together a group to learn more about Self-Determination. They organized a panel of parents who have a child in SDP, and approximately 25 parents who were interested in learning more about it. They have been holding ongoing meetings to learn more about each step of SDP. Parent-to-parent input and support have been very helpful.
- Question: Request for a staffing update as there have been promotions within the SDP team. Response: Lindsay will oversee all of case management, including SDP, and Jen Castaneda has promoted to the Associate Director over Federal Program with includes Self-Determination. They are recruiting to hire a new Manager of Federal Programs, which is the position Jen has just promoted from.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

- RCEB hosted a Q&A session in September on Social Rec which was specifically for Independent Facilitators. Jen and Lindsay shared the presentation slides from that session. Social Rec is now being looked at differently by RCEB. They are looking at how the service meets an IPP goal, and how that need is assessed.
    - Question: Can case manager determine feasibility of schedule of social rec services that a person puts in their spending plan? Answer: No. The review of totality of services is done at the budget stage, together with the client, family and case manager.
    - Question: Regarding in-home versus out-of-home respite, if someone uses out-of-home respite, does that mean they cannot have in-home respite? Answer: No. There is a clear definition of each type of respite. Both can be provided to the same client, but they would need to qualify for each type of respite, individually, to receive both types of respite.
    - Question: Out-of-home respite can also be camp, is that correct? Answer: Camp is vendored as its own service, we do not need to use out-of-home respite to fund that service.
    - Question: Appreciation was shared about answering questions on this presentation, however it is taking time from the SDP meeting. The suggestion was made to offer the Social Rec presentation again, and make language access available for that. Answer: The Q&A procedure was specifically designed for SDP clients, and that is why it was focused on the SDP community thru Independent Facilitators.
    - Question: Regarding totality of services and a client's weekly schedule, are additional considerations made for the fluctuation of schedules throughout the year. Answer: Yes, that is considered. And when there are changes, addressing the change of needs is encouraged. RCEB wants changes to be requested 30 days ahead of need. Jen referenced this previous presentation on this process.
    - Question: Can a client have more than three social rec services in a budget? Answer: Parameters have been set at three services, but exceptions to that can be made thru the exception committee.
- No RCEB monthly report was provided.

Agenda Item: SCDD Update None, SCDD staff not present.

Agenda Item: Updates on Workgroups for Next Funding Round

- Admin Support- Pamela, Raji and Greg Gonzalez interviewed several applicants. On Sept 17 they sent their request to RCEB to enter into a contract with the applicant they selected. Jen will work on that contract, with a commitment to get to it within the next three days.
- Outreach- no update
- IF Capacity- no update

Agenda Item: Update on Potential New Committee Members

Christina Kekai introduced herself, she has applied to serve on the LVAC. She is the parent of a 15-year-old RCEB client. She is also the founder of Kai's Network and has been leading peer support for the past four years.

Agenda Item: Ongoing Committee Leadership

This is Pamela's last month facilitating LVAC meetings, she has completed four months in this role. We need committee members to volunteer to facilitate meetings going forward. SCDD staff will facilitate the November and December meetings, then committee members will need to sign up on a rotation basis to facilitate future meetings. The way Pamela and Vi have been managing this process these past several months is to stay on the call at the end of the LVAC meeting, this is a time where the note taker, meeting facilitator and admin support can plan out the agenda for the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Future Agenda Items

- Bay Area SDP website is up and live as of Oct 1. Can this be shared thru the 'do not reply' email? Jen requested it be sent to her and she will get it distributed.
- Virginia wanted to follow up on previous discussions around funding IFs to support low- and no-POS clients and case managers. This had previously been discussed as part of the Outreach workgroup. Suggestion was for Virginia to work with Jen, Lindsay and possibly others to think thru implementation. Raji is interested, too, in joining that conversation.
- We previously invited DDS to present on the new grievance process. At the time we made that request, there were still details to be finalized. That presentation can be expected early in the new year.
- Announcement for the Autism Society SF Bay Area this Saturday- event link was placed in the chat.

Regional Center of the East Bay

UPDATES FOR MONTH OF SEPT 2026

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SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM

Total Participants Successfully Enrolled into SDP: 650

Enrollments: Sept 2026

- 28 Initial Enrollments
- 62 Subsequent Year
- 2 Year 1
- 19 Year 2
- 12 Year 3
- 12 Year 4
- 6 Year 5
- 10 Year 6
- 1 Year 7
- 58 Revisions

Topics for Discussion:

DDS has published SDP FMS Standards October 14,2026. What this means for Participants:

1. Payments Must Follow Your Approved Spending Plan
Your FMS must verify that services and payments are consistent with your approved spending plan, IPP, and applicable SDP requirements.

2. Service Rates Must Be Reasonable
Your FMS will review proposed service rates for reasonableness and communicate concerns when rates do not meet applicable requirements.

3. Family Relationships May Need to Be Disclosed
Your FMS may ask whether employees or service providers are related to the participant or have other relationships that could create a conflict of interest.

4. Complaints Must Be Addressed
Your FMS must have a formal complaint process and resolve grievances within its established timeframe, not exceeding 60 calendar days. They must also report complaints to DDS

5. You Can Expect Timely Communication
Your FMS must establish response timelines, provide accessible ways to communicate, and offer language assistance when needed.

6. Providers Must Meet Applicable Requirements
Your FMS must verify required qualifications, documentation, and clearances before employees or providers begin delivering paid services.

7. Payments Must Be Processed on Time
Your FMS must pay for authorized services within 30 calendar days of receiving complete and accurate payment documentation. Remember to refer to the invoice requirements for them to make payments

8. Monthly Spending Updates
Your FMS must provide monthly financial statements so you can review how much has been spent and how much remains in your spending plan.

9. Streamlined FMS changes
Your FMS must support a transfer to another FMS within 60 calendar days, including coordinating necessary records and continuity of services.