

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 3:45pm-5:30pm

MINUTES

Meeting is open to the public – all are welcome to attend

[Zoom Link for April Meeting](#)

SDLAC Members:

Jennifer Walsh (Co-Chair/Self-Advocate) - present
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate) - present
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate)
Courtney Magnus (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate) - present
Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate) - present
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) - present
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate) - present
Gaby Choy (Parent Advocate)
David Nguyen (Parent Advocate) – present by phone

SCDD Advisor:

Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD-Regional Manager, Bay Area Office) – present

GGRC Advisors:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Meghan Reynard (Participant Choice Specialist) – present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) - present

Guests:

Kristianna Moralls, DVU Director of SDP
Corinne Sixkiller, DDS
Tanya Hernandez, Field Service Representative, GT
Galacia Frisby, Service Navigator Manager, NN

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh)
 - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
 - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh) M/S Sascha, Connie
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) M/S Sascha, David

- II. Participant/Family/Public Feedback on SDP (All)
 - a. Comments are limited to FOUR minutes per speaker on items not on the agenda, 20 minutes total.

b. We welcome critiques and feedback but ask speakers refrain from personal attacks on individuals or the committee.

c. The committee will not be responding to comments but may address them further down in the agenda or in future agenda items.

III. GGRC SDP Participant invitation (Walsh)

IV. SCDD Update (Nicholau)

SDLAC applicants have come in and will be sharing with GGRC to engage prospective applicants. Sheraden has reached out to the FRC in Marin to see if there are any interested members who are interested in serving on SDLAC and will keep committee looped in on interest.

SDP orientations: offering in English, Spanish, Korean and Armenian. Materials are available in a variety of other languages on the SCDD website. More languages are coming as well.

Sheraden has been working with the three SDLAC chairs to convene two focus groups for May 2nd to look at the SDP Bay Area website. Recruitment is currently ongoing.

Technical assistance: a few trending items – getting budgets certified for unmet needs, some social workers/service coordinators aren't considering unmet needs or included in previous authorizations. Spending plans – work with your teams and regional centers, and knowing they have appeal rights and not waiving their appeal rights into SDP. FMS new timelines and requirements – people concerned about pre-payment for things, some FMSs are requiring all employees are identified, etc. some barriers for families. Some people are interested in SDP, but hearing that it's complicated or long onboarding. Upcoming meetings with year two/three participants that are experiencing delays and unclear of steps for paperwork completion.

V. GGRC SDP Team Update (Sousa/Reynard)

Most encouraging news is there's a new participant choice specialist! Kori Mason 😊 She's not from inside the regional center so there'll be a learning curve, but it'll be great to have her on the team.

March saw two new full transitions, April had three new full transitions. Meghan doesn't have the details, but looking at it probably children. Committee would like to request additional demographic information. Meghan provided feedback about limitations of a small SDP team. Sheraden said information like race/ethnicity, age, county and language would be helpful for targeting outreach. Eric and Lisa will connect and try to see what can be done about information about prospective and

current participants. If committee funds are being spent or proposed to be spent, the proposal will come back to the committee.

SDP Team does monthly staff refreshers on SDP in general and anyone can join in. Team has also been meeting monthly with supervisors.

- a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled GGRC Updates (Zigman)

VI. GGRC Updates (Zigman)

GGRC is doing better at hiring right now, but challenges are cost of living in the area. Resignations are dropping, recruiting is going well. Movement in the right direction. Two social workers from Marin are going to the no/low POS program, so Marin office will need to backfill those positions. Rates will soon be shifted to take into account geographic differential, not just for service providers.

VII. Disability Rights California Update (Mangus)

No real report, not a lot of outreach or inquiries regarding SDP. Mostly just the time period and how getting the spending plan going in SDP.

VIII. SDLAC Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Walsh/Nicholau)

IX. Outreach to the community – Communication/Correspondence (All)

X. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22 - (Walsh)

- a. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan (Nguyen)

Eric said GGRC can try to bring the committee a report on data and software program. Meghan believes it's not the software but the human resources needed for helping the committee. Jennifer said the committee would be happy to review a proposal. Sascha wants to know if the committee is permitted to support with staff. Maybe it's about having the committee contract with someone who has familiarity with data management and tell them what the committee needs in terms of reports. Work with a contractor to what you need and what data system(s) are needed, do you need a relational database, what can SANDIS do/not do with the new SDP tab. The committee wanted to look at the DDS report on SDP. The committee can look at the report and can pull from that as well.

DVU mentioned that Lanterman hired a data analyst to help provide support to create and pull reports to guide their information. SCDLAC can put out a call/request for proposals. Kristianna will send the name of the data analyst used by FDLARC.

- XI. Bay Area website update (Sinclair/Kantor)
- XII. Consultant updates
- XIII. Discussion on changes in SDLAC meeting day/time – (Walsh)

Proposed 1.5 hour blocks for future meetings:

- a. Tuesdays, 4PM – 5:30PM
 - b. Wednesdays, 9AM – 11AM
 - c. Wednesdays, 4PM – 6PM
 - d. Thursdays, 5PM – 7PM
- XIV. Adjourn: Next Meeting: **Tuesday, May 9 – 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM**