



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2025 - 4:00pm-5:30pm

MEETING NOTICE/DRAFT AGENDA

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

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a public comment period at the *beginning* of the meeting to provide guests an opportunity to address the committee.

****We honor confidentiality and you can make public comment anonymously.****

After the public comment period, the committee will be conducting business and will NOT be engaging with guests.

Questions can be submitted to through the “Chat” feature and will be recorded.

SDLAC Members:

Jennifer Walsh (Chair/Self-Advocate) - present
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate)
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate)
Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate) - present
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) - present
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate) -
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) - present
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider) -
Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) - present
Barclay Lynn (Advocate) - present
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate) -

SCDD Partners:

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

GGRC Partners:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) - present
Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services) – present

Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer) - present
Juliet Esperanza (SDP Supervising Social Worker) - present
Meghan Reynard (SDP Supervising Social Worker) - present
Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Janika Jaramillo (Participant Choice Specialist) – on leave
Angelina Demetry (SDP Administrative Support) - present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) – present

Guests:

Joanna Kent – SARC SDLARC

Olga Maldonado – SFF

Laura Saenz – Self Determined Futures

Junko Cheng

Janel Organo

Sophia Agafonow - DDS

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh) (10 minutes)
 - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
 - i. Guest introductions are optional
 - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh) M/S, Ken and Brenda
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) M/S, Ken and Brenda

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. Update on GGRC's SDLAC expenditures

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (20 minutes)
 - 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.

- IV. Discussion and review of SDLAC Committee Centered Plan (Parekh) – (10 minutes)

- V. SDLAC Funded Projects (Walsh) – (10 minutes)
 - Bay Area SDP Website Committee

- Doing really good work and hoping to have everything going in the next few weeks. Hopefully we'll have a demo to share at the next meeting. There's a new event module that will be featured soon.
- SDP Updates in Case Management Manual
 - Lisa and Anh will meet off-line with the SDP team to discuss next steps on the supplement for the case management manual.
- SDP Onboarding Process
 - SFF has started their coaching sessions and support groups. It's helpful to have the Spanish speaking sessions to help with more intentional outreach to that traditionally under reached families.
 - SDP orientations aren't available on the weekends, especially in languages other than English. Olga at SFF is encouraging families to reach out to SCDD for additional options.
 - It's also difficult to find Chinese/Cantonese speaking independent facilitators.
 - DDS is waiting for regional centers to request lists for those who attended orientation, there could be a 6-8 week lag in receiving confirmation and certificate of completion from DDS.
- GGRC Staff training sessions

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
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- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
 - Alyson and Ken spoke about looking at additional ways to collaborate on both the outreach and onboarding for underreached communities. With our new contractors, that is underway, but just figuring out additional ways to promote and get the word out to underserved communities that don't have contact with either SFF or Pragnya. Conversations are ongoing to figure things out
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)
 - Brenda will update the calendar for the working group.

VII. SDLAC Strategic Planning for future projects (Ken) – (10 minutes)

- a. Ken presented a draft strategic ideas and what has already been done in the past with SDLAC-funded projects.

VIII. SCDD Update (Nicholau) – (5 minutes)

- a. Technical assistance as stayed steady on contacts and outreach from SDP participants.

- b. Sheraden shared orientation schedule and encouraged outreach for specific orientation times and languages for future scheduling, planning is based on feedback from the community.
 - c. Sheraden shared a link where people can share their stories and the impact MediCaid has on their lives.

- IX. GGRC SDP Team Update (Esperanza/Demetry) – (10 minutes)
 - a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled
 - b. SDP outreach flyer/pamphlet and translation

- X. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – (5 minutes)
 - a. Legislative breakfast in SSSF tomorrow – 175 people registered
 - b. Rep. Jared Huffman came to the Marin County breakfast and was candid in his assessment of activity in Washington DC.
 - c. All Staff meeting with 300 staff yesterday, growth that correlates with the population of persons served.

- XI. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA) – (5 minutes) – no report

- XII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM