



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 28, 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) - present  
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate) - absent  
Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate) - present  
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) - absent  
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)  
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) - present  
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider) - present  
Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) - present  
Barclay Lynn (Advocate) - present  
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate) - present

**Partners:**

Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD-Regional Manager, Bay Area Office) - present  
Department of Developmental Services  
Olga Maldonado, SFF - present  
Patricia Idrugo, FRC San Mateo - present  
Pragnya

**GGRC Partners:**

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) - present  
Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services) - present  
Janika Jamarillo (SDP Team) -  
Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer) – present  
Rey Cua Borja - present  
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)

**Guests:**

Michael LoBue, parent  
Tanya Hernandez, FMS  
Tamara Ranney,  
Margaret Motamed, parent  
Lilian Ansari, parent  
Olaf Luavano, Ritz  
Nina Mayerhofer  
John Mayerhofer  
Amelia Eddelman

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

Margaret attended the workshop on Saturday and found it to be helpful. It was well attended. Nicholas started August 1 and it's been great. Thank you to GGRC and SDLAC for all of the support.

IV. GGRC SDP Team Update (Rosene) – (10 minutes)

- a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled  
309 fully enrolled participants, all three offices have SDP social workers with dedicated caseloads.
- b. SDP Regional Resource Fairs moving along as scheduled.

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

Lisa will have the document posted for the social workers within the case management manual and possibly on OIC after the internal review. Lisa will send a copy to SDLAC for review and discussion at the next meeting.

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

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

- a. Local personnel updates and transition plan  
September 9<sup>th</sup> is the next statewide SDLAC meeting. Details and information to be determined. Technical assistance is down as regional centers and GGRC is troubleshooting more at the local level. Sheraden is the new SCDD Deputy Director of Regional Operations.

VIII. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – (5 minutes)

Standardization has its benefits, but don't want to lose local innovation and creativity. The Department is still seeking input from the community. Spending plans are connected to the IPPs already. There is still much to remain defined by DDS and to not make any policy changes until they issue directives, specifically in SDP.

Brenda: so much praise for SDP team and how things are working with SDP in the community. Is there a way for committee members to help show DDS how funds are being spent and if they're being spent in a reasonable way. Branch Services keeps data, can demonstrate this is where the IPP was prior year and this is where it is now. SDP clients have transitioned from living at home to living with Branch, 24/7. How can providers and community help provide feedback.

Eric: DDS will reach out to GGRC and with stakeholder meetings. GGRC will pass along this information.

Lisa: Now that the state has standardized IPP, it's a different format. The person will get a person-centered plan created/updated and the team will look at the life areas, what do you want to do, where do you want to go and develop a budget, spending plan and tie it all together. The goals articulated in the IPP match the spending plan and what will be purchased to support those goals. The IPP is the driving document. Getting spending plans and budgets have eclipsed the IPP, so trying to bring it back to that. Hopefully this will help the teams.

IX. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA) – (5 minutes)

Kristin shared OCRA doesn't get a lot of inquiries on SDP which is a testament to the good work being done at GGRC to help ensure people are getting what they need and questions answered.

X. Adjourn

***Next Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM***