



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2024 - 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.

After that time, 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) - present

Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate) - present

Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate)

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) - present

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

Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker) - present

Meghan Reynard (SDP Supervising Social Worker) - present

Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Janika Jaramillo (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)
Lop Hou (CFO) – present
Angelina - present

Guests:

Debra Adler – GGRC parent
Chris Aguirre – DDS
Tiffani Castillo – GGRC parent

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh) (10 minutes)
 - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
 - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh) M/S, Parekh, Grisby, unanimous consent
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) – M/S, Sascha, Parekh, unanimous consent

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. GGRC’s SDLAC spending plan update after workgroups meet

Lop provided an update and that

- 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.

Debra Adler – GTI is charging 1% of all of her whole budget on all vendor invoices that are submitted. It wasn’t in the spending plan so not sure how GTI can be charging more or not approved in the spending plan. Would Nicole be interested in a testimonial for a pamphlet and after careful consideration, we needed to decline. We don’t want to give participants false hope because it took a lot of work to get Nicole where she is and how she’s now thriving. There’s a lot of work behind it and that’s why she’s thriving. Not a great idea for Nicole to be the example of success at this point.

- IV. Discussion and review of SDLAC Committee Centered Plan (Parekh) – (10 minutes)
Ken put together the committee centered plan. Note to committee chairs, please keep this document updated so it stays current. Ken reviewed the document in detail and provided some updates on the projects.

Dr. Lin, who is not at Stanford, is looking for interns and students to focus on outreach, so hopefully getting some students working with GGRC on outreach efforts. Lisa asked if students can attend the committee meetings. Ken said they'd like to have someone tied in to the project. Juliet mentioned with the students, its only for winter session (January – March), can work on translation, developing listings in the community and the amount of hours for each student would be about 8-10 hours. Pragnya and SFF is also focusing on outreach.

Best practices

- V. SDLAC Funded Projects (Walsh) – (10 minutes)
- Bay Area SDP Website Committee – Ken met with Carolyn last week and there's a new set of projects and priorities. www.sdpbayarea.org hoping to relaunch in the new year.
 - SDP Updates in Case Management Manual
 - SDLAC-funded data support temporary position and update
 - SDP Onboarding Process – Meeting with Israel monthly and talked about future needs. In February, hoping to launch Spanish peer-to-peer group. Hoping to launch more coaching in February 2025. Launching group and peer coaching, about 20 sessions in the new year, 2 hour focused group sessions.
- 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)
- SSDAC has the meeting recorded and on the SCDD website. <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/> The links at the top of the page have the Best Practices platform <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-best-practices-platform/> SCDD hired an analyst to help with SDP orientations in multiple languages with meetings scheduled already for January.

No trends for technical assistance for Bay Area office. Lack of FMS opportunities and choices as well as IFs.

- a. Organizing a SDAC Membership Overview Training & Discussion Jan 14, 2025 – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sheraden shared a draft agenda of possible topics to discuss.

Purpose of the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) & Self-Determination Local Advisory Committees (SDACs / SDLACs / LVACs)

SDAC Membership

Roles and Responsibilities within the SDAC

Practices within the GGRC SDAC

Tools, Tactics, & Tips for the SDAC's work

Ethics, Confidentiality, & Professional Conduct

Overview of Previously Funded SDAC Projects

Overview of Additional Past Activities and Projects of the SDAC

Overview & Evolution of Program Directives

It's a general overview and open to all. RCEB's established and new members were happy with the topics when they had their training/discussion. No business and just for voting members so they can have time together and understand things more about the SDLAC.

VIII. GGRC SDP Team Update (Sousa/Reynard) – (10 minutes)

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

Angelina shared a presentation deck with various data points.

To approve \$800 in SDLAC funds for local trainings as proposed in Angelina's proposal M/S Sascha, Barclay unanimous consent

Meghan responded to Debra Adler's concern about GTI's 1% fee for employer burden and related costs. Debra's thought that the regional center should be paying the fees and shouldn't be coming out of the personal budget. Lisa said it was initially a fee for credit card processing, DDS is still working it out with FMSs.

- b. Review of GGRC's SDP Orientation post-participation "packet" of information (SDP Team)

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

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

XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM