



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 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 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)

Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate) - present

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) - present

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 (CFO)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Meghan Reynard (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist)
Janika Jaramillo (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Angelina Demetry (SDP Admin) - present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) - present

Guests:

Chris Aguirre, DDS
Patricia
Olga Maldonado, SFF
Wendy Reyes-Orellana, SFF
Patricia Idrugo, FRC
Haley Bunkers
Austin David Coffee, Strawberry Hill
Lulu Cheong, WRC SDLAC
Debra Adler
John Peter Flynn
Kathryn Pengilly
Varsha Likhite, parent

- 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. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan update

Lisa asked if the \$10,000 allocated for translation of materials was still available. SDP team have documents to be translated. Lisa will work with Lop and coordinate how to make it happen. Ken asked Lop for guidance on how to work with SFF and Pragnya for invoicing.

- 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
- SDP Updates in Case Management Manual
- SDP Onboarding Process
- GGRC Staff training sessions

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
Using data to identify communities that are underserved, looking at representation by age and for disparities. Partnering with outreach to community partners, like Matrix or the Arc. Certain partner providers have programs focused on underrepresented populations. Working to make sure any information disseminated is translated and clear, making sure there's IF who can support these communities. Ken suggested that the committee stay coordinated in the efforts and modify some outreach efforts to make sure everything stays prioritized.

More statewide training for IFs is coming from DDS.

- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

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

SCDD had the last February orientation in Spanish. March has several scheduled in English, Spanish, Farsi and a couple other languages. The languages can be found on the calendar and also alongside handouts, presentation materials, orientation outline, service definitions, etc. that could be helpful for people who are looking for more information. There are Cantonese resources on the SCDD website but they can schedule events/orientations as needed. We recently had a statewide SDP Advisory

Committee meeting, that website also has a lot of resources from the SCDD, DDS and other partners. <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/> The SCDD Coro Fellow worked with SDP professionals and partners to develop a process map for budgeting for SDP.

RCEB SDLAC is funding a mostly-Spanish speaking SDP resource fair on March 1.

Autism Society of San Francisco has wanted to do more around SDP and kicking off involvement by holding an SDP 101 webinar and panel on March 25, hopefully the first of many future SDP events.

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

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

Lots happening at the federal level.

GGRC and partners will be hosting two legislative breakfasts again this year. More information and details to follow.

X. SDLAC Conflict of Interest (Walsh) – (5 minutes)

Ken shared a brief conflict of interest statement with the committee that was modeled after RCEB's SDLAC statement as well as an informal checklist. There's also a signed disclosure form, but if anyone on the committee has comments, we can discuss this next month.

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

No report

XII. Adjourn

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