



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 4:00pm-5:30pm**

MEETING MINUTES

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) - present
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate) - present
Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate)
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) - present
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate) - present
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) - present
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider) - present
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
Lop Hou (CFO) - present
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker) - present
Meghan Reynard (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Janika Jaramillo (Participant Choice Specialist) -
Angelina Demetry (SDP Admin) - present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) - present

Guests:

Haley Bunkers, SLP
Mark and Rosanna Hardeman – GGRC parent
Olaf Luevano, Ritz FMS
Chris Aguirre – DDS
Tanya Hernandez, PPL FMS
Kathryn Pengilly
Alan Flores
Tony Nava
Austin David Coffee, Strawberry Hill Studio, Novato
Margaret Motamed

- 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, Sascha
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) M/S Sascha, Ken

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan update – Lop presented an update on the SDLAC's current expenditures and are still awaiting information/feedback from our SFF and Pragnya to move forward on contracts.

- 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.

Haley Bunkers – specific question regarding to individual services, can it go to parent training or overlap?

Lisa said its all individual but for under 21 can fall under EPSDT funding, Haley can reach out to the SDP team for more personalized information.

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

Sheraden hosted an overall training session and overview of the system with overall positive feedback. It was suggested GGRC's SDLAC should have a strategic planning process to identify activities and projects for the next fiscal year.

Ken reviewed the updated plan as of January 20th.

V. SDLAC Funded Projects (Walsh) – (10 minutes)

- Bay Area SDP Website Committee
Jennifer gave an update on progress and how she likes Caroline as the contractor. Things should be up and running for public review in a couple of weeks.

Next month's meeting we can plan on showing off the Bay Area website.

Ken wants to use the website to promote services and supports and promote information, best practices and what's out there.

- SDP Updates in Case Management Manual
 - o Progress is being made and documents should be uploaded and hosted on OIC (GGRC's intranet) before the next meeting.
- SDLAC-funded data support temporary position and update (Zigman)
 - o ACTION ITEM: Authorize use of SDLAC funds for placement fee
M/S Sascha, Ken, motion passes, Liz abstain, Barclay, Sandy and Aparna
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- SDP Onboarding Process
Aparna asked if we should be hiring legal experts to provide context and background to ensure we are within the bounds of the law. The coaches are part of the program are abiding within the law. Employment lawyer providing a webinar we can record and we take away what people are responsible for under each model.
- GGRC Staff training sessions

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

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

Ken and Jennifer were there for the meeting and grateful if we could have some more engagement and involvement. Currently scheduled more frequently right now, but also meeting on the third Thursday going forward.

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

- a. SDLAC Membership Overview Training and Discussion from January 14, 2025
Great membership overview!

Orientation link for SDCC available already. Autism Society of SF wants to put together a panel and still organizing rough timelines and dates. Statewide SDP Committee is discussing stakeholder interviews. SCDD has a Coro Fellow to work on group interviews and developing a process map for budget development system, a visual guide for California of budgeting for SDP. Debra Adler, Sascha Bittner, Kim Schreiber, Will Sanford and Kavita Sendehar are all participating so we have local Bay Area representation. Work begins end of January.

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
Angelina briefly reviewed the slide deck and provided an overview of the statistics for the month.

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

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

Jennifer and Ken will take the lead on this conversation.

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

XII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM