



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 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) - present
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) - 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)
Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services) - present

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

Guests:

Kayley Proenza, DVU

Jon Kantor, IF/parent

Amelia Edelmann, parent

Chris Aguirre, DDS

Sarah McComb, Director of Operations, Allies for Allies (IDD Advocates, Rare Diseases)

Patricia Idrugo, SFF/FRC San Mateo County

Olga Maldonado, SFF

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

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. Update on GGRC's SDLAC expenditures
 - a. Pragnya and SFF submitted invoices and there has been funding set aside for the resource fairs

- 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.

Kayley: DVU hosts a private meeting for LVAC members on the First Tuesday of every month from 6-7pm for all LVAC members and to discuss changes in SDP policies. DVU is hosting an in-

person SDP and SDM in Oakland on September 11th. Tickets are \$50 for self-advocates and family, \$100 for participants. This isn't a vendored event, so asking SDLACs to pay for the attendees.

Amelia: 099 needs to be addressed. Excited to have the SDP event getting more information.

IV. GGRC SDP Team Update (Rosene/Esperanza) – (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

About 10-14 people are being added to SDP every month. Right now, 293 fully enrolled, 110 at various stages of getting into SDP.

Trying on working with Pragnya to get a weekend training.

SDP social worker team is complete! Two people in SM, each will have caseloads of 30, other social workers in every office will have at least one SDP case. Ray is the lead in SF starting on August 1, Cassandra in Marin on June 1. Each of them have 18-20 and will be adding until they reach 30.

Lisa met with Sarah McComb (Allies for Allies) and hopes the committee will invite them back for a presentation. They provide specialized respite and work with the families at no cost.

GGRC's SDP Resource Fair is on Saturday, September 13 at Pomeroy Center.

Still having difficulty receiving information from DDS about timely updates on who from GGRC's catchment area has completed SDP orientation. Angelina will cc' Sheraden at SCDD and Chris from DDS on these requests.

Jon Kantor: how's the RD Transportation? Lisa: The homes could individually on-board with the FMS for people being transported, there are three people on commercial transportation and there's still work to be done on those individuals with RD. There's a follow-up meeting with R&D for those three individuals.

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

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)

- Update: SDP Resource Fairs
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

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

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

The last statewide meeting included a report on trailer Bill language, co-chair report, DDS update, Ombudsperson update and best practices. GGRC was included in the promising practices in the statewide SDP advisory committee.

Orientations are this month in English, Spanish and ASL. Please visit the SCDD calendar for all orientations and if you need a certain language, please contact SCDD to request that.

Sheraden will be out of town for the GGRC SDP Resource Fair, but will be supporting the efforts leading up to it.

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

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

XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 28, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM