



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 4:00pm-5:30pm

MEETING NOTICE

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Meeting is open to the public – all are welcome to attend

SDLAC Members:

Jennifer Walsh (Chair/Self-Advocate) – present
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate) - sick
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate) - present
Charlie Fagen (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

SCDD Advisor:

Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD-Regional Manager, Bay Area Office) - present

GGRC Advisors:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) -
Lisa Rosene (Director, Case Management)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Meghan Reynard (SDP Supervisor) - present
Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Janika Jaramillo (Participant Choice Specialist) - present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) - present

Guests:

Debra/Nicole – parent
Melissa Hilton – parent, moving into Marin currently enrolled in SDP in NLACRC
Brenda Huey – PT, private nonprofit school
Kayley Proenza – program assistant, DVU
Chris Aguirre – DDS

Marcy Uecker – parent/advocate

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh)
 - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
 - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh) m/s, Ken, Liz
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) m/s, Ken, Liz

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22 - (Walsh/Hou)
 - a. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan update after workgroups meet

No update was provided for this month in the absence of GGRC fiscal team.

- III. Participant/Family/Public Feedback on SDP (All)
 - 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: Having the meeting scheduled at 4pm can be challenging for people who have other work obligations. She's concerned that there's only a few SDP participants in this meeting. She's concerned there is no GGRC representative to provide a financial report and that no one was delegated with this responsibility.

John Kantor: June is a difficult month for GGRC and for persons served. Staff at GGRC have been great regardless of the accounting issues and appreciate all that staff have been able to accomplish this month.

Ken Parekh: How to create a larger community of SDP participants, there are workgroups that are looking to try and have other SDP meetings that will hopefully help attract more participation/increase access to the SDP information.

Alyson Sinclair: May not be the time/place to discuss the meeting time changes, but there are different agencies and organizations represented at these meetings and they can only participate during traditional business hours.

Meghan Reynard: Perhaps the committee can discuss/survey having alternative dates/times to meet that could also address scheduling needs for others who wish to attend or participate.

Debra Adler: Wants to know how people find out about SDLAC meetings and why there isn't a mass email that goes out to SDP participants. Megan will work on trying to separate SANDIS

information to create an email list that can disseminate information to people who are current participants in the program. Why don't social workers send out email about the SDLAC meetings? What if people don't have access to technology/internet to find out information about the meetings?

IV. SDLAC Funded Projects (Walsh)

Bay Area SDP Website Committee

Jennifer Walsh: The RFP has gone out about a week ago. We already have one back, hoping to get a couple more. We would like for people with disabilities with the specific skill sets to apply.

Anh will check in with Greg Corvi at GGRC about posting it on the website.

Ken Parekh: Gave a general overview of the website and its purpose.

SDP Updates in Case Management Manual

Anh provided an overview of the status of the compilation of documents. There need to be some significant updates made to some of the policies and procedures outlined in the various drives and in Juliet's absence will work with SDP Team to work on trying to update the forms.

V. SDLAC Workgroup Reports

Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)

Met this last week on June 17.

Case Management Manual – building in mechanisms to keep the manual updated and current. How do we keep the manual current? Anh and SDP team to provide regular updates and milestones to ensure that SDLAC can provide support.

How can we create connections and work on outreach? How we can create an SDP community in the region.

Megan mentioned there's vendor training so they can also help and come on board to support SDP.

There's a lot of work to be done to increase the number of participants, but there's also priorities and with limited staff. What are some things we can put in place with some of these funds.

Sheraden shared a link to the DDS directive on how SDAC funds can/cannot be used:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/SDP-23-24-Funding-to-Support-Implementation-of-SDP.pdf>

Melissa Hilton: It's discouraging if you're doing outreach but we can't serve the people you have. You have to have the people on board to take care of the people you're trying to integrate into SDP. Sounds like GGRC has a huge issue with staffing.

Why are you doing outreach if you can't provide support to the people you have?

Meghan Reynard: Each regional center is different but we do case transfers all the time. GGRC works closely with other centers, especially nearby regional ones but even FMS work differently. If the family tells the regional center they're moving, there will be a plan. It's when families move and don't say things in advance, that's the challenge. Some RCs have specialized caseloads, others do not.

Sheraden: There are some specific things in statute that outline the transition and transfer of SDP cases from RC to RC and timelines.

Ken: We're working make sure the infrastructure and staff are in place as we expand. There's a draft RFP we've put together to put something in place that's a regular communication and representation in some of the things that provide advanced training and other things we're working on. It'll be focused on GGRC's practices and best practices.

Regularly survey the community, perhaps contract with someone to conduct on a regular basis. We don't have a standing list... there might be a couple of things we can use with an active SDP participant list to start getting the word out a little more. Bay Area website and how to expand outreach in the general Bay Area region. We want to tread carefully to address the unique nature of each regional center. Getting flyers together and out to the community would be valuable.

The understanding was that the working group has the authority to publish/disseminate the RFP without a committee vote. Ken will proceed with completing this task.

Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)

Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

VI. SCDD Update (Nicholau)

Statewide SDLAC is July 9th, agenda will be posted before the end of the month. Officer elections are coming with this meeting. People who don't know about SDP can be trained by/through/partnership with GGRC SDLAC and Autism Society. Sheraden encouraged anyone who's interested in SDP to just check out an orientation – through GGRC or the SCDD one – to just get basic information.

VII. GGRC SDP Team Update (Sousa/Reynard)

- a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled GGRC Updates (Zigman)
- b. Review of GGRC's SDP Orientation post-participation "packet" of information (SDP Team)

End of fiscal year. Thank you to Eric and Lop, the state sunseted out the PCS positions and another position in accounting that GGRC is committed to keeping to help support the staff.

June nine new POS, nine new renewals, lots of new interest in July, some purchases for July, but because of the accounting system and individual FMSs wouldn't take July 1 start dates, some are being pushed back to August/September. Some families have opted to change FMSs.

January 2024 – May 2024 PCS have completed 94 budget, recertifications included and 21 people attended the May orientation.

VIII. GGRC Updates (Zigman)

IX. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA)

Alex shared that Charlie Fagan is no longer with OCRA and Alex encouraged us to use the listserve email address to communicate information.

OCRA.ggrc@disabilityrightsca.org

X. Discussion of SDLAC Co-Chair and nominations (Walsh)

XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 25th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE – we will be moving SDLAC meetings to the FOURTH Thursday of each month****