



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 26, 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)  
Barclay Lynn (Advocate) - present  
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate) - present

**SCDD Partners:**

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

**GGRC Partners:**

Eric Zigman (Executive Director)  
Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services)

Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer) - present  
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:**

Kavita Sreedhar, Pragnya  
Chelsea Huffman, Parent  
Debra Adler, parent  
Amelia Eddleman, Parent/IF  
Jacklyn Ibay, Parent  
Ken Fathom  
Margaret Motamed, parent  
Tiffany Cleveland, Latusa  
Shreyansh Panda, Pragnya – SDP/IF team  
Tamara Ranney  
Miriam  
Deborah Roger, parent/IF  
Patricia Idrugo, FRC  
Olga Maldonado, SFF  
Varsha Likhite, Parent  
Wendy, ED/SFF, parent

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh) (10 minutes)
  - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
    - i. Guest introductions are optional
  - b. Approval of Agenda (Parekh/Walsh) – M/S Sascha, Ken, unanimous consent
  - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) – M/S Sascha, Ken, unanimous consent
  
- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
  - a. Update on GGRC's SDLAC expenditures
    - a. Not many changes from last month, new invoices have come in and will be paid. There's no new contracts coming in. Spending needs to happen for 23-24 funds.

### 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.

Amelia – 099 PDS and FMS not providing that with GGRC. Spoke to Sean Galvin and shared all the information from FMSs, Ritz FMS said they're interested and will make IF services more available. Would love to see 099 PDS deal done. Thank you, Angelina on the SDP team 😊 very kind and collaborative and appreciative of SDP team.

Debra Adler – hat's off to SDP team and Lisa for your leadership and keep things going.

Aparna – replying to Amelia about vendors, speaking as a person in the public. Aparna has been trying to get vendored for two years on this.

Deborah Roger – an IF who recently moved from LA to GGRC.

### IV. GGRC SDP Team Update (Esperanza/Demetry) – (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

#### Changes to SDP

Dedicated social workers are starting with 18 cases, they're on the SDP team. They're reporting to either Juliet or Meghan. Cassandra has already started and two people in SM office will start July 1 and just interviewed for SF and the offer is out for the position. Because of social workers on the team Angelina has to work with the social workers and keep track of all their cases, so she will be working as their administrative assistant. She won't be participating on the committee any longer. All social workers will have at least one SDP case.

Vendorization is handled by Sean Galvin, the new Director of Community Services. Perhaps he can be invited to a future meeting. Lisa explained the details around the requirements for courtesy vendorization. Public comments were shared in support of streamlining the vendorization process to help with SDP and IF providers, especially in 099. Amelia can be reached at [hello@lionheartcollab.com](mailto:hello@lionheartcollab.com).

### V. Discussion and review of SDLAC Committee Centered Plan (Parekh) – (20 minutes)

## SDLAC Funded Projects

- Bay Area SDP Website Committee
- SDP Onboarding Process

## SDLAC Workgroup Reports

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
  - o ACTION: SDP Resource Fairs
  - o Approve the use \$30,000 from SDLAC for funding two resources fairs (SF and Marin) for purposes of outreach to the community on SDP
  - o M/S Alyson, Brenda
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

VI. SDLAC Strategic Planning for future projects – handout review (Ken) – (10 minutes)

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

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

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

OCRA just hired a Kevin, new assistant who's bilingual in Spanish if you have any needs.

X. Adjourn

***Next Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM***