



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2024 - 4:00pm-5:30pm

MEETING NOTICE

DRAFT AGENDA

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

SDLAC Members:

Jennifer Walsh (Chair/Self-Advocate) - present
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate) - present
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate)
Charlie Fagen (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate)
Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate)
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

SCDD Advisor:

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

GGRC Advisors:

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

Guests:

Barclay Lynn – parent/IF
Beth - parent
Diane Pool - parent



James Ford, DDS

Lop Hou, GGRC

Olga Maldonado, Support for Families

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

- 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

Sheraden shared the following link on SDP:

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

All funds are encumbered for 2021-22. For 2022-23, 72,929 (needs to be spent by June 2025), 2023-24, \$72,561 (needs to be expended by June 2026) for a total of \$145,490. These remaining funds are all available for future projects. The funds are still available from Aveanna and holding it for the three regional centers.

Alyson: there's funding for the Bay Area website content manager; has that already been earmarked.

Lop: It's already been encumbered and is with Aveanna. All regional centers have already paid into the fund for the website. \$27,890 from each regional center. \$6,300 to Aveanna to hold the funds, \$300 a month to hold the funds.

Ken: What's holding up the funds on the joint Bay Area project? Aveanna is just holding the funds.

Lop: The funds are available, the website is mostly done.

Jennifer: An ad went out yesterday. Alyson shared that there's a posting for the content manager position, the job description was being approved by all three regional centers and now the position has been shared. Hopefully, there'll be some candidates and we can get someone going with the website up and running. Alyson discussed how there will be updates needed to the original design and content. Brenda shared how having regular content updates can be done through contract or staff for about \$1,000 a month. You're never going to have a website that's always up to date because DDS is constantly updating directives/making changes.



Ken: Curious to see if there's a way to give brief overview/orientation of existing projects and things happening on the committee for some of the newer members. Also suggestion of having the dates/times of when the other working groups will be meeting so other members can join in or sit in on the meetings/discussion.

Sheraden: Next month we can do an update and overview on existing projects.

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.

Diane: Asking about training for SDP PCP, for parents and individuals. There are newer people at GGRC so it would be beneficial that haven't been trained in PCT/PCP. There are providers and companies that don't want to work with SDP FMSs because they don't pay on time and not sure how that can be changed. It's a problem as a parent trying to get services.

Brenda: Usually 60-90 days for payment, systems at RCs aren't set up for a quick turnaround.

Ken: Lots of resources available, through DDS and DVU, not necessarily specific to GGRC, but an area of discussion in one of the workgroups is to have training on key topics.

III. SDLAC Workgroups and SDLAC funded projects (Walsh/Nicholau)

Workgroups report out:

Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)

Ken shared the notes from his group's meeting on 5/13. Development of a learning manual and how GGRC does SDP to provide good guidance and information to people.

Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Elizabeth)

Data Coordination (Alyson/Connie) – the data coordination was waiting to see/collect more data once we have it, what's the most relevant data, what do we want that we're not receiving. At this point, might be premature for this committee of one to report on something until there's more people onboarding and part of SDP. Will coordinate with Christine (since she also serves on the website committee) for serving on other committees until data takes off.

Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy) - work with Ken on his committee and possibly work on some best practices. What do people consider their best practices? There are a lot of websites that list information we can glean from but perhaps we should ask the people we serve. Survey can include request for information about best practices and services. Jennifer: How is SPAC implementing SDP? Sheraden: they're not necessarily encouraging or discouraging their persons served. Lisa: Meghan has done some vendor training. The feedback from vendors is getting reimbursed and paid by FMSs.

Bay Area SDP Website Committee

Case Management Manual SDP updates

- IV. SCDD Update (Nicholau)
Orientations in English, Spanish and Korean. Some additions were made to the SCDD best practices platform.

- V. 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. GGRC's SDP Orientation post-participation "packet" of information
 - c. Update on putting together the GGRC Social Worker SDP resources file

- VI. GGRC Updates (Zigman)

- VII. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA)

- VIII. Discussion of SDLAC Co-Chair and nominations (Bittner)

- IX. Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 20th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm