

# Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting

## Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 4:00pm-5:30pm

### MINUTES

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

Zoom Link for November Meeting

<https://ggrc.zoom.us/j/83216435732?pwd=WXozelpNSk9lekx6eGxFRUZpUXVZUT>

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#### **SDLAC Members:**

Jennifer Walsh (Chair/Self-Advocate) – present  
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate)  
Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate)  
Charlie Fagen (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate)  
Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate)  
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate)  
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)  
Gaby Choy (Parent Advocate)  
David Nguyen (Parent Advocate)  
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate)

#### **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) - present  
Meghan Reynard (Acting SDP Supervisor) - present  
Kori Mason (Participant Choice Specialist)  
Janika Jamarillo (Participant Choice Specialist)  
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)

#### **Guests:**

Sophia Agafonow, DDS  
Molli Hoos – parent of a 12-year old son, just starting PCP for SDP and just trying to learn as much as she can about the program and how it works. Just wants to be as educated as much as she can to advocate for her son.

The only question is with changing coming up in January with the vendor process. Will that be a problem with who she selected as the IF?

Meghan: it shouldn't affect the services you're receiving. There are a lot of vendors that are still updating their vendorization but everything will be able to get billed out based on the date of the service agreement. But any supports that you receive before officially SDP and is considered pre-transitional support. If they stay on after starting SDP, then it'll be part of the SDP budget.

Sheraden shared the directive from DDS <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Self-Determination-Program-Final-Extension-of-Initial-Person-Centered-Plan-Pre-Enrollment-T.pdf>

**Meghan: What's the status on the bi-monthly status report?**

**Jennifer will send information**

Connie asked about what information is being collected and how the data is being used to report. She wants all items accounted for. Meghan said the information and data isn't organized in the way that Connie was asking about. Connie said they don't want to be dealing with individual cases in the report.

The purpose of the committee is to look at the details and to look for the "blinking light" obstructions and have a system that can capture all of the information so we can find patterns.

Juliet: Yes, we need a tracking system and to see where everyone is stuck. It would be great to see how many people start the process and how they are doing, how long things are taking and where they are.

Liz: How are we tracking it now? Is it being tracked at all?

Juliet: That's what Meghan was talking about.

Meghan: In SDP, delays can be different for every person. Its hard to identify from a data perspective. The workload is so heavy the time creating these documents and responding to surveys as well as another survey for PCS, we need a data analyst. It's not a one-size-fits-all.

Connie: Just something that adds up. Where is everyone, a number in a column is just a number in this phase. Not looking for something complicated so if the committee wants to know something, they can just look and see some numbers of where people are at any point in time.

Sheraden: Does anyone on the committee have a connection to an intern or a student at a local university or college to do some work with GGRC on this project. Can the committee work to find someone to help support the staff with this project.

Sophia: GGRC staff meets with DDS on a bi-monthly basis and whoever attends that meeting they can run it by DDS staff and see if they can get the information.

Sheraden: Jennifer meets with chairs of two other regional centers and can touch base with Irene and Melissa to see what their centers use for reporting tools.

Sophia: The next GGRC/DDS meeting is 12/13.

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh)
  - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
  - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh)
  - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All)
  
- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22 - (Walsh)
  - a. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan (D. Nguyen)
  
- 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.
  
- IV. SDLAC Workgroups (Walsh/Nicholau)
  
- V. SCDD Update (Nicholau)
  
- VI. GGRC SDP Team Update (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
  
- VII. GGRC Updates (Zigman)
  
- VIII. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA)
  
- IX. Adjourn

Next Meeting: GGRC SLDAC will be Dark for December 2023