



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 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) - absent
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)
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) - present
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider) - present
Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) - present
Barclay Lynn (Advocate) - present
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate)

Partners:

Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD-Regional Manager, Bay Area Office) - present
Department of Developmental Services
Olga Maldonado, SFF
Patricia Idrugo, FRC/San Mateo - present
Pragnya

GGRC Partners:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) - present
Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services)
Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer)
Angelina Demetry (SDP Administrative Support)
Janika Jamarillo (Participant Choice Specialist)
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

Tina Ewing-Wilson, DVU
Daniel Michael, Strawberry Hill Music
Amelia Eddlemann, Lionheart Collaborative IF
Olaf Gustavo, Ritz
Chelsea Donovan, Exceptional Intentions
Jon Kantor
Jessica

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

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. Update on GGRC's SDLAC expenditures
November 8th table sponsorship at SF Autism Society

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 Eddelman – 099 more IFs serving GGRC and Ritz has offered to help. Had a parent come last meeting and how hard of a time they're having finding an IF. Flagged an item to Lisa and raising this on behalf of several Ifs who are not getting paid. Process for getting IFs paid is confusing and unclear about why there are unpaid invoices piling up. The team has started to hire SDP social workers and

grateful for Sophia from SM. Grateful for social workers being trained on SDP and how the people who know and understand the program are helpful.

Daniel Michael would like to help support anyone with issues in the bottleneck spaces.

Alyson – adding to what Amelia has shared. Recently had personal experience with a new social worker for SDP in Marin (Cassandra) who has been so helpful, professional and timely who's also really in the know and servicing Marin county.

Olaf – Right now the home regional center is taking longer on courtesy vendorization and as soon as that's done, they'll be providing courtesy vendorization.

IV. GGRC SDP Team Update (Rosene) – (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 Regional Resource Fairs

Amelia has some theories in discrepancies in terms of enrollment to population. Most of the information about SDP travels through word of mouth and community not through GGRC communications channels.

Eric said we need some systemic changes regarding SDP and the way vendorization is working.

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

Ken shared the updated plan. Alyson shared an update on the Bay Area website and included a Google Docs form for others to edit and add resources.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12trFWNfSU9SyCJ975oO4GcS38QDjJM-kNFGK69JE7r4/edit?tab=t.0>

VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

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

- a. Local personnel updates and transition plan

Membership update: interview with applicant before the next meeting in November. December 2 is the next statewide SDLAC meeting. There are resources, reports and data from the September meeting on the statewide website.

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

Reaching out to underserved communities would be appreciated by GGRC. SDP continues to be poorly structured to allow the capacity to serve the community; frustrates people in SDP and those trying to administer SDP. Core staffing formula is a problem and the state reimbursement for benefits is woefully underpayment, hampers our ability to retain and pay social workers what they're truly worth. There is no funding for special social work caseloads, like SDP. In the all-staff meeting today, Lisa Rosene focused on SDP and how the team is doing and introduced staff who have specialized caseloads. Past staff meetings have included SDP in the breakout sessions.

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

OCRA will be at the November 15 with one of her colleagues present; unfortunately Kristin has a conflict and cannot personally attend.

X. Adjourn

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*****PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE*****