

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 3:45pm-5:30pm

MEETING NOTICE

DRAFT AGENDA

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

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87601152530?pwd=STJwMHI4YmtJUVlyVnpaL2tMOHROZz09>

SDLAC Members:

Sascha Bittner (Co-Chair/Self-Advocate) – present

Jennifer Walsh (Co-Chair/Self-Advocate) – present

Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate) absent

Alex Gastelum (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate) – replaced with Courtney (Sheraden to forward contact information for October meeting notice)

Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate) - present

Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) – absent

Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate) - present

Gaby Choy, (Parent Advocate) – absent

David Nguyen (Parent Advocate) – present

SCDD Advisor:

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

GGRC Advisors:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) – present

Lisa Rosene (Director, RCS Services) – absent

Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker) – on leave

Noelia Corzo (Participant Choice Specialist) – absent

Israel Pichardo (SDP Supervising Social Worker) – absent

Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) – present

Guests:

Maxine Milam, DDS Liaison

Mayra Hernandez, Community Relations Specialist, Aveanna Healthcare

Tanya Hernandez, Field Services for GT Independence

Lin Yan, Parent (interested in SDP)

- I. *Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All) – 5 minutes*
- a. Introductions
- b. Approval of Agenda (Bittner)

c. Approval of Minutes (Bittner/All) – Anh will send copies of the full minutes to all of the committee members for July and September.

II. Participant/Family/Public Feedback on SDP (All) – 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.

III. SCDD Update (Bittner/Nicholau) – 10 minutes

Sheraden updated the committee on the activities of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed priorities, areas of need, existing and funded projects, what we want to measure and monitor going forward. The second planning session, scheduled for September 21 at 1:00 PM will focus on prioritizing needs, projects and mapping out monitoring plan and how to report back to the committee. Sascha shared that she hoped the process will be completed by the end of the calendar year so the SDLAC can start the year off with some direction.

SCDD has continued with conducting statewide orientation the last two months. Over 500 people have completed the statewide orientation sessions. The trainings are currently in English, Spanish and Vietnamese with more languages coming online including Mandarin, Cantonese, Hmong, Farisi, Arabic down the road. Not many people from GGRC's catchment area have completed the orientation, maybe because they're taking the local orientation or for other unknown reasons. Eric approved use of GGRC's website and social media to help share information about SCDD's statewide orientations.

Sheraden also shared that of those taking the orientation, a smaller percentage was persons served and families, mostly professionals signing up and participating. The primary follow up question is people asking about how they can get more information about the spending plan process. Children and young adults, based on self-reported information on who is attending the statewide orientations from SCDD's July statistics.

Sheraden shared the link to the statewide orientation in the chat.

Statewide trend is people are concerned about FMS' capacity, they are struggling to find a good FMS, harder to find an FMS due to larger budgets, on a waiting list for their preferred FMS, with an FMS they don't like or delay in FMS paying bills. Lots of questions about DDS directives (Person-Centered Planning facilitation and the pre-enrollment supports guidance)

Next SCDD Statewide SDAC is in November, date TBD.

IV. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – 10 minutes

FMSs have been struggling; the structure and compensation rates were insufficient for what we were asking of them. Now this issue is front and center in the statewide conversations. DDS has issued directives under health and safety, October 1, 2022 until directive is rescinded, FMS provider must be notified of changes within three days of spending plan changes. October 1, 2022 – Jan 1, 2023, regional centers will establish schedule to pay FMS providers on weekly basis. UFS, the system regional centers use to pay providers and vendors is antiquated so will take some time to figure out, but GGRC will make sure it happens.

On behalf of GT, Tanya said one of the steps that they do to confirm a person is enrolled is a budget appears in their e-billing and sometimes clients are in the incorrect module. It's important to make sure it matches the service code/billing code matches the spending plan.

Sheraden suggested adding an agenda item to SDLAC meetings that checks in with FMS since their feedback and input during this meeting has been so valuable and helpful. Eric can extend a personal invitation to GGRC's FMSs to attend and participate in SDLAC meetings. Anh will add the five FMSs identified by Sheraden on the DDS list to the SDLAC meeting distribution list.

V. GGRC SDP Team Update – 10 minutes

Juliet Sousa, Supervising Social Worker, SDP, Noelia Corzo, GGRC Participant Choice Specialist and Israel Pichardo, Supervising Social Worker, SDP
Lisa has an SDP budget meeting, Juliet is out on leave and Israel unfortunately could not participate today.

Eric will email out updated numbers for SDP to the committee.

VI. Disability Rights California Update (Alex) – 2 minutes

Sheraden apprised the committee of a new DRC attorney who would be replacing Alex and will forward their contact information along to Anh for notices of future meetings.

VII. SDLAC Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Bittner/Walsh) – 10 minutes

Sheraden encouraged everyone to complete the member survey if they have not already done so. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 for 1:00 PM.

VIII. Outreach to the community – Communication/Correspondence (All) – 10 minutes

Anh reported on SDP email traffic and how GGRC has received a few inquiries to begin SDP enrollment. David suggested we should ask people coming through SDP how they heard about SDP, what brought them to reach out, etc. Anh said she would mention this to SDP team.

IX. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22 - (Bittner/Walsh) – 15 minutes

https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/DDS_Guidance_SDP_RCParticipantSupports_02112022.pdf

a. GGRC's SDLAC spending plan (Nguyen)

X. Bay Area website update (Sinclair, Kantor, Zigman) – 5 minutes

Christine shared an update on the status of the website and that it will need to be maintained past being constructed. Anh will connect with Christine offline about the platform it is built on to see if she can possibly help under her existing contract with the committee.

Christine shared how self-advocates had discussed putting together a short video or something to promote self-determined lives and what that looks like to share on social media and our websites.

XI. NeuroNav Coaching updates – 10 minutes

Heather shared the NeuroNav update and made her presentation (attached here)

XII. Upcoming Events

XIII. Adjourn: Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th – 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM