

GGRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee  
10/28/2015

**GGRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –  
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**Individuals Present:**

Roya Rossai, committee member/parent  
Katie Spielman, committee member/Clients' Rights Advocate OCRA,  
serving in this capacity in all three counties within GGRC's catchment area.  
Jennifer Walsh, committee member (vice chair)/individual served by GGRC  
Peter Mendoza, committee member (chairperson)/individual served by  
GGRC, Marin County  
Lili Byers, committee member/parent  
Connie Johnson, committee member/parent

A member of the public who is a parent of a person served by GGRC also  
attended the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

The group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. A suggestion  
was made to list committee members with their titles and the capacities in  
which they are serving on the committee, as well as geographic area. It  
was also suggested that moving forward committee minutes summarize  
action items and deadlines.

The committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting, and will  
adopt the suggestions described in the foregoing paragraph moving  
forward.

The committee approved the agenda for the present meeting.

**Public Comment:**

The individual attending the meeting from the public suggested that it could  
be difficult for individuals served by GGRC to find notice of the committee  
meetings on GGRC's website, and asked whether it would be possible for  
DDS to put notice of the self-determination advisory committee meetings  
on their website. The individual also suggested that outreach should start  
as soon as possible, so that people can begin preparing, thinking, and  
planning for the implementation.

**Motion:**

A motion was brought to request that GGRC put a link prominently on its homepage about the self-determination program, similar to the link available on DDS's website. The link should be easy-to-find, and the landing page from the link should include updates from DDS and this committee, information about where we are in the process of rolling out the program, what is happening now, what will happen in the future, and what actions people who are interested in the program can be taking now. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Elections:**

Peter Mendoza was elected to the position of chairperson by unanimous vote.

Jennifer Walsh was elected to the position of vice-chairperson by unanimous vote.

**Update from DDS SDP Workgroup:**

The group reviewed page 7 of the waiver application update with a summary of the comments received during the application comment period, from DDS's self-determination update webpage.

**Outreach Activity Discussion:**

The group discussed asking for clarification about who is working on a central plan for outreach curriculum and when we will be receiving it.

The group also discussed the need to plan for how to properly explain how an individual's budget for self-determination services will be established, and how it can be modified.

**Action Item:** Peter will ask the state SDP group for clarification about how rigid the budget parameter is with respect to the previous year's budget.

The group discussed finding out if the SCDD regional office for the bay area is already doing outreach about self-determination.

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Committee members will watch the video about self-determination on DDS's website on their own.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday November 18 at 10:00 a.m., pending confirmation regarding whether the Support for Families room can be booked for this purpose.