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STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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DATE: February 16, 2021





TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: Maria Marquez and Rick Wood

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AGENDA ITEM 4.

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Public Comment

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AGENDA ITEM 5.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Approval of September 25, 2020 Minutes

Committee members will review and approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting.

Action Recommended

Approve the September 25, 2020 meeting minutes.

Attachment(s)

September 25, 2020 Minutes



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**Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2020**

Attending Members

Bertha Monterrey (SGPRC)
Charles Nutt (FNRC)
Irene Litherland (RCEB)
John Francis (NLACRC)
Joyce Clark (SDRC)
Judy Mark (WRC)
Karen Millender (RCOC)
Linda Chan-Rapp (HRC)
Lisa Cooley (ACRC)
Maia Pawoskar (IRC)
Mariela Ramos (VMRC)
Martha Johansen (SARC)
Michelle Smith (CVRC)
Pierre Landry (FDLRC)
Rick Wood (Co-Chair, KRC)
Robert Taylor (RCRC)
Sascha Bittner (GGRC)
Sherry Johnson (SCLARC)
Sonia Jones (NBRC)
Virgilio Orlina (ELARC)

Absent Members

Maria Marquez (Co-Chair)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Beth Hurn
Cathy Gott
Charlotte Endres
Connie Lapin
Elisa Escareno
Harvey Lapin
Megan Swope
Rob Lewis
Robin Maitino
Sheila Keys
Sonni Charness
Suzy Requarth
Sylvia Haro

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rick Wood (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves as indicated.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Harvey Lapin provided comment stating that the number of participants statewide is unsatisfactory. He advocated for focusing attention and resources on specific areas of the state and emphasizing the need for us to be prepared to roll out the program in June of 2021.

Ms. Constance Lapin thanked committee members for their work and urged them to take charge of the Self-Determination program. She requested that action be taken to implement the changes recommended in the SSDAC Report on Barriers to Implementation of Self-Determination and urged the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to provide more oversight to regional centers.

Mr. Richard Dier provided comment on some of the barriers that his son has faced while participating in Self-Determination and expressed a desire to form an informal community support network in his area. He described the struggles in navigating the use of the sole employer model and asked that others who are navigating those issues contact him. He provided his contact information in the chat.

Ms. Cathy Gott, a vendor with the various regional centers spoke about her recent grant award with San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. Her organization provides joint trainings and step-by-step assistance in a variety of modalities to meet the diverse needs of individuals with I/DD and their families. Ms. Gott stated that she believes there is a need for a universal container for all the program information and requested that the local advisory committees (LAC) dedicate a portion of their budget so that this can be made available as the statewide rollout is happening in June.

Ms. Sonni Charness, founder of Guidelight Group stated her concerns about the lack of guidelines and expectations provided by DDS and a lack of accountability for regional centers. Ms. Charness listed several barriers that have been encountered. She requested that the Department and regional centers correct these before the statewide rollout.

Ms. Christina Cannarella provided comment stating that her son's regional center has denied vendor services due to the level of care her son requires. She stated that her regional center has suffered a large number of dropouts from Self-Determination Program and requested consideration be given to allowing individuals on the waiting into the program.

Ms. Silvia Haro from North Los Angeles Regional Center provided comment about families wanting to use co-employer model being forced to hire private nurses because they have been unable to find an FMS willing to take on liability. She went on to request the contact information of any FMS who is servicing families under the co-employer model.

Ms. Sandra McElwee provided comment stating that she has been working with multiple program participants in various regional centers and has witnessed racial disparity and insufficient services. She stated there is a lack of information being made available to families and ongoing issues with the budget process. She requested that a reporting mechanism be made available to report such issues.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Landry/Cooley) and carried to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. (Motion passed unanimously by acclamation [see page 1 for a list of voting members]).

6. **CO-CHAIR REPORT TO SSDAC**

Co-chair Rick Wood gave an update on the activities that have taken place since the June 9th meeting. His report included the work done to distribute the Committee's barrier report and the outcome of the subsequent meetings that took place following the distribution of the report.

Co-Chair Wood also reported that he had attended a number of local advisory committee (LAC) meetings and offered his support to any LAC that invited him or Co-Chair Marquez to attend a meeting.

Co-Chair Wood concluded his report by reminding members that funds are needed from LACs if they want the SSDAC to meet more frequently.

7. **LOCAL SDAC REPORTS**

Members reported updates to their participant data and shared details of their budgets and local committee concerns. During these reports, members suggested taking regional center budget size into consideration when requesting funds for SSDAC meetings in the future.

Some barriers that were reported during the updates included the need the need for language interpreters during online platform meetings and vacancies in some of the LACs.

Committee member Karen Millender reported that regional center clients in her area are experiencing individuals being forced to be left with services that do not meet their needs, thus resulting in clients leaving Self-Determination. She stated that she believes this to be an attempt for the regional center to stay cost neutral.

8. SSDAC REPORT ON BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM – Next Steps

Ms. Maricris Acon and Mr. Tim Travis from DDS thanked members for their report and discussed steps taken to understand the barriers and how to address them. They announced that they are working with San Diego Regional Center to assist with a request for quote to find an agent that will provide technical assistance to providers on how they can provide an alternative services model. Other updates included responses received in the voluntary withdrawal survey.

Following the report from DDS, Co-Chair Wood presented an overview of the four main barriers identified in the barriers report and asked members for recommendations on the next steps to overcome them.

Members stated they required a number of things, including access to more data and anecdotes before making recommendations. Members also discussed establishing benchmarks for regional centers instead of waiting on the regional centers to develop them and LAC possibly redoing the orientation to be shorter in plain language. Members then requested that a workgroup work on some of these activities. Co-Chair Wood stated he would work with Co-Chair Maria Marquez and SCDD staff to identify volunteers for the workgroup that SCDD will convene.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is anticipated to take place in February 2021. If resources become available before then to conduct a meeting, the Co-Chairs will notify members.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Co-Chair Report to SSDAC

Co-Chairs will provide a report on SSDAC-related activities since the last meeting. Their reports will include a summary of the work the workgroup has done since the September statewide meeting, local advisory committee (LAC) commonalities across the state and a status of the SSDAC position.

Attachment

None

Handouts

Co-Chair Report

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AGENDA ITEM 7.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Increase Self-Determination Program Enrollments – Breakout Session

Using the data collected from each LAC Chair as well as the December 2020 Self-Determination Program Regional Center Report Summary, Committee members will break into groups to develop recommendations designed to assist regional centers in completing the enrollment of the remaining individuals chosen to participate in the Self-Determination Program.

A sample of the report LAC Chairs were asked to provide is attached.

Attachment

Blank Copy of February Local SDAC Report to the SSDAC
December 2020, Self-Determination Program Regional Center Report Summary

Handouts

LAC Reports

Regional Center Name:

1. Where is your regional center at in the program implementation process?

2. What is your RCs plan to complete enrollment of those selected by June 7th?

3. Do you or your committee members have recommendations that you feel would increase enrollment?

4. What is the top barrier that you believe could be overcome during the remaining months before the roll out in June?

Self-Determination Program - Regional Center Report Summary

Summary of Data for Continuing Participants

Updated from December 2020 Reports**

Regional Center Self-Reporting											DDS Informational System	
SDP Spaces at Each RC	Total Selected	Total Withdrawals (2018 to Date)	Continuing Participants	Number of Continuing Participants Who Completed an Orientation**	Percentage of Continuing Participants Who Completed an Orientation ***	Number of Continuing Participants Who Have an Individual Budget Certified**	Percentage of Continuing Participants Who Have an Individual Budget Certified ***	Number of Continuing Participants Who Have a Spending Plan Completed**	Percentage of Continuing Participants Who Have a Spending Plan Completed ***	Number of Continuing Participants Who Have Obtained an FMS **	Percentage of Continuing Participants Who Have Obtained an FMS ***	Number of Participants Receiving Services Through SDP (# from the Pilot)
ACRC	179	268	106	81	76%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CVRC	140	185	113	103	91%	69	61%	31	27%	31	27%	29
ELARC	110	146	93	87	94%	30	32%	26	28%	32	34%	33 (18)
FDLRC	73	90	51	48	94%	20	39%	19	37%	18	35%	19
FNRC	60	85	50	41	82%	35	70%	27	54%	23	46%	28
GGRC	68	89	64	53	83%	11	17%	*	*	*	*	*
HRC	99	128	91	88	97%	26	29%	17	19%	16	18%	16
IRC	256	317	269	176	65%	17	6%	14	5%	15	6%	15
KRC	95	133	75	74	99%	39	52%	39	52%	41	55%	39 (28)
NBRC	66	88	68	51	75%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NLACRC	183	231	159	145	91%	26	16%	25	16%	25	16%	25
RCEB	154	191	128	118	92%	31	24%	25	20%	25	20%	26
RCOC	151	204	147	137	93%	56	38%	18	12%	15	10%	16
RCRC	55	65	53	52	98%	38	72%	35	66%	35	66%	35 (22)
SARC	125	158	102	91	89%	34	33%	26	25%	25	25%	27
SCLARC	110	139	92	90	98%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SDRC	207	271	202	155	77%	56	28%	41	20%	39	19%	40 (*)
SGPRC	95	146	67	55	82%	17	25%	14	21%	15	22%	14
TCRC	110	177	55	52	95%	18	33%	14	25%	*	*	* (*)
VMRC	100	132	100	75	75%	53	53%	34	34%	34	34%	35
WRC	64	83	69	65	94%	34	49%	18	26%	20	29%	17
Statewide Totals	2500	3326	2154	1837	85%	610	28%	423	20%	409	19%	447
												72 Pilot Participants

Notes: *In accordance with DDS Data De-Identification Guidelines, counts between one and ten have been suppressed.

**Participants may engage in multiple activities related to program implementation simultaneously; numbers may be duplicative in each category and do not include participants in the process of completing a milestone.

***For the columns that express percentages, the percentage is out of the number of continuing participants.

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AGENDA ITEM 8.

ACTION ITEM

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC

Increase Self-Determination Program Enrollments – Breakout Report

Facilitators of each breakout group will report their groups recommendations to increase enrollment of the self-determination program.

Action Recommended

Adopt the recommendations made by the breakout groups that facilitate greater enrollment outcomes and direct the SSDAC Co-Chairs and Workgroup Members to synthesize the information for distribution to the 21-regional centers, Department of Developmental Services and other as appropriate.

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**AGENDA ITEM 9.
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Committee's next anticipated meeting will take place in April 2021.