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**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
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**DATE:** June 22, 2021

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS:** Maria Marquez and Rick Wood

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**Item 1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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**Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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	<b>There will be a 30-minute lunch break following the DDS Presentation.</b>	
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**AGENDA ITEM 4.**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC**

***Public Comment***

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**AGENDA ITEM 5.**

**ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC**

***Approval of February 16, 2021 Minutes***

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

***Action Recommended***

Approve the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

***Attachment(s)***

February 16, 2021 Minutes



**DRAFT**

**Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2021**

**Attending Members**

Ali Ameen (SGPRC)  
Casey Taylor (TCRC)  
Charles Nutt (FNRC)  
Irene Litherland (RCEB)  
Jon Francis (NLACRC)  
Joyce Clark (SDRC)  
Judy Mark (WRC)  
Linda Chan-Rapp (HRC)  
Lisa Cooley (ACRC)  
Maia Pawooskar (IRC)  
Maria Marquez (Co-Chair)  
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)  
Tim Jin (RCOC)  
Virgilio Orlina (ELARC)

**Absent Members**

None

**Others Attending**

Aaron Carruthers  
Alejandra Rivera  
Alma Morales  
Ana Montes  
Beth Hurn  
Carolyn Tellalian  
Caryn Chung  
Charlotte Endres  
Cheryl Wenderoth  
Christina Cannerella  
Christofer Arroyo  
Cindy Barry  
Cindy Cox  
Cindy Le  
Cindy Smith  
Claudia Wenger  
Clifford Black  
Connie Lapin  
Dawn Purdy  
Dena Hernandez  
Diane Bernstein  
Dustlyne Beavers  
Enrique Rogel  
Faviola Aranda  
Gabby Ohmstead  
Jennifer Norris  
Jenny Hernandez  
Joe Hernandez  
John Forrest  
Jordan Feinstock

**Others Attending**

Joslyn McNaughton  
Julie LaRose  
Juliet Sousa  
Karen Bonacci  
Katherine Weston  
Kyung Choi  
Lauren Utterback  
Linda Hope Services  
Mabel Lopez  
Marcia Eichelberger  
Marlene Angeli  
Mary Ellen Stives  
Nicole De Guzman  
Nina Spiegelman  
Pam – GT independence  
Pam Abbondanza  
Pam Jensen  
Richard Esquivel  
Rihana Ahmad  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Rommel Sanchez  
Rosalinda Garcia  
Roxy Ortiz  
S. Smith  
Sally Spencer  
Samantha Husman  
Sandra McElwee  
Sarah May  
Shannon Sevor  
Sheila Keys

**Others Attending**

Shirley Skadan-Smith  
Sidney Jackson  
Sofia Cervantes  
Sonni Charness  
Sonya Bingaman  
Stacey M  
Sunghee Park  
Suzy Requarth  
Taleen  
Khatchadourian  
Tamara Flaherty  
Tamra Pauly  
Tania Morawiec  
Tarrasel Jones  
Tiffany Lan  
Todd Rubien  
Vi Ibarra  
Victoria Preciado  
Yulahlia

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Rick Wood (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves as indicated.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sonni Charness, Independent Facilitator, stated she was concerned with the disparity in services once the rollout takes place. She stated that there is no upfront funding available for services and Ms. Charness fears that once the program is available to all eligible Californians, only clients with the resources available to pay costs upfront will be able to continue in the program.

Ms. Sandra McElwee with Empowered Person Centered Plans asked regional centers to answer the following questions: When will regional centers be hosting orientations in preparation of the June 7<sup>th</sup> rollout? Will there be an online orientation available? Will budget certifications be done in advance of the June 7<sup>th</sup> rollout.

Ms. Mackenzie Bath from Disability Voices United shared information about their upcoming statewide virtual conference being held April 16-18 titled: All In For Self-Determination. Ms. Bath went on to provide a brief overview of the itinerary.

Mr. Harvey Lapin stated his disappointment in the number of people currently enrolled in Self-Determination.

Mr. Jordan Feinstock commented that he believes independent facilitators are the lifeblood of the Self-Determination Program.

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

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

Correction

Add Casey Taylor (TCRC) as present for the meeting.

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

Co-Chair Rick Wood provided a report of his activities since the September SSDAC meeting, including the status of work completed by the SSDAC

Workgroup and his visits to several local advisory committees throughout the state.

Co-Chair Wood also made another request to help fund a part-time position within SCDD that would be exclusively dedicated to the work of SSDAC. This request led to discussion among the members about the needs of the committee and the potential funding stream.

#### **7. 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 broke into six 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.

Breakout Facilitators identified were Rick Wood, Judy Mark, Maia Pawooskar, Linda Chan-Rapp and Sherry Johnson, Pierre Landry and Michelle Smith.

#### **8. INCREASE SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS – BREAKOUT REPORTS**

Breakout facilitators provided an overview of the group recommendations. Proposed recommendations included: 1) more trainings, both in the community (e.g., orientations and plain languages definitions) and at regional center staff and vendor levels; 2) more guidance from DDS with directives to the regional centers to comply (including establishing benchmarks and timelines, etc.); 3) meaningful collaboration between regional center staff and the local advisory committees; 4) education outreach; and 5) assistance with underserved populations.

Co-Chair Wood restated the next steps outlined at the beginning of the meeting which were to: 1) request that the written recommendations reported out were sent to himself and SCDD staff by February 19th; 2) convene a workgroup meeting in the next week to synthesize the recommendations received; 3) once final, send out the recommendations for final comment; and 4) distribute to regional centers and others as appropriate. Co-Chair also stated that he wanted the final recommendations that came out of today's work to be the foundation for action over the next several months in order to increase enrollments into the SDP.

Committee members engaged in a robust conversation regarding the wording of the proposed motion before acting to adopt the recommendations that



facilitate greater enrollment outcomes. Some members expressed concerns that breakout reports varied in focus and that not all recommendations would necessarily result in greater enrollment outcomes. The Co-Chairs acknowledged that and assured the Committee that they would work with the Workgroup to ensure that the final recommendations were targeted and focused on greater enrollment outcomes in the next four months.

It was moved/seconded (Landry/Taylor) and carried to adopt the recommendations 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. (*Opposed*: M. Smith, Orlina, Landry, Nutt, Bittner, Chan-Rapp, Litherland, Clark, Ameen, Taylor; *In Favor*: Pawooskar, Wood, Jones, Cooley, Jin, Taylor, Johansen, S. Johnson, Ramos, Mark, Marquez; *Abstain*: Francis).

#### 9. **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 2:49 p.m. with a next meeting to take place sometime in April.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.  
INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC**

***Co-Chair Report to SSDAC***

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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 statewide meeting.

***Attachment***

None

***Handouts***

Maybe handout the day of the meeting

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**AGENDA ITEM 7.**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC**

***Panel Discussions on July 1<sup>st</sup> Statewide Rollout***

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The SSDAC is hosting four topic-focused panels made-up of subject experts. The purpose of the targeted panel discussions is to gather information and prepare for the July 1<sup>st</sup> statewide rollout. The information collected during these discussions will be used to help with the development and sharing of best practices and training materials. The panels are made up as follows.

1. Department of Developmental Disabilities – Focus: Budget and Program Update.
2. Regional Center Operations – Focus: How can the SSDAC and local advisory committees assist regional centers in being successful.
3. Financial Management Services (FMS) – Focus: Lessons learned during the initial rollout and supports needed at a statewide and local level to help participants manage their individual budgets in a manner that is aligned with the guidance principles of the self-determination program.
4. Independent Facilitation – Focus: the independent facilitator’s (IF) role. Including, what to look for when shopping for an IF and how it interconnects with services the FMS provides.

***Attachment***

None.

***Handouts***

Could be handouts the day of the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 8.**

**POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM**

**STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – SSDAC**

***Committee Discussion Next Steps***

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Using the information collected during the panel discussions, Committee members will discuss next steps. This discussion could lead to action being taken and/or delegation of tasks to the SSDAC Workgroup.

***Attachment***

None.

***Handouts***

Could be handouts the day of the meeting.