



**SCDD San Diego Imperial Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)  
DRAFT Minutes for Meeting Held:  
May 13, 2021  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Through Zoom**

Call to Order

Marta Leyva, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present

Nicole Brobeck (SA), Melissa Cenizo (FA), Helen Crenshaw (FA), Leticia Galvan (FA), Harvey Goldman (FA), David Jespersen (FA), Marta Leyva (FA), Susan Madison (SA), Jackie Riddell (FA), Julie St. Pierre (FA), James Walker (SA), Nancy Vogel (FA),

Members Absent (Excused)

Dayon Higgins (FA)

Staff Present

Mary Ellen Stives, Debbie Marshall, and Suza Szewiola of SCDD San Diego Imperial Office.

Guests

Tiffany Swan, San Diego Regional Center HCBS Specialist; Viri Salgado (SCDD San Diego Imperial Intern), Lisa Hooks (Manager, SCDD North Bay Office), Genoveva Michel (Office Technician, SCDD North Bay Office), Tobias Weare (Clients' Rights Advocate, SCDD North Bay Office), Peter Salgado (SA), Zach Hill (SA).

Welcome and Introductions

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

### Approval of Agenda

Helen Crenshaw moved to approve the agenda. Harvey Goldman seconded it. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Nicole Brobeck moved to approve the January 14, 2021 agenda. Susan Madison seconded it. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Susan Madison moved to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda. Helen Crenshaw seconded it. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### Presentation

Tiffany Swan, San Diego Regional Center HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) Specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and HCBS Final Rule and answered questions from the RAC regarding these and related services.

Topics included:

- HCBS Waiver and HCBS Final Rule definitions and differences and to whom they apply.
- Tailored Day Services Options (which are capped at 15 hours per week maximum).
- HCBS's Federal Regulations for Vendors
- Relationship maps.
- Buzz topics about HCBS: Modifications, Heightened Scrutiny, "Out of Compliance", Self Determination.
- Person-Centered Thinking.
- Collaborative Efforts Towards Compliance.

### SCDD Legislative Committee Update

Julie Austin was not available to give a report. Instead, Mary Ellen updated the RAC on some legislative issues including:

- The passage of AB 1313 which improves the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP). LEAP assists people with disabilities to find employment in State Service. AB 1313 passed by a margin of 7 to 0 and has been referred to the Assembly

Appropriations Committee with the recommendation it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

- AB 126 also passed. It was created to increase support for Family Empowerment Centers to help those with disabilities, ages 3-22 navigate the special education system.

### Self-Advocacy Report

Debbie Marshall spoke about current and upcoming classes including Cooking Prep/Safety, Afternoon at the Movies, Health and Wellness, Disaster Preparedness and Scam Training. She pointed out that self-advocates have been doing cooking presentations which is a great segue to public speaking and advocacy.

Peter Salgado and Zach Hill spoke about the local self-advocate group, which meets on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m., is looking to expand membership. They showed the process used to develop their Mission Statement: *“Leaders Empowering Self-Advocates is a group of people with diverse skills and abilities who educate and train others to be leaders on important topics and encourage people with disabilities to live, learn, work and participate in their communities.”*

### Manager Report

Self-Determination will be open to all Regional Center clients on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Informational postcards will be mailed to ensure that those eligible are aware of this choice. A website created by the Public Partnership group featuring resources such as fiscal management services and independent facilitators has been created. It is currently being revised to make it accessible for all reading levels.

Mobile vaccination units are available through the State of California and San Diego County to provide vaccines to remote sites. Mary Ellen asked RAC members to let her know if they are aware of groups that need this service.

Jobtoberfest Employment Fair will be held virtually via the REMO platform this year. There are currently many employment opportunities available in the community to those with I/DD. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of staff to support those potential employees.

In past years, Jobtoberfest has solely been an avenue for people with I/DD to find job opportunities. However, due to the current lack of support staff

in various agencies, this year's Fest may also include a portion of their space (or "co-fair") for resource providers to recruit support staff.

Leading the Charge is tentatively planned as an in-person conference for December 2, 2021 at the DoubleTree. Mary Ellen encouraged members to join the Planning Committee and contribute ideas.

IEP Day has been scheduled for April 30, 2022.

### Roundtable

Nicole Brobeck maintains two trivia groups based on Disney and/or Star Wars. Her Disney/Star Wars group is allied with Jackie's group *Best S.T.E.P. Forward*. Both trivia groups are utilizing the *Kahoot!* game-based learning platform.

James Walker will be keynote speaker at Excelsior School graduation on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

David Jespersen continues working on his Faith Inclusion Project.

Susan Madison joined the Red Cross Disability Integration Team in January as co-lead. The team will be doing short trainings for Red Cross volunteers on access and functional needs of those with disabilities, the elderly, and the very young.

Melissa Cenizo has finished her first semester of graduate school and among other things works for EFRC and is been doing "point of entries" for the Regional Center.

Helen Crenshaw has been involved with the State PTA which is working to pass SB 224. The bill would increase funding and access to mental health support for all students. Helen also mentioned that there has been talk of the formation of a local support and information-sharing group for transition age youth and families who are regional center clients.

Jackie Riddell's self-advocate related projects include activities related to soccer, poetry, a community garden, a family soapbox derby, and an outing to Disneyland.

Leticia Galvan shared that her son, Sebastian, is waiting for final approval to begin the Self-Determination Program.

Marta Leyva has become Principal at Excelsior Academy. In addition to James' keynote graduation speech, self-advocates Peter Salgado and Zach Hill will be giving a presentation to Academy students.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.