



**SCDD San Diego Imperial Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
DRAFT Minutes for Meeting Held:
September 9, 2021
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Through Zoom**

Call to Order

Leticia Galvan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent (Excused)

Melissa Cenizo (FA)

Staff Present

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

Guests

Viri Salgado (SCDD San Diego Imperial Intern), Julie Austin (FA) SCDD Councilmember, Mark Klaus (future Executive Director, SDRC), Zach Hill (SA), Peter Salgado (SA), Janet Schenker (Beacons, FA), Sandy Weber (FA), Carla W. (Parent),

Welcome and Introductions

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Marta Leyva moved to approve the agenda. Dayon Higgins seconded it. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Susan Madison moved to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes. Helen Crenshaw seconded it. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation

Mary Ellen introduced Mark Klaus, future Executive Director of the San Diego Regional Center. He will take over on November 1, 2021. Mark is currently President and CEO of Home of Guiding Hands (HGH) where he has been working since 2010. HGH has been instrumental in assisting SCDD with PPE distribution throughout the Pandemic.

Mark gave a brief background of his 40 years of experience of working in the field, starting in high school as a volunteer at a sheltered workshop in Champaign, Illinois.

In response to queries by RAC members and Councilmember Julie Austin, Mark shared the following information:

While he doesn't begin at SDRC until November, he has an SDRC email address where he can be reached: mark.klaus@sdrc.org.

He is currently in information-gathering mode and noted that he is open to outside ideas and welcomes more communication.

He is particularly interested in reaching out to constituents in underserved areas or areas that are not as engaged.

He stressed the need to have good, solid data in order to make sound decisions.

Julie, Susan, and Marta encouraged Mark to collaborate with the San Diego Imperial RAC as much as possible particularly in advancing systems change from the local level up. Julie noted that with the current budget windfall it is a golden opportunity to improve services and supports for individual. She stressed the importance of the funds going to people with I/DD rather than to infrastructure.

Nomination Committee Formation

After some discussion of the roles of the chair and the formation of a nomination committee, it was decided that a committee would not be formed. Instead, Mary Ellen will provide all RAC members with pertinent information on nomination, RAC members will consider Chair and Vice-Chair candidates and a vote will be taken at the November meeting.

SCDD Legislative Committee Update

Julie reported that the California State Assembly just passed Senate Bill 639 (Durazo) eliminating the sub-minimum wage. Next, it will go to the State Senate for concurrence, where it is expected to pass. Finally, it will be given to the Governor to sign.

There is a new button on the SCDD website—"There Should Be a Law Contest"—where SAs and the community can submit ideas for legislative priorities and bills.

Assembly Bill 118, relating to emergency services is expected to go to the Governor's office for signature.

Self-Advocacy Report

Debbie Marshall touched on trainings she has been organizing in including: an upcoming boardsmanship training starting on October 11. This will be held Mondays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. She also spoke about, a popular offering, *Project SAFEE* (Self-Advocates for Emergency Education).

Manager Report

Mary Ellen briefly reviewed the manager report which included information on the upcoming State Plan. She stated that State Plan typically addresses the same issues each year and that it is primarily focused on outcomes and systems change.

The number of individuals enrolled in Self-Determination continue to rise, with SDRC leading California in enrollments. Around 275 people have completed the orientation, over 100 want to move forward with Self-Determination.

Leading the Charge is still on track to be held in person on December 2, 2021. Mary Ellen encouraged employers to contact her regarding getting table at Jobtoberfest.

Roundtable

There were no comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.