

Golden Gate Regional Center
SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
August 11, 2020

Present

Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)
Jennifer Walsh (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)
Rosalia Banta (Assistant to Jennifer Walsh)
Chris Kantor (Parent Advocate)
Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate)
Elizabeth Grigsby (Rights Advocate, GGRC)
Cassie Olitan (Assistant to Elizabeth Grigsby)
Alison Sinclair (Parent Advocate)
Sheraden Nicholau (Regional Manager, Bay Area Office, SCDD)
Eric Zigman, (Executive Director, GGRC)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Breanne Burris, (Guest)
Talia Lazanite, (Guest)
Chris Wecks (Guest)
Justin Tedford (Guest)
Kimberley Shriver (Guest)
Nicole DeGuzman (Guest)
Melissa Owen Cooper (RCEB SDLAC member)

Welcome/Call to Order

Committee members introduced themselves.

Statement made that the meeting was being recorded only for the purpose of assisting with the preparation of minutes and that the recording will be destroyed after minutes are approved by the committee.

Minutes and Agenda

The minutes from July 2020 were approved by the committee.

Participant/Family of Participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Chris Wecks (parent and Independent Facilitator), Nicole deGuzman (provider of FMS services), and Justin Tedford (GGRC person served), introduced themselves to the committee.

Updates

Covid-19 (Nicholau/Zigman)

Sheraden reported that clients continue to receive services remotely; providers across the state are working with individuals and families to see what the services will look like in the future in terms of reintegration. Due to the recent surge, increased mobile testing is now available to the I/DD community.

Eric reported that it is particularly challenging for supported living services, and they are working diligently on COVID prevention measures. We continue to support our communities and continue to work with DDS to be able to accommodate these surges. The challenge of our day programs continues as we subsidize those services until further notice. PPEs continue to be distributed to families as needed, as a result of continued collaboration.

GGRC (Rosene/Sousa/Zigman)

- What is status of GGRC SDP individuals?

Juliet reported that GGRC SDP is fielding a lot of questions from families to develop PCP planning, including a potential request for DDS to approve a direct hire PCP provider. GGRC FMS providers are working with clients on their individual PCP plans. When the program finally goes live next year, Juliet would like to create a timeline, to include vendor and staff trainings, as well as regular check-ins with families.

Department of Developmental Services (Bittner/Nicholau, 5 Minutes)

Sheraden continues to encourage individuals, families and others to visit the DDS website for updates, including recent directives. Yesterday, there were new COVID directive extensions posted. The State Council is also adding new resources and she encouraged folks to visit their site as well, lots of new remote activities available, including Self-determination upcoming online events.

Disability Rights of California (Alex)

No report.

Independent Facilitator Training (SDLAC members)

- I.F. Consultant Update

Sheraden reported that the committee is currently reviewing candidate applications proposals for independent facilitators. Some outcomes will be announced shortly. Collaboration with RCEB continues to be discussed among both committees, with proposed shared resources between the two regional centers. The next RCEB SDLAC meeting will occur on Monday, September 14th from 7:00pm -8:30pm.

DDS Funds for SDP (SDLAC members)

- GGRC SDLAC's Spending Plan

SSDAC Ask for SDLACs to Consider Allocation of \$3000

Sheraden read the "Ask" from the Statewide Committee leadership to allocate \$3000 of the \$41,000 SDLAC budget spending plan, for the purpose of bringing on an additional statewide person devoted to the Statewide Committee.

After an involved discussion, GGRC SDLAC overwhelmingly rejected the request, due to having a seriously limited budget, and felt the money could be better spent within our local committee.

M/S/C: The motion to reject the proposal was unanimously approved by the committee. (Connie Johnson motioned, Liz Grigsby seconded).

Learning Community' Conference/Gathering (SDLAC members)

SDLAC members reported that the conference was a huge success, will further discuss personal experiences at the next SDLAC meeting.

Closing Thoughts/Adjourn (All/Sascha)

Sascha adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

Location: TBA

Submitted by Kathryn Carpenter