



Golden Gate Regional Center
SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
February 9, 2021

Committee Members

Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)
Jennifer Walsh (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)
Rosalia Banta (Assistant to Jennifer Walsh)
Chris Kantor (Parent Advocate)
Elizabeth Grigsby (Rights Advocate, GGRC)
Rachel Younger (Job coach to Liz Grigsby)
Alex Gastelum (OCRA)
Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate)
Alison Sinclair (Parent Advocate)

Staff and Guests

Breanne Burris, (Guest)
Nicole DeGuzman (Guest)
Erika Gonzales (Guest)
Nea Hanscomb (Guest)
Sabrina Kappe (NeuroNav)
Aparna Kommineni (Guest)
Maxine Milan, (Guest, DDS)
Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD)
Jennifer Parsons (DDS)
Lisa Rosene (GGRC RCS Director)
Will Sanford (Sanford Creative Consulting)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)
Sally Spencer (Parent)
Tim Travis (DDS)
Eric Zigman (Executive Director, GGRC)

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 January 2020 were approved by the committee as submitted.
M/S/C (*Jennifer Walsh motioned/Liz Grigsby seconded*).

Participant/Family of Participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Breanne Burris from 24 Home Care announced that her colleague, Erika Gonzales will be taking over the GGRC territory going forward.

Updates

Covid-19 (Nicholau/Zigman)

No report.

Department of Developmental Services (Bittner/Nicholau/Zigman)

Disability Rights of California (Alex)

No report.

State Self Determination Advisory Committee (Nicholau)

Sheraden reported that the Covid is still impacting our community quite deeply and in multiple ways and of course has impacted the self-determination rollout across the state. SCDD continues to notify stakeholders of self-determination related events that are happening, particularly whenever there's a workshop or an independent facilitator training that is outside of our area that's not GGRC sponsored. We continue to work with local advocates and are anticipating a state increase in financial management services providers, which will allow for more options for individuals. SCDD also continues to support ongoing training of independent facilitators.

GGRC (Rosene/Sousa/Zigman)

❖ What is status of GGRC SDP individuals?

Eric reported that he was on the director's call today and there was another lengthy discussion about trying to embrace this SDP rollout, and ways to move forward and make a stronger investment into the program.

Lisa reported that she is working with Nancy Lin on a one hour orientation (in English) that will be required for people who are interested in SDP. If they are interested, they would have Nancy register them and then assign the course to them. Right now it has been approved for parents, but possibly will be open to providers as well.

Sascha and Jennifer will be spearheading a monthly newsletter that will be shared with SDP pilot participants.

Juliet reported on the current enrollee totals:

MONTH (as of SDLAC Mtg)	JANUARY 2021 TOTAL	FEBRUARY 2021 TOTAL
<i>PCP's Done</i>	24	24
<i>PCP's In Progress</i>	2	2
<i>Individual Budgets Done</i>	12	14
<i>Individual Budgets in</i>	7	5

<i>Progress</i>		
Spending Plans Done	8	8
Spending Plans in Progress	1	2
<i># Actively Using SDP Funds</i>	6	6
Dis-enrolled	12	14
Total Participants from 68 Total	64	62

FMS rollout still continues a barrier to many clients. Time Travis of DDS reported they are still gathering information about SDP pilot participants which will then determine whether or not more participants will be able to enter the pilot as part of a third selection process prior to the July 1 rollout. They encouraged GGRC to send any inquiries to the DDS SDP inbox (on their website) and they will collect any input for the DDS tracking list.

Independent Facilitator Training Feedback (Sabrina Kappe)

Sabrina reported that based on national study across the country the one of the key findings of the report that was done on self-determination programs was that the more complicated the budgeting process was the more difficult and the less likely it was for people to actually be able to successfully enter and utilize the funds. She reported that are other models out there that are simpler and seem to be working in states that have a more established self-determination programs, Oregon is one excellent example of having much more success with enrollment.

IF Progress Monthly Report

- 45% Completion
- 29 people trained

Updated curriculum based on insights from trainings

2 upcoming trainings

- 1 in English – February 16th & 17th
- 1 in Spanish – March 2nd & 3rd

Began building on self-paced training modules

Barriers Report

Sacha reported that she met with the co-chair Jennifer Walsh, along with Lisa, Juliet, Sheraden and Lisa to discuss the information to put on the form that's going to be the statewide self determination standard application form. Committee members are now taking a more active role as a resource in terms training others interested in the program. Suggested proposed open office “drop-in” hours for the committee to be available was discussed. Alex Gastulem has offered to help with conducting some rollout “phase-in” orientation trainings in Spanish, for those who would like to be considered for the July 1 rollout.

Eric reported that we chose not to have specialized caseloads, because

DDS Funds for SDP (SDLAC members)

❖ GGRC SDLAC's Spending Plan

Closing Thoughts/Adjourn (All/Sascha)

Sascha reported that the Statewide Advisory Committee is coming up on March 16th, which will focus on strategic planning. Sascha will report back on the meeting to the committee later in the month. Sascha thanked everyone for their participation.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th, (3:45pm - 5:30pm)

Location: TBA

Submitted by Kathryn Carpenter