



Golden Gate Regional Center
SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
January 12, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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 Present:

Kathryn Carpenter (Recording Secretary)
Breanne Burris, (Guest)
Nicole DeGuzman (Guest)
Sabrina Ramos Kappe (NeuroNav)
Aparna Kommineni (Guest)
Maxine Milan, (Guest, DDS)
Sheraden Nicholau (Regional Manager, Bay Area Office, SCDD)
Lisa Rosene (GGRC RCS Director)
Will Sanford (Sanford Creative Consulting)
Phil Salston Stall (Guest)
Kimberley Shreiber (Guest-NeuroNav)
Sally Spencer (Parent)
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 November 2020 and December 2020 were approved by the committee as submitted.

M/S/C (Alex Gastelum motioned/Liz Grigsby seconded).

Participant/Family of Participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Aparna Kommineni reported that there is not enough information circulating about the program for those inquiring. Lisa reported that due to statute requirements, all regional centers are must open up the program on the July 1 date. Sascha noted that the committee is diligently working towards a smoother rollout, and are pinpointing areas of focus for the next 5-6 months.

Updates

Covid-19 (Nicholau/Zigman)

No report.

Department of Developmental Services (Bittner/Nicholau/Zigman)

No report.

Disability Rights of California (Alex)

No report.

State Self Determination Advisory Committee (Nicholau)

Sheraden reported no updates since last SDP Committee meeting. She has received community feedback from those who are looking to move to the next process are not entirely clear how to navigate the next phases in terms of guidance. The committee is very focused on the IF trainings with NeuroNav, as well and trying to build capacity to contract additional FMS providers. These are critical steps as we work to streamline systems and address bottleneck areas for individuals between now and the time of the rollout, to accommodate as many participants as possible.

GGRC (Rosene/Sousa/Zigman)

❖ What is status of GGRC SDP individuals?

Lisa reported that she and Juliet have set up a series of trainings for the social workers in each county, two have been completed. The trainings give the social workers and other staff a sense of just how it all flows and what happens once they submit the purchase of service and stop traditional services. GGRC is also adding the training procedures to the case management manual.

Lisa reported that she has an upcoming meeting with Sascha, Jennifer, Sheraden and Eric to discuss some of the barriers clients are facing, including the challenges of individual spending plans and budget plans. There are 11 pilot orientations that still need to be completed. The budget piece is very straightforward, spending plans more challenging. The CEO of Far Northern Regional Center has developed a very coherent spending plan model that more than likely will be implemented by all regional centers.

The stats as of January 12, 2021 are as follows:

Actively using SDP individual budget:	6		
Person-Centered Plans Completed:	24	In Progress	2
Individual Budgets Completed:	12	In Progress	7
Spending Plans Completed:	8	In Progress	1
Dis-enrolled:	12		
Total Participants:	64		

Independent Facilitator Training Feedback (Sabrina Kappos Ramos)

Sabrina gave an IF presentation to the committee, which included the proposed timeline for the next three months.

Outreach for future trainings:

- Update training curriculum based on feedback
- Begin building modular training

- Improve outreach throughout January
- Host English training late January/early February (working on flyer)
- 2 more trainings for February and March

Proposed timeline:

- February – English
- March – Modules will be published in English
- March – Spanish
- April – Modules will be published in Spanish

Ideas for Outreach Suggestions:

- Advocacy, reaching out the GGRC's ADVOCATS Committee as well as to the Board of Directors Peoples Committee.
- Posting all training flyers and other resources on GGRC website, possible automated ROBO alerts.
- Resource Library

Barriers Report

Sascha reported on the Barriers Report. She said there is continued frustration regarding consistency and frequency of trainings, needed materials, and orientations. Sascha emphasized that the committee must take on more of a leadership role and gave a few examples, including having committee members get more involved with trainings, playing more of a peer mentorship role for community members, responding to inquiries, especially those who have gone through all phases of the program. Also, many social workers are not responsive to clients in a timely fashion, and some social workers not attending Person Centered Planning meetings.

The committee will continue discussion in February.

DDS Funds for SDP (SDLAC members)

❖ GGRC SDLAC's Spending Plan

DDS allocations:

Eric went over the SDLAC Committee budget spreadsheet. For year one (FY 19-20) there is about \$14,000 remaining of the \$40,000 allocated which needs to be spent by January 2022, and we were allocated an additional \$55,000 for year two (FY 20-21), which needs to be spent by January 2023.

Sascha recommended strongly that the committee should use the remaining funds to help people around the budgeting and specifically with spending plan and IPPs. Eric and Sascha agreed that funding FMS agencies to be part of the spending plan development is crucial step if we are going to move forward with opening up the program to everyone who would like to participate. Therefore the committee should think about ways to encourage DDS to include the FMS to be part of the spending plan development.

Sascha is proposing that the co-chairs, along with Eric, Lisa and Jennifer Parsons, brainstorm to work up a proposal to further incorporate PCT into the spending plan.

Closing Thoughts/Adjourn (All/Sascha)

Sascha thanked everyone for their participation.

Next Meeting

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

Location: TBA

Submitted by Kathryn Carpenter