



Golden Gate Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 3:45pm-5:30pm
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

SDLAC MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sascha Bittner Jennifer Walsh Elizabeth Grigsby	Connie Johnson Alex Gastelum
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Christine Kantor Alyson Sinclair	
GGRC ADVISOR:	Eric Zigman Juliet Sousa Lisa Rosene Aria Alokozai (Recording Secretary)	
SCDD ADVISOR:	Sheraden Nicholau	
OTHER PRESENTERS/GUESTS:	Will Stanford Sabrina Kappe Ramos Erika Gonzalez Jacyn Balanay Radhe Gopinath Wesley Moss	

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)

- Intro/Opening Round
- Statement that the meeting is public and sharing private health information should be refrained.

ACTION Record of May 11th, 2021 Meeting
The Record of Meeting of May 11th, 2021 was approved.
M/S/C (Connie Johnson motioned/ Elizabeth Grigsby seconded)

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I. Participant/Family of participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Will Stanford informed the committee that some budget Trailer Bill language for SDP implementation is being discussed between the legislature and the administration. There are some concerns from the community regarding the language related to spending plans. On the bright side, significant dollars amounts were added into the system at regional center level for staffing to make the implementation possible and for the local committees to continue their efforts. The language also includes request from the state council to receive support for the statewide committees for self-direct services.

Sascha Bittner informed the committee regarding the “required committee member participation” and that Sascha and Jennifer will be asking the committee members to participate and be involved in the months ahead.

Lisa Rosene announced that one of the barriers in area of onboarding people is the lack of qualified people to carry out Person-Centered planning, particularly for monolingual Spanish speaking individuals. Lisa asked the committee members to work on this issue by contacting potential PCP providers outside of our area to see if they can do the service remotely. Lisa has a list of these providers and their contact info. The committee members were requested to email Lisa about this project.

Sheraden mentioned that providers who have been conducting 024 Person-Centered Planning through East Bay Regional Center can be contacted for more information.

II. SCDD Update (Bittner/Nicholau)

Sheraden shared below update on SCDD:

- Self-determination program training has been offered for providers, board of directors and non-providers such as self-advocates and family advocates. Self-determination and Person-Centered thinking and planning are being emphasized as part of the exposure during the sessions to the providers and other individuals, particularly for self-advocates.
- As usual, technical assistance requests have been received from individuals regarding self-determination program, orientation sessions, point of contact at regional centers, and ways to become involved.
- The statewide self-determination committee will be meeting on June 22nd.
- The group was informed that the SDLA committee is going to be represented at GGRC’s Board of Directors meeting on June 15th, 2021. Major components of self-determination, the work of the committee and SDP experiences are going to be presented to the Board of Directors. (Jennifer and Juliet will attend the board meetings, but other Committee members are invited to participate in the presentation!)

Furthermore, GGRC’s Self-determination advisory committee is looking to fill open seats on the committee; one appointed by State Council and another chosen by GGRC. The committee is interested in continuing to pursue a demographic balance of committee members. Therefore, we are considering applicants from San Mateo County or Marin County primarily at this time. Also, the committee is

particularly interested in seeing applicants from Black, Indigenous or communities of people of color, family advocates or self-advocates. Applicants can apply to be a member of Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) and the online applicant can be found [here](#).

III. Independent Facilitator Training (Sabrina Kappe Ramos)

Sabrina Kappe Ramos shared the following updates from NeuroNav: 94% of the program has been completed; 59 people have been trained; and 123 people have signed up for the self-paced IF training.

- Efforts are being made to continue to work on Spanish self-paced online modules.
- Self-paced mini lessons have been completed.
- Sign up for trainings are available [here](#) for both English and Spanish modules.
- Drop-in coaching sessions through SARC are offered every Thursday 4-5PM for anyone who may need more information/assistance, both in English and Spanish.
- Next orientation with San Andreas is on June 16th for families and individuals to learn about Self-determination program.

IV. GGRC Updates: (Sousa/Zigman)

Eric reported that the May revision of the budget by the Governor will help bring in more clarity in terms of resourcing for the self-determination program. Most likely, any funding that comes from the budget will propositionally be distributed to Regional Centers by the number served— and it is hoped that GGRC will be able to add at least two or three more staff for self-determination program. Eric stated that they currently are funded for only two thirds of one positions – and that he believes GGRC needs seven SDP positions to implement the program.

Juliet shared below GGRC updates:

- 25 Person-Centered Plan for the implementation phase have been completed; 3 PCP are in progress; 16 budgets are completed; 6 budgets are in progress; and there are 10 individuals with spending plan (8 people active).
- Lighthouse PCP vendors have been contacted to provide training.
- 25-30 individuals/families have reached out and shown interest to participate in the orientations and to learn more about spending plan, person-centered plan and self-determination program.
- Three orientations for the individuals and families are scheduled by Juliet and Lisa for the month of June.
- Social workers have been prompted to contact families who are currently not moving forward with SDP.
- Efforts are being made to set up trainings to train vendors and providers.
- Work on the infrastructure with Fiscal unit within the agency concerning streamlining the SDP process, particularly in budget and spending plan development and approval processes is in progress.
- Materials have been translated into Spanish and Chinese languages to serve Spanish speaking community in San Mateo and Chinese speaking individuals in San Francisco.
- Self-paced Modules are developed for families/individuals/staff to learn about SDP.

- Families have been contacted and encouraged to participate in SDLAC meetings and have their question answered.

Juliet encouraged the interested committee members to participate in orientation to help individuals/families learn more about SD program.

Lisa reported that the Juliet will be delivering a joint training with Lighthouse on June 10th, 2021.

GGRC SDLAC Budget/Spending Plan

Eric shared the current SDLAC budget and expenditures and the committee discussed future use of these funds.

Eric reported that coaching contracts and conversation concerning two contracts/ two requests for service are being discussed with Co-chair Sascha Bittner and Lisa Rosene. One of the requests for service will be for drop-in hours and the second request will be used to help increase agency's capacity to offer orientations and GGRC staff training.

Eric suggested hiring a communications contractor to carry out duties concerning communication with both individuals who are in the Self-determination program and those who are interested in joining. SDP currently has funding for two thirds of one position, Juliet's role as SDP Supervisor. The suggestion well received by the committee, and the group discussed the role, duties and responsibilities of a communication contractor.

Sheraden mentioned that communication coordination and website maintenance/content management are two distinct tasks that require different skill sets and suggested that if the committee is interested in both roles, it should be announced as two different positions.

Sascha deemed the SDP website project valuable and enquired the possibility of receiving funding. Sheraden shared that funding for SDP website project that RCEB was considering did not make the top priority list.

The committee unanimously approved a motion to pursue coaching and communication/administrative support contracts. The budget to pursue the aforementioned contracts will be decided in the next meeting on July 13th, 2021. *M/S/C (Jennifer Walsh motioned /Connie Johnson seconded)*
Sascha advised the committee members to take part in the process of recruiting and selecting Coaches and Communication/Admin support contractors for SDP.

Sascha also informed the committee that the SDLAC will be meeting in-person in October but zoom will likely remain an option (if it continues to conform with Bagley-Keene requirements/waivers) Moving forward, the SDLAC meetings will be hybrid of in-person and online sessions.

Meeting adjourned to SDLAC meeting at 5:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Aria Alokzai
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