



Golden Gate Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:45pm-5:30pm
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

SDLAC MEMBERS
PRESENT: Sascha Bittner
Jennifer Walsh
Elizabeth Grigsby
Alex Gastelum
Connie Johnson
Alyson Sinclair

GGRC ADVISOR: Eric Zigman
Juliet Sousa
Lisa Rosene
Kathryn Carpenter

SCDD ADVISOR: Sheraden Nicholau

OTHER
PRESENTERS/GUESTS: Rachel Young
Sally Spencer
Sabrina Kappe Ramos
Erika Gonzales
Maxine Milam
Sally Spencer

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)

- Intro/Opening Round
- Approval of Agenda (Bittner)
- Approval of Minutes (Bittner/All)

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

- Elizabeth Grigsby informed the committee that she has a new social worker because her

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previous social worker left GGRC.

II. SCDD Update (BittnerNicholau)

Sascha and Sheraden discussed their work on SDP issues locally and representing the GGRC area on statewide committees (like the SD committee made up of chairpersons of all SDLA committees at the 21 Regional Centers).

III. Independent Facilitator Training Update

- PCP/IFs have been requested by GGRC families.
- Sabrina from NeuroNav informed the committee that the program has been 67% completed and 52 people have been trained. Sabrina also shared about online form, Test the module and Q & A's drop-in; with SARC advanced Independent Facilitator Training. Sabrina asked for volunteers to try the online form. Sascha volunteered herself and her sister to try it online, and Liz also volunteered to do it.
- SDLAC discussed for the potential of needing translation services into
- Lisa reported that RC in Southern California has listing of PCP providers that we might be able to approach to see if they would do remote PCP work with individuals in SDP at GGRC.
- Restructuring SDP website was discussed.
- Proposal to have Office Hours for SDLAC; A letter will be circulated regarding open Office Hours by Sasha.

IV & VI. GGRC and Committee Budget Updates

- Lisa let the committee know that Juliet and she are meeting with DDS SDP staff onetime per month. Similarly there is a group of a SDP staff from each regional center that also meets on a monthly basis to talk about SDP program implementation issues and challenges.
- Eric, Jennifer, Sascha, Juliet and Lisa have been meeting to talk about SDP implementation issues, committee work and the committee budget
- Eric presented the committed budget and spending to date. There is approximately \$15,000 left from the first year of funding and all of the second year of funding is available. Eric displayed current budget and spending. The spending so far has been for the NeuroNav Independent Facilitator contract and some committee member education.

V. GGRC & SDLAC Planning on Howe to get Current Participants enrolled

- Juliet presented on the numbers of individuals at the different stages of the SDP program – from Orientation to Spending Plan implementation. Because of lack of funding/staff resources GGRC has not been able to move phase one participants through as quickly as everyone would like.
- Sascha asked what the committee could do to help.

- Committee discussed ways to help with orientations and discussed the need for mentors and greater social worker training and availability.
- Eric underscored the lack of funding for SDP from DDS. Specifically, GGRC is funded for 2/3rds of one position, which is wholly inadequate to make SDP really work as it should for all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Zigman
Executive Director