



Golden Gate Regional Center
SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes FINAL
October 13, 2020

Present:

Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)	Kathryn Carpenter (Recording Secretary)
Jennifer Walsh (Self-Advocate, Co-Chair)	Valerie Bane (Guest)
Rosalia Banta (Assistant to Jennifer Walsh)	Breanne Burris, (Guest)
Chris Kantor (Parent Advocate)	Aaron Caruthers (Guest)
Elizabeth Grigsby (Rights Advocate, GGRC)	Nicole DeGuzman (Guest)
Alex Gastelum (OCRA)	Sabrina Ramos Kappe (Guest)
Sheraden Nicholau (Regional Manager, Bay Area Office, SCDD)	Maxine Milan, (Guest, DDS) Kimberley Shreiber (Guest)
Eric Zigman, (Executive Director, GGRC)	Will Sanford (Guest)
Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)	Rick Wood (Guest)

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 September 2020 were reviewed and approved by the committee.

M/S/C: *Motion to approve the minutes from September 2020 was unanimously approved by the committee. (Liz Grigsby motioned/Alex Gastelum seconded).*

Participant/Family of Participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Nicole De Guzman of GT Independence, announced they are hosting monthly FMS webinars, she will be sharing the information with the committee when the next one will take place.

Updates

Covid-19 (Nicholau/Zigman)

Sheraden reported that the State Council continues to receive feedback from people served about testing and that it has become much more accessible.

With regard to self-determination, feedback from families about New Alternative Service Delivery and how it would have an impact on the program. With regard to PPE, SCDD is continuing to work with the local communities to ensure delivery across the state. To-date, they have received over 101M pieces of PPE for distribution.

Lisa reported that fortunately GGRC continues to have a relatively flat number of COVID-19 positive cases since July. GGRC continues to deliver PPE to providers as well as staff and the community, mostly via R&D Transportation.

GGRC (Rosene/Sousa/Zigman)

- What is status of GGRC SDP individuals?

Juliet reported that we have 4 individuals using their SDP budgets, one person just starting. 16 PCP plans have been completed, 3 in progress. After completion, they will start their individual SDP budgets. Juliet and Lisa are assisting them along with preparation, including helping them select an FMS agency. There are currently 10 individual budgets in progress, and 3 near completion. 3 spending plans have been done in last month. 9 individuals have recently dis-enrolled from the program, most said they decided they are happy with their current services. There are also some individuals who have not contacted their social workers as to whether or not they want to continue, for reasons not entirely clear. Juliet will be creating a more streamlined list of questions that would make instructions easier for individuals to navigate the application process. She is also keeping a list of individuals who have expressed interest in the program.

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

Eric reported that of the money that the department allocated for this committee, there is about \$15,000 left, which we plan to spend on translation materials and events. The additional DDS allocation for GGRC is \$55,488 that will need to be spent by March of 2023. That will total approximately \$70,000, to be spent at the discretion of the committee within the 2020-23 timeframe.

Sheraden continues to encourage individuals, families and others to visit the DDS website for updates, including recent directives.

Disability Rights of California (Alex)

No report.

Independent Facilitator Training (SDLAC members)

- Learnings from IF Design Workshop

Kim, Sabrina and Will have been putting together their findings from the first IF Design Workshop held on September 17, and have solidified two dates for the two upcoming IF trainings. The workshop was well attended and helped design the curriculum for the upcoming trainings. Sabrina went over some things covered at the design workshop, including difficulties of fully grasping complexities of PCP approaches, as well budget planning and spending plan challenges. Feedback and insights from the design workshop are extremely helpful for NeuroNav to build upon the trainings. Any additional feedback from individuals, families and others who would like to share their personal stories is encouraged and very helpful for training preparation.

The IF presentation materials will be distributed to the committee for review prior to the first training.

- Next IF Training Dates

Wednesday, October 28, 1:00pm-6:00pm (English)

Wednesday, November 18, 1:00pm-6:00pm (Spanish)

State Self Determination Advisory Committee (Bittner, 10 minutes)

- Discussion of Barriers Report sent to The Legislature

Sascha introduced Rick Wood, co-Chair of the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC), and Aaron Caruthers, executive director of SCDD.

Rick Wood opened up discussion about the Barriers Report that was recently released by DDS in response to concerns of the regional centers. Given the results of the report, the committee is asking for \$3000 from each RC SDLAC budget monies, which will pay for a full time contract person. The committee feels that this position is necessary due to a substantial increase in calendar year meetings. The responsibilities of the role will include:

- Coordination and scheduling of all state meetings, including agenda preparation, meeting summaries and minute transcription.
- Coordination of translation services
- DDS collaboration
- Stakeholder collaboration
- Researching and collecting SDP data
- Track statewide statistics
- Coordinating statewide work groups
- Bagley-Keene compliance oversight

The goal of this new contract position is to reinforce SDP Best Practices, which are not being fully monitored, and clearly impeding the progress of the program. The statewide committee believes that the position would be instrumental in providing oversight to all 21 regional centers. The idea behind the work groups would be that smaller groups would organize as sub-groups of the committee, and subsequently take their ideas back to the full committee for consideration. Rick reported that they would like for Sascha to be part of the work groups. Sascha opened up the discussion for the committee for discussion.

Sascha asked the committee at this time if they would like to vote on the SSDAC Ask for the monies for the approval of the SSDAC consultant position.

Chris Kantor motioned to present the action item for show of hands.

M/S/C: Motion to approve the consultant position was not approved by the committee, but topic will be revisited in the near future.

DDS Funds for SDP (SDLAC members)

- GGRC SDLAC's Spending Plan

GGRC and SDLAC continue to work with the department on the spending plan. Eric shared a presentation that gave the breakdown of the monies that the committee can spend on different

committee projects. Eric also reported that DDS is very clear that these funds must be decided solely by each RC SDLAC.

Closing Thoughts/Adjourn (All/Sascha)

Sascha thanked everyone for their participation and would like to further discuss SDLAC spending priorities as well as the Barriers Report at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

Location: TBA

Submitted by Kathryn Carpenter