



Golden Gate Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 3:45pm-5:30pm
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING

**SDLAC MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Sascha Bittner
Jennifer Walsh
Elizabeth Grigsby
Christine Kantor
Connie Johnson

Alex Gastelum
Alyson Sinclair

GGRC ADVISOR:

Eric Zigman
Aria Alokozai (Recording
Secretary)

SCDD ADVISOR:

Sheraden Nicholau

**OTHER
PRESENTERS/GUESTS:**

Sabrina Kappe Ramos
Maxine Paula Milam
Jungmin Cha
Erika Gonzales
Christine

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)

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

Record of July 13th, 2021 Meeting

The committee decided to approve the record of July meeting minutes in the upcoming meeting in September.

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

There were no feedbacks.

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II. SCDD Update

Sheraden shared below updates on SCDD:

- SCDD continue to do a Fair amount of self- determination program overviews for service providers as they get the word out to the people they serve, family members and other advocates.
- SCDD is going to have a Vendor-focused trainer program late august. Sheraden met with several team members from GGRC to plan a larger self-determination program for service provider or the service provider advisory committee.
- Technical assistance requests and questions in terms of Self-Determination processes have been received as usual.

III. Disability Rights of California

Alex had no reports.

III. Independent Facilitator Training

Sabrina Kappe Ramos shared that as of end of July the IF program has 100% been completed.

IV. Statewide Update

Eric shared that the association regional center agency has made some proposal around budget allocation. For Self-Determination Program, the CA Budget allocation may be proportionally distributed based on the size of the regional center; we hope that GGRC being a smaller agency will be able to add 2 to 2.5 staff positions for GGRC SDP. These positions will include functions of Participant Choice Specialist and duties including support to Social workers and people served in navigating more complicated processes of the system. The Communication Coordinator position will be a (contractor) liaison role between the Self-Determination Program participants and the Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee.

Sascha Bittner shared that she is hoping that the Participant Choice Professionals will not be gate keepers, but will actively be barrier removal specialist in supporting people moving forward in the program.

Elizabeth Grigsby shared that we need extra people and champions that will help people move forward in the program.

Eric informed the committee that it has been difficult to move forward with Self-Determination program in California due to the entitlement. Eric shared that these roles will be working with people who do not feel ready in moving forward with Self-Determination Program.

DDS Funds for SDP

Eric shared GGRC SDLAC committee budget as of July 12th 2021 and Year two funding expenditure are (FY 20-21 DD committee funding) and the committee discussed the Self-Determination Program budget.

GGRC Spending plan Updates

Below updates were shared by Juliet Sousa via an email:

New SDP Enrollees are as follows:

- 2 utilizing SDP budget – both started 7/01/21
- 3 total PCP's completed: includes the two folks above (completed by a vendor) and 1 other PCP completed (by parent, social worker, SW's supervisor, and Juliet)
- 3 current referrals to GGRC's PCP vendor, Lifehouse, Inc.
- 3 total Individual Budgets completed
- 2 spending plans completed

Projects updates are as follows:

- Developing vendor training for service providers
- Contacted company for translation of materials – into Spanish and Chinese. Working on compiling GGRC's SDP material.
- Developing Spanish orientation for individuals/families.
- Will be working with GGRC's Cultural Diversity Specialist, Imani Pardue-Bishop, in conjunction with PRAGNYA*, which received disparity funding from DDS and is looking to collaborate with GGRC, RCEB, and SARC on outreach and education for South Asian, African American, and Latinx communities.

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* *PRAGNYA is a California based, Non-profit organization working towards Neurodiversity Acculturation (Community Integration through Acceptance and appreciation of individuals with developmental differences). We train and build neurodiversity allies in the community to create the awakening (PRAGNYA) among people of the neuro majority that "Different is not Less" and that all of us belong together.* https://www.pragnya.org/about_us

- Increasing PCP provider listing.
- Continuing to meet monthly with GGRC's Mapping Team (Fiscal, Vendor, and RCS units) to strengthen GGRC's SDP infrastructure.
- Continue to develop GGRC staff training.

Q and A followed.

Meeting adjourned to SDLAC meeting at 5:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Aria Alokozai
Interim Executive Assistant