



Golden Gate Regional Center  
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 3:45pm-5:30pm  
**VIA ZOOM CONFERENCING**

SDLAC MEMBERS  
PRESENT: Sascha Bittner Alex Gastelum  
Jennifer Walsh Alyson Sinclair  
Christine Kantor

MEMBER ABSENT: Connie Johnson  
Elizabeth Grigsby

GGRC ADVISOR STAFF: Eric Zigman  
Juliet Sousa  
Lisa Rosene  
Noelia Corzo  
Aria Alokozai (Recording Secretary)

OTHER  
PRESENTERS/GUESTS: Annika (Quynh Pham)  
Will Sanford  
Katie Hornberger  
Maxine Paula Milam  
Sabrina Kappe Ramos  
Erika Gonzalez  
Joe Hernandez

**Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)**

- Intro/Opening Round

**ACTION Record of December 14th, 2021 Meeting**  
*The Record of Meeting of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was approved.*  
*M/S/C (Jennifer Walsh motioned/ Alex Gastelum seconded)*

**Participant/Family of participant/Public Feedback on SDP**

There were no public comments.

**SCDD Update**

Joe Hernandez, SCDD Staff Liaison, shared that SCDD office is partnering with DDS to create a statewide orientation on Self-Determination. The training modules are broken down and include an overview, Person-Centered Planning, budget and spending plan, services and support in plain language. These trainings will be supplemental to Regional Center trainings and will work in

collaboration with Regional center trainings once finalized with DDS. The regional centers can direct their participants to attend the statewide training in seven different languages.

Joe added that his role will also include collecting more feedback from the community and being the liaison between regional centers, participants, self-advocates, FMSs and IFs to collaborate and communication and have a process that is efficient in terms of onboarding people to the program. Joe also shared that the training will be happening in March (in English).

Q and A followed.

### **GGRC Updates**

Eric Zigman shared that Noelia Corzo has been hired as a Participant Choice Specialist role for GGRC Self-Determination Program. Juliet shared that another bilingual Spanish-speaking Participant Choice Specialist will be joining in February 2022.

Eric also shared an overview of duties and responsibilities of the Administrative and Communication Assistant for Self-determination Program and added that the position will be rolled out in February 2022. Eric added that the position will support SDLAC in terms of checking SDP emails, communicating with SDP participants, scheduling meetings, taking minutes, and handling other administrative responsibilities defined in the job description.

### **Spending Plan Update:**

Eric reported the current Self-Determination spending plan.

### **GGRC SDP Data Update:**

Juliet shared the following updates and data on SDP as of 1/11/22:

- 13 folks are in the implementation phases who are utilizing their budget; 4 people renewed their budget and 11 folks are in progress.
- 8 folks are implementing their budgets.
- 46+ folks have completed orientation since the roll-out
- 16 folks completed their PCP's and 8 are in progress.
- 10 folks have completed their budgets and 11 are in progress.
- 9 folks have completed their spending plans and none in progress.

Q & A followed

### **Disability Rights California**

Alex had no updates.

### **Statewide Update**

Katie Hornberger, the Acting Ombudsperson, spoke about the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of the ombudsperson with regards to Self-Determination Program, the role of laws and legislation in the

process, policy change, and ways that ombudsperson's office can support the Self-Determination Program.

Ms. Hornberger shared their contact information and ways to reach out to the office of ombudsperson with regards to any questions, support and inquires.

**SDAC Updates:**

Website Update:

Alyson Sinclair shared that the advisory committee website group has met and shared enough input in terms of the need for a website. The committee is planning to continue to move forward and put in a RFP and finalize a description for a website designer and allocate budget for the designer this week. Alyson added that the designer will manage interactive as well as static information on the website.

NeuroNav Update:

Sabrina Kappe Ramos shared NeuroNav's report on four new projects for 2022:

- Coaching Cohorts: NeuroNav is creating curriculum for eight different workshops that will guide people from orientation to entering the SDP program. People can sign up to attend the Cohorts.
- Drop-in coaching for participants and their families, and Social Workers to come in and ask questions (offered in English and Spanish).
- Transition Coaching: One-on-one coaching for those who need more targeted support.
- Administration/Reports

Sabrina also shared NeuroNav's next step:

- Decide on a regular day and time for weekly drop-in coaching.
- Host Design workshop with the public.
- Begin building cohort curriculum.

Q and A followed.

Meeting adjourned to SDLAC meeting at 5:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aria Alokozai  
Executive Administrative Assistant