



Golden Gate Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 12th, 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 STAFF:

Eric Zigman
Juliet Sousa
Aria Alokozai (Recording
Secretary)

SCDD ADVISOR:

Sheraden Nicholau

OTHER
PRESENTERS/GUESTS:

Will Stanford
Maxine Paula Milam
Gabirela Choy
Tim
Sabrina Kappe Ramos

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)

- Intro/Opening Round

ACTION Record of August 10th, 2021 Meeting
The Record of Meeting of August 10th, 2021 was approved.
M/S/C (Elizabeth Grigsby motioned/ Alyson Sinclair seconded)

ACTION Record of September 14th, 2021 Meeting
The Record of Meeting of September 14th, 2021 was approved.
M/S/C (Connie Johnson motioned/ Alyson Sinclair seconded)

Participant/Family of participant/Public Feedback on SDP

Ms. Gabriela Choy shared a feedback about Self-Determination process, and spoke about the

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importance of being informed about the process to be able to deal with the obstacles in the process. Ms. Choy further shared that the processes and materials have to be simplified so that they can be understood by everyone regardless of language and cultural background, and to prevent the delay in the long process.

Elizabeth commented and shared that in order to make SDP work; we need to inform the decision makers to make the process easier and simplified for everyone.

Sabrina shared that SDAC helped create the Independent Facilitator trainings resources that offers a lot of information with regards to the budget and spending plan.

SCDD Update

Sheraden Nicholau shared below updates on SCDD:

- SCDD office continues to receive technical assistance requests and questions regarding self-determination, its steps and the process from families and individuals.
- There is a slight uptick in individuals that have been in Self-Determination Program (SDP) for sometimes, however, some people are finding it more challenging than they anticipated in hiring people that provide services for them and concerns around FMS agencies, pandemic related and so forth.
- SCDD continue to get booked for general information sessions for self-advocacy groups, family advocacy groups or providers who are interested to be involved in SDP.
- SCDD is also in the process of interviewing for a limited term staff member that would be a dedicated Managerial level individual for statewide self-determination program.

GGRC Updates

Juliet shared that as of today, we have 27+ people joining the orientation, 4 PCP's completed, 4 budgets completed, 4 budgets in progress, 4 spending plans completed and 4 SDP budget implementation started. Juliet shared the following updates:

- Discussion around PCP provider's contact list
- Working on getting more PCP providers
- More orientation for Spanish and Chinese community have planned
- Consistent interest from folks to join SDP
- On September 28th, a vendor/provider training was offered and a general overview was given.

Eric shared that we will hopefully announce Coaching contracts in the next meeting.

The committee discussed the Communications Coordination role that will be hired to support Self-Determination Program.

Q & A followed

Statewide Update

Sascha shared that she will join the next statewide committee meeting on Nov 10th and will share her report in the next meeting.

Eric shared that an additional funds are being used to hire (non-case carrying) Participant Choice Specialist for participant directive services and who will support people who are in Self-Determination Program as well as those who are not in the Program.

SDAC Updates

Sascha shared that she will be meeting with Alyson and Christina to discuss the SDP website development and will have an update in the next SDLAC meeting.

Sascha also shared that she will send out information to the Committee members about a Person-Centered Plan Facilitator training that RCEB SDAC is subsidizing for the first 10 applicants signed up for the training. The target audiences are primarily Independent Facilitators or adjacent related folks that want to get more in-depth training to be Person-Centered Plan Facilitators.

Meeting adjourned to SDLAC meeting at 5:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Aria Alokzai
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