



# Golden Gate Regional Center

*Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity*

## **Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 3:45pm-5:30pm

### **MINUTES**

**\*Meeting is open to the public – all are welcome to attend\***

#### **Zoom Link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87601152530?pwd=STJwMHI4YmtJUVIyVnpaL2tMOHROZz09>**

#### **SDLAC Members:**

Sascha Bittner (Co-Chair/Self-Advocate)

Jennifer Walsh (Co-Chair/SelfAdvocate)

Elizabeth Grigsby (GGRC Consumer Rights Advocate/Self-Advocate)

Alex Gastelum (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate)

Connie Johnson (Parent Advocate)

Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate)

Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)

Gaby Choy, (Parent Advocate) –

Absent

David Nguyen (Parent Advocate)

#### **SCDD Advisor:**

Sheraden Nicholau (SCDD-Regional Manager, Bay Area Office) – Absent

#### **GGRC Advisors:**

Eric Zigman (Executive Director)

Lisa Rosene (Director, RCS Services)

Juliet Sousa (SDP Supervising Social Worker)

Noelia Corzo (Participant Choice Specialist)

Israel Pichardo (Participant Choice Specialist)

Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)

#### **Guests:**

Diana Orlandi, NeuroNav

Kim Schreiber, NeuroNav

Jaclyn Balanay, DDS

Elizabeth Bowles, Advocate

Jesus Rosales, Participant Choice Specialist, NBRC

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All) – 5 minutes

- Introductions/Opening Round
  - Approval of Agenda (Bittner)
  - Approval of minutes (Bittner/All)
- I. Updates on virtual meetings (Bittner/Walsh/Zigman) – 5 minutes
- II. Proposed 2022-2023 SDLAC Meeting Schedule (attachment) – Sascha proposed skipping the August meeting and providing the committee with a summer break. Unanimous consent.
- III. Participant/Family/Public Feedback on SDP (All) – 20 minutes
- a. Comments are limited to FOUR minutes per speaker on items not on the agenda, 20 minutes total.
  - b. We welcome critiques and feedback but ask speakers refrain from personal attacks on individuals or the committee.
  - c. The committee will not be responding to comments but may address them further down in the agenda or in future agenda items.
- IV. SCDD Update (Bittner/Nicholau) – 10 minutes  
Sheraden was unable to attend and sent the following update via email which Eric also shared with the committee in the chat:
- Technical assistance trends in the region include, based on calls and emails coming to our SCDD regional office (and these appear to be cropping up statewide, as well):
    - Delays or concerns about smooth processing for a second year of SDP
    - FMS capacity and choice
    - Requests regarding when DDS will be providing guidance of how and when regional centers can update SDP budgets per the April 2022 rate increase, for those applicable.
    - The amount of time for the budget certification step to be completed, and how to reduce the back and forth and waiting.
  - SCDD continues to work with DDS on the updated statewide orientation options. T4T starting to develop. Will keep you posted...
  - No update on Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act updates, or AB 1733. It was due for a committee hearing in April and was postponed. It is still active, but not back on a calendar, yet, that I can see.
  - My offer to help facilitate a strategic planning session for this SDAC stands (to help the committee develop specific objectives).
  - Self Determination Advocates Leadership Meeting continues to take place and



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meets on the Second Monday of the Month on Zoom, usually at 3PM. This group is for adults 18 and above. Self-Advocates, Independent Facilitators, and SCDD staff will facilitate these meetings. If you have a questions email David Grady at [david.grady@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:david.grady@scdd.ca.gov)

Sascha and discussed the possibility of convening a Strategic Planning subcommittee of the SDLAC.

- V. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – 10 minutes
  - a. May Revise/Budget update/legislative updates
  - b. Juliet provided an update and the following attachment on caseload and PCS information. Challenges in SDP and the committee’s investment of funds.
- VI. Disability Rights California Update (Alex) – 2 minutes  
They’re looking for a new person to lead the local CRA. Alex will become a supervising CRA for multiple centers.
- VII. Statewide Updates, Statewide Meeting, Explanation of New Directives (Bittner/Walsh) – 10 minutes  
Statewide SDP meeting will be June 28, 10AM – 3PM working on strategic planning and anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Sascha has been acting in an advisory role with DDS and will be looking to the committee to share what’s working/not working.
- VIII. Outreach to the community – Communication/Correspondence (All) – 10 minutes
- IX. DDS Funds for SDP (SDLAC members) – 10 minutes
  - a. GGRC’s SDLAC spending plan
  - b. Eric presented David Nguyen to the committee and David’s review of the funds spreadsheet. Kim from NeuroNav provided clarification on the multiformat/multilanguage independent facilitator training as well as funds to translate agenda, ASL and provide subtitles
- X. Bay Area website update (Sinclair, Kantor, Zigman) – 10 minutes  
Beta test site should go live tomorrow.
- XI. NeuroNav Coaching updates – 10 minutes

Lots of outreach, information sharing, and exchange is going on. Kim provided a presentation and updates about the status of families accessing coaching.

XII. Upcoming Events

XIII. Adjourn - 5:43PM

***Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 3:45 PM – 5:30 PM***