



Golden Gate Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 14th, 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:

Juliet Sousa
Lisa Rosene
Aria Alokozai (Recording
Secretary)

SCDD ADVISOR:

Sheraden Nicholau

**OTHER
PRESENTERS/GUESTS:**

Will Stanford
Maxine Paula Milam
Jungmin Cha
Erika Gonzales
Catty Gott
Mark Altieri
Kim Schreiber
Charles
Julie LaRose
Sharleen

Welcome/Call to order (Bittner and All)

- Intro/Opening Round

ACTION Record of July 13th, 2021 Meeting
The Record of Meeting of July 13th, 2021 was approved.
M/S/C (Jennifer Walsh motioned/ Connie Johnson seconded)

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

Elizabeth Grigsby shared that she is very excited for the presentation on The SDP Network website.

II. SCDD Update

Sheraden Nicholau shared below updates on SCDD:

- SCDD office continue to received technical assistance request from people served by regional centers as well as family advocates regarding Self-Determination structure, the process to transition to self-determination program, spending plan, person-centered planning or independent facilitation.
- Self-Determination program overviews and trainings for service providers as well as community group including family groups or self-advocacy groups are offered as usual. Sheraden shared that there are a couple of overviews and trainings specific to Mandarin and Cantonese speaking parents and groups.
- SCDD is working with GGRC Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee leaders and GGRC leadership to present an overview of Self-Determination for GGRC Service Providers Advisory Committee.

III. Disability Rights of California

Alex had no reports.

IV. SDP Network Website (SDP Network)

Mark Altieri, Senior Director at Public Partnerships demonstrated their website ([The SDP Network](#)), a community built and driven network to help individuals find their circle of support, Service Providers in their area, Independent Facilitator and other services. Mark shared that the website was built with the support of community contributions and collaborations such as Education Spectrum and donations from individuals and families at San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center toward the media collateral of the website.

The SDP Network website can be converted into 116-120 different languages; has Google Translate, accessibility menu, search engine that is sensitively built to search any keyword and other features accessible for everyone around California. There a number of independent facilitators, Person-Centered Plannessr, SDP planners and Services Providers registered on the website where their areas of their support, languages and Regional Centers are also listed on their profile.

Elizabeth Grigsby expressed her deepest appreciation of this initiative and thanked Mark and everyone involved for their efforts.

Mark's presentation was very well received and Q&A followed.

V. Statewide Update

Sascha Bittner shared that she has been involved in a statewide focus group for Self-Determination and one of the topics of conversation in this group has been the Self-Determination Ombudsman in California. Sascha also shared that an interview committee will be established involving DDS's staff for the ombudsman.

VI. GGRC Updates

Lisa Rosene informed the committee that GGRC will be adding two new Participant Directive Service Specialists positions for Self-Determination program; these positions will be non-case carrying positions that will assist individuals who are interested in self-determination program as well participant directive services.

Lisa also asked the committee members' feedback regarding an announcement made in previous meetings concerning reaching out to vendored and non-vendored person-centered planners across the state to see if they will be interested in serving our area remotely.

Juliet Sousa informed the committee that GGRC has a lot of motivated families and individuals who would like to pursue SDP and at least 20 new people entering the program. Juliet shared that she is working with the individuals, families, social workers and supervisor to start developing the budgets.

Juliet shared that there will be a training for the providers on September 23rd offered by SCDD. Juliet also shared that specific trainings will be provided to the managers and supervisors on PCP. GGRC has been working on the infrastructure with our Fiscal department and Community Services to put together a flow chart covering spending plan and PCP.

Bay Area Specific SDP website:

Jennifer Walsh shared that a committee is planning to meet once a month to work on the development of a Bay Area specific SDP website next month. This committee is also recruiting two representatives/SDLAC committee members from each regional center (three RC involved) for this sub-committee; a commitment from potential committee members will be established in the coming weeks. Sascha announced that the SDLAC committee members who are interested to work in this area should contact Co-Chairs Sascha and Jennifer.

SDP has allocated some funding for translation and interpretation of Cantonese and Mandarin materials. Furthermore, Sascha and Jennifer have started to plan a Cantonese/Mandarin informational meeting with the collaboration of SCDD office.

Meeting adjourned to SDLAC meeting at 5:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Aria Alokozai
Executive Administrative Assistant