



**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026 - 4:00pm-5:30pm**

REVISED/UPDATED

MEETING NOTICE/DRAFT AGENDA

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

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a public comment period at the *beginning* of the meeting to provide guests an opportunity to address the committee.

****We honor confidentiality and you can make public comment anonymously.****

After the public comment period, the committee will be conducting business and will NOT be engaging with guests.

Questions can be submitted to through the “Chat” feature and will be recorded.

SDLAC Members:

Jennifer Walsh (Chair/Self-Advocate) – present X

Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate) -

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

Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate) – present x

Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) – present x database getting info quickly those that haven’t been onboarded get database includes people who don’t fall through the cracks

Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate) -

Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) – present x

Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider) – present x

Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) – present x

Barclay Lynn (Advocate) – present x

Aparna Kommineni (Advocate) -

Partners:

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

Department of Developmental Services

Olga Maldonado, SFF - present

Patricia Idrugo, FRC -

Pragnya -

GGRC Partners:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director) - present

Lisa Rosene (Director, Regional Center Services) -

Janika Jamarillo, SDP Team

Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer) - present

Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary) - present

Guests:

Bridgette Raney – NeuroNav

Chelsea Huffman – IF

Preselah Seymore – GT independence

Debra Adler – parent

Amelia Edellman – Parent/IF

Olaf Luevano, Ritz FMS

Jeanette Castro, Community Liaison - PPL FMS

Lilian Ansari – parent

Kristianna Morralls – Self Determination Institute (completeguidetosdp.org)

- I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh) (10 minutes)
 - a. Roll call (Nguyen)
 - i. Guest introductions are optional
 - b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh) – M/S Ken, Alyson
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) M/S Ken, Brenda

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. Update on GGRC’s SDLAC expenditures

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT (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.

Amelia Edellman: Language support, has a Spanish-speaking client that has needs. Social rec funding process and question for SDP team. We're funding it but the need for updates to budgets and plans when participants change providers.

Jeannette Castro: Participants don't need documents on hand to get going, no wait lists and working with all budgets. Sharing contact info in the chat. JeaCastro@pplfirst.com

Chelsea: Social rec support an easier process and appreciate making it available to participants. Make clearer resources available when budget renewal comes up.

Olaf Luevano – offering all three models, English, Chinese/Mandarin, Spanish. No waiting lists and accepting new participants. (626) 709-3723 direct line

Eric will communicate the concerns to the SDP team.

IV. GGRC SDP Team Update (Rosene) – (10 minutes)

- a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled

V. Discussion and review of SDLAC Committee Centered Plan (Parekh) – (10 minutes)

- a. Review of Resource Fair proposal:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qQs_5n07yrzsA8zq1LdOXpMeJlcE8Q6eZ-
emn99pKMI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qQs_5n07yrzsA8zq1LdOXpMeJlcE8Q6eZ-emn99pKMI/edit?usp=sharing)

- b. Proposal for Independent Facilitator (IF)/SD Supports Capacity Building for GGRC SDP Clients: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-
1zwUrhg1BeVZ_aBQeMckQs4nbaH0WlzLUCxjrlZYuY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-1zwUrhg1BeVZ_aBQeMckQs4nbaH0WlzLUCxjrlZYuY/edit?usp=sharing)

- c. Proposal to create an SDP Community database/email distribution list

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Ken shared the plan and shared about the update meeting with partners, how to get more people enrolled in SDP. Work on meeting goals will extend into the summer. Not a huge need to increase IF and capacity, but need to get to a spending plan and developing a person-centered plan. Especially stark for Spanish-speaking and non-English speaking families, people are struggling finding supports and move into SDP. Working closely with GGRC to get more supports across the board.

Alyson: Hold resource fairs within community centers and reduce amount of "swag" and other materials that in her opinion don't add a lot to the experience of the fair.

Chelsea: How did GGRC do outreach for the fairs? What about schools? How can we make the fairs more local to families?

Amelia: Support for Families hosts the IRC every year that families regularly attend and there's a huge overlap for families getting information. Strongly encourage engagement with that event.

Kristianna: chairing FDLRC SDLAC and working on a letter to encourage ongoing SDLAC funding.

M/S Ken, Brenda Approve concept of all three proposals as presented, 7

- VI. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)
- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
 - Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
 - Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)
- VII. SCDD Update (Nicholau) – (5 minutes)
- Governor’s proposed budget came out, the committee needs to consider being thoughtful and powerful with the funding that’s available for SDLACs.
- Statewide SDAC met in December with lots of information on the website.
- One applicant in the “getting to know you” and two new applicants expressing membership interest this week.
- Trends are: FMS bottleneck is clearing, identifying and existing bottlenecks in onboarding.
- VIII. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – (5 minutes)
- Operational budget is being proposed so there’s an agreement that because CA is such an income based state, but so many changes remain to be seen. Not directly related to SDP, but DDS has three divisions – community services, state operated services (secure treatment and transitional programs), headquarters. Transferring 70 positions from state services to community services/HQ and those are going to be staff dedicated to employment, autism, internet technology/LOIS, federal access rules/expectations on HCBS, etc. Fusing SDP and Lanterman ombudsperson office into one office.
- IX. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA) – (5 minutes) – no report
- X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM