



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 4:00pm-5:30pm

MEETING NOTICE/DRAFT AGENDA

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

Join us on Zoom:

https://ggrc.zoom.us/j/83436815541?pwd=6CHIJqOaMYoaBtltsen5j04N9E_GYD.1

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, (Self-Advocate) - Co-Chair -present

Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate)

Elizabeth Grigsby (Self-Advocate)

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

Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate) - present

Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)

Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) – Co-Chair - present

Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider)

Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) - present

Barclay Lynn (Advocate)

Aparna Kommineni (Advocate) - present

Partners:

Greg Gonzalez, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Chris Aguirre, Department of Developmental Services
Olga Maldonado, SFF
Patricia Idrugo, FRC
Pragnya

GGRC Partners:

Eric Zigman (Executive Director)
Lisa Rosene -
Juliet Esperanza (Supervising Social Worker, SDP) – present
Meghan Reynard - present
Janika Jamarillo (Participant Choice Specialist, SDP) - present
Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer)- present
Anh Nguyen (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

Kayley Prozena, DVU
Lilian Ansari, Helix Adult Academy
Mary and Paul Presseri
Gavi Garshov, True Care FMS
Jiyeon Lee
Amelia Edellman, IF
Tina Ewing-Wilson, DVU
Tamara Ranney,
Debra Adler, parent advocate
Bianca Magallon-Flores, Public Partnerships FMS

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

- II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Walsh/Hou) (5 minutes)
 - a. Update on GGRC's SDLAC expenditures
Funds need to be encumbered soon or they will need to be reverted back to DDS. Ken mentioned there'll be funds expended soon.

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.

IV. Reports from SDLAC-funded partners

- a. Pragnya
- b. Support for Families

V. GGRC SDP Team Update (Esperanza) – (10 minutes)

- a. Participant data points: number of persons currently enrolled, number of participants in the process, how long participants have been enrolled
Ben Brown is the new SDP Administrative Assistant and is onboarding as well as learning about SDP. GGRC currently has 472 enrolled in SDP. At the end of May, SDP team will be requesting additional staff.

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

- a. IF Capacity Building (Brenda)

VII. SDLAC Workgroup Reports (10 minutes)

- Participant Onboarding (Ken/Sascha)
- Outreach and Equity Coordination (Christine/Alyson/Elizabeth)
- Best Practices (Brenda/Sandy)

VIII. SCDD Update (Gonzalez) – (5 minutes)

Orientations are available through the SCDD website in multiple languages.

IX. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – (5 minutes)

X. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA) – (5 minutes)

XI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 28, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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