



Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 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) - present
Elizabeth Grigsby (Self-Advocate)
Kristin Zlogar (OCRA-Attorney/Clients’ Rights Advocate) - present
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate)
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) – Co-Chair - present
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider)
Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate) - present
Barclay Lynn (Advocate) - present
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate)

Partners:

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

GGRC Partners:

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

Guests:

Chelsea Huffman

Joyce C

Tina Ewing-Wilson, DVU

Bianca Magallon-Flores, PPL

Debra Adler

Gavi Gershov, TrueCare FMS

Wendy Reyes, SFCD

FRC San Mateo

- 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, Sascha
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All) M/S, Ken, Sandy

- 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.

Gavi introduced himself and TrueCare as an FMS to serve the GGRC community. We are currently accepting new SDP participants throughout California, with no waitlist and no budget caps. Whether you're just exploring SDP, looking to switch FMS providers, or supporting a participant who has questions, I'm always happy to help.

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📅 Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/gavig/introductory-meeting>

📄 Interest Form: <https://www.truecarefms.com/participant-interest-form>

For those of you who may have come in late, my name is Bianca Magallon-Flores and I am a Community Liaison for PPL an FMS vendored through all Regional Centers.

I wanted to share that we are currently accepting new enrollments. We do not have a waitlist and can work with a wide range of budgets. We offer the Sole Employer and Bill Payer model. Participants do not need to provide anything to get started. If you have any questions or would like more details about enrolling, transferring, or scheduling a time to meet, please feel free to reach out directly.

Bianca Magallon-Flores, PPL FMS Community Liaison

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Tina shared in the chat: <https://sdp-resource-center.org/>

- IV. Reports from SDLAC-funded partners
 - a. Pragnya - Spanish and Cantonese outreach, webinar support
 - b. Support for Families – third cohort in process with focus on Cantonese and Spanish families. About 50 people are currently attending the meetings.
- 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
 - Lisa/Janika: Over 500 people in SDP. NBRC roughly the same size as GGRC has about 150. GGRC is actively promoting SDP. Lisa is meeting tomorrow with Amanda for staffing structures, everyone on SDP team is super busy getting June 1 renewals in. Ben Brown, the new SDP team admin is supporting them. There are about 140-160 people ready to get on-boarded/in process.
 - Ken: How's the outreach to underserved clients?
 - Lisa: Cantonese speakers are active, mostly monolingual Spanish-speaking families. They're struggling to meet basic needs first. They need to get set up with housing, food,

etc. then they can think about services. Israel Piccardo, the new outreach manager is working on this as well.

- VI. Discussion and review of SDLAC Committee Centered Plan (Parekh) – (10 minutes)
Greg shared some searchable IF databases:
<https://www.thecasdpnetwork.org/independent-facilitators/>
<https://www.independentfacilitatorhub.com/independentfacilitator>

- VII. SCDD Update (Gonzalez) – (5 minutes)
Open house was today in person in Oakland, but hosting one virtually on 5/29 from 9:30 am – 10:30 am.
SCDD Bay Area Office Open House
When: Friday, May 29, 2026, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Safety Concerns for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Wednesday, June 10th
English: 10a – 12p
Español: 1:30p – 3:30p
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safety-concerns-for-people-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities-tickets-1988048594864>
6th Annual There Should Be a Law Contest
Submit your idea online at: <https://bit.ly/BillIdeas2026>
The contest ends June 30, 2026
Regional Center Services Resources
<https://scdd.ca.gov/regionalcenterservices>

- VIII. GGRC Updates (Zigman) – (5 minutes)
GGRC/Lanterman’s 60th anniversary – AB 691 (Waldie)
GGRC is planning a celebration event for the 60th anniversary in the fall.
There’s a feedback form on the new website if you want to share information. We’re hoping to have portals for intake and assistance in navigating the website.
California’s budget – in spite of all the concerns, DD budget relatively safe.

- IX. Disability Rights California Update (OCRA) – (5 minutes) – No report

- X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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