Golden Gate Regional Center

Supporting Lives of Liberty and Opportunity

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

MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA

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

Join us on Zoom:

https://ggrc.zoom.us/j/84530442100?pwd=XIb88AERRyZXeEgAead5QvgauPEI3A.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
Ken Parekh (Parent Advocate) – Co-Chair
Sascha Bittner (Self-Advocate)
Elizabeth Grigsby (Self-Advocate)
Bebo Saab *acting* (OCRA-Attorney/Clients' Rights Advocate)
Alyson Sinclair (Parent Advocate)
Christine Kantor (Parent Advocate)
Brenda Bachechi (Community Advocate/Provider)
Sandy Chin (Parent Advocate)
Barclay Lynn (Advocate)
Aparna Kommineni (Advocate)
Olga Maldonado (FRC)

Partners:
Sheraden Nicholau, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Chris Aguirre, Department of Developmental Services
Patricia Idrugo, FRC/FEC San Mateo County Manager
Guidelight Group
Rosie Laska, IFTA

GGRC Partners:
Eric Zigman (Executive Director)
Lop Hou (Chief Financial Officer)
Jayshree Nathaniel (Director, Regional Center Services)
Juliet Esperanza (Supervising Social Worker, SDP)
Meghan Reynard (Supervising Social Worker, SDP)
Janika Jamarillo (Participant Choice Specialist, SDP)
Laura Parks (Recording Secretary)

Guests:

I. Welcome/Call to order (Walsh) (10 minutes)
   a. Roll call (Parks)
      i. Guest introductions are optional
   b. Approval of Agenda (Walsh)
   c. Approval of Minutes (Walsh/All)

II. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (Lop Hou) (5 minutes)

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Proposed Topic: Renewals (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 to 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. GGRC SDP Team Update (Esperanza) – (10 minutes)

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

   a. Proposal to have Spanish Interpreter at each meeting (Parks)

VI. Update on IF Capacity building programs and SDP Onboarding/Resource Fairs – (Brenda and Ken) – (10 minutes)

VII. SCDD Update (Nicholau) – (5 minutes)

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

a. 099 PDS Update

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

X. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday November 19, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
(and Thursday December 17th 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

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