**Self Determination Local Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

Recorder: Sedona B. Zoom Meeting

**Present:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*\*=Appointed By)*: Frank Van Curen (SCDD\*), Kara Ponton (RCRC\*), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC\*), Clifford Black (CRA)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Mary Block (RCRC), Sheila Keys (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Laura Larson (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Allan Smith (DDS), Breeanne Burris (Community), Cris Sookne (RCRC), Erin Moynahan (RCRC), Jennifer Garcia (RCRC), Holly Murray (Frank’s Facilitator), Sabra Underwood (RCRC), Sherri Desoto (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community)

**Absent Committee Members:** Pam Jensen (SCDD\*), Ronald Piazza (RCRC\*)

**Common Abbreviations:**

**SDP** (Self-Determination Program), **SDAC** (Self-Determination Advisory Committee), **RCRC** (Redwood Coast Regional Center), **DDS** (Department of Developmental Services), **SSDAC** (Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee), **SCDD** (State Council on Developmental Disabilities), **RC** (Regional Center), **SC** (Service Coordinator), **FMS** (Financial Management Services), **IF** (Independent Facilitator), **PCT** (Person Centered Training), **CRA** (Client Rights Advocate)

**Minutes:**

1. Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call, and Select a Timekeeper (Robert):
   1. Participants introduced themselves.
   2. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
   3. Mary B. was selected as Timekeeper.
2. Review, Discussion and Approval of 09/18/2020 Minutes (Robert):

Motion: Frank VC. moves to accept the 09/18/2020 minutes with corrections.

Second: Kara P.

Roll call vote:

Frank Van Curen (Yes)

Kara Ponton (Yes)

Robert Miland Taylor (Yes)

Clifford Black (Yes)

Motion PASSED

1. Update on September Action Items (Robert):
   1. ACTION: Jennifer to email an updated flyer after this meeting for Sedona to forward to the Committee. (Emailed)
   2. ACTION: Sedona will update the Roster to show Kristy’s information. (Done)
   3. ACTION: Sedona will provide Mary and Sheila a list of the participants who have been delayed due to staff changes for closer attention. (Done)
   4. ACTION: Sedona will update the status report next month to include comparison from previous month to current month. (Done)
   5. ACTION: Sheila will forward information for the GT Independence webinar to the Committee. (Emailed)
   6. ACTION: Sedona to add decision on December meeting to the next agenda. (Done)
   7. ACTION: Sedona to add 2021 Calendar to the next agenda. (Done)
   8. ACTION: Sedona to add SSDAC Meeting Report to the next agenda. (Done)
   9. ACTION: Sedona to add Kristy and Cliff to the Committee names at the bottom of the agenda template. (Done)
2. Discussion and Vote to Keep or Cancel the December SDAC Meeting (Robert):

Motion: Frank VC. moves to cancel the December SDAC Meeting.

Second: Kara P.

Roll call vote:

Frank Van Curen (Yes)

Kara Ponton (Yes)

Robert Miland Taylor (Yes)

Clifford Black (Abstain)

Motion PASSED

**ACTION: Sedona will revise the 2020 SDAC Schedule and post to the RCRC website and forward to the Committee.**

1. Review, Discussion and Approval of 2021 SDAC Meeting Schedule (Robert):

Motion: Frank VC. moves to accept the 2021 SDAC Meeting Schedule.

Second: Kara P.

Roll call vote:

Frank Van Curen (Yes)

Kara Ponton (Yes)

Robert Miland Taylor (Yes)

Clifford Black (Yes)

Motion PASSED

**ACTION: Sedona will post the 2021 SDAC Meeting Schedule to the RCRC website and forward to the Committee.**

1. DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP (Mary/Sheila): For FY 19/20, DDS authorized $32,837 for the implementation of SDP. For FY 20/21, DDS allocated $44,880 to be expended by March 2023. RCs and local SDACs have opportunities to review what local needs are in order to use these funds to make SDP more viable for their community members. Sherry E. suggested using graphic novels for participants and support groups for IFs. Breeanne B. said she is willing to participate in reaching out to other RCs as to how they’re utilizing these funds.

**ACTION: *DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP*** **to remain on the SDAC agendas each month for 30 min until a firm decision is agreed upon for how the funding will be allocated.**

**ACTION: Breeanne will forward to Sedona some helpful information gathered from other RCs to be shared with the Committee at the next meeting.**

**ACTION: Laura will forward to Sedona Statewide Committee meeting information to share with the Committee at the next meeting.**

1. SSDAC Meeting Report (Robert): Robert reported to the Committee the “SSDAC Report on Barriers to Implementing the Self-Determination Program – Next Steps”. The complete report can be found at <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/09/2020.Sept_.25-SSDACZoom-Teleconferenc.Packet.Accessible.pdf> as the attachment to Agenda Item 8 (pages 12-24 for English). This report identified the following four barriers and the responsibilities of the local SDACs, SSDAC, DDS and RCs:
   1. Delay in implementation of the SDP.
   2. Lack of guidance by DDS to RCs and clients resulting in inconsistent implementation of the SDP across the RC system.
   3. Lack of trainings for Regional Center staff, participants and families.
   4. Lack of trainings for, and development of person-centered planners, fiscal management services, IFs and service providers.
2. State Council Report (Laura):
   1. The Statewide Committee wants to meet more frequently and meet with local Committees. They have asked for a copy of the local SDAC schedules so they can attend and offer assistance. They formed a sub-group to break down barriers and address them and will probably begin meeting in January.
   2. The Statewide Committee discussed the SDP Withdrawal Survey and realizes the pandemic had a large part to play in delays.
3. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Sheila/Sedona): Two more have enrolled and RCRC is expecting another two to be enrolled in November. There was a glitch when being submitted to Fiscal but that has recently been resolved. Two of the previously enrolled participants have withdrawn voluntarily.
4. Recruitment of Independent Facilitators (Sheila): The State Council is posting trainings on their website after the first of the year that are similar to the local trainings and we can encourage IFs to attend those webinars.
5. RCRC Work Group Update (Sheila): Work Groups are support groups that include current participants and those working on transitioning to SDP as well as other parties (IFs, FMS, etc) to work together to answer questions and share information. There are no Work Groups scheduled currently, however, Sheila invited SDAC members to participate in one in November. Clifford B. volunteered to participate in the next Work Group scheduled.

**ACTION: Sheila will speak with other members about attending a possible November Work Group.**

1. Resource sharing (Community):
   1. Mary B. briefly went over key points on the SDP Withdrawal Survey. There were 857 surveys mailed out, and 148 surveys were received back. Only 134 responded to why they left the program:
      1. The amount of money provided is not enough – 11.94%
      2. The program is too much work – 29.10%
      3. Desired services not allowed – 5.97%
      4. Too hard to find service providers – 11.19%
      5. Too many appointments – 10.45%
      6. Services now are fine – 39.55%
      7. Still interested but current life circumstances make it difficult – 14.93%
      8. Other – 48.51%
         1. Satisfied with current services
         2. Difficult to understand SDP info and too much work involved
         3. Issues with Budget and FMS
         4. Misc (sibling not chosen, parents older, meetings during work hours, SC issues, language issues)

**ACTION: Sedona to forward the SDP Withdrawal Survey to Committee and identified contacts.**

* 1. Sheila invited everyone to attend the upcoming RCRC Performance Plan Public Meeting scheduled for Friday, Oct 23rd from 10:00-11:30am via Zoom.

**ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee the RCRC Performance Plan Public Meeting information.**

* 1. Mary invited everyone to attend the RCRC Caseload Ratios meeting on Oct 29th at 3:00.

**ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee the RCRC Caseload Ratios Meeting information.**

* 1. Robert encouraged everyone to please vote by Nov 3rd. If you need your ballot you can get it at <https://wheresmyballot.com/> and drop off at your local post office, your identified ballot location drop-off or vote in-person. Please be aware that if someone else is dropping off your ballot for you then be sure that you signed it.

**ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee voting information.**

* 1. Mary let everyone know that October is National Disability and Employment Month and wanted to encourage everyone to take a few moments to recognize and realize how far we’ve come and still how far we have to go.

1. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):
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   7. **ACTION: Sedona to forward the SDP Withdrawal Survey to Committee and identified contacts.**
   8. **ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee the RCRC Performance Plan Public Meeting information.**
   9. **ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee the RCRC Caseload Ratios Meeting information.**
   10. **ACTION: Sedona to email to Committee voting information.**
2. Adjourn the meeting (Robert): Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**The next meeting is set for November 20, 2020.**

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*Prepared by: S. Bowser (10/23/2020)*