

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 21, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Recorder: Sedona B.

Zoom Meeting

Present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*=*Appointed By*): Kara Ponton (RCRC*), Kristy Tanguay (SCDD*), Frank Van Curen (SCDD*), Pam Jensen (SCDD*), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC*)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Cindy Gillam Sullivan (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Allan Smith (DDS), Amy Soto (RCRC), Barbara Sprout (SBEM), Nicole Murphy (RCRC), Nicole Hugelshofer (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community)

Absent Committee Members: Clifford Black (CRA)

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), **DVU** (Disability Voices United)

Minutes:

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call, and Select a Timekeeper (Robert):**
 - a. Participants introduced themselves.
 - b. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
 - c. Pam J. was selected as Timekeeper.

2. **Review, Discussion and Approval of 04/30/2020 Minutes (Robert):**

Motion: Frank VC. moves to accept the 04/30/2020 minutes with corrections.
Second: Kara P.
Roll call vote:
Robert Taylor (Yes)
Pam Jensen (Abstain)
Fran Van Curen (Yes)
Kristy Tanguay (Yes)
Kara Ponton (Yes)
Motion PASSED

3. Update on April Action Items (Robert):
 - a. ACTION: Sheila will have a rough draft of the proposal to DDS for funding RFP by May 11th to go out to SDAC for the May 21st meeting to review.
 - i. Proposal was sent with the meeting packet on May 11th.
 - b. ACTION: Sedona will add "Review Proposal to DDS for Funding RFP" to the agenda.
 - i. Sedona added it to item number five "DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP: Review Proposal to DDS for Funding to RFP."
 - c. ACTION: Sedona to add "Recruiting for Del Norte SDAC Vacant Position" to the next agenda.
 - i. Added to agenda.
 - d. ACTION: Sedona to send the recruitment flyer to Jennifer G. for social media posting.
 - i. Emailed flyer to Jennifer G. on April 30th.
 - e. ACTION: Sheila to send the orientation flyer for the next orientation to both Jennifer G. and Julie EM to post.
 - i. Sheila reported she is going to send it out the beginning of June.
 - f. ACTION: Sedona will change the name of the RCRC Work Group on the next Agenda to "Self-Determination Conversations".
 - i. Changed on the agenda.
 - g. ACTION: Sheila to send Jennifer G. a flyer of the next SD Conversations meeting and she will post to social media and Sheila to share with the SDP Roundtable team.
 - i. Sheila reported she is waiting for an orientation to be scheduled.
4. Recruiting for Del Norte SDAC Vacant Position (Sheila): Advertising was sent out. No responses have been received.
5. DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP: Review Proposal to DDS for Funding to RFP (Sheila): Committee reviewed the attached proposal. Sheila would like a small group to work together to develop the actual proposal, as well review the proposals as they come in. Leah Thompson, independent contractor, is willing to help but cannot lead. Julie EM., Frank VC., Pam J., Sherry E., and Kristy T. also offered to be part of the group. The trailer bill is looking to go into effect July 1st, but it is not set in stone. Robert was concerned about the costs associated with increasing available IFs, and what FMS providers and models are available to advocates. Pam wants to include budget development support. Sheila suggests adding additional outreach to unsupported and underrepresented groups, for instance in remote areas. It would be helpful to have people who live in those remote areas assist. Sheila asks the committee if anyone has suggestions later to please email either Sedona (sbrowser@redwoodcoastrc.org) or Sheila (skeys@redwoodcoastrc.org) or Cindy (rckecgs@redwoodcoastrc.org).
 - a. **ACTION: Cindy will check with Jennifer Garcia to find out if she is currently reaching out to the remote areas about Self-Determination.**

- i. Cindy emailed Jennifer G. during the meeting. She will share any response she receives by the next meeting.
6. State Council Report (Julie/Kara): Kara had nothing to add to the State Council report. Julie had no updates. She did share that there are several proposals being considered for IF training. DDS is considering having IFs “meet standards and certification requirements established by the department,” but it is still in discussion. Pam is concerned about and objects to the possible certification requirement, especially since parents are often IFs already doing what is best for their children. Sherry agreed with Pam and thinks it is punitive and just more red tape. Kristy agrees that this is a conflict. Pam is also concerned about spending thresholds. Sheila wants to hold off on orientation until these rules are clarified and confirmed. Kara agreed holding off would be a good idea. Julie EM. Suggested if individuals want to receive free CDCAN reports they can email martyomoto@att.net and put “Subscribe CDCAN” in the subject line. Julie encourages people to speak up and push back to ensure the integrity of the program. Robert added these topics will need to be on the agendas in the future for the August Statewide meeting. Julie EM. Emailed our legislative person during the meeting to see who might be our champions in the legislature for Self-Determination. Kara will work with her various committees and bring feedback to SDAC.
 - a. **ACTION: Sheila will send out the trailer bill to the committee for their own review.**
 - b. **ACTION: Julie EM. will send committee the name of the legislative person who is advocating for Self-Determination once she receives it.**
7. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Sheila/Sedona): Sheila did another orientation meeting and there were about 5 people who were interested. She has another one planned soon. There were no new enrollments since the last meeting. Sheila shared the Implementation Updates is listed on the DDS website. RCRC has the highest percentage of enrollment in the state. The rural areas seem to have the highest enrollment numbers.
8. Recruitment of Independent Facilitators (Sheila): Sheila has no new information but she has been participating in some online training. She reports there are about three people waiting for training. However, with the trailer bill language she is concerned about moving forward with recruitment without knowing the parameters.
9. Self-Determination Conversations Update (Sheila): The next meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 3:00pm. Will probably be talking about the trailer bill at upcoming meetings.
10. Resource sharing (Community):
 - a. Frank would like to put his name on the list for SDAC Chairperson for next year.

- b. Robert shared he is now a representative payee for his spouse after the passing of his mother-in-law. The materials from Social Security are not user friendly. He wants to recommend that if anyone is a self or family advocate it would be helpful to get training from the Clients Rights Advocate and Disability Rights of California. Sheila suggested emailing Clifford Black, LCRA. Julie EM. suggested looking at the Disability Rights California website, which has information that is helpful.
- c. Kara may not be at the next meeting due to another surgery.
- d. Robert is having another surgery in two weeks but should be at the next meeting.
- e. Barbara at CBEM will be attending future meetings.

11. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):

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12. Adjourn the meeting (Robert): Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting is set for June 18, 2021.

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