

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 20, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Recorder: Sedona B.

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*=Appointed By): Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC*), Pam Jensen (SCDD*), Chris Miller (RCRC*), Roshan Ashford (SCDD*), Clifford Black (CRA)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Alex Chesstell (RCRC), Mary Block (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Karina Mendoza (RCRC), Joe Hernandez (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Barbara Sprout (Community), Deborah Wyman (Community), Ernest Jones (RCRC), Kari Elkins (Community), Melissa Robinson (DDS), Michael Shanahan (RCRC), Nicole Hugelshofer (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community), Tiina Purtonen (RCRC), Tito Ross (RCRC), Valerie Johnson (Community)

Absent Committee Members: Frank Van Curen (SCDD*)

Common Abbreviations:

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

Minutes:

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call, and Select a Timekeeper (Robert):**

- a. Sedona identified all who are in attendance.
- b. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- c. Pam J. was selected as Timekeeper.

2. **Review, Discussion and Approval of 03/18/2022 Minutes (Robert):**

Motion: Chris M. moves to accept the 03/18/2022 minutes with no corrections.

Second: Clifford B.

Roll call vote:

- Robert Taylor (Yes)
- Pam Jensen (Yes)
- Chris Miller (Yes)
- Roshan Ashford (Yes)
- Clifford Black (Yes)

Motion PASSED

3. Update on March Action Items (Robert):
 - a. **ACTION: Ad Hoc Committee will meet again and revise item 2: Authority of the SDP Survey and review with the SDAC at the next meeting.**
 - i. Done
 - b. **ACTION: Sedona will send out the two drafts from the Ad Hoc Committee for review and input and keep on the agenda for the next SDAC meeting.**
 - i. Done
 - c. **ACTION: Sedona will change the minutes allowed for the SDP RFP agenda item to 10 minutes.**
 - i. Done
 - d. **ACTION: Sedona will add Roshan Ashford to the SDAC Roster and send the revised Roster to the SDAC.**
 - i. Done
 - e. **ACTION: Sheila will email the committee the current Self-Determination Conversations flyer.**
 - i. Done
 - f. **ACTION: Julie will forward grant information for tribal advocacy to Valerie.**
 - i. Done
 - g. **ACTION: Sheila will send the SDP Orientation link to Barbara.**
 - i. Done
4. Participant and Family Sharing – What’s Working and What’s Not Working (Community):

Valerie shared that their journey is not very smooth. The new FMS started out good but communication is still difficult, however they are choosing to stay hopeful. Sheila shared that this is a statewide issue. There is some trailer bill language to pay FMS services separately and not out of the regular budget. Joe added that the intent is to fund services outside of the participant budget but they don’t know how that will work or where the money will come from. State Council is talking about this topic currently and will keep this committee updated. If anyone has input they can email Julie and Joe and they will try to bring it to the appropriate people. Sheri said one of the desirable FMSs has a wait list out to December now.
5. Ad Hoc Committee: SDP Survey Update (Pam): Pam thanked all those who have assisted in discussions and drafting the surveys. She shared the surveys with the team. The intention of having various surveys was so participants can respond in a timely manner when the experience is still fresh. The committee discussed ways to contact people with these surveys that doesn’t violate confidentiality. Chris added that HCAR would be willing to help with the phone calls for interviews. Pam suggested that the regional center can send out the surveys at the appropriate times, but also doesn’t want to burden the regional center further. Pam asked the committee if the right questions were asked and the wording is clear or any comments. Chris added a lot of work was put into these surveys to make sure it was appropriate and helpful. Valerie wanted to make sure that participants are made aware that these surveys are anonymous, and Robert added that there are no right or wrong answers. Sheila and Mary both expressed their appreciation and approval of the surveys. Mary suggested proofing

the documents for any grammatical and typing errors, and adding page numbers before sending out. Sherry suggested an online survey. Robert also asked if these surveys will be translated into the various languages, and Sheila said we will use transition money to pay for that service. Barbara suggested using Google Forms, which is accessible by multiple people, where survey responses can be submitted anonymously and also track responses. Barbara and Roshan said they would be happy to help with the technology side of Google Forms. Pam also asked if there was a way to keep track of progress in responses over time.

- a. **ACTION:** Sedona and Mary will revise the SDP surveys with formatting and grammar/spelling checks and send to the Ad Hoc committee.
 - b. **ACTION:** Ad Hoc committee will forward to Sheila and Alex updated surveys for electronic and hard copy distribution.
6. Recruiting for Del Norte and FRC SDAC Vacant Positions (Sheila): No updates.
 7. DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP: Request for Proposal (RFP) Update (Sheila): HCAR is actively working on a number of things. We don't have dates yet for the next RFP but Sheila and Alex will be working on that soon. Chris said HCAR is working on outreach activities and is excited that Alex is joining the efforts. HCAR is shooting for July on the first outreach activities but doesn't have information to share on it yet. HCAR has been talking with other programs and working on scheduling outreach with them as well. Chris is very happy with the progress they have been making. Sheila shared we have until March of 2023 to spend the money in the RFP.
 8. State Council Report (Joe): SCDD is continuing to work with DDS to find a more permanent resolution for remote meetings. The next Statewide SDAC meeting is June 28th from 10-4. At the last Statewide SDAC Workgroup retreat they voted on priorities for the committee and will be reporting at the statewide meeting. SCDD and DDS are still working together to finalize the orientation presentation. Robert's final Statewide SDAC report will be in July. Valerie asked Joe if the state has taken position on the bill AB870 to increase age of eligibility from 18-22. Joe said they were not watching that bill so he will look into it. To attend the meeting you can go to <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>.
 9. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Sheila): We have had 3 more people watch the orientation video; currently have 38 enrolled (which includes 3 children, 1 tribal, 1 Spanish); 1 is enrolling in June and 2 in July; 4 have new budget calculations and 4 are in active planning. Our participants do not match our demographics and are working on our outreach efforts in those areas. We have the DDS Medicaid Waiver audit coming in July so it'll be interesting to see how things will be. We are the first regional center to have SDP included in the audit. It is very normal not to have results for quite a while but we will let you know when we have any real information. Sheila is interested to see how a live electronic (aka Zoom, not prerecorded) orientation will go and what the surveys have to say about it.

10. Independent Facilitators Updates (Sheila/Julie): We have a new IF in our vendor system. Her name is Benita Shaw out of Sacramento, so she will be assisting remotely. We have 3 people going into the process of planning who have found their own IFs. Participation by Zoom has made options more available for people. HCAR is working on IFs but doesn't have an update today.
11. Self-Determination Conversations Update (Sheila): The last one was pretty lively and had good participation with a nice mixture of people, which included a parent. The next one is June 24th at 3:00pm. Sheila will send the flyer around when we get closer to that date.
12. Resource Sharing/Community Input (Community):
 - a. Robert will open the June meeting with a description of the Chairperson duties and nominations will be identified then. Elections will take place in July.
 - i. **ACTION: Sedona will add to the June agenda Chairperson Duties and Nominations for June Voting.**
 - b. Sheila reminds committee members if they need an ADA accommodation to attend SDAC meetings from their home to let her know and she will also send out more information on this.
 - c. Sheila requested adjusting the agenda to lump together several of her brief update agenda items into one and have Sheila/Alex as owners.
 - i. **ACTION: Sedona will update the agenda to reflect combining various topics owned by Sheila and Alex.**
 - d. Ernest requested that some training might be brought to the RCRC offices to help SCs know how to present SDP to clients.
 - i. **ACTION: Sheila and Alex will contact RCRC offices and arrange meetings with teams to help guide SCs in presenting SDP to clients.**
 - e. Valerie shared the Affordable Connectivity Program can save low income individuals a substantial amount of money on their mobile phone or internet services.
 - f. Valerie shared that AB870 is a bill that will increase the age of eligibility from 18 to 22 years old, and requests spreading the word to contact your local senator within the week to support this bill.
 - g. Robert shared the general election is coming up and encourages people to make sure you and anyone you know is registered to vote and to please vote!
13. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):
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14. Adjourn the meeting (Robert): Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next meeting is set for June 17, 2022.

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