

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 16, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Recorder: Sedona B.

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present:

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

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Alex Chesstell (RCRC), Mary Block (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Jaclyn Balanay (DDS), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Barbara Sprout (Community), Ivy Flores (Community), Karen Elliott (RCR), Sherry Erickson (Community), Sierra Braggs (RCRC), Valerie Johnson (Community), Wendy White (RCRC)

Absent Committee Members:

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 (Frank):**

- 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 07/15/2022 Minutes (Frank):**

Motion: Pam J. moves to accept the 07/15/2022 minutes with no corrections.

Second: Clifford M.

Roll call vote:

- Frank Van Curen (Yes)
- Pam Jensen (Yes)
- Robert Taylor (Abstain)
- Clifford Black (Yes)

Motion PASSED

3. Update on July Action Items (Frank):
 - a. **ACTION: Barbara will prepare a tutorial for reviewing the surveys on Google Docs and will share with the committee next month.**
 - i. Done
 - b. **ACTION: Adhoc members will scan/email hard copy surveys to Barbara so she can create the tracking spreadsheet.**
 - i. Done
 - c. **ACTION: Sheila/Alex will forward the Adhoc committee a list to of volunteers willing to take the survey.**
 - i. Three names have been shared to date but they will keep requesting volunteers.
 - d. **ACTION: Sheila will send Sedona the RFP draft so she can send it out next week.**
 - i. RFP was sent out.
 - e. **ACTION: Sedona to change Adhoc Committee's time to 15 minutes.**
 - i. Done
 - f. **ACTION: Sedona to remove *Voting for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and Statewide SDAC Report* agenda item.**
 - i. Done
4. Participant and Family Sharing – What's Working and What's Not Working (Community):
 - a. Valerie shared that a survey participant requested a committee member contact her directly in regards to some strong feelings about what is not working for her son. Mary B offered to be in discussion to make sure the proper process is being followed. Alex C offered to make contact middle of next week.
 - i. **ACTION: Pam will contact the parent to start a discussion regarding an unsatisfied situation.**
 - ii. **ACTION: Valerie will provide the parent Clifford's contact information as the Client's Rights Advocate.**
 - b. Valerie shared she had two interviews; one was unhappy and one had all good things to say.
 - c. Robert shared that he has a meeting with his IF next week to discuss his second year plan on SDP and is hoping to meet at the new Clearlake office and is very pleased with the new office.
5. State Council Report (Julie): Orientations have been happening. The last count there were over 600 people trained across the state in many different languages. However, Joe Hernandez, who has been leading this effort, is leaving his position as of today. Orientations will continue to happen and have them scheduled through October at this time. SCDD is still looking for SDP stories. There is a new DDS Directive regarding increasing budgets in relation to FMS rate and minimum wage increases. Julie will no longer be the Interim Manager for the North State office because they have hired someone who will be starting in October. The National Core Indicators will be starting

surveys in October, in person and remotely, and they are required to do 400 per Regional Center. Please encourage participation in these surveys. Chris M shared he was informed that Self-Determination will be added to the next cycle and may be in a different format. Sheila shared that several groups, including ourselves, are doing surveys and that may result in participants not responding to surveys.

a. **ACTION: Sedona will add *DDS Directives* to the next agenda.**

6. Adhoc Committee: SDP Survey Update (Pam): The committee reports they have held five surveys so far. Pam discovered they may need to add additional survey answers to broaden participant's abilities to answer questions. Sheila suggested adding to the orientation survey to identify which orientation format they used (RCRC, DDS, etc). Valerie suggests that the survey takers are matched with survey participants in their geographical areas to allow for in-person interview options. Barbara S volunteered to join the Adhoc Committee. Barbara S visually demonstrated how the online surveys works, both for answering the survey and for collating the information.

a. **ACTION: Pam will contact Adhoc Committee members in the next two weeks to discuss changes to the surveys.**

7. Recruiting for Del Norte and FRC SDAC Vacant Positions (Sheila/Alex): There is still one vacancy in Del Norte and one vacancy for a FRC member.

8. DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP: Request for Proposal (RFP) Update (Sheila/Alex): No submissions received on the RFP. We will be sending out another one. Any suggestions are welcome.

9. Update on SDP Participant Transition, Status of Independent Facilitators and FMSs, and Report on Self-Determination Conversations Meetings (Sheila/Alex):

a. Orientations update:

- i. 1 person viewed RCRC recorded orientation, 5 people attended the SCDD Orientation now available <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>.
- ii. Lake County has the highest number of people who have attend orientations.

b. Enrollments update:

- i. New enrollments (8/1/22 & 9/1/22): Del Norte - 0, Humboldt - 0, Lake - 0, Mendocino - 0
- ii. Total Enrolled 43
 1. County: 1 Del Norte, 9 Humboldt, 5 Lake, 28 Mendocino.
 2. Age: 41 Adults, 2 Children (Mendocino)
 3. Primary Language: 1 Spanish (Mendocino), 41 English, 1 Korean
 4. Ethnicity: 3 Spanish/Latine, 1 Indigenous, 2 Multi-cultural, 36 White, 1 Korean

- 5. Total on SD Waiver: 33
 - iii. Enrolled since 7/1/21: 8 people, average time from orientation to enrollment is 6.5 months
 - iv. Expected enrollments next month: 0 Humboldt, 0 Mendocino, 1 Lake, 0 Del Norte
 - v. Actively Planning: 2 Del Norte, 3 Humboldt, 2 Mendocino
- c. Independent Facilitator Update:
 - i. 2 new interested people in Humboldt. There is another option for independent IF training online at <https://www.mainsl.com/center-on-me/>. Julie EM shared a few other resources at <https://www.thecasdpnetwork.org/> or <https://www.neuronav.org/independent-facilitation/> or <https://www.allycs.org/>.
- d. FMS Update:
 - i. Still waiting for one additional provider to submit needed paperwork to HRC. Once they do, we will add them to RCRC's list of providers.
- e. Outreach:
 - i. Alex attended UIHS outreach event in August in Arcata and shared SD info with several interested families/individuals. Originally had planned to participate in a Hoopa event, but it was cancelled due to fire/smoke.
- f. Service Coordinator Support/Training:
 - i. 9 plans renewed 8/1/2022 & 12 renewed on 9/1/22, provided support for budget calculation, spending plans and working with IFS.
 - ii. Provided first in a monthly training series on Self Determination on 9/8/22 where 35 Service Coordination team members (all 4 counties) attended. Next training scheduled for 10/6/22.
 - iii. We continue to support SCs and fiscal team to implement FMS changes.
- g. Monthly Service Coordinator SDP Roundtable:
 - i. 8/8/22 and 9/12/22 provided participant status updates and training on FMS changes, and DDS directive of 7/28/22 regarding initial Person Centered Planning and transition support services.
 - ii. **ACTION: Sedona will add *Initial Person Centered Planning and Transitional Services* to the next agenda.**

h. DDS Updates:

- i. 9/12/22 Directive on FMS weekly payments and 3-day notification of spending plan changes once approved by RCs. DDS has had a lot of input from stakeholders that lead to this directive.
- ii. SCDD Statewide orientations - 510 people attended as of 8/31/22. Will be offered in Vietnamese 9/29/22.
- iii. Ombudspersons Office has hired 2 more team members. Julie shared that Cynthia Salomon-Ponce is the new Manager of the SDP Ombudsperson Office.
- iv. RCs have received funds for SD staffing and transition supports. The amount for transition supports is calculated with a base amount for each RC and the number of clients (status 2) whose ethnicity is identified in SANDIS as non-white.
- v. Electronic Visit Verification: all of the FMS agencies RCRC uses have already implemented EVV.
- vi. Guidance for adjusting budget calculations to include recent rate increases (minimum wage and Burns) will be released very soon.
- vii. SCDD is required in statute to complete a survey on SD by June of 2023, more info coming soon.

10. Resource Sharing/Community Input (Community):

- a. Valerie shared the Senate Bill 870 is on the desk of the Governor which will change the age for Regional Center eligibility from 18 to 21.
- b. Julie shared that State Council is has posted a link where the public can submit their ideas for improving the lives of people with disabilities. You can find it at <https://scdd.ca.gov/>.
- c. Ivy at Aveanna Healthcare Services shared that they can provide in-person or virtual classes to educate clients/families on FMS services, the process, and how to most effectively work with their plans and that she would be happy to work with the committee to set something up.
- d. Robert shared his feelings on the Lake County fires and was thankful that although very scary the fires are contained.

11. Add/Remove Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Committee):

- a. **ACTION: Sedona will add *DDS Directives* to the next agenda.**
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12. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):

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13. Adjourn the meeting (Frank): Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The next meeting is set for October 21, 2022.

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Prepared by: S. Bowser (09/16/2022)