

**Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 18, 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), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Alex Chesstell (RCRC), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Alex Bland (Community), Corinne Sixkiller (Community), Elizabeth Hassler (RCRC), Emma Van Liere with Gina Hale (Community), Jennifer Huddle (Community), Sherry Erickson (Community), Valerie Johnson (Community)

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. Clifford B. was selected as Timekeeper.

2. **Review, Discussion and Approval of 10/21/2022 Minutes (Frank):**

Motion: Chris M. moves to accept the 10/21/2022 minutes with recommended corrections.

Second: Frank VC.

Roll call vote:

 - Frank Van Curen (Yes)
 - Robert Taylor (No Vote, technical difficulties)
 - Chris Miller (Yes)
 - Clifford Black (Yes)
 - Roshan Ashford (Yes)

Motion PASSED

3. Update on July Action Items (Frank):
 - a. **ACTION: SDAC members and other community members will hold a special meeting to discuss SDP issues as related parent comments will be held tentatively 10/28 at 3:30. Sheila will speak with Lynn to confirm her day/time availability.**
 - i. Alex confirmed this took place.
 - b. **ACTION: Sheila will work on the SDP Survey Flyer in the next two weeks and have it ready by the next SDAC meeting.**
 - i. Sheila reports a draft is ready and sent to Pam for review. Sheila will email to the Survey Committee for review.
 - c. **ACTION: Pam will contact Barbara to update her program with the revised survey questions.**
 - i. Pam sent the revised surveys to Barbara and she will hopefully have updated next week.
 - d. **ACTION: Sedona to change agenda item to read “DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP”.**
 - i. Done
 - e. **ACTION: Sedona will add “Review, Discuss and Vote on the 2023 SDAC Meeting Dates and Times” to the November agenda.**
 - i. Done
 - f. **ACTION: Sedona will reduce the “Adhoc Committee: SDP Survey Update” agenda item to 10 minutes.**
 - i. Done
 - g. **ACTION: Committee to discuss and vote if the December SDAC meeting to be cancelled.**
 - i. Added to the November agenda.
4. Participant and Family Sharing – What’s Working and What’s Not Working (Community):
 - a. Robert shared he met with his IF and they reached an agreement with FMS (Aveanna). He will now have his punch passes for transportation, which has been a long time coming. Progress is happening and another meeting is set.
 - b. Gina/Emma shared that Emma has now received access to assistive technology so speech devices are working again. They also received a ceiling lift and walking sling which have made a huge amount of progress. The FMS still is not vendored with RCRC. It’s taken a year and a half to get SDP implemented. They found that contacting the SD Ombudsman made a huge difference in getting things done.
 - c. Valerie asked if we ever asked to have the SD Ombudsperson to attend an SDAC meeting. Chris is currently working on contacting her and asked the committee if we would like to invite her to the January or February meeting. Robert and Clifford both suggested February. We can discuss further in the agenda.
 - d. Sherry E. shared they are still having trouble getting things paid with the FMS due to non-reimbursement issues. Julie shared it is important to share this with the Ombudsman so she can be aware of the issues. Frank can also take these issues to the Statewide SDAC meeting on December 8, 2022.
 - i. **ACTION: Elizabeth will help Frank organize issues to take to the Statewide SDAC meeting.**

5. State Council Report (Julie):
 - a. The Statewide SDAC meeting is December 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. All are welcome to attend. The link to this online meeting can be found on the SCDD website www.scdd.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
 - b. SCDD has a new Manager handling SD projects for the State Council, her name is Christine Tolbert, working out of LA. She is managing the SD orientations. You can find a calendar for the orientations on the SCDD website. There are other modules planned but we are waiting on DDS to hand them off to us. Orientations can still be viewed through the regional centers or through SCDD. Sheila added that DDS is going to be sending out a flyer.
 - c. The National Core Indicator (NCI) survey will be going out to clients. Please encourage clients to participate in these interviews.

6. Adhoc Committee: SDP Survey Update (Pam): The Adhoc Committee met and they modified some of the questions and sent them to Barbara and she will be working on getting them ready online sometime next week. Sheila did a draft flyer that we will be reviewing and revising before sending out by the end of November. Be mindful that clients will be getting three different flyers requesting interviews: SCDD, RCRC and NCI. Robert reminded that we also need translations in other languages other than English and Spanish. Sheila shared that currently we have Spanish and Korean enrollees, but we will be working on other languages.
 - a. **ACTION: Sheila and Pam will mail out the survey letters by the end of November 2022.**

7. Recruiting for Del Norte and FRC SDAC Vacant Positions (Sheila/Alex): There is one vacancy in Del Norte and one vacancy for a FRC member. The RCRC recruitment flyer has been updated. We are frequently requesting suggestions but have had no interest.

8. DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP Update (Sheila/Alex): We are funding a number of people to virtually attend the *Breaking Through Barriers: Advancing Self-Determination* conference coming up on December 2, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Cost is \$100 per person. Sheila suggests emailing her at skeys@redwoodcoastrc.org with your interest in registering and she will register for you. We have two committee members, three family members from two different families, and a couple of Service Coordinators attending so far.

MOTION: Pam J. motions to use SDP funds to pay for people to attend the Breaking Through Barriers: Advancing Self-Determination conference.

Second: Chris M.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion PASSED

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. There are no new views of the RCRC recorded orientation. Two people have completed the SDAC orientation, both in Lake County. The orientation is now available at <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
 - b. Enrollments update: NO NEW ENROLLMENTS SINCE 10/21/22
 - i. New enrollments as of 10/01/22: 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 7 months
 - iv. Expected enrollments next month: 0 Humboldt, 0 Mendocino, 0 Lake, 0 Del Norte
 - v. Actively Planning: 2 Del Norte, 5 Humboldt, 2 Mendocino, 2 Lake
 - c. Independent Facilitator Update:
 - i. 1 new interested person in Humboldt and 1 in Lake
 - 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. RCRC has requested courtesy use from WRC, for one new provider FACT Family - FACT Family can start accepting people in January, if the other RC grants courtesy use to RCRC. Ritz Vocational Service was added at RCRC in April 2022, but so far no one is using them. They do not appear on the RCRC page for FMSs on the DDS website. We have asked for that to be fixed as soon as possible.
 - e. 099 Transition Support Services for new enrollees:
 - i. General Self Directed Transition Support service providers:
 - 1. One (the first at RCRC) has been approved and is in process of being added to the RCRC computer system for vendors. Two other IFs and one agency have expressed interest in providing General

Transition Support Services as well. One of these is out of area and will require their home RC to vendor them before RCRC can add them here.

- ii. FMS Transition Support Service providers:
 - 1. DDS reported that three FMS agencies that RCRC has available to provide FMS services, Aveanna, Mains'l and Ritz Vocational services have all started the process of getting vendored by their home RCs for this service. RCRC is requesting courtesy use from the other RCs for the new FMS transition support services.

- f. SD Conversations Meetings:
 - i. There was no meeting last month and no meeting scheduled in November.

- g. SD Implementation Update:
 - i. 2 SDAC members, 3 potential participant family members and 3 RCRC staff will be attending the DVU conference on 12/2/22.

- h. Service Coordinator Support/Training:
 - i. PCMs have been providing ongoing support as needed to SC for budget calculation, spending plans and working with IFS.
 - ii. Provided the third monthly training (Person Centered Planning) on Self-Determination on 11/10/22. 18 Service /Coordination team members (all 4 counties) and 1 Diversity specialist attended. Next training tentatively scheduled for 1/12/23.
 - iii. Monthly SC Roundtable: 11/14/22 provided participant status updates and training on DDS directive of 7/28/22 regarding initial Person Centered Planning and transition support services.

- i. DDS Updates:
 - i. Bagley-Keene remote allowance will continue through June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Statewide there are 1065 people enrolled in SD. 70% of people enrolled are on MW.
 - iii. EVV is being implemented throughout CA, DDS will release guidance soon clarifying EVV does not limit where services are provided (a common misperception).
 - iv. SCDD letter going out this week to participants and people originally selected for enrollment asking them to participate in a survey.

- j. There is a Regional Center team member meeting that happens quarterly and the recent meeting discussed DDS and Legislature's concern about the cost of services, but we were able to show how people are actually getting their needs met.

10. DDS Directives (Sheila/Alex): There were no new directives since our last meeting. RCRC is actively working towards the changes in the directives.
11. Initial Person Centered Planning and Transition Services (Sheila/Alex): Keep on agenda thru Feb. Up to February 2023 we are able to pay \$2,500 towards transition services, but after February 1, 2023 we will need to do an exception for a planner to get more than \$1,000 income. We are working with people now to work on getting people set up early. The hope is to make the FMS issues better.
12. Resource Sharing/Community Input (Community):
 - a. Robert shared that he will be speaking at the Breaking Through Barriers: Advancing Self-Determination conference.
 - b. Sherry spoke with GT Independence and they are not accepting any new clients and their waiting list is out to March of next year.
13. Cancel December 2022 SDAC Meeting:

MOTION: Frank VC. motioned to cancel the December SDAC meeting.
Second: Pam J.
Roll call vote:
Frank Van Curen (Yes)
Robert Taylor (Yes)
Chris Miller (Yes)
Pam Jensen (Yes)
Clifford Black (Abstain)
Roshan Ashford (Yes)
Motion PASSED
14. 2023 SDAC Meeting Dates and Times:

MOTION: Robert T. motioned to accept the 2023 SDAC meeting schedule.
Second: Clifford B.
Roll call vote:
Frank Van Curen (Yes)
Robert Taylor (Yes)
Chris Miller (Yes)
Pam Jensen (Yes)
Clifford Black (Yes)
Roshan Ashford (Yes)
Motion PASSED
15. Add/Remove Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Committee):
 - a. **Reduce the “Adhoc Committee: SDP Survey Update” agenda item to 5 minutes.**
16. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):
 - a. **ACTION: Elizabeth will help Frank organize issues to take to the Statewide SDAC meeting.**

- b. **ACTION:** Sheila and Pam will mail out the survey letters by the end of November 2022.
- c. **ACTION:** Sedona will reduce the “Adhoc Committee: SDP Survey Update” agenda item to 5 minutes.

17. Adjourn the meeting (Frank): Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting is set for January 20, 2023.

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Prepared by: S. Bowser (11/18/2022)