

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21st, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Recorder: Maria Hernandez

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (**=Appointed By*): Chris Miller (RCRC*), Clifford Black (OCRA), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC*), Pam Jensen (SCDD*), Erin Moynahan (SCDD*),

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Alex Ostell, (RCRC), Patricia Kamlley (DDS), Julie Eby-McKenzie (SCDD), Maria Hernandez (RCRC)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Sonia Lopez (Translation),

Absent Committee Members: Frank Van Curen (SCDD*), Alex Ostell (RCRC)

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), **PCM** (Participant Choice Manager), **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 (Sheila):**
 - a. Timekeeper: Chris volunteered as timekeeper.
2. **Review, Discussion and Approval of January 2025 Minutes (Chris):**
 - a. January Meeting Minutes will be approved upon revision.
3. **Update on January Action Items (Alex):**
 - a. **ACTION: Alex/Sheila will forward the email to SDP participants when received.**
 - i. Sheila will send the email to the SDP participants closer to the next Board Meeting.
 - b. **ACTION: Revisit topic of 3rd party expert being incorporated in the intake/initial IPP process as a possible use of funds in January.**
 - i. Will be discussed in Item 8.
 - c. **ACTION: Sheila will get ahold of Sherry to discuss whether she has communicated with clients and to see if they are interested in presenting to the board.**
 - i. Ongoing item.
 - d. **ACTION: Sheila will also reach out to the Intake Director about implementing SDP to the RCRC Intake Process and about attending the meeting.**
 - i. Maria talked to Beth the Intake Director about attending the meeting. She

has added the next meeting to her calendar and is planning on bringing an intake specialist to help provide information.

- e. **ACTION: Sheila and Alex will adjust the contract as agreed with Rhiannon and discuss the grant.**

- i. **Sheila has been in contact with Rhiannon regarding the contract, which was sent to the Committee for approval of the Proposal via email.**

4. Participant and Family Sharing – What’s Working and What’s Not Working (Community):

- a. Robert reported that he is planning to attend the People First of CA gathering in Sacramento in May and his IF helped him add that to his plan.

5. State Council Report (Julie):

- a. Julie reported that SCDD has been focused on teaching people about storytelling so that they can be effective at advocacy efforts.

6. Co-Chair Update (Chris):

- a. Chris reported that he was unable to attend the Statewide SDAC meeting on March 19 and he asked Sheila and Alex to attend. Sheila reported that she attended most of the meeting. The agenda and handouts available on the SCDD website cover the details included in the reports from the Co-Chairs, DDS, the Coro Project presentation and SCDD. The Coro Project shared a new process map of budget development to support efforts to address administrative burdens associated with budget setting. The discussion of the process map was lengthy and raised many good points. SCDD also announced that the next meeting will be held in Southern California, in-person the week of June 23 – 27, 2025. The final item on the agenda was Goals and Priorities for the future.

7. RCRC Board Meeting (Robert):

- a. Robert will be giving the Self Determination Advisory Committee Report to the board during their next Board Meeting on March 18th.

8. How to Include SDP in RCRC Intake Process

- a. We will wait and have the conversation next month when the director of Intake to discuss our current questions and concerns.

9. Start-Up Funding for IF/FMS Agencies, Updates and Approvals/DDS Funding to Support Implementation of SDP Update (Sheila/Alex):

- a. Sheila informed the team that there is someone interested in being an IF in Fort Bragg. There was also another person from Sonoma County that was interested in attending the IF training.
- b. The Committee reviewed the IF Training Academy website.
- c. Pam motioned that the committee provides \$500 for Patty to attend the training for the IF training academy. Chris second the motion.
 - i. The committee voted to approve the \$500 for Patty to attend the training.
- d. Erin informed the team that Mendo Leap is a good resource for the Independent Facilitator to go to and meet with Spanish Speaking Families.
- e. Sheila and Alex the quarterly Statewide RC meeting for staff working with SDP. They are pleased to have learned about a way to pay IFs for pre-enrollment person centered planning that does not require the IF to become a vendor of RCRC.

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

a. Orientations update:

- o Orientations update: 0 people reported to have attended the SCDD Orientation
<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>

b. Enrollments update:

- i. New enrollments since Jan 17th: 0

c. Independent Facilitator Update:

- i. Several new IFs are being vendedored or have started training..

d. FMS Update:

- i. Up to 14 FMS options. 2 more are close to being vendedored that were funded through Statewide Request For Proposal.

11. DDS Directives (Sheila/Alex):

- a. DDS Directive announcing the fiscal year 24/25 implementation funding amounts and updated priorities for funding use. RCRC has available funding of \$52,814.09, which must be spent by 3/31/2027. RCRC must give quarterly updates on how the SDAC uses the funds. Each project will need a member of the SDAC to be a contact person for that project.
- b. Sheila asked who on the committee would be open to communicating with DDS if requested on the funds that SDAC is using for Rhiannon/Life Leap to provide Mentoring to IFs.
 - i. Erin volunteered as the point of contact.

12. Resource Sharing/Community Input (Community):

- a. Robert Taylor will be working with Sheila for people to attend the People First of CA conference.
- b. People First of Lake County meeting will be at Stone Fire Pizza in Lake County will be from 12:00-2:00 on the first Tuesday of the month. They will be discussing how they will be attending the conference in May
- c. Erin shared that Mendo Leap is doing great things for the community and that there are families who do want to be a part of SDP.

ACTION: Erin will reach out to Michael Shanahan, Mendo Leap, and First 5 to discuss the idea of Round Tables.

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

- a. Carve out 5 minutes from the Start Up Funding for IF/FMS Agencies topic and add to topic 8.
- b. Take 5 minutes from the DDS Directives Topic to add to topic 8.

14. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):

- a. **ACTION: Erin will reach out to Michael Shanahan, Mendo Leap, and First 5 to discuss the idea of Round Tables.**
- b. **ACTION: Sheila will meet with Erin about Self-Determination and Sheila will send an email to anyone in SDP or the public to let them know when the board meeting**

is so that they have the option to attend.

15. Adjourn the meeting (Chris):

a. Meeting was adjourned by Chris at 11:59am.

The next meeting is set for March 21st, 2025.

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