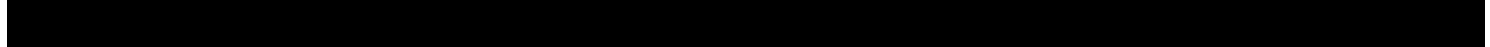


Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
 Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
 Wednesday, July 14, 2021
 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
 Minutes

Members:	Present	Absent
Benita Ayala, FA	X	
Carmen Delgado, FA	X	
Connie Mariscal, FA		X
Daniel Meadows, SA	X	
Karen Mulvany, FA	X	
Kelsey Handcock, DRC	X	
Kenya Martinez, FA	X	
Kimberly Terrell, SA	X	
Lisa Cooley, SA (Chair)	X	
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA		X
Tom Hopkins, SA	X	
Tracy Ligtenberg, FA	X	



Others Present:		
Lori Banales, ACRC	Faye Tait, ACRC	Breanne Burriss, SP
Brittany Mangum, ACRC	Janay Hess, ACRC	Rachael Palmer, SP
Mechelle Johnson, ACRC	Sonya Bingaman, SCDD	Cindy Cox, SP
Jennifer Bloom, ACRC	Peter Mendoza, SCDD	Susan Halldin, FA
Tracy Brown, ACRC	Joe Hernandez, SP	Gail Crenshaw, FA
Herman Kothe, ACRC	Sabrina Kappe Ramos, SP	Paula S.
David Lopez, ACRC	Maxine Paula Milam, DDS	Kay Medina
Helen Neri, ACRC	Chynna Glasson, SP	Margaux de Leon
Vicki Smith, ACRC	Maria Delgado	Jaycee Beal
Heidi Dilley, ACRC	Adam Piachta	Rosie Lasca, SP
Hannah Dunham, ACRC	Deborah Beal	Jessica, SP
Johnny Xiong, ACRC	Kidada M., Public	Janelle
	Jessica Mercado, SP	Cindy Johnson

Legend:
 SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider

1. *Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair*

Welcome & Introductions (1:05 P.M.)

2. *Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from November 4, 2020)—Lisa Cooley*

Meeting minutes and agenda were approved without objection

3. *Introduction of New Committee Members—Sonya Bingaman & Lori Banales*

Carmen and Tracy are introduced to and welcomed to the group.

4. *SDP General Information Update—Mechelle Johnson, Jennifer Bloom, & Tracy Brown*

- There are twelve clients currently in SDP:
 - PCP: 12 completed, 13 in progress
 - Budget: 12 completed, 4 in progress
 - Spending Plan: 12 completed, 1 in progress
 - FMS: 12 completed, 2 in process
 - SDP IPP: 12 completed, 2 in progress

- FMS vendored Agencies:
 - Aveanna
 - Community Interface Services
 - GT Independence,
 - ARCC Center
 - The Emelyn Group
 - Public Partnerships

- 5 agencies in various stages of the vendorization process for PCP. Three vendors have submitted their service delivery plan.
- Data collection for DDS may look different in the future now that program is open to all eligible clients. We are waiting for them to advise.
- Completed: SDP Q&A Sessions for our community were held March 16-June 22. We are exploring future engagement and topics/themes for discussion.

[Question and Answer Sessions - Alta California Regional Center \(altaregional.org\)](http://altaregional.org)

- Ongoing Actions:
 - SDP Q&A Sessions for our SC's every Thursday starting May 13 through TBD, 3-4 PM.
 - Statewide SDP Meetings, each month 5/13, 6/10 & Today 7/14
 - ACRC HCBS internal workgroup 5/24, 6/29, 7/26
- ACRC Timelines Discussion edits (attached with minutes):
 - Changed budget from 2 days to 4 business days
 - Added detail to step 3 reviewing budget- "In reviewing unmet needs, the process generally involves meeting with the client, identify unmet needs, and then reviewing those with your manager to determine what may be appropriate to add to the budget/seek additional approval."
- ACRC Monthly Meeting with DDS 6/4 & 7/2
- Attended statewide SDAC meeting 6/22
- SC's conducting outreach to clients who requested to be in the DDS initial rollout (1800+ clients) and assisting them with registering for the LMS SDP Orientation. 201 orientations have been completed in LMS thus far.

- Individual staffing's are ongoing with Client Services Managers and Associate Directors
- July 30th Meeting with California Self Determination Network

5. Vice-Chair Nomination—Committee

Benita Shaw was nominated - nomination accepted

No one else is nominated, and a unanimous vote is for Benita. Benita is the new Co-Chair of the SDAC.

5. Statewide List for Independent Facilitator—Sonya Bingaman

SCDD Sacramento Regional Office is not keeping a local list of those doing PCP/PCT or IFs, at this point.

To locate statewide Facebook groups on Independent Facilitation and also on Self-Determination, search for:

- California Self-Determination Forum (hosted by SCDD)
- California Self-Determination Program
- CA SDP Independent Facilitators

If you are interested in being in the monthly self-advocate group for participates, email Peter Mendoza. There is also a group for an Independent Facilitator Network as well as a Facebook group for Independent Facilitators.

Peter.Mendoza@scdd.ca.gov

If you would like to join the monthly IF Network, contact kishan@pragnya.org. You can also ask him to connect you with the IF Slack group.

https://join.slack.com/t/the-i-f-n/shared_invite/zt-p93ydxdw-pLfbmDwNSPOHEsIMOM7qfA

If you would like to be added to the invite list for the Self-Advocate's Monthly Self-Determination Program discussion group (for self-advocates interested in, or already in SDP, or family members or others interested), contact David Grady at david.grady@scdd.ca.gov.

In an attachment to the minutes, there is a flyer for online, free, self-paced Independent Facilitator training hosted by the Orange County SCDD office.

7. Review of Q&A Sessions—Jennifer Bloom, Mechelle Johnson, & Tracy Brown

We had inspiration from the Q&A for the community to create Q&A for ACRC staff. There have been well over 100 attendees for these meetings! These weekly sessions have no end date because of their interest and success. This information is being recorded for the staff who are unavailable to attend, so this information is available to all employees.

8. Highlights from Statewide SDAC—Jennifer Bloom

Jen was a panelist at the Statewide SDAC on June 22nd. Her topic was *What role is the local SDAC playing in the rollout of SDP?* She shared how ACRC has SDP Q&A sessions. Jen highlighted that ACRC's SDAC inspired us to create the SDP timeline and is excellent at sharing honest feedback and personal experiences as well as their collaborative communication.

9. Report on June SSDAC—Lisa Cooley

Lisa shared that Rick Wood reported on the progress of the Self-Determination Program in different regional centers. The group had an exercise where they were asked to think about questions they would ask DDS.

10. Update on SDAC Ad Hoc-SDAC membership and Providers of vendored Services—Lori Banales

This is a meeting that includes vendorized service providers and SDAC. Many service providers have attended this ad hoc committee. There are two areas of action: Provide general overview of SDP and regularly scheduled “lunch and learn” modules that are specific to providers.

10. Public Comment—Public

Frustrations were expressed that people are ready to move on to the next step into SDP and have completed orientation and/or various steps, but do not know where to go from there due to lack of guidance and lack of availability.

SDAC member recommends ACRC do what Kern RC is doing with their SDP program.

One committee member expressed concern and reluctance to try SDP based on the lack of progress at ACRC.

ACRC staff have expressed concern and empathy to those who have had frustrations of getting the ball rolling.

Kelsey Handcock, OCRA/DRC attorney provided her contact information to anyone who needs assistance.

Kelsey.handcock@disabilityrightsca.org, (916) 504-5989

SDAC member would like to move SDAC meetings to meet monthly. She also would like the SDP updates from ACRC to be included with the agenda so people have an idea of the numbers prior to the meeting.

There was a motion to move SDAC to monthly meeting and the motion was seconded.

Additional links shared at meeting:

- [Payments for Initial Person-Centered Planning Services \(ca.gov\)](#)
- https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SDP_SummaryData_June2021.pdf
- <https://www.altaregional.org/alta-sponsored-event/self-determination-advisory-committee-meeting>

11. *Identify agenda items for next meeting:*

- Bagley-Keene discussion

12. *Dates for Future Meetings:*

- August 11, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- September 8, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- October 13, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- November 10, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM

10. *Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM*