

**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Minutes**

Members:	Present	Absent
Lisa Cooley, SA	X	
Joyce McNair, FA	X	
Benita Ayala, FA	X	
Brittnee Gillespie, DRC	X	
Cristal Cabbat, FA	X	
Daniel Meadows, SA	X	
Kenya Martinez, FA	X	
Kimberly Terrell, SA	X	
Luis Rivera, FA	X	
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA		X
Niccole Pitz, FA	X	
Tom Hopkins, SA	X	
Others Present:		
Lori Banales, ACRC Jason Lindo, ACRC Brittany Mangum, ACRC Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Katherine Weston, ACRC Cindy Le, ACRC	Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Karen Mulvaney, SCDD Nancy Libbey, SCDD Adam Ruggles, SP Emily Bramhill, SP Pete Sterling SP Breanne Burris, SP	Garrett Broadbent, SP Will Sanford, SP
Legend: SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider		

1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from January 9, 2019)

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

3. SDP General Information Update— Jason Lindo & Lori Banales

We have a transfer in from another Regional Center. There are 58 participants who have completed orientation and 53 participants who have opted out. 5 of the 58 participants are in beginning stages with their Planning Teams and 1 of them have completed their Person Centered Plan and is working on their budget.

There are internal meetings regarding the budget process with training of SCs to follow. A system is being developed by ACRC's CFO to work out these numbers.

Orientation dates are set through December. There will be a new selection to backfill the slots where people have opted out. Those who have not attended orientation will be given a deadline to attend orientation or will be purged from list. We will call the remaining 68 people and reach out to see when they can attend orientation.

The following are future orientation dates:

Sacramento Harvard Office

Brenda Smith Conference Room, 2241 Harvard St., Ste 100, Sacramento, CA 95815

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Saturday, December 7, 2019

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Woodland Office

283 W. Court St., Ste. B, Woodland, CA 95695

Monday, September 30, 2019

DDS is working on a way for Code 024 to not be a reimbursement; Code 024 could be a barrier to those whom could not afford the upfront cost. There will still be stipulations and guidelines; these will be shared once this takes effect. DDS is now working on FMS to assist with the budget process- this will help with changes in Code 024. We are working with Service Coordinators while SDP rolls out and there will be more trainings. The 5 participants who have started meeting with their Planning Team are gracious and opening up the process for anyone who wants to see.

4. ACRC's Next Steps (A Work in Progress) – Joyce McNair

Joyce reported that a questionnaire will be sent to each SDAC member for their comments on the SDP implementation. Information from the questionnaire may become part of the 2021 evaluation report that the SCDD prepares for the Legislature.

5. SCDD SDP June 2021 Evaluation—Committee

The State Council Bylaw Report is due in 2021. Each Regional Center's SDAC is expected to report this. We are proud to be one of the few Regional Centers that have already begun rollout of SDP. Please give Joyce feedback regarding barriers or what could be improved.

6. Feedback for State-Wide SDAC Survey—Committee

Covered Above

7. Further Discussion of FMS Flyer—Committee

Independent Facilitator Training is being held Saturday, November 9th. So far, 75 people have signed up to attend; there will be a cap of 100 people. If you are a presenter, please still sign up. Lunch will be provided. Most families do not know what an Independent Facilitator is, but they are signing up for the training, nonetheless. This is an orientation PLUS the Independent Facilitator Training. There will be concentration on FMS (30 mins). IF will be presented in the afternoon. The training is 6 hours. A certificate of attendance (proof of attendance) will be provided at the end of the orientation. Most of the people who have signed up have not been selected for SDP and are just those who are interested.

If you would like to be a part of the training, please speak with Sonya.

Sonya shared a bi-weekly newsletter that is available to be sent by email. This also includes ACRC Next Steps as well as the updated FMS list for the ACRC region.

It is not too late to be added to the list to be selected for SDP. On DDS's website, there is a way to check to see if a client is on the list by checking the "Consumer Verification Lookup".

If there is interest in a 2 hour summary of the services, we could look into developing one.

We need to have a summary so people have an understanding of what SDP is before they attend a 6 hour training.

8. Public Comment Period- Public

Tom attend the Financial Management Training and enjoyed it. It was very thorough. The feedback he has is it would be easier to understand if it was presented in plain English; it is hard to understand and follow if you are not familiar with the technical language. If you have not already attended the orientation, it is extremely hard to follow. The diagrams were also hard to read to see because they printed too dark and had little contrast.

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Regarding the Financial Management Training, there will be people available to assist with the language because this is a technical process.

Q: Will this be presented in other languages? A: This will be translated if there is a need- as of now, there has not been a request to do so.

NO ONE understands the process yet since none of us have gone through the process. We welcome any feedback as to how to write this in an easier way for people to understand. We do not have the tools to meet the expectations yet. We need the tools in place in order to have clearly written instructions. The learning period is the 3 year rollout. We will continue to get clarification and make this the best that we can. The chairs of the SDAC are on a committee that the State Council organizes (42 members). These materials have not been conceived or developed yet. All of this is being created. Information that was created 5 years ago may not even apply to today.

Vendors are interested in providing more services to more people. We want to continue to grow the committee, and we would like current vendors to be innovative and see what the avenues are.

Please bring your questions and concerns to the meetings!

9. Open discussion on Self-Determination- Committee/All

Q: Where is the recording from the presentation from Liz Harrell & Jennifer Parsons?
A: The video is being edited and we will reach back out when we know when this is completed. This will be shared on our website. Most of the Regional Centers have a page on their website designated to SDAC. There are a lot of training materials available online. There is a committee on the state level that can be attended.

The FMS process causes a hang-up because you have to get everyone on board. There are currently no set guidelines with service providers.

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Feedback from someone who has finished their Person Centered Planning is that the orientation and training was very wordy, but as they go through the process, everything was beginning to make sense.

The HCBS Final Rule Webinar will be posted to the DDS website. We are unsure if the other trainings will be posted as of now.

Q: Will Person Centered Training be accessible to people who are not Alta Employees?

A: The IPPs are ultimately written by the Service Coordinators, and the PCP will have to report back to the SC. Anyone who wants to be trained may be trained, but we have to train our staff first.

Cathy and Sonya went to an all-day training and saw that there were many people who are attending to become certified.

10. Dates for Future Meetings:

- November 13, 2019
- January 8, 2020
- March 11, 2020
- May 13, 2020
- July 8, 2020
- September 9, 2020
- November 11, 2020

11. Identify agenda items for next meeting:

None

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM