

**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)  
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)  
Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lisa Cooley SA	x	
Joyce McNair FA	x	
Kimberly Terrell SA	x	
Luis Rivera FA	x	
Nancy Libby FA		x
Nina Iliff, FA		x
Margaret Lamb, FA		x
Brittnee Gillespie, DRC		x
<b>Others Present:</b>		
Jason Lindo, ACRC Brittany Mangum (Support Staff), ACRC Phil Bonnet, ACRC Kathy Brian Joseph Hernandez Karen Mulvany, RAC SCDD	Kenya Martinez, Advocate, GIFTS, CAC Sac City School Benita Shaw-Ayala, GIFTS, CAC Sac City School	
<b>Legend:</b>		
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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018)***

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

## **3. *SDP Meetings and General Information Update – Jason Lindo***

There is not much information coming from DDS currently. A couple of the committees are fine-tuning their modules, and the training cannot begin until they are completed. DDS presented a 3-day webinar about the billing portals and how it will theoretically be conducted. The process is in place and the pilots seem to be working well. FMS procedures are still in draft form.

## **4. *Update on Scheduling of Regional Center Trainings- Jason Lindo***

DDS has cancelled scheduled training dates due to the modules incompleteness. There will be 4-5 training hubs throughout the state- ACRC will be one of them. The new year is the most likely when these trainings will take place. The regional centers will all participate in these trainings before SDP can roll out.

## **5. *Breakdown of 179 ACRC Clients Chosen- Jason Lindo***

There are 4 clients have already declined SDP. Other Regional Centers also have clients who are opting out. DDS is developing a plan how to fill these empty spots. We are unique because the majority of the names selected are from Branch offices, for example: Woodland and Placerville had the most clients that are 45 years of age and older, so there were more clients to pull from in that category. Feedback from families and SCs show many clients are choosing to wait until SDP is open for everyone.

Below is the breakdown of offices with the amount of SDP applicants selected:

55 Woodland  
4 Yuba  
23 Grass Valley  
15 Roseville  
8 Placerville  
6 SLS unit  
3 Residential Units  
43 Sacramento- Children's  
21 Sacramento- Adults  
4 Declined in the Sacramento Office

***6. ACRC's Next Steps- Jason Lindo***

There will be training hubs at several regional centers. Each RC can train to their own needs, while using the DDS approved modules as a frame work. Our trainer, Patti Diamond, will work with Jason to put together the training for ACRC staff, our SDAC and the selected participants.

There will be training for participants and area training centers. DDS will allow 3-4 months for us to get everyone trained. There will hopefully be a video filmed and posted online for those who cannot attend training. The client can also meet with their SDP- trained Service Coordinator.

After training, we will roll out SDP. We are just waiting for a training date from DDS.

Our three years has started even though we have not rolled out SDP. The waiver was approved in June, so that is when the 3 years started.

**7. Status of DDS Lists and Continued Name Referrals- Jason Lindo**

DDS is still collecting names for backfill-there will be no prioritizing. The first set of names submitted will be added to new names submitted. The algorithm for selection will possibly be changed to help underrepresented areas. DDS is taking feedback, but ultimately this will be their decision.

**8. Outreach Efforts Committee Members – Joyce McNair**

Joyce has been in contact with Warmline and they have agreed to advertise SDAC there. Please reach out to Joyce if you have any ideas for places that this could be useful to advertise.

**9. Public Comment Period**

There were no comments from the public.

**10. Open discussion on Self-Determination:**

Create invitations for SDAC and invite the selected clients/families.

Feedback survey and focus group for feedback are ideas that could help SDP.

Transition from going from living in group homes to SLS is concerning because the workers are not trained correctly. There is no transition action in place.

An idea to have something similar to a program plan, but with the client, the provider, and the FMS. This must be signed off on before being sent to DDS.

A concern expressed is there is not compliance between vendors and the SDP.

Will there be an accountability committee or some support for those who attend vendors who are resisting? The Service Coordinator, FMS, and the Independent Facilitator will be able to help. Non-vendored services providers will only have to follow the general guidelines- hours will be based on standard rates.

FMS Models discussion:

These models were discussed in a previous committee; there are three different models.

- Models for FMS services- what services you need
  1. Bill payer- cash flow, we pay based on IPP (Cheapest) 100.
  2. Fiscal agent employer- respite, skills, any aspect of IPP that is not employed by a RC vendored person. By doing so, the client/family are taking on responsibility- workers comp, insurance, etc. The bill stops at the family. (Middle range) 150.
  3. The compromise- the co-employer- the FMS shares employer responsibilities- workers comp, insurance, is able to fire/hire people. All laws will be in place. (Most expensive) 165.
    - 1 & 3 will probably be most utilized

There are concerns about overtime and how the payments will be allocated. FMS will have requirements that overtime cannot happen. If policy is being violated, the FMS can choose to not work with provider. Respite and PA services are examples.

Concern is that workers will come into a job and think they can do whatever they want and collect money.

There is a fear that if you cannot fire someone immediately that the client may become fearful or afraid of their worker. The client will need the help, but is afraid to confront the situation.

The RC will not be vendoring quality of non-vendored services. Should there be a yelp type of situation or some kind of rating system or forum.

**11. Dates for Future Meetings:**

- January 9, 2019
- March 13, 2019 (tentatively)
- May 8, 2019 (tentatively)

***12. Identify agenda items for next meeting:***

None

***13. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM***