

**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Minutes**

Members:	Present	Absent
Benita Ayala, FA	x	
Connie Mariscal, FA		x
Daniel Meadows, SA	x	
Joyce McNair, FA		x
Karen Mulvany, FA	x	
Kelsey Handcock, DRC	x	
Kenya Martinez, FA	x	
Kimberly Terrell, SA	x	
Lisa Cooley, SA	x	
Luis Rivera, FA		x
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA	x	
Niccole Pitz, FA		x
Tom Hopkins, SA		x

Others Present:

Lori Banales, ACRC Brittany Mangum, ACRC Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Tracy Brown, ACRC Herman Kothe, ACRC David Lopez, ACRC Helen Neri, ACRC	Sonya Bingaman, SCDD Joe Hernandez, SP Anthony Garibay-Mena, SP Huyen T. Braydon Holtzinger, SP Tyson Whitman Melissa F. Yvette T, SP Huong V. Rosie Lasca, SP Eric Ciampa, SP	Kidada M., Public Janelle L., Public Vikie C., SP Tammi B., SA Jessica Mercado, SP Breanne Burris, SP Rachael Palmer, SP Emma Lenz, SP Maxine Paula Milam, DDS Vanessa Alcaraz, SP
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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)

Meeting minutes and agenda were approved without objection

3. SDP General Information Update—Mechelle Johnson & Jennifer Bloom, & Tracy Brown, ACRC

11 clients in SDP:

- **PCP:** 11 completed; 12 in progress
- **Budget:** 11 completed; 4 in progress
- **Spending Plan:** 11 completed; 1 in progress
- **FMS:** 11 completed; 2 in progress
- **SDP IPP:** 11 completed; 2 in progress

FMS vendored Agencies: (for more information, see

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/>)

- Aveanna
- Community Interface Services
- GT Independence
- ARCC Center
- The Emelyn Group
- Public Partnerships
- Tracy Stein vendored (to serve 1 client)

There are 4 Agencies in various stages of the vendorization process for PCP. Two vendors have submitted their service delivery plan.

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ACRC ongoing trainings and information sessions:

- We have ongoing SDP Q&A Sessions for our community March 16th- June 22nd; 12 PM & 5 PM sessions.
- There will be SDP Q&A Sessions for our Service Coordinators every Thursday starting May 13 through TBD; 3-4 PM.
- ACRC is continuing participation in Statewide SDP Meetings, each month on 4/8 and 5/13.
- ACRC HCBS internal workgroup dates are: 4/5, 4/26, 5/24.
- ACRC Timelines Discussion 4/23/21 (document shared and attached with minutes).
- ACRC Monthly Meeting with DDS 3/26
- SDP UFS & E-Billing Meeting with DDS 4/26

Service Coordinators are conducting outreach to clients who requested to be in the DDS initial rollout (1800+ clients) to verify ongoing interest in SDP and assisting with registering for the LMS SDP Orientation at <https://www.altaregional.org/pod/schedule-your-sdp-orientation-here>.

Service Coordinators are invited to webinars shared by various agencies (example, GT Independence: “Learn How to Turn Your Budget into a Spending Plan”).

ACRC is adding monthly SDP discussion topic in unit meetings across the agency. Team Unity topic in April: we discussed how to navigate SDP information on the DDS and ACRC websites. Demonstrated via screen share, and discussed importance of demo to Service Coordinators in unit meetings.

SDAC member requests guidance related to Person Centered Planning: What circumstances can a parent be funded to conduct/facilitate PCP for their child?

Response: Currently, parent is unable to be funded for minor children. Parents are able to be funded for adult children.

Lori has invited vendor service providers to attend SDAC meetings and would also like to create an Ad Hoc group to collaborate with our vendored service providers to help create opportunities outside of their approved program designs to serve clients in SDP. Collaborating in this area will support both the clients and the service providers with opportunities to reinvent service options related to individual service needs outside of traditional services. HCBS New Rule requirements continue to apply.

Motion to accept the inception of an Ad Hoc group passed unanimously.

4. Updated ACRC Website—Herman Kothe

There is a section on the Alta website dedicated to SDP on the home page. Once you click on it, there are other options to navigate. The pods on the right are updated and the top one is SDP Orientation (required by law). Once clicked, there are links to sign up for orientation. There is also a 50-page resource guide accessed by clicking a link.

Below the Orientation pod, there is a pod for DDS's FA Qs, which can also be linked to their main SDP page.

The third pod down has a link to sign up for emails regarding whichever category you select.

The ACRC logo, when clicked on, will always bring you back to the home page. There is also a search key that you can use to type in key words. The resource guide can be accessed on the SDP home page.

Further down the page, there is a link to SDP Q&A Sessions. These recorded sessions are available at

<https://www.altaregional.org/post/question-and-answer-sessions>.

5. Building our own SDAC list of Independent Facilitators—Joyce McNair

Item moved to July 14, 2021 meeting.

6. SDP Implementation: DDS funded trainings to support implementation

People Planning Together-Lisa Cooley & David Lopez

People Planning Together Training Model- trainer to trainer model. Peer to Peer support. Training is coming to a close and in kind services to the client population will roll out.

Progressive Employment- funding for Independent Facilitator training and Person Centered Planning. They have offered two trainings that have gone well. Also offered IF training back in March it was a 6-hour training with Q&A session. There are several more rounds coming up for IF training. May 24, 26, 28th, June 14, and one in July. These trainings are capped at 30. This is for clients who live in the Alta catchment.

Person Centered Thinking Certification-Two parent/SDAC members were selected to on 3rd round (Benita & Kenya). May 25 into June, with another in August. We have lots of professionals, but would like to see the parents as well. We are capped at 30 and anyone after that will be placed on a waitlist for the next.

7. Public Comment Period- Public

Tammi gave feedback that this meeting was very informative. Janelle seconds it, especially in regards to the timeline. Rosie (from ASLA in Los Angeles) wanted to thank SDAC and wanted to share about an Independent Facilitator program that they will be bringing to our area.

Sonya advised that if anyone wants to receive any updates regarding SDP from the State Council to email her at sonya.bingaman@scdd.ca.gov.

Kenya would like to see more students going through the transition process. Lori agrees with Kenya and will be discussing this exact issue in her next meeting.

Rachel inquired about which month SDP is coming available. Lori advised that the precise start date was not yet decided but early July was a possibility. We are reaching out to the clients who were waitlisted for SDP to see if they are still interested and trying to get what we can started.

8. Identify agenda items for next meeting:

- Item moved to next meeting: *Building our own SDAC list of Independent Facilitators—Joyce McNair*

9. Dates for Future Meetings:

- July 14, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- September 8, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- November 10, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM