



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes Online Meeting Through Zoom

Nov 12, 2025

Approved

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting End Time: 8:06 PM

Committee Members:

Present:	Absent:	Vacancies
Veronica Moser Alberta Moore Crystal Smith Santiago Villalobos Armida Ochoa Sofia Cervantes Terrance Payne Sherry Johnson	Luz Hernandez Alnita Dunn Magali Ochoa Erica Clark	(1) Appointed Spot Available

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Co-Chair Terrence Payne called the meeting to order.
- Quorum was established.
 - Committee Members Present:
 1. Veronica Moser
 2. Alberta Moore
 3. Crystal Smith
 4. Santiago Villalobos
 5. Armida Ochoa
 6. Sofia Cervantes
 7. Terrance Payne
 8. Sherry Johnson

2. Approval of September 10th, Meeting Minutes

- A review of meeting minutes was conducted.

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- Motion to approve minutes as written:
 - **Motion:** Alberta Moore
 - **Second:** Armida Ochoa
 - Minutes were approved.

3. SCLARC Consumer Updates & Recent DDS SDP Updates

Presented By: Alex Marquez

- **Enrollment Success:**
 - The self-determination program has surpassed its target, enrolling 206 individuals.
 - This marks a sharp rise from 39 in 2024 and a projected 62 in 2025.
- **Growth in Monthly Enrollment:**
 - Enrollment has accelerated from 3–4 per month to 7–9 per month in recent months.
 - This improvement is linked to new information sessions.
- **Info Session Attendance:**
 - Attendance has steadily increased: 32 in August → 37 in October.
- **Facilitator Engagement:**
 - Independent facilitator roundtables held in separate Spanish and English sessions.
 - Participation included 23 Spanish-speaking and 15 English-speaking facilitators.
- **Support Initiatives:**
 - Weekly drop-in office hours provide immediate support for facilitators during program transitions.
- **DDS Directive (November 6)**
 - A new directive sets data requirements **for individuals** whose **budgets** increase more than \$20,000.00 in comparison to the prior year.
 - Alex emphasized the importance of **collecting detailed information** and developing **strategies to ensure compliance** with the directive.

4. Medicaid Cuts Update

Presented By Sofia Cervantes

- **Medicaid Updates**
 - A **new law has been passed**, but the **specific changes are still under federal review**.
 - Implementation will be **gradual**, with potential rollout **beginning early next year**.
- **Information & Transparency**

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- Sofia urged participants to subscribe to the SCDD newsletter for timely updates.
- She encouraged use of the Medicaid Watch platform to report any conflicting or misleading information about service cuts.
- SNAP Benefits
 - She noted the current pause on SNAP benefits, raising concerns about food access.
- Student Nutrition Initiatives
 - Highlighted LAUSD's free dinner program for students as a positive example.
 - Suggested that similar programs could be expanded to other districts through systemic advocacy efforts.

5. Public Comment

- Concerns were expressed about the SDP and there is a demand for training for the service coordinators.
- There was Discrimination Concern Raised
 - A parent expressed concern that her son was not allowed to perform music at the regional center's resource fair.

6. SCLARC SDP Community Fair Recap

- Attendance was lower than expected, attributed to **ICE activity in the area**.
- Despite this, the fair achieved **successful distribution of resources and services** to attendees.
- The committee agreed to **plan for next year's event**, while also considering whether to **continue hosting a resource fair after three consecutive years**.

8. ASLA SCLARC SDP Project Update

Presented by: Kim Sinclair

- Kim shared progress on recruitment efforts and orientation planning.
- Recruitment flyers have been shared in the chat twice — please **circulate widely** to reach SCLAC families and individuals interested in or transitioning into **SDP**.
- Recruitment will remain **rolling**, with continued efforts to bring in more participants.
- Orientation meeting: Scheduled for the evening of December 3rd for registered and eligible participants
- Key **program metrics** will be presented in **January**.

9. SDP Implementing Funding – Review and Discussion

- The committee agreed to postpone the SDP implementation funding review until the January 2026 agenda, ensuring adequate preparation.
- An email will be sent out to confirm the change and outline preparation needs.

10. Announcements

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- Crystal Smith shared upcoming sessions
 - November 13th: *Conservatorship and Supported Decision-Making Workshop* (Spanish).
 - November 20th: Same workshop offered in English.
 - Access to Flyers & Reminders
 - Flyers are available on the SLARC website calendar under Events.
 - SLARC families with teens or young adults should be receiving text message reminders and invitations for all upcoming workshops.
- Sofia Cervantes announced that SCDD continues to hold SDP Orientations for anyone interested all information will be added to the website calendar. Where Participants can choose sessions by date, language, and time.
- Judy Mark was excited to share that they Disability Voices is having an in-person conference the upcoming week, it will be taking place at the Endowment in downtown Los Angeles.
 - Featuring over 60 speakers, which explains the incredible demand
 - Sessions will cover both the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and Supported Decision-Making.
 - **Recordings available** for those who can't attend.

11. Next Meeting Agenda

- January 14th, 2026

12. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 PM.