



## Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

### Online Meeting Through Zoom

**September 11, 2024**

**Approved 11/13/2024.**

**Meeting Start Time: 6:01 PM**

**Meeting End Time: 8:07 PM**

### Committee Members:

Present:	Absent:	Vacancies:
Sherry Johnson – SD-LAC Co-Chair Terrence Payne – SD-LAC Co-Chair Santiago Villalobos Veronica Moser Erica Clark – Clients’ Rights Advocate Sofia Cervantes – State Council Representative Magali Ochoa Alberta Moore Armida Ochoa Crystal Smith – FRC Representative	Luz Hernandez Alnita Dunn	(1) SCLARC appointed spot available

### Guests:

SCLARC:	State:	Public:
Jenice Turner – Director of Childrens’ Services Kiara Lopez – Chief Advancement Officer Odulia Juarez – Chief of Case Management Ayana Shepard – Chief of Case Management Cynthia Rivera – PCS Edna Robles – PCS Erika Anguiano Lizzet Bobadilla Yesenia Valenzuela Julius Tady Berlin Ruiz Beatriz Perez Sonia Hernandez – Interpreter Claudia Gutierrez - Interpreter	Marianita Mendez – DDS	Whit Williams, Jacqueline Casas, Aracely Constantino, Geovani, Mahria Gonzalez, Maria Verdugo, Carolyn Minera, Daniel Antunez, Antoineice Renty, Rubi Saldana, Rosa Moreno, Lupe Franco, Monserrath Herrera, Maricela Donate, Beatriz Dover, Karina Saldana, Ana Batres, Kathy Campos, Yesica Ramiez, Veronica Venegas, Kristianna Moralls, Angelica Orellana, Lourdes Lopez, Faviola Cruz, Tania Rivera, Rosita Hernandez, Cristal Nunez, Jacqueline Vargas, Kathy C., Maria M., Evangelina Garcia, Katya Rodriguez Saldaña, Gabriela Ramirez, Maria Lopez, Silvia Calles, Claudia Velasquez, Zoom User, Sharrell Clark, Latonya Berry, Maria D., Maria Lopez, Carol Herdez, Issabel Herndandez, Maria Ramirez, Alicia Flores

- **Welcome/ Introductions**
  - Co-Chair Terrence Payne called the meeting to order.
  - Quorum is not established.
- **SCLARC Participant Updates: DDS Directive Updates**

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- Individuals Receiving Services in Self Determination at SCLARC
  - 124 individuals in SDP as of August 1, 2024 (42 children under 18 and 81 adults over 18)
  - 130 individuals in SDP as of September 1, 2024 (47 children under 18 and 83 adults over 18)
- Self Determination Program Process Review
  - Step 1 – Orientation: Offered via SCLARC Website Learning Management System (LMS) or State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
  - Step 2 – Person Centered Plan:
  - Step 3 – Budget:
    - Individual Budget amount can be determined in one of the following ways.
      - ❖ Current SCLARC participants – Amount is based on the prior 12 months of all regional center expenditures used to purchase services in the IPP.
      - ❖ Newly eligible participants or those without 12 months of regional center expenditures – Amount is calculated by identifying the services or support needed by the individual and taking the average cost of each identified service. Average cost may be adjusted if the regional center determines the participant has unique needs such as language preference.
  - Step 4 – Spending Plan
    - The spending plan identifies the services and items the participant needs to implement their IPP. The plan includes the cost of each service or item that will be purchased with the budget funds. Spending Plan amount cannot exceed the Budget amount.
      - ❖ Who can help develop the Spending Plan?
        - i. A family member or close friend
        - ii. An Independent Facilitator (if one was hired)
        - iii. Your Financial Management Services (FMS) provider.
  - Step 5 – FMS: The only required vendored service that the participant needs in self-determination. The FMS is a business that helps the participants manage their budget and pay for the services they need.
- Committee Member Change
  - Raul Muñoz has stepped down as a committee member and Magali Ochoa has been appointed in his place.
  - There is currently a vacancy that needs to be filled preferably by an individual who can represent our African American community.

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- If you are interested, please email your resume to [selfdetermination@sclarc.org](mailto:selfdetermination@sclarc.org)
- **Financial Management Service Presentation**
  - No representative for Arch FMS was present.
- **Public Comment**
  - Kristianna Moralls - Disability Voices United representative. Call to action for three bills currently on the governor's docket regarding transparency and SDP.
  - Sofia Cervantes (SCDD) – State Council continues to offer SDP Orientation. Trainings are offered every Monday via Zoom at 10 AM. Currently finishing up a series on Special Education. Upcoming Monday is the last Spanish session. Next series will be training on the regional center.
  - Jaqueline Casas – It is important to recognize that the families are also a part of this committee and that they have a voice and rights. It is not just those who sit on the committee board and that the board should be changed every few years.
  - Rubi Saldana – Endorsement for Bill 1147.
  - Aracely Constantino – Where would we find the recordings of the meeting? Minutes are posted on the SCLARC website under the Self Determination section.
  - Alberta Moore – Reminder that you can register to vote online or get voter registration information from the public library and post office. Need to be registered by October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Silvia Calles – What is the average time frame for transitioning into SDP?
    - Cynthia Rivera – It depends on the case. Please email [selfdetermination@sclarc.org](mailto:selfdetermination@sclarc.org) and we will look into your case. The average participant can transition in 6 months if they have their FMS and all their workers. Some it can take them years because their budgets are very high.
  - Ana Batres – Can we choose the service provider for the grant spoken about at the last meeting?
  - Terrence Payne – What is a high budget? The budgets are realistic. They meet the needs of the participant.
    - Veronica Moser – FMS can be restrictive as to what budget amounts they are willing to help. Some of the newer FMS will not accept budgets over \$100,000.
  - Karina Saldana – Agrees that the families should be able to choose who they want to provide the training spoken about at the last meeting. Endorsement for AB1147, SB1281, and SB1463.
  - Maria Lopez – Wants to know what the plan is for the grant spoken about at the last meeting. Can families still choose who they want to provide the training? Endorsement for Disability Voices United.

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- Lourdes Lopez – Endorsement for AB1147, SB1281, and SB1463.
- Latonya Berry – What are the qualifications for an IF? Submitted a Certificate of Completion for the IF Training offered by Autism Society of LA and the FMS said that a business license was needed.
  - Cynthia – Not 100% sure but the FMS can choose if the IF needs a business license or not.
  - Sofia – There have been recent developments on this topic. Previously training on self-determination principles and person centered planning was required but there weren't any further qualifications. Recently, DDS has selected an entity to be the provider of that training. Waiting on further directive from DDS on where these trainings will take place. Based on the law there aren't any qualifications besides the training and following any further DDS directives.
  - Kristianna – The need for a business license is dependent on the location of where the IF operates out of and the FMS will check. Once in SDP, for the transition piece there is no requirement for a business license.
- Faviola Cruz - Endorsement for Disability Voices United.
- Rosa Moreno – Endorsement for Disability Voices United.
- Silvia Calles – Endorsement for Disability Voices United.
- Jacqueline Casas – Endorsement for Disability Voices United.
- **August 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes**
  - Quorum was established.
  - Sherry Johnson moves to approve minutes as written. Alberta Moore seconds the motion. Minutes have been approved as written.
- **Self Determination Implementation LVAC Funds (Fiscal Year 2022-2023)**
  - Funds need to be utilized by March 31, 2025.
  - Each category has an allotted estimated budget, but it is only an estimated amount and it can change. The categories are set in stone unless the committee votes to change them.
    - Current categories: Resource Fair, Meeting/Trainings Interpretation Services, Workshops, Printed and Translation Materials, Intern and/or Coaches, Videos and Website for SDP, and Community Outreach and Training Category.
  - Printed and Translation Materials – These funds are used to print out materials such as the resource fair flyer in English and Spanish. Printed materials are still needed because most of our community is not computer savvy and may have difficulties receiving information if it is only provided digitally.
  - Videos and Website for SDP – There is no plan currently in the works for this line item.

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- Intern and/or Coaches – Coaches never really worked out; they did not provide the services that they should have for the participants. Interns offer support to the SCLARC staff in a more tangible way such as administrative work.
- Community Outreach and Training Category –
  - Crystal Smith – Both the Intern and/or Coaches Category and the Community Outreach and Training Category seem to serve the same function. We need to have a clear definition of what these categories are expected to entail. We need to use resources that are already pre-existing to develop a curriculum and offer these trainings via different modalities.
  - Sherry Johnson – How should we format the trainings?
  - Terrence Payne – Trainings should be done in smaller groups.
  - Alberta Moore – Was the budget cut for the 2023 – 2034?
    - Cynthia Rivera – Budget amount has been released and amount is around the same as the previous year.
  - Magali Ochoa – We need to survey the families to make sure that the community is receiving the services. As well as surveying the families that have started the SDP process. Information should be in English and Spanish.
  - Cynthia Rivera – In order to send out a survey the committee first would.
  - Terrance Payne moves to approve the 2022 – 2023 budget allocation for multiple line items that include the currently stated categories. Sherry Johnson seconds the motion.
    - Training/Survey Topics – Independent Facilitator Legal/Contracts, Do you know your Generic Resources?, IF experiences, How to Hire an Independent Facilitator, Developing you Spending Plans, How to fill out forms for hiring workers.
  - The committee will bring back information on what they deem would be adequate for the trainings for the families in our community.
- **Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda and Date**
  - Next meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.
- **Announcements**
  - Self Determination Resource Fair: October 25, 2024, at South Gate Park.
    - Lunch will be provided so registration is required.
- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

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