



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

Online Meeting Through Zoom due to COVID-19

January 10, 2024

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Pending Approval

Present:	Absent:	Public in attendance:
Sherry Johnson Alberta Moore Santiago Villabos Erica Clark	Jenice Turner – Director of Children Services Sofia Cervantes – State Council Representative Alnita Dunn – SD-LAC Member Antwan Jones – SD-LAC Member Bhumit Shah – OCRA Representative Diana Ugalde – SD-LAC Member Guadalupe Barrera – SD-LAC Member Raul Muñoz – SD-LAC Member Jason Francisco – DDS Representative Luz Hernandez – SD-LAC Member	Carla Lehmann Carol Herdez Debi Anderson Erica Clark Gabriela Romero Garrett Ackerman Kyra Sanchez Marco Aragon Veronica Moser Octavia Askew Whitney Williams And more

Meeting Start Time: pm

- **Welcome/ Introductions/Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes (voting item)**
 - Sherry Johnson called roll call.
 - Quorum was not established.
 - At the start of the meeting only 4 committee members were present for roll call. Mrs. Johnson will keep track of committee members as they come in.
- **SDP Updates**
 - Cynthia Rivera introduced guest speaker Cherylle Mallinson – SCLARC Director of Community Services
 - Self Directed Support Service Code 099

This presentation is to provide information to individuals, family and the community related to nonvendored service code 024 vs service code 099.

Service Code 024 is a Purchase Reimbursement for the initial Person Centered Plan.

2/13/2019: DDS Directive regional centers can purchase PCPs from vendored or nonvendored providers (requested by participants). Payments to nonvendors are made as 024.

9/3/2019: DDS Directive additional clarification for previous directive. Payments can be made directly to providers. Service Code 024 does not require vendorization as a person centered planning services provider. Limited to initial PCP.

10/30/2020: DDS Directive further clarification when purchasing initial PCP service code 024 can include payments to independent facilitators.

Minutes are not approved.

7/28/2022: DDS Directive

Option A – reimbursement for initial PCP up to \$2,500 available until 12/31/2023.

Option B – Effective 2/1/2024 the only option for initial PCP is service code 099 which reduces the payment amount to \$1,000.

6/30/2023: DDS Directive

Option A – Effective 1/1/2024 this option will no longer be available

Option B – Effective 1/1/2024 this will be the only option available

12/22/2023: DDS Directive

Option A – For initial PCP and transition support families can select; SC 024 (purchase reimbursement) of up to \$2,500 or vendored provider of PCP services.

Option B – Separates initial PCP and pre-enrollment transition supports. For initial PCP; SC 024 (purchase reimbursement) up \$1,000 or SC 099 (vendored provider) up to \$1,000

Pre-enrollment transition support is offered via and is separate from PCP funding;

Service Coordinators, Regional Centers, SDPLAC, and Participant Choice Specialists. Any additional support is available under SC 099.

Providers must submit a standardized vendorization packet by 2/29/2024 or else they will be limited to only servicing the clients they already have, They will not be able to grow their client base.

Additional information on Service Code 099:

<https://sclarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/RFP-for-General-Self-Directed-Supports-SC-099.pdf>

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Self-Determination-Program-Final-Extensions-of-Initial-Person-Centered-Plan-Pre-Enrollment-T.pdf>

Any questions reach out to vendorhelp@sclarc.org

Q&A:

Sherry Johnson: If a service provider is vendorized at Harbor (Regional Center) will they have to vendorize at SCLARC?

Cherylle Mallinson: No, as long as they have been vendorized at Harbor. The only thing that would change is the rate. But we would need to get their information. The state is working on a more uniform vendorization process. The service providers would need to be requested by clients of SCLARC.

Veronic Moser: How many IFs have been vendorized under 099?

Mallinson: Unknown, those who have gone through the process have not been official Ifs.

Octavia Askew: Excellence Rehabilitation Program has been providing services under 099 for SCLARC.

Mallinson: The agency is an agency but the IF as an individual who has gone through the 099 vendorization process is different.

- **SDP FMS Presentation and Questions and Answers**
 - Yvette Torres from Acumen Fiscal Agent

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- Financial Management Services are a requirement for SDP
- 3 FMS types
 - Bill Payer
 - Co-employer
 - Sole Employer

Acumen only offers Bill Payer and Sole Employer.

Common misconception is that as a Sole Employer the participant would have to take care of payroll and other employer related duties but this not the case. The FMS assists with processing payroll. The FMS purchases approved goods and services listed on the participant's spending plan. If it is not listed on the spending plan then the FMS will refer you back to the regional center to get an updated spending plan.

Acumen Enrollment Process

Introductory phone call with Acumen

Provide general overview of our process including payment methods

Enrollment packet – can be a lengthy process, need to allow ample time

Traditional services need to end before transitioning into SDP and if your enrollment is not complete you may be left without any services.

Yvette Torres contact information: yvettet@acumen2.net, 877-211-3738

- Questions and Answers:

Santiago: Under Sole Employer do you need to get the insurance, worker's compensation, liability, etc.. yourself? Can the FMS help us with this?

Yvette: At Acumen worker's compensation is included in the Employer Burden. Any additional insurances would be the participant's responsibility.

- **Public Comments**

- Lourdes Gomez: Shows concern as an IF who has approached an SC for an individual who wants to transition from a day program to a tailored day program but found that the SC doesn't know what that is. SCLARC does have a presentation on the website with that information so it is concerning that the SC is unaware of the service. Asks if SCLARC can consider giving a presentation to their SCs.
- Kim Sinclair – Executive Director for Autism Society of Los Angeles: Update the training for Advanced Independent Facilitators is in full swing.
- Cynthia Rivera – In collaboration with Autism Society of Los Angeles, a customized four week module has been created for the SCLARC catchment area.
- Cynthia Rivera – SDP Update

SCLARC SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT STATUS DATA November 2023		SCLARC SELF DETERMINATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT STATUS DATA January 2024	
In process for Self Determination Completed Orientation and Requested Budget	118	In process for Self Determination Program Completed Orientation and Requested Budget	127
Currently Started 1st yr Self Determination Program	32	Currently Started 1 st yr Self Determination Program	34
Continuing Self Determination Program for the 2nd yr	36	Continuing Self Determination Program for the 2 nd yr	36
Continuing Self Determination Program for the 3rd yr	28	Continuing Self Determination Program for the 3 rd yr	28
Continuing Self Determination Program for the 4th yr	3	Continuing Self Determination Program for the 4 th yr	3
Total Individuals Receiving Services Under Self Determination Program	99	Total Individuals Receiving Services Under Self Determination Program	101
Entered on November 1, 2023	2	Entered on January 1, 2024	0
Scheduled to Begin Self Determination Program December	4*	Scheduled to Begin Self Determination Program February 1, 2024	3*
Transferred Cases to Other Regional Centers	13	Transferred Cases to Other Regional Centers	13
DATOS DEL ESTADO DEL PARTICIPANTE de SCLARC en el PROGRAMA DE AUTODETERMINACIÓN NOVIEMBRE 2023		DATOS DEL ESTADO DEL PARTICIPANTE de SCLARC en el PROGRAMA de AUTODETERMINACIÓN ENERO 2024	
En proceso para el programa de autodeterminación Orientación complete y/o presupuesto solicitado	118	En proceso para el programa de autodeterminación Orientación complete y/o presupuesto solicitado	127
Para empezar el primer año en el programa de autodeterminación	32	Para empezar el primer año en el programa de autodeterminación	34
Continuar para el segundo año de autodeterminación	36	Continuar para el segundo año de autodeterminación	36
Continuar para el 3er año de autodeterminación	28	Continuar para el 3er año de autodeterminación	28
Continuar para el 4 año de autodeterminación	3	Continuar para el 4 año de autodeterminación	3
Total de personas que reciben servicios bajo el programa de autodeterminación	99	Total de personas que reciben servicios bajo el programa de autodeterminación	101
Participantes iniciando el programa de autodeterminación para el 1 de noviembre de 2023	2	Participantes iniciando el programa de autodeterminación para el 1 de enero de 2024	0
Programado para comenzar el programa de autodeterminación el 1 de diciembre del 2023	4*	Programado para comenzar el programa de autodeterminación el 1 de febrero del 2024	3*
Casos Transferidos a Otros Centros Regionales	13	Casos Transferidos a Otros Centros Regionales	13

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Orientation Dates	Times
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	9:30 am – 1:30 pm (English only)
Monday, April 22, 2024	1:00pm – 5:00pm (Spanish only)
Monday, June 17, 2024	1:00pm – 5:00pm (English only)

State Council offers weekly zoom orientations in various languages.

- **12/26/2023 DDS Directive: Billing Requirements for Local Businesses or Community Resource**
 - A local business or community resource is defined as an entity not vendored by a regional center that provides services to individuals with and without developmental disabilities
 - FMS provider will work with participant on the required documentation. For example, a membership contract at the local gym
 - Payments for these services will be made according to the providers' payment process. For example, if a subscription is payable at the beginning of the month then the FMS should adjust their payment schedule to purchase these services.
- **12/22/2023 DDS Directive: FMS Transition Supports**
 - Transition Supports shall be paid to FMS providers in 3 scenarios
 - Initial enrollment of SDP participant
 - Participant transfer from one FMS to another (to be paid by receiving FMS)
 - A participant's transfer from one regional center to another.
- **Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**
 - November meeting minutes approval moved to next meeting as quorum was not met.
 - Process for filling vacancies
 - Educational series: IF and an SDP provider
 - Vendor Fair – Collaboration between SDPLAC and LVAC
- **Announcements**
 - None
- **Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at pm.
 - The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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