



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

Online Meeting Through Zoom

January 8, 2025

Approved 1/29/2025

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting End Time: 8:00 PM

Committee Members:

Present:	Absent:	Vacancies
Sherry Johnson – SD-LAC Co-Chair Veronica Moser Erica Clark – Clients’ Rights Advocate Sofia Cervantes – State Council Representative Magali Ochoa Alberta Moore Crystal Smith – FRC Representative	Terrance Payne – SD-LAC Co-Chair Luz Hernandez Armida Ochoa Alnita Dunn Santiago Villalobos – Not Participating	(1) Appointed Spot Available

Guests:

SCLARC:	State:	Public:
Ayana Shepard – Chief of Case Management Cynthia Rivera – PCS Edna Robles – PCS Erika Anguiano - PM Kai Lockheart – Team Leader Rocio Rodriguez - SC Berlin Ruiz – Administrative Secretary Sonia Hernandez – Interpreter Eduardo Kogan. - Interpreter		Angelica Orellana, Anel Gonzalez, Aisabel Cruz, Blanca Martinez, Silvia Diaz, Paola Alzante, Delfina Reyes, Yanci Castro, Maria Montoya, Jaqueline Casas, Alicia Sibrian, Gracie Rodriguez, Cecilia Mendoza, Roxana Balbuena, Marisol Cardenas, Carmen Silvia, Hilda Cuenca, Carola Maranon, Dalia Gutierrez, Maria Leonor Dimas, Janet Astocondor, Alicia Delgado, Adriana Martinez, Silvia Mora, Lulu Aguilar, Rosa Vadillo, Rocy Cedeno, Jaqueline Vargas, Irma Rojo, Cristal Nunez, Karina Saldana, Blanca Pasaran, Tania Martinez, Geyso Lemus, Silvia Calles, & more...

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Co-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order.
- Co-Chair Payne has fully recused himself and abstained from participating in this scheduled meeting where shortlist vendors will present their technical and cost proposals, as well as their processes.
- Members of the committee gave a brief introduction of themselves.
- Committee member Santiago Villalobos explains he will not participate in the review, scoring, or recommendation process for the RFP proposals presented to the advisory committee.
- Quorum was established.

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2. Approval of January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- A review of meeting minutes was conducted. A correction was noted (Armida Ochoa’s name was misspelled).
- **Motion to approve minutes with correction:**
 - **Motion:** Alberta Moore
 - **Second:** Magali Ochoa
 - Minutes were approved.

3. SCLARC Participant Updates & DDS Directive Updates

- **Self-Determination Program (SDP) Updates:**
 - **December 1, 2024:** 140 participants (53 children, 87 adults).
 - **January 1, 2025:** 142 participants (55 children, 88 adults, -1 transfer).
 - **SDP Participant LVAC Support Funding:** SCLARC received Support Funding for fiscal year 2024 / 2025

Base Funding (All Regional Centers)	Additional Funding for SCLARC	Total Available Funding:
\$47,620	\$98,185.34	\$145,805.34

- **Regional Center Performance Measures:**
 - **SPD Incentive Payment:** The updated SANDIS reporting requirements were successful – All 21 regional centers were awarded \$362,000.

4. Public Comment

Silvia Calles asks how she can learn more about the committee’s roles and inquires about the process of becoming a member.

Gracie Rodriguez is new to SDP and would like to receive better guidance & support. She will use the email provided to reach out with any question.

Angelica Orellana hopes to see more resources made available to support her in becoming a knowledgeable and supportive parent, and she looks forward to contributing to help other parents achieve the same.

Silvia Diaz is eager to deepen her understanding of the program and its resources, and she looks forward to learning more about how she can best support her child’s development and well-being.

Sofia Cervantes State Council Zoom Meeting: January 16, 2025 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Purpose: To provide comprehensive training for committee members. Additionally, the

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initiative aims to improve public understanding of the committee’s purpose, functions, and impact it has on the community.

5. RFP Proposal Review

The focus of the RFP is to find an organization that will assist participants in understanding and navigating SDP, including Fiscal Management Services (FMS), and other support.

- **Autism Society Los Angeles & Phoenix Facilitation**

Presented by: Kim Sinclair – Executive Director of Autism Society Los Angeles, & Carola Maranon – Project Leader

- **First/Mother Language Instruction given in English or Spanish**
- **ASLA Self-Determination Fundamentals Training:** Introduces the participant to the world of SDP.
- **Self Determination Law & Directives with a Family Focus:** Dives into SDP law and the essential recent directives, using plain language to explain the information.
- **Intermediate Budgets, Spending Plans & FMS:** Create a deeper knowledge of Budgets, Spending Plans, and modifications addressing changes mid-year amendments.
- **Understanding SDP Processes:** Bring the transition team and all parties together to have a clear understanding of all the RC SDP processes enhancing the relationship to ultimately improve the outcomes for the client.
- **“Creating My Team” Identifying IF & FMS:** Identifying knowledgeable Independent Facilitators, Financials Management Services (FMS), insurance requirements, and more. Also includes 1:1 Coaching support for the participants and family’s specific needs.

- **A Better Tomorrow**

Presented by: Yazmin Ramirez – Program Director & Carlos Keene – CEO

- **Years of Experience:** The team has many years of experience working in developmental disabilities. ABT has been a vendor for SCLARC since 2020.
- **Challenges in SDP:** ABT aims to help address confusion among families, particularly Spanish speaking families, by educating them on the necessary processes.
- **Budget Utilization:** Tools provided such as monthly breakdowns of budgets showing how much of their budget is being utilized. Additionally, the program aids with annual audits and supports families by developing an Excel spreadsheet for budget tracking.
- **Employment & Volunteering Opportunities:** Empowering clients by providing resources such as: Goodwill for job opportunities, Union Rescue Mission for volunteering.

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- **Manna Unlimited LLC**

Presented by: Taylor Payne – Program Manager, Eric Fuller – Project Manager,
Sheila Payne – SDP Consultant, Terese Cummings – Data Analyst

- **Mission of Manna:** The mission is to empower individuals by assisting them in identifying their goals and creating personalized plans to achieve them.
- **Outreach and Engagement:** Manna’s goal is to increase awareness and educate families about the benefits of the Self Determination Program through informational materials, including brochures, social media posts, and both in-person and virtual sessions.
- **Goal Setting and Individual Plan Development:** Families will be assisted in identifying Independent Facilitators, establishing goals, and ensuring they understand the SDP guidelines and requirements.
- **Vendor Selection:** The objective is to guide families through the process of selecting vendors, ensuring they are comfortable and have a clear understanding of the home-and-community based rules.
- **Training and Ongoing Support:** Ongoing support will include monthly check-ins to review progress, provide resources on financial management and financial management and advocacy, and offer training sessions focused on managing SDP plans and accessing additional resources.

- *The Meraki Solutions LLC was not in attendance due to an evacuation emergency.*

6. Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Next meeting:** January 29, 2025
 - View last RFP by The Meraki Solution Group, LLC.

7. Announcements

- No additional announcements made.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **8:01 PM**.