



# Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

## Online Meeting Through Go To Webinar doe to COVID-19

### October 14, 2020

### 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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#### **Present:**

Sherry Johnson – SD-LAC Co-Chair  
Terence Payne – SD-LAC Co-Chair  
Diana Ugalde – SD-LAC Member  
Antwan Jones – SD-LAC Member  
Alberta Moore – SD-LAC Member  
Megan Buckles – OCRA, SD-LAC Member  
Naomi Hagel – Program Manager (Staff)  
Jenice Turner – Assistant Director (Staff)  
Nikisia Simmons – DDS Representative  
Odulia Juarez – Diversity Specialist (Staff)  
Erika Anguiano (Staff)  
Eduardo Kogan – English/Spanish Interpreter

#### **Absent:**

Stephanie Arlaud – SD-LAC Member  
Jose Gudino – SD-LAC Member  
Armida Ochoa – SD-LAC Member  
Luz Hdez Gutierrez – SD-LAC Member  
Sofia Cervantes – State Council  
Alnita Dunn – SD-LAC Member

#### **Public in attendance:**

Veronica Moser  
Shelia Jordan-Jones  
Amarilis Lopez  
Linda Adron-Ostrow  
Jeanetta Burton  
Juana Avila  
Caycee Ricketts  
Crystal Chavez  
Melissa Jones  
Rosa Vadillo  
Caycee Ricketts  
and 8 more

Meeting Start Time: 6:08 pm

#### **I. Welcome/Introductions/Review Minutes**

- The Co-Chair welcomed public attendance and began the meeting. A short video was played explaining the meeting ground rules; the introductions proceeded. The Committee approved the minutes from September 9, without any corrections

#### **II. Questions/Public Comment**

- *Public Comment:* RCC is having the books available for families to check out in the family Resource Center.
- *Staff Response:* Thank you for sharing that information. When SCLARC gets its handbooks, it will mail them out to families. SCLARC is not opened to the public.
- *Committee Inquiry:* Would you explain just a little bit more about the independent facilitator training?
- *Staff Response:* Last year, the Committee agreed to allocate some funding to train new independent facilitators. SCLARC particularly had an interest in making sure that the independent facilitators receiving the training were people able to really help the individuals and families in the program. This way, SCLARC can provide culturally sensitive services in the South Central catchment area.
- *Public Comment:* When they were doing it by lottery, I didn't get selected, but I'm very interested in understanding the program. I recall you saying that SDP will be for everyone in June 2021. I didn't understand that.
- *Staff Response:* If you received the email about this meeting, you confidently say that you are on the DDS waiting list right now. The Program is open to 2,500 people statewide; it's expected to open to everyone on June 7, 2021. SCLARC is inviting people on its waiting list for training to help them get that information before next June, and they can start now preparation. Numerous meetings and training are coming up, and you'll receive invitations to all of them.

- *Public Comment:* What role does the current SC play in Self-Determination? I'd like to know if she has two or three important roles?
- *Staff Response:* SCLARC has trained a few SCs to manage cases in SDP; so, when the PCP is done, the participant will be transferred to a new SC who has more knowledge about SDP. You may have an independent facilitator to help you with your case or have this new SC to give you some guidance. As of right now, current SCs may be a part of the circle of support to develop the PCP.

### **III. SCLARC Update on Participants and MakeUp of Committee/Applications Received**

- SCLARC is receiving and reviewing applications for one SDP-LAC appointee. If you're interested in possibly being appointed, please fill out the application once received and send it back.
- There will be a series of ongoing training for everyone who has ever attended Information Sessions and individuals on the waiting list; thus, DDS has provided a list of 150 people. The process has begun to finish before June 7, 2021, when the program is anticipated to be for everybody interested.
- The SDP has 99 active participants, of which 96 have completed their orientation. Two are scheduled to start their orientation tomorrow.
- Sixteen participants have completed their PCP, six budget certifications are pending, and five spending plans are also pending. Three participants are receiving services under SDP.
- Getting those missing orientations done, and helping participants move forward to start services is the immediate focus.
- SCLARC had a Q&A with Spanish-speaking participant, FMS, PCP planner, and Independent Facilitator.
- The next training is on the benefits of Self-Determination, which will be on October 21st, 2020. This training is called: "Is It Right For You?"
- On October 29, there will be a Spanish training on generic resources and requesting services. Also, on November 10, there will be another training in Spanish on budgeting and unmet needs. People on the mailing list will receive invitations. For those who would like to be on the mailing list, please send an email at [selfdetermination@sclarc.org](mailto:selfdetermination@sclarc.org).
- SCLARC SDP Guide Book is in progress. The editing of the English version is done, and it has been sent for Spanish translation. Hopefully, we have the translation by the end of the month. There will be 150 books in English and the same quantity in Spanish.
- There is a plan to purchase more translation equipment and technology.

### **IV. Scheduling of Future Meetings**

- As a reminder, the Committee has a new fund allocation to discuss for the next meeting, which is on Veteran's Day. SCLARC is closed that day. Does the Committee want to meet another day or skip the November meeting?
- The Committee agreed to meet on the third Wednesday on November for a special meeting. During that meeting the Committee will decide whether to meet in December or not.
- The SDP-LAC will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of every month from 6pm to 8pm for the up coming year.

### **V. Update on the State Advisory Committee Meeting**

- Their quarterly meeting was on September 25th. Some of the items that were discussed are the following.
- They would provide a fact sheet with Q&A regarding the requested \$3,000 from each regional center.
- State Council requested \$3,000 from each regional center from its implementation funds for future meetings.
- A very high number of people are dropping out of Self-Determination across the board.
- DDS representatives discussed more guidance regarding COVID-19 services but did not have any concrete answers for our questions.
- FMS companies are not getting paid timely. Some of them are using their own money to pay people utilizing credit lines.
- Barriers such as unmet needs, underserved and unserved populations are rolling over into Self-Determination. DDS representatives omitted comments.
- The Statewide Advisory Committee will create a more consumer-friendly orientation. The Committee believes it should only take one to two hours maximum.
- The Program will roll out next year. Many committee members feel that the full roll out will be difficult if DDS does not provide more oversight.
- Some regional centers have used Self-Determination implementation funds to contract with agencies to help people transition into the program.
- Out of the 2,500 participants, counting the pilot program members, there's a little over 200 people currently in Self-Determination.

#### **VI. Maria Marquez, Self-Advocate and Program Participant**

- The presentation was canceled due to unavailability of the presenter.

#### **VII. Closing The Meeting**

- The Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm. The Committee thanked everyone for attending the session. The next meeting will be a special session on November 18, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm.