



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

Online Meeting Through Zoom

November 13, 2024

Approved 1/8/2025.

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting End Time: 8:00 PM

Committee Members:

Present:	Absent:
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 Alnita Dunn Evan Peaks Crystal Smith – FRC Representative	Luz Hernandez

Guests:

SCLARC:	State:	Public:
Cesar Garcia – Director of Clinical Services Ayana Shepard – Chief of Case Management Cynthia Rivera – PCS Edna Robles – PCS Erika Anguiano - PM Lizzet Bobadilla - PM Yesenia Valenzuela - PM Beatriz Perez – Secretary Sonia Hernandez – Interpreter Marisol L. - Interpreter	Marianita Mendez – DDS	Kimberly Peaks, Juana Gutierrez, Deisy Villanueva, Sheila Jordan Jones, Judith Alvarez, Marilu Santibanez, Regina Hayes, Esmeralda Mora, Donell Hill, Ana Batres, Martha Gascon, Faviola Cruz, Silvia Calles, Angelica Fonseca, Leticia Anaya, Monserrath Herrera, Gabriela Acha, Anel Gonzalez, Shirlys Gruver, Danel Antunez, Rosa Vadillo, Gabriela Ramirez, Maria Montoya, Cristal Nunez, Marizela Arroyo, Heidi Salazar, Sara Martinez, Karina Saldana, Angelica Orellana, Marleni Pineda, Lilia Sapiens, Norma Montes, Rosa Padilla, Maria Verdugo, Alicia Flores, Isaura Sainz, Mariana Guerrero, Patty Bermejo, Ingrid Gaudelf Herrera, Luz Andrade, Carol Herdez, Ingrid Lopez, Claudia Velasquez, Gregoria Torres, Cristina Chiguil, Guadalupe Colula, Carmen Silva, Tamra Pauly, Lulu A., Kim Sinclair, Blanca Mercado, Gilda Giron, Ana Pineda, Gabriela Duenas

1. Welcome/Introductions

- Co-Chair Payne called the meeting to order. Co-Chair Johnson took roll call.
- Quorum was established.

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2. Approval of September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- A review of meeting minutes was conducted. A correction was noted (Armida Ochoa was mistakenly listed as absent).
- **Motion to approve minutes with correction:**
 - **Motion:** Veronica Moser
 - **Second:** Armida Ochoa
 - Minutes were approved.

3. SCLARC Participant Updates & DDS Directive Updates

- **Self-Determination Program (SDP) Updates:**
 - **November 1, 2024:** 138 participants (52 children, 86 adults).
 - **December 1, 2024:** 140 participants (53 children, 87 adults).
 - Growing by an average of 3 clients per month.
 - Reminder: Orientation required for participation, offered via Zoom in multiple languages and through Learning Management Service (LMS) at one's own pace.

4. Public Comment

- **Kimberly Peaks** expressed gratitude for services for Evan Peaks.
- **Rubi Saldana** raised concerns about delays in signatures on spending plans and authorization fulfillment, though acknowledged the team's efforts.
- **Faviola Cruz** addressed concerns about delays in the FMS process, impacting families' access to services. Suggested implementing a system to assist coordinators.
- **Self-Determination Conference:** First conference in Montebello scheduled for November 23, 2024 (entirely in Spanish).
 - **Target audience:** Families under or transitioning to SDP.

5. Request for Proposal (RFP) 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.
- **Four organizations** submitted proposals by the November 4th deadline:
 1. The Meraki Solution Group
 2. A Better Tomorrow Services, Inc
 3. Manna Unlimited LLC
 4. Autism Society Los Angeles & Phoenix Facilitation
- **Scoring Criteria for Proposals:**
 - Qualifications: 35%
 - Scope of Proposal: 25%
 - Work Plan: 25%
 - Budget: 15%
- **Scoring Threshold:** 79% or higher.

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6. RFP Proposal Workgroup Formation

- A workgroup of 3 committee members was formed to help assess the proposals, review the scoring tool, and provide feedback.
 - **Volunteers:** Crystal Smith, Alberta Moore, and Magali Ochoa.
 - **Motion to form workgroup:**
 - **Motion:** Veronica Moser
 - **Second:** Armida Ochoa
 - **Approved unanimously.**
- The **RFP Presentation Meeting** is scheduled for **January 8, 2025**, where the 4 organizations will present their proposals.

7. Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Next meeting:** January 8, 2025
 - The meeting will feature presentations from the 4 organizations.
 - The scoring tool will be used to evaluate the proposals during these presentations.

8. Announcements

- No additional announcements made.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **8:00 PM**.