



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

Online Meeting Through Zoom

January 29, 2025

Approved

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting End Time: 7:31 PM

Committee Members:

| Present: | Absent: | Vacancies |
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| Sherry Johnson – SD-LAC Co-Chair Veronica Moser Magali Ochoa Alberta Moore Erica Clark – Clients’ Rights Advocate Crystal Smith – FRC Representative | Terrance Payne – SD-LAC Co-Chair Luz Hernandez Armida Ochoa Alnita Dunn Santiago Villalobos Sofia Cervantes – State Council Rep. | (1) Appointed Spot Available |

Guests:

| SCLARC: | State: | Public: |
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| Jenice Turner – Director of Child Services Odulia Juarez – Chief of Case Management Ayana Shepard – Chief of Case Management Teodoro Bilbao – Chief of Case Management Cynthia Rivera – PCS Edna Robles – PCS Xiomara Escobar – Team Leader Berlin Ruiz – Administrative Secretary Sonia Hernandez – Interpreter Eduardo Kogan. - Interpreter | | Alicia Flores, Ana Batres, Ana Pineda, Anel Gonzalez, Cristal Nunez, Daniel Antunez, Deisy Sandoval, Favola Cruz, Gabriela Duenas, Guadalupe Colula, Ingrid L., Issabel Hernandez, Jaqueline Casas, Julia Ponce, Karina Saldana, Kristianna Moralls, Maria Lopez, Marianita Mendez, Monserrath Herrera, Rosa Vadillo, Rosalia Lopez, Rubi Saldana, Silvia Calles, and Sindy Cardona de Segura. |

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.
- Quorum was established.

2. Approval of January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- A review of meeting minutes was conducted.
- **Motion to approve minutes as written:**
 - **Motion:** Alberta Moore
 - **Second:** Veronica Moser

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- Minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

Faviola Cruz asks whether there has been an increase in families transitioning to SDP.
-SDP numbers continue to grow. Case updates will be reported next meeting.

4. Presentation from RFP Participant (Continued):

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.

- **The Meraki Solutions Group, LLC**

Presented by: April Carter – Principal Consultant & CEO

- **HCBS Compliance Training and Proven Success:** Meraki is a certified and proven vendor with SCLARC, specializing in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule, demonstrating a strong track record in training and program excellence.
- **Expert Guidance on SDP Navigation:** Comprehensive knowledge of SDP eligibility, available services, and tailored support to help participants confidently navigate the program.
- **Comprehensive 4-Pronged Approach:**
 1. Personalized Consultations – Individualized guidance on eligibility and services.
 2. Comprehensive Training & Tools – Workshops, digital toolkits, and accessible services.
 3. Mentorship & Community Support – Connecting participants with experienced mentors and activists.
 4. Continuous Monitoring & Improvement – Adapting support based on participant feedback for long-term impact.
- **Commitment to Lasting Impact:** Focus on fostering meaningful connections, improving accessibility, and ensuring sustainable program development tailored to community needs.

5. RFP Proposal Review - Committee Discussion / Voting Item

- **RFP Survey Results:** The Autism Society of Los Angeles (ASLA) ranked **first place**.
 - Motion to submit ASLA to the Regional Center, in collaboration with the SDP Committee as first choice for the RFP:
 - **Motion:** Veronica Moser
 - **Second:** Alberta Moore

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- Committee members suggested that the winning participant give updates on training progress, participation, and milestone throughout the fiscal year.

6. Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Next meeting:** March 12, 2025
 - Discuss strategies and options for addressing FMS issues.

7. Announcements

- The **McClaney Family Resource Center** is hosting a hybrid training series “Adult Transition Series” every Thursday in February @ 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. The training will cover Regional Center services for transitioning into adulthood, including conservatorship, and other legal options for supported decision-making.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **7:31 PM**.

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