

Self Determination Program Local Advisory Committee
September 10, 2025 – Minutes



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes

Online Meeting Through Zoom

September 10, 2025

Approved

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting End Time: 7:45 PM

Committee Members:

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

Guests:

SCLARC:	State:	Public:
Jenice Turner – Director of Children Services Teodoro Bilbao – Chief of Adult Services Odulia Juarez – Chief of Children Services Kiara Lopez – Chief Advancement Officer Cynthia Rivera – Program Manager Alex Marquez – Program Manager Edna Robles – Participant Choice Specialist Luis Salazar – Participant Choice Specialist Marisol – Interpreter		Ana Batres, Angelica Orellana, Aracely Robles, Carlos Rodad, Carmen Silva, Celia Ramos, Connie Legaspi, Daniel Antunez, Daniel Lott, Faviola Cruz, Gabriela Ramirez, Gledy A, Isaura Sainz, Jacqueline Casas, Kim Sandoval, Lilibeth Quiroz-Hernandez, Maria Montoya, Marizela Arroyo, Monserrath Herrera, Rocio Rodriguez, Rosalia Lopez, Rubi Saldana,, Sheila Jones, Sheila Payne, Silvia Calles, Teresa Payne, Tania Rivera, Veronica Del Cid, Kimberly Peaks, Kim Sinclair, Lilian Kaufman, Kyle Sanford, Jekora Robinson

1. Welcome/Introductions

1. Co-Chair Terrence Payne called the meeting to order.
2. Members of the committee gave a brief introduction of themselves.

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3. Quorum was not established.

2. Approval of May 14th and July 16th, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Since quorum was not established, minutes were not reviewed. May 14th and July 16th minutes were not approved in this meeting.

3. Self-Determination Program (SDP) Updates

Presented By: Alex Marquez

- Overview of the SDP Team and Roles
- Enrollment Totals: 189 total participants
 - One initiative that has contributed to the increase in numbers is the SDP Information Sessions which are being hosted in English and Spanish separately.
 - Independent Facilitator Round Table discussions to foster clear communication, address any misunderstandings, and build bridges in supporting individuals throughout the enrollment process.

4. Medicaid Cuts Update

Presented By Sofia Cervantes

- Very important Topics that were discussed in the Medicaid Cut updates were:
 - Legislative Changes and Impact on Tax Cuts and Medicaid Services
 - Impact of Tax Cuts
 - Medicaid and Service Changes
 - Special Exception for Medicaid work requirements
 - Medicaid Watch

5. Public Comment

- ❖ **Silvia Calles:** The public requested if there are any training or workshops, they should attend to be able to learn more about ASLA, and the requirements to qualify.
- ❖ **Isaura Sainz:** Expressed concerns about not receiving any update on their children's case, stating they have been reaching out but no updates so far.

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- ❖ **Don L. Hill**, founder and CEO of Life Maximizer, announced that he has been working with other regional centers in underrepresented communities, including Latino, African American and Asian groups to provide education on Self-Determination Program. Mr. Hill also mentioned he held a resource fair in June and is planning future events.
- ❖ **Sofia Cervantes**: announced that State Council continues to provide SDP orientations in different languages. Every Monday for the month of August they held Q & A's clinics for special education and will continue to give these sessions for the month of September as well.
- ❖ **Kyle Stanford**: Expressed interest in joining the Self Determination Local Advisory Committee. An email was provided to reach out too.

6. SCLARC SDP Community Fair

- SCLARC's Self-Determination Program will be having a Resource fair taking Place on October 17th, 2025.

7. ASLA SCLARC SDP Project Update

Presented by Kim Sinclair

- Through the process of collaborating with SCLARC, there were some key findings:
 1. Eligibility Criteria:
 - No inclusions of Non-SCLARC applicants (there were a lot of applicants that were from a different regional center)
 2. No inclusions of SCLARC Participants already in SDP
 3. Primary Goal: Increasing SDP Enrollment:
 - LVAC, SCLARC & Board Priority is to increase numbers in SDP
 4. Outreach Challenges:
 - Despite multiple outreach attempts via email, text and phone, there were only responses from 14 individuals.
 5. Target Expansion and Application Overview:
 - Request to expand the original recruitment target from 24 to 30 participants.
 - In total, **33 applications have been received from SCLARC.**
 - **22 applicants qualified** for participation.
 - Among them:
 - 11 Spanish speakers

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- 11 English speakers, including 7 Latina/o, 3 African American, and 1 Caucasian applicant

6. Next Steps: Recommended Changes:

- Two-Month Cohorts
- Personalized Support with Navigator
- 100 coaching hours
- Group Learning
- Visual Tools
- Increase to 32-40 participants in project

8. Announcements

- No Announcements

9. Upcoming Local Advisory Committee Meeting

- **Next Meeting:** November 12, 2025

10. Adjournment

- **Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM.**