

Members in Attendance:

Joyce Clark, (FA), Tracey Flourie (FA), Horacio Correa, Jr. (FA), Bertha Taylor (FA), Chris Lubinski (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A)

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, Suzy Requarth, SDRC

Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Kim Rucker (SA), Horacio Correa, Jr. (FA), Tania Schloss (OCRA – attended remote)

This meeting was conducted in person.

Video conferencing was available for non-committee members.

Meeting called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:06 a.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions.
2. Public Input: Joyce requested comments be kept brief, noting that more in depth comments or questions can be put into the chat feature, or emailed to Suzy Requarth.
 - Paul Mansell shared that he was very happy with his services through the SDP. He has been participating in SDP for 3 years.
3. Motion to approve minutes of March 24, 2022. First: Debra Jorgensen. Second: Traci Flourie. No discussion. All in favor. Minutes approved.
4. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Updates: Joyce Clark shared information on the most recent meeting. Advisory members discussed the challenges associated with lack of consistency across the state on how SDP is implemented. Particular confusion exists around budgets, spending plans, and Financial Management Services. Joyce reported that DDS is aware of this problem and plans to engage more consistently with the working group and the advisory board. Mary Ellen Stives reported that DDS has yet to approve orientation materials drafted by the SCDD Staff Joe Hernandez who was hired in December to conduct SDP orientations across the state.

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5. San Diego Regional Center Report: By June 1st it is anticipated that 140 individuals will be participating in the SDP. SDRC has the largest number of participants across the state. Suzy Requarth shared information that an agreement on the provision of services by Independent Facilitators and persons / agencies doing Person Centered Plans has been drafted. This agreement will standardize roles, identify language capacity, and billing processes. A round table is planned to share this agreement with service providers. Mary Ellen requested Mark Klaus, SDRC Executive Director be invited to the next meeting. Suzy also shared that the team of Participant Choice Specialists is almost complete, one position is open. She also shared that due to the number of SDP participants, all Service Coordinators will be trained to take on this role. Suzy also reported that to ensure consistency and agreement when spending plans are created that the participant, FMS, and SDRC representative will sign the finalized spending plan. There was considerable discussion around the challenges associated with FMS. There was also discussion on the need for training of SDP participants on how to be an employer. It was suggested that an RFP could be developed to offer this training.
6. Implementation Funds Spending Plan:
- a. David Drazenovich shared an update on plans that are underway for a self-determination conference. Tentative dates is scheduled for November 4th & 5th. The intended audience is those already participating in self-determination and those interested, including potential service providers. A couple of locations have been identified as possibilities, a central location with good public transportation access is preferred. A preliminary list of topics identified at the first planning meeting is attached to these minutes. Committee members and others are invited to review and provide additional suggestions. A press release on the SDP was drafted and submitted to 9 news outlets. A draft of the proposed guidelines for the creation of an LAC Facebook page was reviewed and is attached to these minutes.
 - b. Suzy Requarth reviewed the two RFPs that were available and the proposals that that were submitted. A motion was made by Bertha Taylor and seconded by Tracie Flourie to award one contract to Self-Start to provide training and support to new participants, and one contract to Guidelight Group to improve the capacity of the community to support the SDP by training more individuals and self-advocates to be person center planning providers and independent facilitators. All were in favor. (Debra Jorgensen recused herself from voting on the Guidelight Group proposal.)

7. Local Advisory Committee Membership: Joyce lead a discussion on increasing the membership of the LAC and requested clarification on the roles and responsibilities of members. Both SDRC and SCDD equally nominate members. Mary Ellen Stives recommended the appointment of My Dinh to the LAC. Tracie Flourie and Debra Jorgensen agreed to oversee the membership committee.
8. Future agenda items:
 - a) Conference update.
 - b) Membership update.
 - c) Rate changes affecting self-determination budgets.
 - d) Social recreation updates.
 - e) FMS waiver updates and guidance.
9. Date(s) of next meeting(s):
May 26th @ 5:30 p.m. Location TBA.
10. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich



Social Media - Purpose, Procedure, Guidelines

Purpose:

The Local Advisory Committee (LAC) to the San Diego Regional Self Determination Program (SDP) recognizes the positive impact that social media can have in building community.

As such, the LAC will use social media (specifically Facebook) in our efforts to:

1. Promote the Self Determination program.
2. Deepen engagement with participants and providers.

Specifically, social media will be used to:

- a) Disseminate information, resources, and share updates.
- b) Tell stories of impact.
- c) Offer community meetings and forums.

Social Media content will include:

- Information & resources
- Updates
- Images / Videos
- Success stories / testimonials (when written permission is given)
- How To Guides
- Information on upcoming training or events
- Sharing other user generated content (i.e., sharing self-determination content, resources, from other providers, etc.)
- Hosting livestream events

Content will not include:

- Identifying information on clients / users
- Endorsements
- Offensive or inappropriate content

Procedure:

1. Account created and managed by LAC Project Coordinator in association with SDRC SDP Project Manager and SDRC Marketing & Communications Staff.
2. Project Coordinator will develop original content and share with SDRC Self-Determination Project Manager and SDRC Marketing Communications staff for pre-approval.
3. LAC members and SDRC staff will forward content to Project Coordinator for posting.



Guidelines: Privacy, Permissions, and Site Moderating

1. Testimonials / Photos of actual clients: Signed release
2. Copyrighted materials: Not permitted without express permission of owner
3. Site Moderated by Project Coordinator / SDP Project Manager
4. Call to action: Follow
5. Engagement (likes, shares, comments) allowed.
6. All comments are moderated.
7. Constructive criticisms are forwarded to and responded to by SDP Project Manager.
8. Unconstructive criticism, disrespectful comments, content that is not relevant is deleted.
9. Tags / Hashtags:
 - a. Tag: SDRC (Self-Determination)
 - b. #selfdetermination, #self-determination, #inclusion



Page Intro Example:

Welcome to the official Facebook page for the Local Advisory Committee of San Diego Regional Center's Self-Determination Program. Here we will share information and resources on self-determination to families and individuals so that they can learn about and effectively use the self-determination program. We will post updates about events, photos, videos, interesting stories news articles, and how-to guides.

We want to keep our Facebook page an open forum, but we are also a "family friendly" page, so please keep comments and clean. We want you to tell us what's on your mind, but if it falls into any of the categories below, we want to let you know beforehand that we will have to remove it:

- We do not allow graphic, obscene, explicit or racial comments or submissions nor do we allow comments that are abusive, hateful or intended to defame anyone or any organization.
- We do not allow third party solicitations or advertisements. This includes promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency. Similarly, we do not allow attempts to defame or defraud any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency.
- We do not allow comments that support or encourage illegal activity.

Also, the appearance of external links on this page does not constitute an official endorsement on behalf of the LAC or San Diego Regional Center – it just might be something we found interesting and wanted to share!

Whew! Now that all THAT is out of the way, let's get to know each other. Like, comment, follow and share and tell us what you'd like to see more of from the Self-Determination Page!



Conference Planning Meeting #1

April 27, 2022

1. Goal / Purpose of the Conference

- Build excitement and make SDP accessible
- Dispel the myths associated with the SDP
- Collaboration for success – creative – collaborative – reasonable
- How to be an effective advocate / in the system
- Education, inspiration, and know-how.

2. Intended Audience(s)

- Plan 200 / day
- Survey - Burning issues to clarify in the conference?
- Day for self-determination curious
- Day for users / networking / technical questions

3. Format

- Two-day conference / Friday & Saturday
- Hands on / Experiential / Educational / Inspirational
- Less workshops and more engagement – keep it in the vein of SDP
- Networking opportunities are important
- Not just another orientation / interactive and deeper dive
- Hybrid model should be considered for those who can't attend in person.
- Issues / challenges need to be addressed yet structured in a way that leads to the successes we achieved
- Progress in achievements we've made needs to be highlighted.
- We need to be prepared to acknowledge the emotion associated with implementation to date; start from a place of understanding / common ground.

4. Topics to Cover:

- Hands on / how to – spending plans, understanding the budgets,
- Working with and understanding roles of S RC and FMS and IF
- Consumer - family – engagement with SDRC & FMS & IF
- Updates on challenges & barriers
- Help the community with tools to implement person centered thinking practices – move away from checking the box
- Roles & Responsibilities: expectations & access / Tools /
- Conflict resolution and process – relates to relationship building / learning curve /
- Sharing Success stories – as a motivational tool (will go beyond the narrative)
- Parents user group (as a great outcome - something we offer / coordinate post conference and also Networking café- Self-determination Café)
- FMS policy and practices – what is the expectation and how do they meet that requirement
- How to find resources.

5. Budget

- We plan to put a down payment on venue and prepay some expenses prior to June 30th.
- Total max budget: \$80K
- Small Registration fee which could be recouped with a gift card for those who attend.

6. Location Options

- Automotive Museum in Balboa Park
- Traditional Hotel venue: Double Tree, Town & Country
- Other venues are also being considered.

7. Date of Next Meeting: May 26th – 4:30 pm. (prior to LAC meeting)