

**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday January 9, 2019
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Minutes**

Members:	Present	Absent
Lisa Cooley, SA	x	
Joyce McNair, FA	x	
Kimberly Terrell, SA	x	
Luis Rivera, FA	x	
Brittnee Gillespie, DRC	x	
Tracy Ligtenberg		x
Niccole Pitz		x
Benita Ayala	x	
Others Present:		
Jason Lindo, ACRC Brittany Mangum (Support Staff), ACRC Joseph Hernandez, SP Kathy Brian, SCDD	Keri L. Daniel M. Larry W., SP In Alliance Chris U. Shelia M. Nevie V. Rosa C., FA Jennifer S. Valerie K. Becky K.	Samantha W. Mike H., SP Roger N. Vaming X., FA Kassie D., SA Diana G., SA Constance W., FA Thomas H. Veronica M. Shani K.
Legend:		
SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider		

1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from November 14, 2018)

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

3. SDP Meetings and General Information Update – Jason Lindo

Jason discussed an overview of the history of the legislation up to the granting of the SDP waiver for the benefit of the audience. The history of SDP can be found on the DDS website.

The three SDAC vacancies have been filled by Tracy Ligtenberg, Benita Ayala, and Niccole Pitz.

Keep checking the DDS website for updates and come to SDAC Meetings. SDAC meetings take place every other month, as of right now. We will send out emails regarding upcoming meetings and their agendas along with previous meeting's minutes, all of which can be located on our website.

There were questions of where to locate your Unique Client Indicator (UCI), which can be found on the front page of your IPP and you can ask your SC.

4. Tentative Dates for DDS Training at ACRC—Jason Lindo

Three dates have been given to DDS; we are waiting for a training date to be confirmed.

Jason stated that DDS is still working on a process to select new participants to backfill spots that were opted out of participating.

5. Letter Sent to ACRC 179 Selected Participants Updating on Process—Jason Lindo

Jason sent a letter to welcome the clients and their families chosen to participate in the rollout of SDP and explain the steps that will take place before SDP begins. It is encouraged to attend the SDAC meetings that occur bi-monthly.

There are a number of steps that must take place before SDP begins. This letter outlines the steps:

- **Step One** – DDS will provide training to Regional Center representatives.
- **Step Two** – ACRC will then train identified Service Coordinators (SCs) who will be working on the SDP rollout. At some point you will be assigned to one of these SCs, which may be someone new to you.
- **Step Three** – All ACRC participants will be invited to an SDP orientation; this is required for all participants (Until you attend the orientation, you will continue to work with your current SC and receive traditional services from ACRC).
- **Step Four** – Following the completion of all three steps, you and your planning team will be ready to start SDP services

6. Outreach Efforts Committee Members – Joyce McNair

Lisa Cooley, SDAC co-chair, will be attending a regional self-advocacy meeting to update on the progress on SDP in January.

Kathy Brian, State Council, shares and hands out information about SDP- The state Council has information on their website.

Website: scdd.ca.gov

Phone: 916-263-7919

OCRA/Disability Rights CA - Brittnee has information on website:

Website: www.disabilityrightsca.org

www.disabilityrightsca.org/espanol

The introductory PowerPoint is still on our website; make sure to spread the word and put names down if you know anyone who is interested in SDP- People have opted out or moved, etc.

<https://www.altaregional.org/self-determination-program>

7. Public Comment Period

Jason and the SDAC discussed the development and use of the budget, funds, and the Person Centered Planning process. Jason stated these areas will all be covered in the DDS orientation.

SDP is for ages 3 and up. The reason for not under 3 years old is because Early Intervention (0-3) is federally funded and SDP is a state-funded program.

The Planning Team will determine a budget and we will fund the services as agreed in your budget and are Medicaid Waiver billable. The Person-Centered Planning Meeting is about service needs and the budget. There will be exercises for creating a mock budget. The budget will go towards items or services that will support you and your needs in regards to your developmental disability. There is a list of proposed services on the DDS website that can be helpful and examples of services- a list of billable services under the Medicaid waiver. You may sit down with your SC and discuss these services.

Clients will have new responsibilities in SDP regarding the development of their budgets. It is a big responsibility and many people will need an Independent Facilitator as well as the required Financial Management Services (FMS). SDP funds will not affect SSI or other federal services. SDP waiver guidelines do not allow the Regional Center to pay clients directly. That is done through FMS.

The SDP process will be covered in the DDS orientation materials. SDP participants will continue to have Due Process Rights, including the ability to request a Fair Hearing.

The committee listens to recommendations. This is a new program that is a work in progress. Person centered Planning is just putting need into a working support for you and your family. Please continue to come to meetings for the latest updates

8. Open discussion on Self-Determination

Jason address the question if an SC can be an Independent Facilitator; it is only recommended if they have a good working relationship and can speak freely.

Each county is different and will need to be represented by the independent facilitator.

9. Dates for Future Meetings

- March 13, 2019
- May 8, 2019

10. Identify agenda items for next meeting

- Joint Training from ACRC & Premier for 1.5 hours after the other agenda items are covered in the first 30 minutes.
- Training on the Independent Facilitator role will be held at a future meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 PM