

**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)  
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)  
Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lisa Cooley SA	x	
Joyce McNair FA	x	
Kimberly Terrell SA	x	
Niccole Pitz, FA	x	
Luis Rivera FA	x	
Benita Ayala, FA	x	
Cristal Cabbat, FA	x	
Joseph Hernandez, SP		x
Brittnee Gillespie, DRC	x	
<b>Others Present:</b>		
Lori Banales, ACRC Jason Lindo, ACRC Brittany Mangum, ACRC (Support Staff) Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC	Sonya Bingaman, SCDD	Kenya Martinez, FA Tom Hopkins, SA Sharon M.
<b>Legend:</b> 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 January 9, 2019)**

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

## **3. SDP Meetings and General Information Update- Jason Lindo**

The meetings have been scheduled and the SDAC members were trained. The branch offices will conduct additional orientation trainings so we can ensure that all participants are able to attend.

Liz Harrell, Patti Diamond, and Jason Lindo were able to reduce the slide show from 98 slides to only 55 slides. The presentation takes between 2.5 and 3 hours; feedback received is that people would rather have one meeting rather than multiple.

There are 3 participants in Placerville- they've contacted the manager and RSVP'd in June. Families/participants are going together as a group so they can learn together. We will host several Saturdays at various offices.

Xe Lee is taking the RSVPs and working with Jason.

Currently, 9 chosen SDP participants have decided to not participate in the program. We are waiting for DDS to backfill those positions. Some reasons families have opted out is family illness, not a good time for them, want to wait and have the bugs worked out.

The usage of FMS- there are 3 choices for FMS:

- Bill Payer Model
- Sole Employer Model
- Co- Employer Model

Only one FMS agency can be used. The cost of the FMS will come out of the budget and is based on which model the client chooses. Each model has a tiered cost that is standard throughout all 21 Regional Centers.

Usage and options of FMS and Independent Facilitator are workshops being developed. These will be staggered and ongoing.

Sonya will reach out to get the curriculum from other Regional Centers so we can be uniform with their Self-Determination Program.

DDS has not taken names off from the list until the families who have declined SDP services. DDS would like the families/chosen participants to have all of the information before declining services, and they are asking Regional Centers to encourage participants to attend an orientation before making a final decision.

***4. Clarification of the Independent Facilitator and the Person-Centered Planner Roles- Joyce McNair***

There will be people who want to use their SC and others who will want to have a paid Independent Facilitator. There are a multitude of roles for the Independent Facilitator: leading, participating, and advocating. The Independent Facilitator can also be the Person-Centered Planner.

***5. Discussion on proposed dates for Liz Harrell to conduct the Independent Facilitator Training- Joyce McNair***

Discussed above in Jason's segment

***6. ACRC's Next Steps (A Work in Progress) - Joyce McNair***

There will be adjustments to the Next Steps received in the last meeting.

Some of these trainings will be on-going and going on at the same time. Joyce will send out more information regarding this.

The paid Independent Facilitator has to receive training. The requirements for Independent Facilitator training is very general. It's brief and just the orientation. Around the state, groups are putting on workshops and really going in depth of this role. There is no one answer as to what an Independent Facilitator does as every client has different needs.

***7. How will arrangements and funding be organized for Person Centered Planning for participants? - Sonya Bingaman***

*Discussion around the state and DDS can be funded before taking the next steps. How does this work?*

The State has given 2 options:

Orientations- participants MUST go through orientations after which the individual cost statement will be given to them. There are over 35% that do not currently have purchases at all. There is a process to create a budget using a mock IPP if a client has no purchases for the previous 12 months. Regional Centers have been allowed to fund with guidelines assistance to participants in creating and holding their initial Person Centered Plan.

Several agencies received HCBS funds last year and have been trained in Person Centered Planning and hopefully will be agree to be vendored for this process. Regional Centers are also able to use purchase reimbursement Service Code 024.

There are loose guidelines for Independent Facilitators, but no regulations. DDS has given funding amounts for both POS and Service Code 024 reimbursements for Person Centered Plan initial assistance. The Regional Center would have to go

to DDS if it is to exceed the specified amount by DDS. This does NOT come out of the individual's budget.

### **8. Public Comment Period**

*An audience member asked why we do not just have a pilot office for SDP.*

The answer is that we, by law, cannot have just a pilot office, but rather a rollout of clients randomly selected from various counties within the large, 10-county area that ACRC serves.

*There is confusion between providers and the Independent Facilitator.*

The Independent Facilitator will seek out services for the client and be part of the Person Centered Planning Team. These do not have to be vendored services that the participants choose to use; the point is just giving them other options.

The Regional Center and FMS have to make sure the programs chosen for the client meet the HCBS Final Rule.

Vendors in the future will need to be flexible to work with both traditional services as well as participants in the Self-Determination Program.

### **9. Open discussion on Self-Determination:**

Sonya announces Kenya and Meena are the new appointees- slots are filled on SCDD's side.

There are 21 committees similar to ours, and the chairs are all part of a committee. They meet once or twice a year to discuss concerns or questions pertaining to SDP.

The statewide SDAC will be meeting on 6/10-11 (Monday & Tuesday). Sonya will reach out to the committee to share more information regarding this.

*Joyce would like to have a consensus of what it means to be on the SDP at ACRC.*

Ensuring integrities as the intent of the law; if there are any problems regarding SDP, this is something that can be brought to the attention of the committee and potentially get DDS involved. The committee has responsibilities to plan trainings; it is not only the responsibility of the Regional Center alone nor the State Council.

The statewide committee has to provide a report to the legislature as to how SDP is going. Start documenting and monitoring questions and concerns within the community. The whole point of SDP and the SDAC it to give the SDP participant more freedom and responsibility.

*Members of the committee are confused what their roll is on the SDAC.*

As of right now, it only seems to be the Regional Centers giving the information in the orientations. Lori suggests a group gets together (and trained), and start training others and attending the orientations elsewhere.

Jason recommends that older SDAC members help onboard new members- an orientation of what SDP is and how it works. This should be done outside of Committee as this does not need to be done during meeting time.

Brittnee suggested creating a new sub-committee getting more of the public together to discuss problems and concerns once SDP really gets started.

With signed permission, create a distribution list with questions, concerns, lessons learned.

Initial Toolbox Joyce will send out:

Law

DDS directives

Orientation (attend more if necessary)

**10. Dates for Future Meetings:**

- July 10, 2019
- September 11, 2019
- November 13, 2019

**11. Identify agenda items for next meeting:**

- What does providing oversight actually mean regarding SDAC over SDP at ACRC?
- Discussion as to what the roles of the committee is and what tools are there to achieve this?
- Discuss flyer created by Niccole Pitz.

**12. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM**