



Alta California

Regional Center

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**Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday, July 10, 2024
1 to 3 p.m.
Minutes**

Members:	Present	Absent	Legend: SA – Self-Advocate FA – Family Advocate SP – Service Provider
Benita Shaw, FA		excused	
Carmen Delgado, FA	x		
Daniel Meadows, SA	x		
Kelsey Handcock, DRC	x		
Kimberly Terrell, SA		excused	
Lisa Cooley, SA (Chair)	x		
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA	x		
Tanishia Hubbard, Community Resource Partner	x		
Tom Hopkins, SA		x	
Tracy Ligtenberg, FA	x		
William Reed		x	
Margaux De Leon, FA	x		
Non-members Present:			
Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Faye Tait, ACRC Kenisha Hurd, ACRC Johnny Xiong, ACRC Melissa Schuessler, ACRC Kizi Smith, ACRC Cat Carl, ACRC PCS Sophia Mogannam, ACRC PCS Amanda Visger, ACRC PCS Vanesha Orr, ACRC	Lisa Hooks, SCDD Peter Mendoza, SCDD Rachael Palmer Teefy, PEC Amanda Pelaccio, PEC Jaclyn Balanay, DDS Andy Faletti, Supported Life Institute Dana Faletti, Supported Life Institute Catherine Denico Summer McAndrew	Cole Antonio, Perma Transitions Coushatta Seymore Emily Scholl, PEC Jae Antonio, IF Perma Transitions Yasmin Herrera-Vilchez Toddi Hunt, Guidelight Group Emily Scholl Chelsea Coffin, Adjoin	

1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

Welcome & Introductions (1:00 p.m.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes – Lisa Cooley

A quorum was established at 1:05 p.m. Chairperson Lisa Cooley requested the committee vote on the approval of today's agenda and the May 8th SDAC meeting minutes.

M/S/C (Daniel/Tracy) Made the motion to approve the agenda of today's meeting and the May 8th meeting minutes.

The committee approved the agenda of today's meeting and the May 8th meeting minutes.

3. Public Comment Period

- No public comments.

4. ACRC SDP Updates—

A. General SDP Update

- Kenisha shared that as of July 5th, 2024, ACRC has 403 individuals who have fully transitioned to SDP. Of those, 239 are White, and 164 are Non White. The Ethnicity breakdown is Mixed (42), Other (7), Latin (29), Black(24), and Asian (62). The majority of clients are in Sacramento (191), Nevada (58), El Dorado (37), Placer (74), and Yolo (36). The age range of 0-17 is 127, and 18-100 is 276 participants. The ethnicity breakdown is also available for review on the ACRC website and today's meeting agenda.
- ACRC has 10 vendored Financial Management Service (FMS) Agencies. ACE, Acumen, Aveanna, Cambrian, GT Independence, Essential Pay, FMS Pay, Mains'l, Ritz, and Action FMS. Their contact information is listed on the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') website. We will continue to add additional FMS'.
- The Statewide SDP Orientation continues to be available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Hmong, and Arabic from a collaboration between SCDD and the DDS. ACRC continues to promote and share this resource,

including having PCSs attend and be available to all staff. If clients/families cannot make the times of the SCDD orientation, we are able to provide the LMS training in place.

- There are 7 PCS's currently supporting all case management units with plans to hire two more (Woodland and Grass Valley).

Ongoing meetings and collaboration

- The SDP team holds SDP drop in labs for managers and Lead SCs monthly.
- The SDP team holds SDP drop in clinics for SCs once per month.
- Individual SDP case staffing's with SCs, CSMs, PCSs, and ADs continue as needed.
- Collaboration between Regional Centers continues.
- Monthly Statewide SDP meetings continue.
- Our SDP team are working on training options for ACRC vendors to educate them on SDP.
- Our SDP team are working on developing SDP resources/tools that will be available on ACRC's website. We just updated the 024/099 flyer and added reasons why a budget would increase or decrease. Working with ACRC Training Dept to streamline SDP information on ACRC's external website.
- ACRC's SDP spending plan template for our staff is available to use if the FMS does not require participants to use their specialized template.
- PCSs continue to attend unit meetings to share information, resources, and technical support.
- There's an updated Directive for a new option for Participant Directed Services (PDS) for general SDP supports- ACRC will be working with our current PDS's FMS vendors to see if they are interested in offering this service to SDP participants.

Outreach

- SCs continue to discuss with clients about the SDP program (documented on ACRC IPP services and supports page) and assist with registering for SDP Orientation, and follow-up.
- Recent outreach on 6/13/24 -presentation with support group for parents of children with special needs in Truckee, CA.

- We are interested in your ideas and suggestions on where outreach may be helpful.
- A new flyer was created for clients to gain a better understanding of SDP (created by PCS, Sophia M.).
- Margaux shared a suggestion to numerate the steps on the flyer.
- Lisa H. shared the suggestion to incorporate plain language on the flyer to ensure it is easy to understand for those who are new to SDP or English is not their first language.

5. Grant Funding Sub-Committee Update

- Carmen shared that the Grant Funding Sub-Committee met on July 2nd to discuss the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Fiscal Year (FY) budget funds. It was noted that approximately \$107,157.00 is available for the 2022-2023 FY, and \$108,284.00 is available for the 2023-2024 FY.
- The sub-committee met and requested additional information to receive feedback for funding ideas that will be explored further.
- The subcommittee received a Proposal from the Supported Life Institute. Andy Faletti and Dana Faletti, representatives from the Supported Life Institute, shared a brief overview of the proposal, which is for a six-part session on developing and incorporating SDP that will be held during the breakout sessions at the Supported Life Conference in Sacramento on October 17th and 18th.
- **M/S/C (Carmen/Margaux) made the motion to approve the allocation of \$15,000 for the Supported Life Institute proposal.**
- **The committee approved the Supported Life Institute proposal.**

6. Action Items pending from prior SDAC meeting:

- a. Youth Advisory Council
 - Mechelle shared that Kenya Martinez, a former committee member, brought this item forward. Lisa H. noted that if anyone is interested in moving forward with this item, please reach out to SCDD.
- b. SCDD, Chair, Co-Chair, and ACRC to meet to collaborate on member guidelines for committee review.
 - Lisa H. shared that there are some potential committee vacancies for participants and officers (Chair and Co-Chair). SCDD, the Chair, the Co-Chair, and Alta are meeting with those who are interested in participating on the committee.
 - If you have time to serve and are willing to commit to serving on the SDAC, please contact your SC, Lisa C., or State Council at

peter.mendoza@scdd.ca.gov or lisa.hooks@scdd.ca.gov. If you don't have access to the internet or prefer to speak with someone, please call SCDD to speak with Rondale to assist with your application at 916-263-7919.

- Lisa H. shared that SCDD, along with the committee and Alta, continue to work on outreach to ensure representation of all communities served by the regional center and increase youth and self-advocate participation.
 - Lisa H. shared that the committee invites anyone interested in being the Chair or Co-Chair to submit a nomination to present themselves to the committee to be nominated and voted on the committee.
 - Lisa H. shared a reminder for current members on the roster to ensure they attend each meeting and to reach out if they will be absent or if support is needed to attend.
 - SCDD/Alta continues to contact current committee members to encourage them to attend meetings regularly to ensure a quorum is met regularly.
 - Lisa H. noted that having interested parties on stand-by to be prepared if additional vacancies occur.
 - Jennifer shared that the committee has twelve members, of which six are appointed by SCDD, and six are appointed by Alta. Currently, there is one vacancy following Kenya's departure.
 - Jennifer shared that the SDAC's composition is to include all the counties served. Currently, Sacramento County represents the majority of the committee. The SDAC is working to represent the nine other counties as per the DDS Directive.
- c. SCDD, Chair, Co-Chair, and Alta to review applicants and the committee roster.
- Discussed in action item b.

7. SDAC Member Comment Period

- Carmen proposed that the budget sub-committee continue to meet.
- Carmen would like to explore the next steps to attract members from rural communities to attend the SDAC meetings.

8. Future Dates for 2024 SDAC monthly meetings:

- September 11, 2024, 1-3 pm
- November 13, 2024, 6-8 pm

9. *Identify agenda items for the next meeting*

- Lisa shared that any agenda item for the next SDAC meeting can be identified in the meeting or can be shared with Lisa C. for Kizi to place on the agenda.
- Carmen would like to explore the next steps to attract members from rural communities to attend the SDAC meetings.

10. *The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.*