

Members in Attendance:

Tracey Flourie (FA), Horacio Correa, Jr. (FA), Joyce Clark (FA), Chris Lubinski (FA), Tania Schloss, Clients Rights Advocate,

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, Katie Dempsey, SDRC

Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Kim Rucker (SA), Bertha Taylor (A), My Dinh (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Reva Subra (FA)

This meeting was conducted by Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:04 a.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions. Advisory committee members were invited to introduce themselves as well as the SDP Team at SDRC. Guests were invited to introduce themselves in the chat. Zach Guzik, new Manager of Client Services for children and transition aged youth introduced himself and explained the new structure for Managers at SDRC. Edwin Pineda liaison from DDS introduced himself.
2. Public Input. No input.
3. Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2022. Deferred due to lack of quorum.
4. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Updates: The SDP work group met recently. Service access and equity issues will be a main focus of work, particularly the need for language access. The committee addressed the need to develop best practices in terms of outreach. The statewide SDP continues to meet quarterly. Mary Ellen Stives shared that Self-Determination Manager, Joe Hernandez, has provided orientation certificates to 285 additional individuals across the State. The orientation is a general, two-hour presentation. Persons can take the regional center orientation or the one offered through the State Council. Mary Ellen noted that many people are still unaware of the SDP and perhaps the regional center Service Coordinators can play a more significant role. There seems to be a need for more 'go-to' people to provide information and a model of support.
5. San Diego Regional Center Report: Katie Dempsey shared the following information:
 - a. Current enrollment: 180 people enrolled in self-determination. Trend seems to be about 10 new enrollments a month. SDRC orientations continue 2 x / month, part 1 is online and part 2 is

an open session to learn how to navigate the system. Part 2 is optional for persons who take the State Council orientation.

- b. Spending Plan Review Process: This has been a common question. Katie shared a flow chart that showed the process.
- c. Updates on new DDS Directives: Katie shared that now through the end of January 2023, there will be no changes to reimbursement for PCP/IFs, after 2023, IF will be included with general transition supports. Person Centered Plans will be paid \$1000. Individuals can then access up to 40 hours of transition supports. With those 40 hours, individuals can access general SDP transition supports and FMS transition supports. 40-hour rate is set by DDS, available on the DDS website (San Diego is \$50.48). The client will determine how the 40 hours will be allocated. Links were put into the chat. Families and individuals are determining what service is more necessary for their needs. The new directive breaks down roles and responsibilities for transition supports between PCP, IF and FMS. If you are interested in doing this kind of work, there is training available for IF by the Guidelight Group, because there is indeed a lot of information to disseminate. FMS fees will now be paid for outside of an individual's budget. If you have a current plan, you can reallocate your funds to another self-determination service. The SDP team is working on the retro plans for current participants.
- d. Social Recreation Requests as related to SDP: Zach Guzik Manager of Client Services for Children and Transition Age Youth joined the meeting to share info on social recreation requests. Social Rec review team reviews all and make sure they match up with POS Standards (which are available on the SDRC website). To get these into SDP budgets, the review process is the same, meeting the same criteria. Social Rec is typically time limited. The SDP Team can work with the Social Rec Team when social rec issues are brought forward.

6. Implementation Funds Spending Plan

- a. Self-Determination Conference 2022: Planning continues for the November 4 & 5 conference at Park and Market. Save the Date postcard should be mailed this week. Survey was sent out for community input. Interested persons are invited to provide input and ideas. Link is in the chat <https://forms.gle/PdUNqskXDS4onSki9>
- b. Self-Determination Facebook Group: Facebook group is currently active. Membership is at 30 individuals. Join us to share information and resources. Link is in the chat: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/selfdeterminationsandiegoimperial>
- c. Self-Advocacy Conference will feature the 'self-determination' experience on Friday August 26th, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Outside the Lens will be offering photo / video booths for self-advocates to record and share their ideas on what self-determination and self-advocacy means

to them. Other opportunities to learn about self-determination are being planned by the SDP Team.

- d. First of hopefully many future Power Hours will begin next Tuesday with a presentation by the new Ombudsperson for the Self-Determination Program, Suzy Requarth. Next presentation is being planned for September 27th. Feel free to share ideas on topics that would be helpful. Link to next Tuesday's presentation is in the chat:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpf--oqTktG9DEEH30Xqtf3OoPLE1hSYk0>

7. LAC Membership: Process is completing an application on the website. We are still looking for broad representation. Kyle Jones notes that HGH has a strong presence in Imperial Valley and offers HGH to assist in facilitating connections with IV. Mary Ellen Stives will also do an outreach to persons in the Valley.
8. LAC Implementation Funds Plan: Joyce referred to the original plan and noted several aspects reflects current needs, some objectives have already been implemented. Collaborative workgroups could continue to be worked on and expanded. In person networking and mingling could be reinstated. A workgroup could be established to review and the update the plan. Putting together simpler fact sheets that we could disseminate to participants and families could be a consideration. Technical assistance and guidance will be helpful in easily understandable guides. Overall, Joyce recommends revisiting the initial plan and developing tangible goals and activities with milestones.
9. Future Agenda Items:
- Invite Mark Klaus, SDRC Exec. Director to participate/attend an SDLAC meeting. Joyce will reach out to Katie to discuss what we would like Mark to present and consider October meeting as potential date which would coincide with a presentation of SDLAC goals and activities for the year.
 - October meeting to share goals and plans with the community and gather public input.
10. Date(s) of next meeting(s): September 15th @ 5:30 p.m. (virtual)
11. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich

Department of Developmental Services
Self-Directed Support Services (Service Code 099)

Effective August 1, 2022

Regional Center	Rate per Billable Hour
Alta California	\$49.89
Central Valley	\$49.89
East Bay	\$56.49
Eastern Los Angeles	\$49.24
Far Northern	\$49.89
Frank D. Lanterman	\$49.24
Golden Gate	\$55.17
Harbor	\$50.48
Inland	\$49.89
Kern	\$49.89
North Bay	\$50.48
North Los Angeles County	\$50.48
Orange County	\$50.48
Redwood Coast	\$49.89
San Andreas	\$56.49
San Diego	\$50.48
San Gabriel/Pomona	\$50.48
South Central Los Angeles	\$49.24
Tri-Counties	\$51.91
Valley Mountain	\$49.89
Westside	\$49.24

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DATE: JULY 27, 2022

TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM (SDP): REGIONAL CENTER
PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR SDP
PARTICIPANTS

Developmental Services Trailer Bill SB 188 (Chapter 49, Statutes of 2022) amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 4685.8(c)(1), removing the requirement that the cost of financial management services (FMS) be paid by the participant out of the participant's individual budget. This statutory change, effective July 1, 2022, supersedes the Department's COVID-19 Directive 01-111920, which waived the requirement that SDP participants pay for the cost of their FMS provider during the State of Emergency. Effective July 1, 2022, the cost of the FMS provider will be paid by the regional center outside of the participant's individual budget.

In implementing this change, regional centers should do the following:

- Authorize the cost of the FMS provider separate from the individual budget and spending plan.
- Work with SDP participants to timely explore needed adjustments to their spending plan to reflect where the repurposed FMS fees may be used.

“Building Partnerships, Supporting Choices”

Regional Center Executive Directors
July 27, 2022
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Consumers, family members, or providers should contact their local regional center with questions regarding this program directive.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Deputy Director
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cc: Regional Center Administrators
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