

**Members in Attendance:**

Tracey Flourie (FA), Horacio Correa, Jr. (FA), Joyce Clark (SA), Reba Subra (FA), My Dinh (FA), Bertha Taylor (A)

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, Suzy Requarth, SDRC, Katie Dempsey, SDRC

**Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Chris Lubinski (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Kim Rucker (SA),

This meeting was conducted in person, and by Zoom video conferencing.  
Meeting called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:05 a.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions. Joyce announced that Suzy Requarth is moving on to the Ombudsperson for the self-determination program at the state level. Joyce welcomed Katie Dempsey as the new Self-Determination Program Manager. This is now a dedicated position.
2. Public Input.
  - a) Meleia and Megan Christian: Question related to implementation of new grant funded projects. Sonni Charness from Guidelight Group provided an update on the Independent Facilitator Training project. Details on the program are on the Guidelight website. Applications will be available soon. Summer session starts July 7<sup>th</sup>. A second session will start in October. (guidelightgroup.org/sandiego)
  - b) Carla Walendowsky: Question about increasing budget for unmet needs, particular for social / recreation. Regional Centers are now able to fund those services. An internal group at the SDRC is meeting to evaluate requests for funding. What is needed is a specific information on the social / recreation activity. Reach out to the SDP if you need assistance.
3. Motion to approve minutes of April 29, 2022. First: Tracey Flourie, Second: Horacio. No discussion. One abstention from Bertha Taylor. Motion carried.
4. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Updates: The Statewide Council Statewide Advisory Board meeting is coming up on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Details of this virtual meeting will be forthcoming. Orientations to self-determination offered by the State Council should be starting soon. People can still do the orientations on the SDRC website. It will be required that people do one orientation (either by the regional center or the state council).
5. San Diego Regional Center Report:
  - a. Current enrollment: Numbers are continuing to skyrocket, as of July 1, over 150 people enrolled. Participant Choice Specialist positions are full, total of 4 on the team.
  - b. Updates on internal procedures: Suzy gave an update on the Social / Recreation services at SDRC (see #2b above). Internal case management procedures have been solidified. New instructional materials have been created and disseminated. Trainings on SDP have been occurring in all of the regional offices. Rather than having specific service coordinators designated

for SDP, all service coordinators will be taking on this as part of their role supported by the Participant Choice Specialists. Specific guidance will be forthcoming on how rate increases are impacting self-determination budgets. A question was asked how the Participant Choice Specialist helps service coordinators. Consultation appointments are available throughout the week for Service Coordinators.

6. Implementation Funds Spending Plan

- a. Self-Determination Conference 2022: Dates are confirmed for November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, location is UC San Diego's new facility in downtown San Diego, Park & Market. Park & Market is a modern, mixed used building located on a full city block. Schedule for the conference is being developed. It is open to parents, providers, and participants. Networking opportunities will be offered on both days. Save the date flyer will go out soon.
- b. Self-Determination San Diego Local Advisory Committee Facebook Group: A new Facebook group is ready to launch. The group offers the opportunity people involved in the self-determination program in San Diego and Imperial Counties to connect, share information and resources, learn best practices, and hear success stories. Information on the group is attached for committee members and a flyer advertising the group is also attached and can be shared with your networks.
- c. Self-Advocacy Conference will feature the 'self-determination' experience on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Opportunities to learn about self-determination will be offered in four areas: This is My Story, Person Centered Planning, Ask a Self-Advocate, Spending Plan.

7. New Members introduced themselves: My Dinh, is the mother of a son who is a regional center client. My is a physician with a health clinic. Reva Subra is the mother of a son who is a regional center client. She runs a nonprofit called Mission to Help. The LAC is still looking for membership from Imperial County.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Meet ups: to connect face to face or hybrid; parents helping parent.
- b. Conference planning – if you want to join in and help contact David for information ([dpdraz@gmail.com](mailto:dpdraz@gmail.com))
- c. There was a question regarding a Directory of Vendors for self-determination. This would be helpful to work with vendors who are familiar. SDRC doesn't keep a list of non-vendored service providers. The Participant Choice Specialists are available to share information on the payment and billing process works for any providers. It would be helpful to have a guide available to potential new vendors on the billing and payment processes.

9. Date(s) of next meeting(s): July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 p.m., August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich