

**Members in Attendance:**

In Person: Joyce Clark (FA)  
Zoom: Chris Lubinski (FA), Tracy Flourie (FA)

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

In Person: Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, Rob Grijalva, SDRC

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

Kim Rucker (on leave), Tania Schloss (on leave), Alexandria Acosta (CRA), My Dinh (FA), Bertha Taylor (A), Reva Subra (FA), Horacio Correa (FA).

This meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by Joyce Clark at 5:34 p.m.

1. Members introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.  
The chair provided guidance for LVAC meeting facilitation structure and processes. The new directive states members do not need to participate from the physical meeting location and any or all members may participate remotely. The option of participating through remote technology is encouraged to be available at all meetings. The directive continues to encourage public input, agendas, hybrid options. The chair requested input from members and the community. Attendees reported the flexibility for remote meeting attendance was helpful, reduces barriers, and allows for increased attendance and participation. The new directive expires October 31, 2023 and can be found: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Self-Determination-Program-Meetings-of-the-Local-Volunteer-Advisory-Committee.pdf>.
2. Public Input: None
3. Approval of minutes. Due to lack of a quorum, approval of July minutes is postponed until the September meeting.
4. Statewide Advisory Board Updates:  
The Chair discussed an initiative to gather SDP data from the local regional centers across the state. The purpose for this request is to review enrollment, timelines, ethnicity, and processes that would help identify barriers and assist LACs to fulfill their advisory roles and responsibilities, make recommendations, and guide best practices. The Chair acknowledged the intensive time commitment for staff given it would mean a manual count at this time and that this is a request and not a mandate. Gabriella Ohmstede, Director of Client Services, expressed that the data request should be directed to DDS and changes to SANDIS are

pending which will capture additional data points. Currently DDS is only collecting data on the initial rollout enrollees. SDRC is in the process of developing a manual count method which would include additional data points in preparation for the upgrade to SANDIS. In the meantime, SDRC will provide the data that they can capture to support the LAC request. Tentative next statewide meeting is December 10, 2023.

The SCDD Statewide Committee is collecting promising practices relevant to SDP with the intention to publish online practices on the SCDD website. The chair received an email from a community member acknowledging exemplary practices/services provided by an FMS. The community member (Pam Kerr) was present and provided more content. The chair suggested that the LAC may want to consider establishing a subcommittee to further discuss promising practices. Chris Lubinski, LAC member, will reach out to Community Interface (FMS) to assess interest. Mary Ellen Stives volunteered to participate if the committee materializes. The Chair will follow up with the community members to get more information.

5. San Diego Regional Center Report:
  - a. Total current enrollment as of August 1 is 342, an increase of 16 since July 1.
  - b. Regional graph of SDP participants was shared (attached).
  - c. Unit 47 (SDP) staff have been hired and will be transitioning to their new roles once their current positions are filled. Target date is 10/1/23.
6. Implementation Funds / Expenditure Plan Update:
  - a. Self-Determination Conference: Conference title: Self-Determination in Action. Save the Date flyer attached. Conference date is November 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Sub Committee is working on workshops and content. Adjoin / Path-Now will develop and oversee the community resource area. Committee and community members are invited to share content suggestions.
  - c. Guidelight Group's next Independent Facilitator training is scheduled to being September 7<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships are available and applications are due August 24<sup>th</sup>. Interested persons from Imperial Valley are encouraged to apply
7. Date(s) of next meeting(s):
  - September 21st @ 10 a.m.
  - In person location TBD.
8. Agenda Items for next meeting: Gabriella Ohmstede/SDP team will provide an update on the SDP Unit and outcomes from the strategic planning meeting scheduled for the end of August.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm



Local Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2023  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich / ak / jc