

**Members in Attendance:**

In Person:

Zoom: Joyce Clark (FA), Chris Lubinski (FA), Tracey Flourie (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Tracie Flourie (FA), Horacio Correa (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) (on leave), Reva Subra (FA).

This meeting was conducted in person and via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:02 a.m.

1. Members introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.  
Joyce welcomed members and guests and reviewed the purpose of the LAC and discussed protocol for public input. She encouraged those that need additional support to contact [sdp@sdrc.org](mailto:sdp@sdrc.org). Committee and ex-officio members introduced themselves. The SDP Team introduced themselves as well as did Gabriella Ohmstede and Edwin Pineda.
2. Public Input:
  - a. Paul Mansell: Expressed his excitement over starting year 5 and the ability to purchase a new computer. He also reminded individuals he is available as a IF and a coach.
  - b. Christiana Brown: DVU, shared info on upcoming virtual conference. Registration is open now. <https://disabilityvoicesunited.org/our-future-our-fight/>
  - c. Pam Kerr: Following up on FMS best practices and mentioned that she has some best practices she'd like to share with the committee.
  - d. Jane Sakurai mentioned new training available through the Autism Society of Los Angeles, link to the training is here: <https://www.autismla.org/1/ifmentortraining/>
3. Approval of minutes
  - a) July 2023: Motion by Debra Jorgensen seconded by Chris Lubinski to approve the minutes of the July 2023 meeting. Motion carried.
  - b) August 2023: Motion by Chris Lubinski seconded by Horacio Correa to approve the minutes of the August 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Statewide Advisory Board Updates: Joyce identified the date of the next Statewide Advisory Board meeting, September 28 @ 10 a.m. Link to the meeting is here: <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/>. The committee has continued to discuss those issues that are impacting individuals and families and the system of supports. Mary Ellen Stives reported that the State Council will no longer be doing SDP orientations.
  
5. San Diego Regional Center Report:
  - a. Current enrollment data. 378 SDP participants.
  - b. Update on new SDP unit. Unit 47, 30% of SDP participants are in the unit as of now. Remaining cases are in process of transferring over. Currently there are 4 SC's, two are starting in October and will be addressing timelines for case transfers.
  - c. SDP strategic planning team meeting brought all the U47 SC's and PCS team together with Business Services and Community Services to learn more about what each group specializes in and how they would be best supported by each other. The group participated in an activity to specify where each specialty in the SDP team would play their part of the SDP pre-enrollment process and who each specialty can go to for questions and support. A new SDP team charter will be added to the SDP website soon.
  - d. 099 Independent Facilitators: There are currently 10 and are posted on the website. PCP providers are also posted on the webpage.
  - e. Imperial Valley now has 2 IFs, and 5 SDP cases, 14 are in initial enrollment.
  - f. Gabby Ohmstede, Director of Client Services: ARCA Directors meeting was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. ARCA data as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 3050 clients enrolled statewide, 69% of those individuals are enrolled in the waiver. Budget data – the average expenditures (actually billed for and paid out) per client across the state in traditional services is \$64,000 / year, the average in SD is \$80,000 / year. SD budgets are about 23% higher than traditional services. This discrepancy could be an issue moving forward. Debra asked about the differences in authorization amounts, because it may be the authorizations for traditional are not expended as to the same extent as self-determination. Joyce wondered about capacity in the SDP Unit, Gabby anticipates that unit will be growing and potentially another unit will be added.
  - g. Update on EVV (Electronic Visit Verification): Jennifer Parsons and Katie Dempsey would like to offer in person or virtual training to the local community on EVV. They want to make sure people understand what it is, what the codes are, what supports people might need. Training would be approximately 30 - 40 minutes with plenty of time for questions. Most likely the training will occur in January. DDS has a page dedicated to EVV with FAQs. Questions can be submitted there as well.
  
6. Implementation Funds / Expenditure Plan Update:
  - a. Joyce mentioned that Guidelight Group's proposal needed some modifications. The goal continues to be increased capacity for Independent Facilitators. One cohort is occurring now, and one is scheduled for February, with a special focus on Imperial Valley.

- b. Self-Determination Conference: Conference title: Self-Determination in Action. Registration is open. Overall details of the conference were shared with committee.  
Reg Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-determination-in-action-registration-693334912387>
  - c. Sub Committee continues to work on workshops and content. Adjoin / Path-Now will develop and oversee the community resource area.
  - d. Imperial Valley Conference options: Joyce discussed the option of doing a networking and community building event in IV.
  - e. In person / virtual trainings and networking options: Joyce discussed ideas for Power Hours and meet and greets. The meet and greets can occur regionally perhaps starting in the South Bay to reach monolingual families. Mary Ellen suggested looking to where enrollment is lowest, perhaps even targeting residential providers. Debra asked how we are collecting data on the needs of the community – which may be the step needed before determining training and locations. Joyce mentioned that we will be having a workshop at the conference specifically on where people are getting stuck which could be helpful in identifying topics and needs. Gabby mentioned that there was a 78-page report on the SDP which included many recommendations. (Click [HERE](#) to access the report.) School District outreach and Transition program outreach in North San Diego County as well as with Tribal Communities would also be effective.
  - f. Joyce discussed a project she is working on with the Department of Rehabilitation related to moving individuals earning subminimum wage jobs to customized employment. Intensive customized employment will be a major focus of this service along with job skills training at the Community College level.
7. Date(s) of next meeting(s):
- October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.
  - In person location TBD.
8. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich