

**Members in Attendance:**

Tracey Flourie (FA), Horacio Correa, Jr. (FA), Joyce Clark (FA), Chris Lubinski (FA), Tania Schloss, Clients Rights Advocate, Debra Jorgensen (A), My Dinh (FA)

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, Katie Dempsey, SDRC

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

Kim Rucker (SA), Bertha Taylor (A), Reva Subra (FA)

This meeting was conducted by Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting called to order by Joyce Clark at 5:33 p.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions. Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the purpose of the LAC. LAC Members and SDRC SDP staff introduced themselves. The agenda was available in the chat feature.
2. Public Input. Joab Gonzalez introduced himself from the Regional Center in Imperial County and expressed his support of the LAC and the SDP.
3. Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2022 was made by Chris Lubinski, seconded by Debra Jorgensen. All approved. Motion to approve minutes of the August 18, 2022 made by Chris Lubinski, seconded by Traci Flourie. All approved.
4. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Updates. Joyce Clark reported that the Statewide meeting is possibly occurring in November but a date has not yet been announced. The subgroups are meeting. Barriers continue to be system issues, FMS issues, spending plan payments, disparity issues and some of the issues related to PCP / IF payments. Joyce noted that as an LAC, we are looking for representation from Imperial County and self-advocates. Mary Ellen reported that Joel Hernandez is leaving the State Council. Joel was instrumental in providing SDP orientation to a large number of individuals.
5. San Diego Regional Center Report: Katie Dempsey shared the following information:
  - a. Current enrollment: Total of enrollment of 186.
  - b. Training and Community Events: Two orientations per month are offered, Part 1 and Part 2. SDP Team presented at the People First Conference. The SDP Team is attending resources

- fairs and doing trainings. There are a lot of requests from school districts coming in for presentations. Katie indicated the team is interested in doing more community outreach. Katie noted that there isn't a streamlined process or procedure to track current demographic or outcome data. Disenrollment information is available – 6 have disenrolled, 3 have left the state.
- c. Katie noted that for social recreation requests the earlier the request is made better is best. The SDP Team could address issues specifically related to individuals in SD.
  - d. New FMS Directive: Katie provided updates on the new DDS directive for FMS providers recently released and effective October 1, 2022.
6. Implementation Funds Spending Plan
- a. Self-Determination Experience at the Self-Advocacy Conference was very successful. Video and photo storytelling by Out the Lens / Media Makers, and Spending Plan Creation game by the Self-Determination Team from SDRC.
  - b. Self-Determination Conference 2022: Planning continues for the November 4 & 5 conference at Park and Market. Save the Date postcard should have been mailed and registration should be live tomorrow. Cost for each day is \$20. Individuals can register for either day or both days. We think it's going to be an exciting, fun, and informative couple of days. We hope to have as much involvement of the self-determination community as possible, so we will be reaching out in the next week with more information on how to get involved as a presenter. Stay tuned!
  - c. Self-Determination Facebook Group: Facebook group is currently active. Membership is growing, we are now at 38 members. Join us to share information and resources. Link is in the chat: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/selfdeterminationsandiegoimperial>
  - d. Our First Power Hour was held Tuesday in August with the Ombudsperson for the Self-Determination Program, Suzy Requarth – about 100 people attended. Next presentation is being planned for September 20<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to feature the Participant Choice Specialists for this hour. As always, feel free to share ideas on topics that would be helpful. Link to next Tuesday's presentation is in the chat. Joyce suggested a power hour on how to educate parents on how to pay for services through FMS. "Image the possibilities" is another suggestion.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctfuGorjMjE9wCr9wZwAoE2e1PEKAlCitp>
  - e. Groundmaking Productions is starting filming for the mini-documentary. The video will be shown for the first time at the Self-Determination Experience conference.
  - f. An updated Community Outreach Plan has been drafted and will be attached to the minutes for input from the LAC. In October we will be looking for community input.
7. LAC Project Updates:
- a. Self-Start: Molly Kennedy shared an update. Curriculum is developed for providing additional support to individuals newly enrolled in self-determination. First cohort was held in August, 25 enrolled, 9 actively participated. Evaluations have been sent and been

received. A report will be sent soon. Molly would like to do a plain language newsletter on DDS directives. One on one coaching calls are another part of the project. The cohort in August is eligible for coaching calls in September. Training in Spanish will be done in December or January.

- b. Guidelight Group: Debra Jorgensen shared on the success of her project. Guidelight provides scholarship support to individuals interested in the training to become an Independent Facilitator. All 8 members of the original cohort have completed the first in-depth course. They are required to provide service to at least 2 participants in San Diego / Imperial. A very diverse group participated. The fall cohort will start in October. Over 20 applications were received for 12 spots. Again, the cohort includes individuals with diverse cultural backgrounds.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- Mark Klaus will be invited for the October meeting.
- October meeting to share Community Action Plan with the community and gather public input.

9. Meeting Schedule / Date(s) of next meeting(s):

October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich

Attachment:

Draft: Community Outreach Plan



**Goal:**

Contribute to the ongoing development of a vibrant Self-Determination Program (SDP) network and strengthen the resources available to SDP participants.

Objective	Actions, Time Frame, Parties Responsible	Outcome
<p><b>Maintain consistent communication with current &amp; future SDP participants to ensure access to information and resources.</b></p>	<p>1. Offer the Self-Determination Experience at the San Diego People First Conference. (August: LAC, SDRC)</p>	<p>Completed August 26, 2022 - SDP Team and San Diego Media Makers;</p>
	<p>2. Offer a two-day conference for individuals interested in or already enrolled in SDP. (November: LAC, SDRC)</p>	<p>Scheduled for November 4 &amp; 5.</p>
	<p>3. Provide monthly virtual “Power Hours” to disseminate information on various topics. (August – June: LAC)</p>	<p>1: August 23 (Ombudsperson) 2: September 20<sup>th</sup> (Participant Choice Spec.)</p>
	<p>4. Create a Facebook Group for SD / Imperial and keep updated with relevant information, resources, and how-to guides. (Ongoing: LAC)</p>	<p>Implemented July 1.</p>
	<p>5. Conduct targeted outreach to Imperial Valley and other communities (e.g. cultural, language, geographic, placement) to ensure equitable access to information and resources. (Ongoing: LAC, SDRC)</p>	
	<p>6. Maintain updated information and resources on the SDP webpage of the SDRC website. (Ongoing: SDRC)</p>	
	<p>7. Review successes of funded project to coach new SDP Participants. (July – Ongoing; SDRC, LAC)</p>	

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<p><b>Build community capacity through outreach, training, and education to <i>current and potential providers</i> of SDP services.</b></p>	<p>1. Provide information and resources for current and potential providers on the SDRC website and LAC Facebook page. (Ongoing: LAC, SDRC)</p>	
	<p>2. Offer education and training for current and potential providers at Self-Determination Conference and throughout the year. (November, Ongoing: LAC, SDRC)</p>	
	<p>3. Support the development of provider networks (virtual and in person) in order to share information and resources. (January – June: LAC, SDRC).</p>	
	<p>4. Develop and maintain a directory of SDP Providers, vendored and non-vendored services. (October – June: LAC).</p>	
	<p>5. Review successes of funded project to train / educate new Independent Facilitators, including self-advocate providers. (July – Ongoing; SDRC, LAC)</p>	
<p><b>Increase awareness of the benefits of SDP in the community.</b></p>	<p>1. Produce one longer form documentary style feature on the SDP program in San Diego / Imperial Counties. (July – November: LAC, SDRC).</p>	<p>Contracted with Groundmaking Productions; (July) Talent identified (September)</p>
	<p>2. Develop print materials highlighting participants involved in SDP. (November – June: LAC, SDRC)</p>	
	<p>3. Produce short video testimonials on SDP participants. (January – June: LAC, SDRC)</p>	
<p><b>Evaluate the effectiveness of outreach efforts.</b></p>	<p>1. Collect data and provide regular (monthly) updates to the LAC on:                      a. <i>success in meeting objectives</i>                      b. <i>key metrics (demographic breakdown of persons enrolled: age, gender, geographic location, ethnicity, living situation; percent of persons remaining enrolled 1 year or more; number and type of service providers)</i>                      c. <i>barriers</i></p>	
	<p>2. Develop and disseminate a Participant Satisfaction Survey. (April – May: LAC)</p>	