

Members in Attendance:

Tracey Flourie (FA), Joyce Clark (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Tania Schloss (OCRA), Megan Christian (SA)

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

David Webb-Rex, SDRC

Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Horacio Correa (FA), Carine Jaron (FA), Valerie Crisci (SA), Bertha Taylor

This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:0.

Quorum established.

1. Welcome & Introductions: Joyce welcomed attendees and reviewed the purpose of the meeting and the agenda. The committee members introduced themselves as did the SDRC SDP team.
2. Public Input: None. A question was asked regarding resources for person centered planning. David Webb-Rex noted that there is a [list of providers](#) on the SDRC website and noted that this is funded up to \$1000. There is also funding available. Funding is also available for pre-enrollment supports. Joyce shared that there are resources available at the [SCDD website](#). David also noted that anyone can reach out to the sdp@sdrc.org email address. Kasey shared that she is very proud of the work the community of providers and individuals are doing here in San Diego / Imperial. Gabby Ohmsted shared that the work done in San Diego / Imperial Counties is noted and appreciated.
3. Approval of minutes: Motion by Debra Jorgensen to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Tracie Flourie. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. Statewide Advisory Board: There will be a townhall meeting in early December. Last meeting was centered on barriers, so this townhall meeting will be revamped to address any of the new DDS initiatives. Information on the meeting will be on the State Council website: www.scdd.ca.gov. Joyce noted that members identified that regional centers with dedicated SDP teams seem to be doing well. Regional Center staff training was highlighted as a way to help all regional centers thrive with self-determination. The testimonials on the SDRC website and the dedicated page were noted as a promising practice.
5. SDP Ombudsperson: She was not able to attend today but will attend the December meeting. Joyce asked if she would provide some general data on where people's concerns and issues are, particularly at a local level.
6. San Diego Regional Center Report:
 - a. Current enrollment data: On November 1 SDRC is serving 711 in San Diego / Imperial Counties.
 - b. SDP Administrative Unit restructuring: Two self-determination units for dedicated support and ongoing case management. With the growth in the program, each new unit has some veteran service coordinators and staff in addition to new.
 - c. Additional Recruitment of SDP Service Coordinators in North County: Continuing to recruit new service coordinators. New enrollment is currently outpacing recruitment of new service coordinators.
 - d. In-person events held in Imperial Valley: Priority to continue to do outreach to Imperial County. A recent event had 15 registrants, and 5 people completed the orientation and indicated that they are interested in moving forward with SDP.

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- e. Zip code data: David W-R shared current information on physical location where participants live, his presentation slides are attached to these minutes.
 - f. Gabby Ohmsted shared that interregional center agreements have been reached, if participants in SDP move, all regional centers agreed that in some cases, particularly mid-fiscal year transfers, they will share responsibilities, (i.e. the sending regional center will hold the case until the new fiscal year begins; the new / local regional center will be responsible for case management). Agreements on sharing documents have also been established for participants who move who are in the process of enrolling in SDP.
7. Implementation Funds:
- a. Fiscal Update: Gwen Knoll shared updates that she is working with Business Services department to get accurate numbers. This is still an ongoing process. She hopes to have final numbers at the next meeting.
 - b. Next Power Hour: Taleen Khatchadourian will be doing a presentation on Person Centered Planning.
 - c. Plain Language Info (Subcommittee): First meeting was held yesterday. We identified that the first step is to look at the current resources and information at the level of interest in self-determination and seeing what needs to be adapted, changed, and redesigned.
 - d. SDP Conference (Subcommittee): We had our first meeting on October 28th. We discussed the following:
 - **Target Audience:** The conference aims to attract individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, self-advocates, and those interested in learning about the Self Determination Program. In addition to reaching out to current enrollees, enhanced outreach will specifically target individuals/families who are new or unfamiliar with the SDP, including diverse and/or underserved populations.
 - **Content Focus:** The meeting emphasized showcasing success stories, addressing challenges faced by users (both new and established), looking at novel ways to implement or look at your plan, and improving the understanding of self-determination.
 - **Action-Oriented Approach:** The conference should provide actionable steps and practical strategies for participants.
 - **Multiple Tracks:** The conference will likely include separate tracks for providers, families, and self-advocates, potentially with content available in multiple languages (including Spanish).
 - **Addressing Barriers:** Discussions centered around overcoming language barriers, dispelling misconceptions about self-determination, and ensuring accessibility for all participants.
 - **Diversity and Inclusion:** The conference organizers are focused on increasing diversity among attendees and presenters, reaching underserved populations and communities.
 - **Potential Dates:** March 12 or March 14, 2025 were considered
8. Other: Gwen shared that she is working with two new FMS vendors who should be finalized within the next month. Tania Schloss asked about the number of FMS vendors, Gwen indicated that a comprehensive list was maintained on the DDS website.
9. Future agenda items:
- a. Debra Jorgensen suggested that we should continue to bring forward any of the challenges we have as a provider community.
 - b. Information on Social-Rec, how it works, how it's funded;
 - c. Townhall or listening session on the data, particularly reaching out to underserved populations;
 - d. Connecting new persons to Independent Facilitators, what does that look like and how can we make that connection happen. Joyce suggested we create a living document where we can keep track of issues that are presented



e. Joyce discussed scheduling a planning retreat for the LAC members.

10. Date(s) of next meeting(s): December 5th @ 5 p.m.; January 2 @ 10 a.m.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich