

**North Los Angeles County Regional Center  
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting  
Meeting Notes**

**October 15, 2020 Via ZOOM**

**Present:** Sandra Baker, Victoria Berrey, Christina Cannarella, Richard Dier, Jordan Feinstock, Jon Francis, Michelle Heid, Ellen Jannol, Rachel Leach, Lori Walker —Committee Members

**Absent:** Cheryl Hendrickson

Jesse Weller, Silvia Haro, Vilma Ruvalcaba, Liz Chavez —NLACRC staff  
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Guests:** Olivia Gonzalez, Terrasel Jones, Richard Esquivel, Claudia Wenger, Joe Hernandez, Tamra Pauly, Jacqueline Gaytan, Alma Morales, Cindy Barry, Katie Ramirez, Lori Shepard, Diane Bernstein

**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Jon Francis, Chair, at 7:02p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Input**

Cindy Barry shared that she is still trying to get off the ground with SDP for her child’s person centered plan. It has taken a long time to get her budget but just recently got it. Her son is on the HCBA waiver and it has been hard to find a FMS that will agree to take on their case because they cannot bill Medi-Cal for her son’s medical needs. Terrasel from GT said that their agency is willing to work with families on the HCBA waiver. Victoria Berrey shared that the Family Focus Resource Center is having a PPE distribution on Saturday, Oct 17 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Tamra Pauly said that there is still a delay in getting certified budgets.

**3. Consent Items**

*a.* Approval of Agenda

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M/S/A. (Feinstock, Jannol). Approved.

<b>Baker</b>	Yes	<b>Hendrickson</b>	Absent
<b>Berrey</b>	Yes	<b>Jannol</b>	Yes
<b>Dier</b>	Yes	<b>Cannarella</b>	Yes
<b>Feinstock</b>	Yes	<b>Leach</b>	Yes
<b>Francis</b>	Yes	<b>Walker</b>	Yes
<b>Heid</b>	Yes		

*b.* Approval of September Meeting minutes.

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<b>Francis</b>	Yes	<b>Walker</b>	Yes
<b>Heid</b>	Absent		

4. **Committee Reports**

a. **Chair’s Report**— Jon shared a letter from the SSDAC to ensure that all participants have had orientation and that a member of the Committee attends the Orientation. We are also supposed to approve the scope of work (SOW) for a consultants hired by the SSCD. He also reported that there will not likely be a statewide meeting this year. There is a subcommittee of 7 Chairs working on best practices, analyzing why participants withdrew, implementing benchmarks and simplifying the Orientation.

b. **Board Report**

Christina reported that there were no Board actions related to SDP at the October Board of Directors meeting.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**

a. DDS Implementation Update – Silvia Haro

- i. DDS Implementation Funding update-no news since last month.
- ii. SDP Newsletter & DDS directives

b. NLACRC Implementation update

- i. NLACRC Communication procedures- The newsletter went out participants and will continue to go out every other month. Silvia introduced Vilma who is the new bilingual SDP Specialist in the Antelope Valley office. However, Debbie Rombeau is leaving the SCV position to be a supervisor in AV.
- ii. NLACRC Orientation meetings for new participants – Orientations are scheduled in October in both English and Spanish. Informational meetings have been well attended.

iii. NLACRC Data Update

Participants SDP eligible	161
Participants deciding not to continue	72
Participants completing orientation not to continue)	145 (33 attended and decided
Participants who need to complete orientation	15
Number of budgets certified	15
Number of budgets in certification process	35
Number of spending plans approved	12
Number of spending plans in progress	2
Number of Person Centered Plans completed	43
Number of active SDP participants	12

DDS allowed a sibling of a participant to be added to SDP. Richard asked why it seems to be difficult for people doing PCPs to be paid, and why budgets take a long time to be certified.

6. **Participant Successes and Challenges** – Tamra Pauly, who is an independent facilitator, gave praise to Silvia for trying to clear backlogs and move people forward. Having said that, she still has 4 clients whose budgets are not certified because they are sitting in the accounting department. Jon wondered if some of the implementation funds could be directed to Accounting to help get through the bottlenecks. Richard Dier shared that his son’s program is quite complicated. He moved to sole employer model and it is working. He wonders what the 2<sup>nd</sup> year budget will look like. Sandra Baker reported that she is having trouble with the ILS vendor projecting a budget for SDP because the vendor doesn’t understand SDP. Lori Shepard said that there are few vendors that understand SDP.

7. **Committee Business**

- a. Funding to support implementation of SDP – we would like to get the coaching program started. Dr. Weller likes the idea of an RFP process (request for proposal). We have funding for a two year program. The Committee can establish the rates and then we can issue an RFP. Dr. Weller and Silvia will contact the other RCs that have done this to get an idea of what they included in their RFP. We discussed a special meeting in November prior to our Committee meeting to review different models.
- b. Update on Self Determination Resource Fair – Jon reported that the fair will be on Nov 1 from 11am-1pm. It will be held on Zoom. Providing Spanish translation was discussed.
- c. Committee Recruitment – NLACRC is developing a recruitment letter.
- d. Agenda planning-coaching plan, review of Resource Fair. Review delays in implementing SDP including timely payment to IFs, should we have a December meeting. Cathy Gott offered to do a presentation to the Committee – 10 min.

8. **Public Input & Comments**— none

9. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

**Next Meeting: November 19 via Zoom**