

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

**February 20, 2020
Lancaster**

Present: Sandra Baker, Victoria Berrey, Richard Dier, Jon Francis, Cheryl Hendrickson, Jordan Feinstock, Michelle Heid, Bebo Saab, Lori Walker —Committee Members

Jesse Weller, Sheila Calove, Liz Chavez —NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Diane Bernstein, Ken Curry, Sayde Toledo, Jessica Rosales, Gabriella Eshrad, Terra Jones

Absent: Ellen Jannol, Lillian Martinez, Roxana Topete

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jon Francis, acting Chair, at 7:05p.m. in the Lancaster office. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. Bebo Saab was in attendance in place of Roxana Topete.

2. Public Input

Ms. Toledo discussed her son and his services. He has some ILS and IHSS hours. She described her son’s recent hospitalization. She said that she learned about SDP in January and wants to learn more. Dr. Weller will follow up with her about the situation.

Terra with GT said they have their first client ready to go live on March 1. She said the budget meeting with NLACRC staff went well and they were well prepared.

3. Consent Items

a. Approval of Agenda

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M/S/A. (Heid, Hendrickson). Approved.

Baker	Yes	Hendrickson	Yes
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Dier	Yes	Martinez	Absent
Feinstock	Yes	Topete/Saab	Abstain
Francis	Yes	Walker	Yes
Heid	Yes		

b. Approval of January Meeting minutes

Approval of Minutes

M/S/A. (Heid, Dier). Approved with the comments that she received some comments via email but felt that the minutes were consistent with Board actions.

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Dier	Yes	Martinez	Absent

Feinstock	Yes	Topete/Saab	Abstain
Francis	Yes	Walker	Yes
Heid	Yes		

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Chair's Report**— Michelle described the SSDAC meeting on February 10 in Sacramento. The SSDAC will meet 3 times in 2020, next time June 9 in Orange County. It is open to the public. She was tasked with bringing a couple of topics up to the Committee
- i. Difficulty in obtaining FMS services for people with complex medical needs. DDS is aware of the issue and has been working with individuals who have this issue. She is going to give DDS the contact info for the participant who brought this to the Committee and also shared with Dr Weller.
 - ii. Role of NLACRC to support the SDP Committee and how to spend the allotment from DDS. Every RC handles it differently. Waiting for guidance from DDS on what the requirements are. We are appreciative of the support that the Committee gets from NLACRC including interpretation and dinner.

Maria Marquez is the Chair of the SSDAC. The SSDAC has asked for a Co-Chair who is a Chair of an SDP Committee and Rick Wood from Kern was elected as Co-Chair. DDS gave an update on the SDP. They reported that 569 spots were selected in November, with a total of 2700 participants which was an over selection in case people drop out. There are no future lotteries planned at this time until it opens to all consumers in June 2021 There are 9 FMS providers who are vendors statewide (6 who will do business in the NLACRC area). Background checks are underway. A list of top 10 barriers that were identified at the SSDAC. Some of them included a significant delay by DDS in implementation; lack of timely information from DDS; lack of plain language; lack of mandatory training of RC staff; bureaucratization of program; inability to find trained IFs and PCPs; concern that disparities will be perpetuated; lack of oversight; shift in culture and thinking have not yet occurred.

b. **Board Report**

Lillian was not present at the meeting. In her absence, Michelle reported that Lillian resigned as Board representative to this Committee and we will have a new representative appointed. There were no Board actions related to SDP at the last Board meeting.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**

- a) **DDS Implementation Update** –
- i. SDP Newsletter – a new issue came out very recently. Michelle suggested that everyone sign up for the DDS newsletter as well as the NLACRC News You Can Use.
 - ii. Update on next SDP selection. There are no plans announced to do another selection.
 - iii. Other – Liz Harrell accepted a position at ELARC and now Jennifer Parsons is now overseeing SDP.
- b) **NLACRC Implementation Update**
- i. **Orientation** –Orientations are being held in all offices. So far there have been 16 orientations, 18 informational meetings
180 participants, 53 have dropped out
4 budgets certified, 20 in progress
2 spending plans, 7 in progress
1 enrolled and receiving services, 2 starting on March 1
6 FMS

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Michelle said there are 135 enrolled using services statewide

Julie asked how many IFs have been paid for person centered plans. Jesse said 19 completed.

Julie said some people have been waiting for a year. Jesse said there should not be barriers to payment at this point because there has been directives to pay without vendorization. He looked into 6 payments and 5 of the 6 have been paid.

Celena Tomlinson, one of the SDP Specialists, submitted her resignation. Sheila would like the Committee to review the survey questions at the next meeting. Richard asked about filling the two Self Determination positions. Is there a reason why they left? Jesse said they are looking at their recruiting efforts.

Julie distributed an updated list of Independent Facilitators.

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs were distributed to the Committee for review; we reviewed the first section on Person Centered Planning and IPPs. A suggestion was made to start the FAQs with ‘What is Self Determination’.

c) Participant Successes and Challenges – No input.

6. **Committee Business**

- a. Recognition for Bebo Saab – Richard distributed the wording he proposes for the plaque.
- b. Self Determination Resource Fair – 2020. Richard and Jon provided an overview of their thoughts about this event which is now targeted for a weekend in May. They asked for assistance from Committee members will act as concierges to help participants find the services they are looking for. A panel or speaker will take place in another room so that participants can visit with IFs and FMS providers in the main room. Jordan would also like to be on the planning team.
- c. Agenda planning – add agenda item for reviewing more of the FAQs in March; add item to meet at 6pm to develop survey questions; include an item about the Resource Fair.

7. **Public Input & Comments**— none

8. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting: March 19 in Santa Clarita