

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

**May 21, 2020
Via ZOOM**

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

Jesse Weller, Josh Kaplan, Debbie Rombeau, Silvia Haro, Liz Chavez —NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Ken Currie, Lori Shepard, Doris Longmire, Diane Bernstein, Jacqueline Gaytan, Sade Johnson, Diane Lotivio, Jill Larsen, Dena Bogrow, Roxanna Topete, Monica McLeod

Absent: Cheryl Hendrickson

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Heid, Chair, at 7:03p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. Rachel Leach joined us as Client’s Rights Attorney for Disability Rights California, replacing Roxanna Topete. Dr. Weller introduced NLACRC staff who are working on Self Determination: Silvia Haro is new Self Determination Supervisor. Debbie Rombeau is new SDP Specialist in Santa Clarita. Josh Kaplan is the new Supervisor for the Chatsworth office and Dianne Lotivio is Self Determination Specialist at Chatsworth.

2. Public Input

Julie says that the SCDD has 2 million pieces of PPE (personal protective equipment) to give out. If you are interested, please contact Julie at the SCDD. Lori Shepard asked for information about what information is needed to get PPE; Julie says name, organization, location and # of people served.

3. Consent Items

a. Approval of Agenda

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

Baker	Yes	Hendrickson	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Yes
Dier	Yes	Cannarella	Yes
Feinstock	Yes	Leach	Yes
Francis	Yes	Walker	Yes
Heid	Yes		

b. Approval of April Meeting minutes

Approval of Minutes

M/S/A. (Dier, Jannol). Approved with 2 abstentions.

Baker	Yes	Hendrickson	Absent
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Yes
Dier	Yes	Cannarella	Yes

Feinstock	Yes	Leach	Abstain
Francis	Yes	Walker	Abstain
Heid	Yes		

4. **Committee Reports**

a. **Chair's Report**— Michelle said that the next SDP statewide committee will be on June 9 via Zoom. Some NLACRC staff, Dr. Weller and Silvia Haro, will be joining Michelle. Jordan asked if members of the public can attend; Michelle said yes. The Governor released the revised 2020-21 budget and there will be fairly significant cuts to the DDS system, including cuts to providers.

b. **Board Report**

The Board actions related to SDP at the May meeting was to appoint Christina Cannarella as Board Representative to the SDP Committee. She has a child who is a Regional Center consumer.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**

a) DDS Implementation Update –

- i. No new directives. Dr. Weller spoke to DDS and they said that a 3rd lottery is not “off the table”.
- ii. SDP Newsletter and DDS Directives – there have been no new SDP newsletters or directives related to SDP since March.

b) NLACRC Implementation Update – Dr. Weller introduced all the new SDP staff earlier. There are 183 SDP slots in NLACRC.

- i. Orientation –Orientations and informational meetings will be held in June. Working on the logistics.
169 participants SDP eligible, from 183 originally
6 enrolled and receiving services and doing billing; 3 or 4 should go live next week
37 budgets in the works to be certified
35 need orientations

6. **Participant Successes and Challenges** – Richard Dier provided some feedback on his son’s participation in SDP during the last month including contracting COVID-19. Some of the issues were related to the FMS not being able to process specific types of transactions, like overtime and mileage for staff. Jon Francis shared that it is difficult to get staff fingerprinted at this time due to COVID-19. He found a mobile unit that will come to you. Diane Bernstein shared that her family is in the process of interviewing potential staff and it is causing some stress for her son.

7. **Committee Business**

- a. Review of DDS directive on SDP Implementation Funds – some of the ideas suggested include: training on Person Centered Planning, Developing Spending Plans, outreach to SDP participants, purchasing materials for participants such as the book from TCRC, and more training for Independent Facilitators. Michelle asked NLACRC staff to come back with a plan that includes these priorities for us to review in June.
- b. Self Determination Resource Fair – 2020. This event was targeted for May but is on hold pending further information about COVID-19. A virtual Resource Fair was discussed and more research will be done to see if this would be appropriate, or wait until later in 2020.
- c. Service Category Definitions – we did not have time to review any categories tonight.

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- d. Agenda planning –Implementation Funds (early in agenda); NLACRC communication procedures (Dr. Weller); Participant Directed Goods & Services, DVU requests expansion of SDP program
8. **Public Input & Comments**— Silvia said that there is an Orientation on June 1 from 9am-2pm. Jordan said he would attend on behalf of the Committee. Jill Larsen introduced herself and says she looks forward to attending more meetings.
9. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

Next Meeting: June 18 via Zoom