

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

**August 20, 2020  
Via ZOOM**

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

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

**Guests:** Ken Currie, Lori Shepard, Tamra Pauly, Jacqueline Gaytan, Katie Hornberger, Claudia Wenger, Loren, Alma Morales, Mary Lopez, Terrasel Jones, Rob Lewis, Richard Esquivel, Melissa Jones, Rachelle Tuber, Pross Twesigye, Michael, Miriam, Guadalupe, Sun Park, Roberto Marron, Arianne Campbell, Gilda Evans

**Absent:** Richard Dier, Cheryl Hendrickson, Lori Walker

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**1. Call to Order & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Heid, Chair, at 7:01p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Input**

Tamra Pauly asked that NLACRC make changes to way they do the budget process. She said there was a long delay in getting the budget certification. She also said that some independent facilitators have not been paid. Claudia Wenger also shared that her clients have had delays in getting the budget certified and the payment process has taken several months. Dr. Weller said that the SDP team will follow up with them directly. Ken Currie said his client has had to select a new IF because of payment delays.

**3. Consent Items**

*a.* Approval of Agenda

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M/S/A. (Cannarella, Francis). Approved.

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

*b.* Approval of June Meeting minutes

Approval of Minutes

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

<b>Baker</b>	Yes	<b>Hendrickson</b>	Absent
<b>Berrey</b>	Yes	<b>Jannol</b>	Yes
<b>Dier</b>	Absent	<b>Cannarella</b>	Yes

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

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Chair’s Report**— Michelle said that a barriers report was published by the SSDAC and was emailed to members of Committee. We reviewed the barriers report on screen.

Jon said that we did not allocate \$3,000 to the SCDD for use by the SSDAC and he feels that we should so that the SSDAC can have more frequent meetings. He would like to know if the Committee would agree to make that allocation adjustment. Dr. Weller said we can submit a change in our allocation by sending an email.

Michelle reported that she will be resigning from the Committee because she is moving out of state. She is resigning as Chair effective in September and her last meeting as a Member will be in November.

b. **Board Report**

There were no Board actions related to SDP at the August meeting. Christina Cannarella reported on the SDP Connect webinars that DVU is having on Wednesdays. She said they are very informative and feature different speakers on SDP, and yesterday some representatives from DDS participated.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**

- a. DDS Implementation Update – Jesse Weller

- i. DDS Implementation Funding update-Silvia shared a copy of the memo that NLACRC sent to DDS with our 2019-20 funding allocation. Area 1: recruitment and training for facilitators \$25k; Area 2: training on principles and logistics \$25k, Area 3: Implementing and Coaching \$40k; Area 4: SDP Orientation Support; Area 5: Translation & Interpretation. There will be a new allocation of \$149,328 for 2020-21. Waiting for directive from DDS on what areas that the allocation should cover. In consideration of the SCDD request to allocate \$3000, the Committee opted to adjust the 2019-20 allocation to include \$3000 to SCDD.

Edit 2019-20 allocation to give \$3000 to SCDD by reducing the other 5 areas by percentage.

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

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

- ii. SDP Newsletter & DDS directives – none reported

- b. NLACRC Implementation update – Jesse Weller

- i. NLACRC Communication procedures- A newsletter with the dates and method for RSVP was distributed to the Committee.
- ii. NLACRC Orientation meetings for new participants – Orientations are scheduled in September and October in both English and Spanish.
- iii. NLACRC Data Update

Participants SDP eligible	160
Participants deciding not to continue	72
Participants completing orientation	142
Participants who need to complete orientation	18

Number of budgets certified	13
Number of budgets in certification process	31
Number of spending plans approved	10
Number of spending plans in progress	2
Number of Person Centered Plans completed	25
Number of active SDP participants	10

6. **Participant Successes and Challenges** – Christina said DDS declined a request to expand SDP to new participants during COVID-19 and she feels it would be beneficial for many consumers who cannot participate in their day programs, etc. This has to be approved by the Legislature. Sandra shared that a person-centered plan was completed for her son and it went well; she feels more prepared for the program. Lori Shepherd said that communications from the new SDP team since July has been great! Alma said her communications with NLACRC have been great too.

7. **Committee Business**

- a. **Officer Elections** – Michelle said that we usually do elections at this time of year. Elections will take place next month. You can nominate yourself or someone else can nominate you. Jon Francis was nominated for Chair. Jordan said he would like to Co-chair. Jon nominated Victoria for Secretary. Additional nominations may be made in September. Dr. Weller thanked Michelle for her hard work.
- b. **Update on Self Determination Resource Fair** – Jon reported that they hope to host a virtual fair via Zoom but a professional subscription to Zoom is needed. Dr. Weller and Victoria said that they may be able to help with this.
- c. **Review Service Categories - Participant-Directed Goods & Services.** We review the service definition. This is kind of a ‘catch all’ category that can be used for different things like services, equipment and supplies that address an identified need in the IPP. Cannot be covered by Medicaid or another funding source. It should increase the participant’s ability to participate in the community with some flexibility when another category does not fit.
- d. **Agenda planning-elections; term limits; process of Committee formation; HCBA waiver/SDP waiver clarification, formerly known as Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital Waiver (J Weller); look at Orientation meeting format.**

8. **Public Input & Comments**—Gilda Evans discussed the challenges in getting her son’s budget certified. She suggests implementing a timeline for response. She also suggests a process for approving unmet need if the service category for it exists.

9. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

**Next Meeting: September 17 via Zoom**