

Members in Attendance:

Tracie Flourie (FA), Joyce Clark (FA), Tania Schloss (OCRA), Megan Christian (SA), Valerie Crisci (SA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Carin Jeron (FA), Horacio Correa (FA), Bertha Taylor, (FA)

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

David Webb-Rex, SDRC

Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:

This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by Joyce Clark at 10:04 a.m. Joyce provided an overview of the purpose of the LAC and the meeting and discussed the best practices for the meeting.

Quorum was established.

1. Welcome & Introductions: Members of the LAC introduced themselves as did representatives from SDRC.
2. Public Input: Michelle Ohnstad discussed concerns related to potential cuts to Medi-Caid. She mentioned the webinars hosted by Disability Voices United.
3. Approval of minutes:
 - a. A motion by Tania Schloss, seconded by Debra Jorgensen to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Debra noted that the date of the conference was incorrectly stated as the 28th and not the 26th. All in favor with the correction noted. Motion carried.
4. Statewide Advisory Committee: Joyce shared a link to the materials that were developed from the last meeting's work group and discussed some of the issues that have been discussed, particularly areas that need improvement (e.g. time to enroll). <https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/02/SSDAC.Packet.February.2025.pdf>
5. San Diego Regional Center:
 - a. As of 3/1/2025, 849 individuals are enrolled in SDP in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The rate of enrollments and growth continues month over month. There are approximately 25 individuals in SDP in Imperial Valley.
 - b. SDRC has identified two new additional service coordinators to join the SDP units.
 - c. Outreach events have been very active, two in Imperial County (Parent Day, Leading the Charge) on Monday there was an inperson orientation in Spanish with one of the parent support groups.

- d. Gwen Nolls: Completed reported that analysis of LAC funds were completed for year 2024, and she is updating contracts for fiscal year 2025. The balance of the 2024 funds need to be spent down by February of 2026. <https://scdd.ca.gov/ssdac/> Balance is \$11,324.92, under Education & Outreach.
- e. Debra asked about the 099 PDS: David shared that it's available for those that want to receive it. To date there haven't been any requests from families or a participant. If somebody is interested in SDP and they wanted to use PDS during enrollment, they would speak to their service coordinator who would collaborate with Participant Choice Specialists and an FMS to get that set up. The two vendors are PPL and CIS. David clarified that PDS is primarily pre-enrollment supports. Information on this vendorization is found here: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Initial_PCP_and_Preenrollment_Transition_Supports_Enclosure_A.pdf
- f. In response to a question, David noted that a legally responsible person cannot be an Independent Faciliator (e.g. parent of a minor) but David will bring information on the regulations to share at the next LAC meeting. Tania shared this information: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/docs/sdpIndependentFacilitator.pdf>

6. Implementation Funds:

- a. Fiscal Update: Gwen shared that there is a balance fo \$11,324.92 under Education & Outreach.
- b. 2024-25 Implementation Plan: Joyce discussed have an offsite meeting of the LAC to discuss how best to use the Implementation Plan funds to address community need. Joyce discussed the need as well to track events and the number of persons participating. The need for technical assistance to families and individuals is an important component. Joyce asked if there was an interest in having a planning meeting sometime in April: Tracie indicated that this was a very good idea, and the need to strategize how to implement these funds; Bertha indicated agreement; Megan thought is was a good idea before Easter (April 20th); Debra agreed as well. Joyce suggested a group to convene and decide what we want to do and then the entire LAC would participate; Tania mentioned she thought it was important to share this information in these public meetings as well. Veronica Garcia asked that the LAC consider having more specific events in North County. The plan as it was approved was shared and reviewed.
- c. The conference planning committee shared updates including:
 - Conference date: June 26, 2025
 - Conference Title: Charting Your Course: Tools & Strategies for Self-Determination
 - Three strands: Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced, Providers & Stakeholders
 - Morning: Traditional Learning & Workshops; Afternoon Experiential Learning & Networking
- d. Next Power Hour with Taleen K. on Person Centered Planning for Self-determination / March 11 @ 2 p.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/p3orjSJNTy2TUCPzb-IGqw>

7. Membership: Joyce mentioned that applications are directly submitted to the State Council and they are then sent to the local office.



Local Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2025
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

8. Future agenda items: Regulations related to Parents as Independent Facilitators, Updates on the Conference,
9. Date(s) of next meeting(s): April 3 @ 5 p.m.; May 1 @ 10 a.m.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich