

## Meeting Summary for SDLAC

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### Quick recap

They reviewed the progress of their projects, including the Person-Centered Plan and the Request for Proposal process. The team also addressed concerns about the Financial Management System, the need for a more efficient system, and the potential for a multi-pronged approach to resolve the issues.

### Next steps

Silvia to look into requesting an extension with DDS for the current SDP Implementation funding deadline.

Committee members are to review the Committee Centered Plan and be prepared to discuss at the December 19th meeting.

Lori to invite Angela Pao- Johnson (Executive Director) to the January committee meeting.

Kristianna will send out the Zoom and Committee Centered Plan links for the December 19th meeting.

Kristianna to draft survey questions for service coordinators who attended the DVU training and coordinate with North LA to distribute.

Committee members to consider FMS issues and potential solutions for discussion at the December meeting.

Committee members to provide feedback on the North LA website to Lori or Miriam.

Cindy to reach out to the Ombudsperson regarding FMS issues.

Silvia to talk to the Community Services department about day program rate increases and report back to Lori.

Rita to follow up with her case worker regarding potential budget changes due to rate increases.

Committee members to consider attending or providing feedback for the December 4th Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Town Hall.

Lori to follow up with Max Jackson of the Columbus Organization regarding committee involvement in the special contract process.

In the meeting, the committee members introduced themselves and shared their connections to the Self-Determination Program (SDP). Silvia Haro was congratulated on her promotion to the new Consumer Services Director. The Executive Director, Angela Powell Johnson, was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting. The committee members also discussed their experiences with the SDP, highlighting both positive and frustrating aspects. The conversation ended with a reminder of the public input and comment section for sharing resources and upcoming meetings.

## PCP Development and SDAC Resources

In the meeting, John emphasized that the Person-Centered Plan (PCP) aspect of the Individual Plan for Progress (IPP) is still a work in progress and should not be considered a full-length, in-depth plan. He encouraged everyone to develop their own PCP and understand that it's a living document. Lori then discussed the resources from the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC), including a Town Hall meeting on December 4th and a submission form for feedback. She also mentioned the Disability Voices United (DVU) resources, including an upcoming meeting called "I Get to Choose!" and a coaching service. John and Kristianna also shared their positive experiences at a recent conference on equity, with Kristianna mentioning that a report with recommendations would be created.

## Meeting Summary and RFP Process Update

In the meeting, Lori discussed the process of creating and editing meeting summaries, with the help of AI technology. She mentioned that the summaries would be shared with everyone, including those who couldn't attend the meeting. The committee also discussed the resignation of their liaison from the board and the need for a new one. Lori also shared updates on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the implementation funds. The committee also discussed the need for a stronger relationship with the Board and the potential for centralizing the SDP at North La. Lastly, the committee discussed the need for more small group trainings and changes to the website.

## Project Progress and Consumer Testimonials

In the meeting, the team discussed various topics related to their project. They discussed the idea of including actual consumer testimonials on their website, which was agreed upon as a good idea. They also discussed the progress of their Committee Centered Plan, which includes goals such as centralizing SDP, conducting a consumer survey, and improving communication and outreach. The team also discussed the success of a training session on budget and spending plan success and plans to survey attendees for feedback. Lastly, they reviewed their implementation report, which showed an increase in participants and budgets certified. The team also discussed the different models used by SDP participants and the ongoing transitions.

## Rate Trainings, Committee Vacancies, FMS Challenges

In the meeting, Unknown Speaker 2 discussed the recent changes in the rate and IPP trainings sent out by DDS. Miriam shared her experience with the dry and complicated nature of these trainings. Unknown Speaker 2 also mentioned the vacancies in North La and State Council committees, with Rita expressing interest in filling one of the positions. Richard then shared his concerns about the difficulties he faced with the FMS and the potential impact on his project. Unknown Speaker 2 and Richard discussed the challenges of working with the FMS and the importance of self-

determination. Finally, Unknown Speaker 1 informed Richard that the public input session had concluded, but Richard decided to send a letter expressing his concerns.

#### Addressing Financial Management System Issues

Jordan expressed concerns about the financial management system (FMS) being a significant obstacle for many. He highlighted issues such as sole employers being held responsible for unpaid bills, vendors not being paid promptly, and the need for a better way to manage money. Jordan suggested that the FMS could be a potential solution, but it would require significant changes. Unknown Speaker 2 proposed discussing these issues at the December CCP meeting. Unknown Speaker 1 suggested the idea of a nonprofit FMS to help new businesses navigate the system, which could then be replicated by other companies. Richard agreed with this idea, but also noted that the current system might not be as bad as people think. The group agreed to consider these ideas further and possibly write a position paper on the FMS.

#### Addressing GTI Financial Management Issues

The meeting revolved around the challenges faced by the participants with their Financial Management System (FMS) provider, GTI. Cindy, Richard, and others shared their experiences of GTI's inefficiencies, including delayed payments, tax issues, and unresponsive customer service. They discussed the need for a more efficient system and the possibility of creating a position paper to bring attention to these issues. The participants also discussed the role of the Ombudsman in addressing these problems and the potential for a multi-pronged approach to resolve the FMS issues. The conversation ended with a discussion on the possibility of a parent or family meeting to discuss these issues more freely.

#### CCP Meeting, Budget, and Rate Increases

In the meeting, the team discussed various topics including the upcoming CCP meeting in December, the potential inclusion of a new idea in the committee center plan, and the possibility of inviting the executive director to the January meeting. There was also a discussion about rate increases for day programs, with Silvia agreeing to investigate further. The team also discussed the budget for the year, with Miriam suggesting not to ask for a rate increase if the budget is sufficient.

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