

# **SDLAC**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **THURSDAY, NOV 20, 2025**

#### **Quick recap**

The meeting began with introductions and announcements, including Richard Deere's resignation from the committee and updates on the Self-Determination program. The group discussed various program updates, including PPL going live and the implementation of the SANDIS rate table, while also covering insurance requirements. The conversation ended with discussions about regional advisory committee meetings, budget oversight, and updates on various programs and funding, including the upcoming RFP and contract discussions for next year.

#### **Next steps**

- Silvia: Follow up with Community Services Department to get status and clarification on the insurance requirements for IFs (Independent Facilitators) and report back to the committee.
- Robin: Create a document/flyer for IFs and families explaining the new PDS (Participant-Directed Services) process and POS requirements, to be shared with service coordinators.
- Silvia: Check with publications about sending out Michael's survey in additional threshold languages besides English and Spanish.
- Jordan: Attend the SCDD Los Angeles regional advisory committee meeting in January and report back to the SDLAC.
- North LA team: Update the IF Roundtable and support group meeting information on the website for 2026 by next month.
- North LA team: Enable functionality for participants to copy the chat from meetings.
- Silvia: Follow up with Rita regarding her POS activities that haven't been approved/updated to enable her SDP transition.
- Michael: Write and send email with suggestions for the committee center plan, including potential disparity goal and survey follow-up.
- Miriam and Lori: Meet to brainstorm and prepare recommendations for the committee center plan for January discussion.
- Silvia: Update website feedback list items, including Spanish orientation link and RFPs, for January discussion.

- Silvia: Ensure RFP recipients are prepared to be present at January meeting about their plans for next year.

## **Summary**

### **PPL Implementation and Technical Updates**

Lori inquired about the process for PPL, and Robin explained that CSCs need to write an addendum, process two authorizations in Sandus, and send them to PPL, with IFs needing to onboard.

## **Committee Member Resignation and Updates**

The meeting began with introductions and a formal announcement that Richard Deere, a 10-year committee member, had resigned to focus on personal priorities while remaining available to the committee. Members discussed the importance of Richard's contributions and expressed sadness over his departure, noting two openings that need to be filled through State Council. The meeting also covered updates on the Self-Determination program, including the implementation of the SANDIS rate table and authorization for PPL, with plans to contact CSEs for assistance. Participants were reminded of the meeting's new format, where questions and comments should be raised via chat or hand-raising, and translation services were available for Spanish speakers.

## **Committee Updates and Parent Resources**

The group discussed public input, including Erica's mention of a Lowman transition event and Michael's inquiry about the timing of a survey, which Silvia explained would likely be sent out in December. Lori shared resources, including North LA's Parent University and information about the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee's upcoming meetings. The conversation ended with an introduction to DJ from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, who was invited to discuss how the council could be more involved in the committee's efforts.

## **California IDD Systems Advocacy Update**

DJ, representing the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), explained the organization's mission to disrupt systems and improve policies for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. He outlined SCDD's three main focus areas: self-advocacy, systems change, and capacity building, and detailed their work through regional offices, including technical assistance, training, and advocacy efforts. DJ highlighted recent activities such as addressing concerns

about federal Medicaid legislation and collaborating with local governments to ensure accessibility for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics.

### **SCDD Legal Training Coordination**

DJ provided an overview of SCDD's role in supporting individuals with IDD, including systems change advocacy, public policy engagement, and training initiatives. Lori requested DJ to coordinate a legal training similar to a previous 8-hour session led by Chris Arroyo, which was highly praised for its engaging approach to statute interpretation. DJ agreed to follow up with Chris and confirmed that participants could sign up for SCDD's mailing list through the provided contact information to receive updates on training opportunities and other initiatives.

### **Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Updates**

The meeting focused on scheduling and participation in regional advisory committee meetings. DJ explained the difference between SCDD-specific events and North Los Angeles County Regional Center LVAC meetings, and Jordan agreed to attend an upcoming SCDD meeting in January to report back to the group. The committee also discussed the October meeting summary, with Jon Francis updating that Proposition 50 had passed. Miriam reported that North LA now has an FMS for participant-directed services but noted uncertainty about insurance requirements for IFs. The conversation ended with a discussion about a mysterious text survey received by some members, which Miriam and Victoria had responded to after confirmation from the SDP department.

### **Insurance and PDS Process Updates**

The meeting focused on two main topics: mysterious phone calls and insurance requirements for IFs (Individuals with Disabilities). Robin provided an update on the PDS (Participant Directed Services) process, explaining that IFs are now able to access rate tables and that CSEs need to process two POSs with addendums, linking IFs to PPL for payment processing. Claudia requested Robin to create a document outlining the PDS process for service coordinators, which could be used to communicate the steps clearly to families and staff.

### **Service Review and Budget Planning**

The meeting covered several key topics, including insurance requirements, which Miriam noted are still under review by North LA. Lori discussed the self-determination program and Antelope Valley's resource disparities. Additionally, Lori mentioned that Socorro and she are now members of a community committee, and the conversation ended with a

discussion on DDS's budget directive and the need for LA to review 76 clients' budgets by February 28th.

### **Regional Budget Reporting Requirements**

The meeting focused on discussing a directive regarding authorized services and budget oversight for regional centers. Silvia explained that if a budget increases by \$20,000 or more, regional centers must report the change, regardless of actual spending, and select 38 cases for adult consumers and 38 for minors for review. Ricardo raised concerns about discrepancies between authorized amounts and actual spending, leading to a suggestion that he connect with Claudia for a coaching call to clarify the budgeting process. The conversation ended with Lori mentioning that several committee members attended the DVU conference on empowerment and self-determination, which was sponsored by the group.

### **DVU Conference and Board Updates**

The team discussed highlights from a recent DVU conference, where Erica shared insights from a panel on conservatorships and supportive decision-making, featuring Angela Pao-Johnson from North LA and Katie Hornberger, now Deputy Director of Division of Community Assistance and Resolutions. The group also reviewed the board report, noting that Jon Francis agreed to volunteer as the liaison to the board following Richard's resignation, and Juan reported positive developments including increased case managers and decreasing open caseloads.

### **Committee Center and Program Updates**

The meeting focused on reviewing the reporting form, discussing committee center plans, and providing updates on various programs and funding. Juan and John agreed to work together on issues affecting the committee and program. Lori emphasized the importance of the committee center plan and encouraged members to provide suggestions. Megan presented a report on the Self-Determination Program, highlighting increases in orientation participants and budget certifications. Silvia shared RFP fund numbers for different organizations, and participants discussed the utilization of these funds before the end of the year.

### **RFP, Budget, and Program Updates**

The meeting covered several key topics, including the upcoming RFP and contract discussions for next year, with Lori confirming that funding for the current year is secure despite potential budget cuts. There was a discussion about changing language from "unmet needs" to "change in needs" or "change in circumstances," which Jon Francis raised

as a concern. Rita raised concerns about pending POS activities that need approval in the system to move to SDP, which Silvia addressed, noting that North LA is working on resolving the issue.