



# Self-Determination SG/PRC Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

## Members Present:

Ameen Ali (SCDD appointed)  
Molly Chen (SGPRC appointed)  
Bertha Monterrey (SGPRC appointed)  
Anthony Rodriguez (SCDD appointed)  
Mary Valencia (SCDD appointed)  
Aimee Delgado (OCRA)

## SGPRC Staff Present:

Anthony Hill  
Daniela Santana  
Lucina Galarza  
Rosa Chavez  
Willanette Steward/Satchell  
Johnny Pang  
Beth Johnson

## Absent:

Tracy Evanson (SGPRC appointed)  
Mercedes Ospina-Manotas (SCDD appointed)  
Vacant (SGPRC appointed)

## SCDD Staff Present:

Sofia Cervantes

## DDS Staff Present

Jason Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bertha Monterrey, at 6:05 pm with approximately 25 participants in attendance.

1) **Establish Quorum**

Quorum was established

2) **Introductions**

Introductions were made by Committee members, as well as by DDS and SCDD-LA.

3) **Public Comment Period (2 minutes max per person)**

Ms. Sofia Cervantes, State Council, thanked people for their attendance at tonight's meeting. She thanked the Committee members for their time and work to move Self Determination ahead.

Ms. Cathy Gott asked if she could be added to the agenda to present her monthly update. Ms. Monterrey said Ms. Gott had been left off due to a

typo on the agenda. Ms. Aimee Delgado suggested she be added on after the other two presenters (after Item #7). After arriving at consensus among Committee members, Ms. Monterey asked that Ms. Gott be added under the second Public Comment period with additional time allotted for her presentation.

Ms. Mabel Lopez introduced herself and her new team member, Ms. Anna Luisa Ruiz.

Ms. Saniyyah Rasheed expressed concern of Mr. Hill to censor public meetings. Other comments were made about her being muted during other meetings and presentations.

Ms. Mary Valencia spoke about comments of disruption and provided her feedback.

- 4) **Review and Approve of 10/13/2020 Meeting Minutes** - approved  
See voting grid. (Amended item above to reflect 10/13/2020 Minutes.)
- 5) **Review and Approve of 10/27/2020 Meeting Minutes** – approved with corrections. See voting grid (correction to add in Item #4 voting grid. There was also discussion about Item #6 voting grids (1) and (2) which were two separate proposals. Mr. Ali asked if the item topic could be listed, as well as the item number, to keep everything straight.)
- 6) **Sonni Charness – Guidelight Group Presentation**  
Ms. Charness shared screen and provided information on her project. Discussion was held and she provided specifics about the program and videos. Ms. Cervantes said she could follow up on whether a subcommittee can be formed when following Bagley-Keene guidelines. Mr. Hill said a subcommittee would work but would require the public notifications done with the Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Monterey asked each Committee member if they would be willing to participate on a subcommittee. It was also suggested that the process could be started at the Regional Center and then have the Committee review along the way with

final approval by both the Committee and the Regional Center. Additional Questions/Discussion held.

7) **Elena Sanchez – Parents’ Place FRC Presentation**

Ms. Sanchez discussed the Parents’ Place project and how they will provide child supervision for 20 trainings in collaboration with the Advisory Committee and the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center once COVID restrictions are lifted and in-person trainings can be held again. Questions/Discussion held.

8) **Public Comment Period (2 minutes max per person)**

Ms. Cathy Gott provided a monthly update on Education Spectrum. Mr. Ali asked if she could update the first part of her report “Progress on Participants Transitioning to SDP” to indicate how the numbers change from month to month. She agreed to share this information at the next meeting.

The question was asked how Meet & Greets and Advisory meetings are publicized. They are publicized through email blasts, having service coordinators reach out to the families which included a recent large referral to Education Spectrum of 30 plus names, and on the SGPRC website and Calendar of Events section.

Someone asked if text messages through RCAPs could be sent to Self Determination families to inform them of upcoming SDP meetings. RCAPs, which is part of Everbridge, had been used previously to notify these families. Available space is limited, though, with most of it being reserved for emergency use. Cost is also a factor.

Ms. Gott of Education Spectrum offered her organization’s assistance in sending out text and email meeting reminders to families in Self Determination. She also gave a shout out to Ms. Santana, Ms. Tafoya, and the team for their hard work in getting referrals to Education Spectrum.

There are families who, for various reasons, have just chosen not to participate in Self Determination at this time. They do not wish to be contacted about it.

There was discussion on locating meeting information on the SGPRC website. Ms. Galarza suggested the possibility of adding Meet & Greet and Advisory meeting links to the website to make it easier to locate this information.

Ms. Monterrey spoke of definite, measurable progress being made through a collaborative effort in moving forward with Self Determination.

9) **Vote on how to use new monies allocated for SDP**

Ms. Monterrey reviewed information on previously awarded RFPs for Committee members who had not been present. She asked Committee members to continue to attend future meetings so there will be a quorum and so that they can provide feedback. Ms. Monterrey, after reaching consensus with Committee members, tabled this agenda item until a future meeting. There was nothing to vote on at this point.

10) **Future Agenda Items**

There was consensus among the Committee members on the following agenda items: Standing agenda items for updates from Education Spectrum, Guidelight Group, and Parents' Place – to include simple status reports, if possible; standing agenda item for Regional Center report summary (to include number and status of participants, ethnicity information, and tables); vote on how to allocate new monies allocated for SDP; discuss how disparities are being mitigated.

11) **Next Meeting**

There was consensus among the Committee members to set the next meeting for December 8, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom conferencing at the same Meeting ID.

12) **Dismissal**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

**Motion – Members Voting Grid**

<b>Item 4 - Vote to Approve 10/13/2020 Meeting Minutes</b>			
M/S/C – Mr. Ali/Ms. Delgado. Motion carried.			
<b><i>Voting members present</i></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ameen Ali	√		
Molly Chen	√		
Bertha Monterrey	√		
Anthony Rodriguez	√		
Mary Valencia	√		
Aimee Delgado (OCRA)	√		

**Motion – Members Voting Grid**

<b>Item 5* - Vote to Approve 10/27/2020 Meeting Minutes</b>			
M/S/C – Mr. Ali/Mr. Rodriguez. Motion carried.			
<b><i>Voting members present</i></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Ameen Ali	√		
Molly Chen	√		
Bertha Monterrey	√		
Anthony Rodriguez	√		
Mary Valencia			√
Aimee Delgado (OCRA)	√		

\*Approved with corrections