

Harbor Regional Center
Board Development Committee Meeting

June 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ron Bergmann (Chair), Joe Czarske, Chris Patay, Ann Lee, Patrick Ruppe (Executive Director), and Jennifer Lauro (Executive Assistant)

Absent: Paul Quiroz, LaVelle Gates

Minutes:

The Board Development Committee held a meeting on June 9, 2021 at 10:00 am via zoom and reviewed the following:

- Current board term status and action plan for 2021-22
- Current composition and action plan for 2021-22
- Continued Board Recruitment; no new applications at this time.
- Service Provider Advisory Committee Recruitment
- Board Mentor discussion of onboarding new trustees

Other Discussion on the following:

- Upcoming June Board Training on Collective Bargaining Agreement/Union Negotiations
- Upcoming October Board Retreat
- When to resume in person Board meetings; by September and at the Long Beach Office
- Discussion to move meetings to quarterly

Next Meeting: Scheduled for July 14, 2021 then move quarterly to November 10, 2021

**Harbor Regional Center
Board Planning Committee
June 23, 2021**

Committee Members: Kim Vuong, Chair, Client and Board Member; Laurie Zalenski, Parent; April Stover, Senior Director of Programs, Ability First; Nancy Spiegel, Director of Information and Development

Guest Speakers: LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services; Robin Hayes, Forensic Specialist; Deaka McClain, HRC Client, DDS Client Advisory Committee

The committee discussed two initiatives at HRC that are currently underway during this time of heightened interest, awareness and concern.

Building Relationships with Law Enforcement Agencies:

Patrick Ruppe has identified a goal for outreach to law enforcement agencies throughout our service area, work proactively to build ongoing channels of communication, provide training on developmental disabilities, and help these agencies to be more aware of regional centers as a resource. HRC staff members LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services, and Robin Hayes, Forensic Specialist, joined Patrick to share our efforts with LBPD, TPD and others. Patrick noted that another Board Member and Chair of the Client Advisory Committee, David Gauthier, is also contributing to this effort.

Chairperson Kim Vuong, and the Tichenor Clinic where she is employed, have also reached out to the Long Beach Police Department. Kim shared information about the community forum that they hosted this month with the LBPD Mental Health Evaluation Team. During this forum the MET team shared that they will be working together with HRC for training of LBPD staff.

Some resources were shared, including an online training series that the LBPD has available for their officers on responding to citizens with mental health issues. Be Safe: The Movie (<https://besafethemovie.com/>) is a resource for preparing individuals with disabilities for encounters with police and is available in the HRC Resource Center. Kim shared a proposed outline of topics that could be included in training.

Committee members and guest speakers shared their experiences, concerns, and fears regarding encounters with police, and expressed willingness to support the above efforts.

Training Plans: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Patrick Ruppe & LaWanna Blair

Patrick and LaWanna are engaged in planning, with support from consultants, to review our internal systems and develop ongoing training plans for our staff, board, and community. The first stage of this process will begin with our executive leadership team later this summer.

Kim and Deaka volunteered to participate in training and facilitation of sensitivity and awareness training, which they have presented for other organizations in the community.

DDS Grant Award Notification: Promoting Service Access & Equity – Nancy Spiegel

- Bilingual Spanish-Speaking Community Outreach Specialist – HRC received continued funding approval for this position for 2 more years.
- Parent Mentors/Navigators – HRC will continue this program with funding awarded in 2019, and will reapply for additional funds during the upcoming grant cycle later in 2021.

Harbor Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee
May 8th, 2021 via ZOOM

Meeting Notes

***quorum not met to be official meeting**

Members Present: David Gauthier, Deaka McClain, Debbie Howard, Mead Dudley, and Wesley Dale

Guest: Kim Vuong (2nd meeting)

HRC Staff Present: Kris Zerhusen and Erika C. Landeros

Other: Jenelle Reyes, Life Steps Staff

Call to Order & Minutes Approved

Meeting commenced at 1:10 p.m.

The minutes were reviewed (voting/approval not held due to lack of quorum).

Welcome

- CAC members were greeted and everyone checked in with each other.
- Vice-President Wesley apologized for not attending last meeting and shared that he did not have a computer nor a smart phone to participate with. Kris Z. offered to assist him and anyone else in need with identifying a device to log into with moving forward.
- CAC was informed that Mr. David Oster has communicated that he no longer wants to be part of the CAC.

CAC Member Updates

By David: HRC's next board meeting will be held on 05/18/2021, he plans on being present and will update CAC with updates at next meeting.

By Deaka: Shared with CAC that she was part of LA Care Board and was interviewed in March for Developmental Disability Awareness Month. CAC DDS meeting will be held in June of 2021 via ZOOM. Team had an informal meeting in April of 2021 to discuss potential training topics such as Domestic Violence and Safety classes.

Deaka then presented CAC DDS training course "Being Healthy." CAC Team viewed video together then went through the handouts having an interactive discussion on identifying health goals and how to make them happen while remaining kind to one self. CAC agreed to share updates on goals at our next meeting. Erika will be mail forms/package to all CAC Members. Deaka ended her presentation with challenging CAC to work on improving our health

HRC Updates

Kris updated the committee with the Self Determination and explained that it will be available to all HRC clients as of June 7, 2021. HRC currently has 95 clients on the pilot program and 20 of those are "live" already. All staff at HRC is trained with SD as well. Deaka reminded the CAC team that there is a link on HRC's website in case anyone is interested in learning more about SD. The CAC then shared their views and opinions with SD vs traditional services and how it is an individual choice.

Kris then shared that iCan in Long Beach has virtual tours available. Easter Seals is also developing an employment option day program.

HRC Board approved \$30,000 in gift cards earlier this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and there is only \$1,000 of that left! This money was used to assist HRC

clients and their family facing financial constraints due to the pandemic. Anyone with a need should contact their Service Coordinator.

DDS has released a new directive stating that HRC staff may reassume in person visits with clients (if desired) as of May 21, 2021. This is only for clients that reside in SNF, all group homes, FHA, SLS and ILS, if desired (while social distancing and wearing appropriate PPE for safety) for their quarterly and/or annual meetings.

Judy Samana Taimi was introduced to CAC as the new Adult Director for HRC.

COMMUNITY

Erika encouraged CAC members to reach out to their respective Service Coordinator's if they found themselves in need of PPE's. Yellow tier in LA County per COVID-19 was discussed by the group, with members sharing tips with each other. COVID-19 Vaccine was discussed and CAC was invited to HRC for vaccine if interested (members referred to schedule with their Service Coordinators and encouraged CAC Members to speak with their medical professionals for medical advice. CAC expressed desire to amend our By Laws to allow participation via ZOOM if and when meetings are resumed in person.

Items for next Meeting being held on 08/14/2021

- All CAC members were encouraged to invite a friend to the next CAC meeting and begin brainstorming how to recruit new members.
- Put CAC meeting on HRC website
- Deaka to present "Making a Budget"
- Develop a new CAC Flyer to commence recruitment at day programs

Adjournment

Meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Next CAC Meeting

HRC Client Advisory Committee Meeting
May 8, 2021

The next CAC meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Meeting to be held via ZOOM if the stay at home order within Los Angeles County is still in place; if the county allows in person meetings, then the meeting will be held at the Torrance site with the option to ZOOM as requested by the CAC. Erika Landeros will communicate the location of meeting closer to the day of the meeting.

Harbor Regional Center Community Relations Committee June 8, 2021

Chris Patay, Parent/Board Member; Dee Prescott, Service Provider, Easter Seals Southern California; April Rehrig, Parent; Osvaldo Robles, Parent; Laurie Zalenski, Parent; Nancy Spiegel, HRC Director of Information and Development

Committee Chairperson Monica Sifuentes sent her best wishes to everyone. She is unable to join us for this meeting or continue to participate on this committee.

Vaccine Advocacy and Support

At our previous meeting, we discussed our participation in statewide advocacy efforts to prioritize vaccine access for people with developmental disabilities and their families, and our work inform and assist our clients/families to access the vaccine at various county, city, healthcare provider, and pharmacy clinics. Our staff continue to receive calls for assistance in scheduling and access, from some clients and families, on our vaccine hotline, but the number of individuals needing assistance has reduced. Since our last meeting, vaccine eligibility has gradually been expanded to everyone over age 12, and vaccine clinics are increasingly available in mobile clinics and local communities, which we are publicizing in our HRC communications.

Also since our last meeting, HRC was able to establish a vaccine clinic on our site with Oxford/Anchor Healthcare. Starting with weekly clinics for clients, family members, regional center and service provider staff, and staffed by a combination of Anchor/Oxford Healthcare and HRC staff, these clinics are now open several days a week and serving anyone in the community age 12 and over. Clients and families can receive specialized attention at these clinics if needed for behavioral or sensory issues, including a quiet room or service in their vehicle. Those who have received this service have expressed great appreciation for the care and efficiency provided by the staff.

Legislation and Advocacy

This year our Grass Roots Advocacy Day was held virtually on April 20th. Regional Center teams all over the state held meetings with their legislators, with representation from clients, parents/family members, board and committee members, and service providers.

Dee Prescott and April Rehrig from this committee participated in meetings with their representatives and reported that legislators seemed interested, engaged, and appreciative of hearing client/family and service provider's stories. The committee agreed that holding these meetings virtually had many benefits and that we should continue to use the approach used during this campaign.

Our main advocacy points included:

- elimination of funding sunsets and implementation of Service Provider Rate Increases consistent with the state's own Rate Study;
- elimination of the Uniform Holiday Schedule
- full funding of service coordination staff to meet required staffing ratios

The committee reviewed the most recent news from the Governor and Legislators' respective budget proposals, which held very promising news for the coming year and beyond. The Governor's May Revise included some of our key advocacy points; The Budget Committees of the Senate and Assembly then approved budget proposals that included *all* of our requested supports. The legislature will now be seeking agreement with Governor. Advocacy organizations are coordinating community grass roots support efforts to promote approval of this very positive budget package.

Community Support

Nancy reported that we are in the planning stage for holding a backpack giveaway for our neediest clients, with support from some of our regular donors. HRC will conduct a fundraising campaign for those who wish to contribute to this effort. Committee members will be kept informed so that they can participate as needed.

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Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday May 5th, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Miriam Kang, Parent
Patricia Jordan, Client

Committee Members Absent

Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Julianna Martinez, Parent
Rosalinda Garcia, Parent

HRC Staff Present

LaWanna Blair – Director of Early Childhood Services
Antoinette Perez - Director of Children’s Services
Katy Granados – Client Services Manager
Donna Magana- Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown- Intake Manager
Jessica Guzman- Client Services Manager
Bjoern Petersen- Client Services Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager
Patrick Ruppe- Executive Director

SCDD Staff

Brianna Reynoso, Absent

Abbreviations

HRC: Harbor Regional Center	IF: Independent Facilitator
PCP: Person-Centered Plan	ICC: Integrative Community Collaborative
SCDD: State Council on Developmental Disabilities	
SDP: Self-Determination Program	LMS: Learning Management System
ITP: Individualized Transition Plan	DVU: Disability Voices United
BBT: Being Built Together	FMS: Financial Management Service

Visitors

Paul Quiroz	Lucy Paz (Interpreter)	Jamie Van Dusen
Jacqueline J.	Liz Maria O.	Diane Bernstein
Tamra Pauly	Lourdes Gomez	Vianey Gomez
Elizabeth Gomez (ICC)	Fernando Gomez (ICC)	Jordan Feinstock
Shelia Jordan Jones (IF)	Hilda Jimenez	Brenda Smith (IF)
Vivian Salas	Christine Ashley	Elsa Feeny

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Joungim Kim	Jennifer Wilker	Susan Huniu
Laura Ellenberg	Sam Eskandari	Reiko S.
Tina N.	Jeanne Wu	John Ortiz Ortega
Maria Alvarado (IF)	Alma Morales (Aveanna)	Karen Cull
Patricia Rodriguez		
Taleen Khatchadourian (Guidelight Group)		Damaris Ruiz (GT Independence)

Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was established; 6 committee members present during the zoom meeting. Minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. Patricia Jordan made the first motion for approval of minutes, second motion was given by Miriam Kang. Deaka and David also voted on the minutes. Minutes were approved. Linda Chan-Rapp had a comment regarding the misspelling of Patrick Ruppe's (HRC Executive Director) name. Antoinette clarified that this amendment was already completed and the updated version is on the website. Minutes approved.

Presentation: Shelia Jordan Jones – Independent Facilitator

Shelia provided an overview of her background and experience as an Independent Facilitator. She received training from State Council. Shelia is also a certified person-centered trainer. Shelia is a retired special educator and she was in this field for 38 years. Shelia also has experience working as a transition administrator. Shelia shared that she has a son with unique needs. Shelia is trained in a variety of methods in relation to person-centered planning.

Shelia shared that she has completed approximately a dozen person-centered plans over the last four and a half years. She believes that PCPs can be used to support all individuals as she completed one for her elderly aunt as well as for a teenager who was afraid of entering high school. Shelia strongly believes in allowing the client to dictate their life plans through having discovery conversations about where the individual's needs fall now as well as in the future. Shelia shared that the individuals that are supportive of the client should work collectively with the individual during person-centered planning. The PCP should clearly address the individual's goals and objectives. Shelia is a strong believer of the positive connection needed between a client and their chosen Independent Facilitator.

Shelia feels that individuals should be open to the challenges brought on by Self Determination Program and approach those challenges collectively as a team.

There were some questions from the group. One question was if Shelia works with all regional centers or if she only works with individuals in the South Bay area. Shelia shared that thus far she has worked with South Central LA Regional Center, Harbor Regional Center, and North LA Regional Center. She then reiterated the topic of the IF being a good match for the client instead of focusing on the location. Linda asked if Shelia primarily works with young adults or older. Shelia shared that the youngest person she has worked with was in second grade. Linda asked how people can contact her, Shelia stated that her contact information is on the state council list. Shelia stated that she would put her contact information in the chat.

Presentation: Taleen Khatchadourian (Guidelight Group – IF)

Linda introduced Taleen from Guidelight Group. Taleen took time to explain her background and experience as an IF with Guidelight. Taleen is an Armenian-speaking IF. Within Guidelight, there are four other IFs and they specifically work with teenagers and adults doing transition services, IF services, and other private work (employment, coaching, etc.). Guidelight will work with the individual on whatever the need is and she explained the importance of positive connection between the client and the IF.

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Taleen has a 17 year-old son with Autism at Lanterman Regional Center. She stated that he has been a regional center client since the age of two and ever since, she has continued with her training in this field and does not intend to stop. Taleen works with Service Coordinators, peer-support at Lanterman, and she is the President of the Armenian Outreach Project.

Guidelight covers about 10 different Regional Centers and she personally works with six different Regional Centers. She shared her positive experience with working with HRC. One question Taleen had was what are some of the coolest things that have happened within SDP. She shared that a client age 24 years thought the IFs were coming in to just speak with his mom. Taleen stated that when he saw his Spending Plan, his face lit up. Speaking about the different parts of his PCP caused him to grow more excited. The client began completing chores and doing things to get ready for his goals and ended up getting healthier and losing weight.

Another question was inquiring about some of the more difficult situations Taleen has encountered within SDP. Taleen explained that there was a family that had conflict with the Regional Center and Taleen was able to reconcile and now the client is flourishing. Linda asked what advice Taleen would give when there are two parties who do not quite see eye-to-eye. Taleen explained that it is important to stop and take a moment to look at things from the other person's perspective. She explained that Regional Center has certain responsibilities so sometimes things have to be explained further to meet in the middle. Taleen is open with everyone. A question in the chat asked Taleen if she has worked with clients who are still in school. Taleen shared that she has and she works with students who are in transition programs.

Taleen clarified that her clients are 15-65 years old. David Oster asked how long has she has been in the practice. He also commented on how awesome Guidelight Group is. Taleen shared that she started in education. She sold her business 3-4 years ago and then she went into advocacy focusing on transitioned-aged youth. At the SDP conference in 2019 she got connected with Guidelight Group. Taleen shared that all different groups of IFs work together to ensure clients are connected to appropriate IFs. They have a great network.

Presentation: Fernando and Elizabeth Gomez (ICC)

Linda introduced Fernando and Elizabeth from ICC who are strong advocates for the Spanish-speaking community. Fernando began the conversation focusing on the macro-perspective of how they work in SDP and Elizabeth would share the micro-perspective.

Fernando shared that they are well-versed in PCP, but they used Guidelight for their son's PCP and their experience was wonderful. Fernando feels SDP is a game changer and although it is a good one, it can come with challenges. Their journey in this field started 14 years ago when their son with Down Syndrome was born. They made sure they were knowledgeable. Throughout the process they realized how important it was to reach out into the community and be a part of the solution. They are also co-founders with DVU. Their focus is in disparities and how different cultures can come together. He views SDP as a celebration of life for the individual to make their own life decisions. Creating PCPs is about relationships and discovering solutions together. SDP gives the individual the ability to flourish, but also assists with bringing about systemic change.

Elizabeth added her perspective. She shared that she is a member of Westside Regional Center advisory committee and she absorbs information and continues her training. Elizabeth reiterated their work within the disparities and they help families within the traditional system as well and it was natural to also begin assisting people within SDP. They stay with families all the way through the process and maintain connections for life. ICC will continue to work with families both in SDP and the traditional system.

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Jordan took the time to share his thoughts and stated that he feels that individuals should enter SDP, but some do not have enough information or a lack of understanding, but there are resources to help.

Deaka shared that she appreciates the fact that ICC assists individuals in both the traditional service delivery system and SDP. She advocates for both sides. Deaka stated that it should be clear that SDP can be hard, but there are individuals who can provide guidance. Deaka feels that individuals should have the option and she thanked Elizabeth and Fernando for assisting both sides.

Taleen also shared that she recognizes the difficulties in SDP and that change is difficult, but that it is okay. She shared that it is important to work together and that it is not an “us vs. them/Regional Center” mentality. Working cohesively is most beneficial.

Presentation: Sunghee Park (BBT)

Linda introduced Sunghee who recently founded BBT to assist the Korean community. Sunghee presented in both English and Korean. Sunghee has a son who is a client at HRC. Sunghee shared that the priority for this year is to assist Korean families with entering SDP. BBT focuses on educating families and providing customized PCP and IF services. BBT empowers families to be more independent in SDP. Sunghee introduced Mrs. Kim who is also a mother of a client who went live in March 2021 to share her experiences.

Miss Kim shared her experience in Korean with Sunghee providing English translation. Miss Kim shared that it is very important to work with a qualified IFs who speaks the same language. She emphasized working as a team, relying on the professional background of the IF to assist the client in the best way. Miss Kim stated that individuals should not attempt to go into SDP alone. Miss Kim shared that she was able to find an agency suited for her son at a rate she agreed with. Miss Kim also decided to keep a few traditional services, so there was a balance. The PCP reflects her son's needs appropriately and she promotes families to change their PCP as time continues and as they see fit. Miss Kim shared that individuals with language or cultural barriers may feel that SDP may do a disservice, but she stated this is not true and to make sure families have proper guidance.

Linda made a statement that it seemed that the PCP drew heavily on the parent's perspective instead of the client's perspective. Sunghee explained that she disagrees and that the reason they spoke heavily on parent involvement is because Miss Kim's son is not in attendance for the meeting tonight. Sunghee explained that throughout the process, Miss Kim's son was very involved and they put his needs first. Miss Kim further explained that SDP geared her son towards more independence, but she still did studying on her own. Miss Kim's son is in college, but has unique needs so she wanted to make sure she was knowledgeable to further explain SDP to her son.

Sunghee provided her contact information via chat.

Letter of Introduction: Danielle Alvarado (IF and HRC Parent), Represented by Linda Chan Rapp

Linda provided a copy of Danielle's letter in the chat. Danielle has been successful in developing PCPs.

Public Questions for IFs and other Public Comments

- Jordan asked if the PCP, \$2,500 will continue to be paid for when the program opens to everyone in June. Fernando responded and stated at this time no one knows, but they are keeping up to date with directives. Fernando feels that something will happen to accommodate families.

- Christine Ashley asked how many clients each IF has with medical/communication issues that actually rule their daily lives. Shelia stated that she has a couple of clients with limited communication. She stated that these particular clients are going through appropriate therapy such as speech therapy. Shelia stated they

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look at creative ways to assist these clients. Fernando shared that all of the individuals they support (1200 families) have a unique situation with medical/communication challenges. Fernando referred to Miss Kim's story and although he does not speak Korean, they were able to understand her and read her body language to relate to her. Fernando shared that it is not necessarily about the language, but it is about the message. Sunghee shared that people need to hear other cultures and languages with interpretation so individuals can understand that SDP is possible for everyone. Taleen shared that she has clients who are medically involved and the focus is on their abilities. She also has clients with communication concerns and they work with them to find unique ways for them to express their voices.

- Linda asked the IFs to share what advice they would give for individuals who want to enter SDP in June. Fernando shared that whatever decision is made, it is the right decision and SDP is an amazing opportunity. Taleen shared that you do not have to rush and just because it opens in June, you do not have to sign up right away. Taleen also shared that individuals should get all the information they need and to attend the orientation available at their assigned Regional Center. Shelia expressed the importance of networking. She also shared to keep an open mind and open heart to remain receptive to a new program. Sunghee shared that SDP started in 2014 in New York and at first it was confusing, but now everyone does it in New York, so it is hopeful for the future. Miss Kim shared that she was the first one live in SDP at Lanterman Regional Center and Sunghee recommended Miss Kim to be a parent mentor. Elizabeth shared that when the individual is ready, there is always someone to support.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update – Antoinette Perez, Director Children's Services

- There are 95 individuals who are part of the SD Program
 - Of the 95: 20 participants are live as of February 1, 2021
 - 26 approved budgets
 - 22 spending plans completed
 - 25 completed PCP plans
 - 2 participants missing SDP orientation
- Currently working on other plans who are close to being live
- Orientations: 2 English and 2 Spanish. They will be offered on Saturdays. The first English Orientation is May 13th, 2021 and the first Spanish Orientation is May 15th, 2021. All of the information is on the website, but contact the Service Coordinator for further information.
- The last informational night was April 21st, 2021 (English) and the last Spanish information is May 19th, 2021.
- Staff and Provider Training is complete. Ongoing training is solidified.
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: Since the last meeting, there was one outcome, the judge decided in HRC favor.
- Resource Development: The biggest concern is the quality of resources. Although there are a lot of providers interested in being vendored for things that are SDP-related, HRC is being very cautious and we are relying on word-of-mouth.
- HRC Roll out of SDP: Ready to open up in June. There was discussion of SDP being postponed until July, but HRC is ready to begin now. Everyone has been contacted and can sign up for orientation.
- Implementation Funds: Skills4Care will contact the 70 participants who have yet to go live and to see if they are still interested, any barriers, and if they are interested in the coaching program.
- DDS link on directive and extensions has been posted.
- Linda asked for clarification regarding the 25 PCPs in comparison to the 26 approved budgets. Katy explained that there are some participants who chose not to have a PCP and they just have their IPP.

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- SDP orientation with another Regional Center will be honored by HRC, however the process may look different. We will circle back to ensure families have all pertinent details.
- Sunghee asked if there is an information resolution meeting that can happen before going to Fair Hearing. Antoinette explained that there is and the Fair Hearing process is the same as traditional services.
- Antoinette shared that Liz and Katy completed short videos available on the HRC website and social media just explain that SDP is opening in June and what the next steps are.

Skills4Care – Paul Quiroz

- Finishing up the hiring process. They will have a Korean, Spanish, and English speakers.
- Currently going through the calls to identify and provide Antoinette with information.
- No money spent as of yet.

Statewide Updates:

- Statewide Committee- Linda Chan Rapp
 - Link to directives in 8 different languages
- DDS Updated FMS FAQ Page
 - Chart about different options

Office Clients and Rights Advocacy:

- Due to Johnanthony Alaimo's absence, there were no updates provided

State Council Update:

- Due to Brianna's absence, there were no updates provided

Public Comments:

- Suggestion from Patricia (in Spanish): IFs should be paid until clients are accepted into SDP. She had a situation where the IF only did the PCP and did not help with the Spending Plan
- Is there a deadline for approving budgets? Antoinette shared that the other directors at HRC are able to approve budgets. The budgets are approved within 48 hours and the longest may be about 4 to 5 days. Miriam shared that other Regional Centers have this issue, but not at HRC.
- Is there a DDS directive about whether or not other orientations are honored? Antoinette explained that it is up to each Regional Center and it is not up to the state. Antoinette stated we are working on having a uniform statewide orientation.
- **Next meeting:** June 2nd, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.
Minutes submitted by Ashley Brown.

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Visitors

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Ronda Kopito	Sandra McElwee (IF)	Sam Eskandari	Guadalupe Esquivel
Angela Robles	Leslie Versfelt	Vianey Gomez	SE
Danielle Alvarado (IF)	Diem Ngyuen	Jordan Feinstock	Canh Vuong

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Jeanne Wu
Maria Zavala

Sue Gavin
Amelia Castellanos

Celia Pena
Brittany Robinson

Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes

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Presentation: Danielle Alvarado – Independent Facilitator

Danielle provided an overview of her background and experience as an Independent Facilitator. Danielle is a parent of 4 sons with Autism, 2 are currently live on SDP. She shared how much SDP has supported her 2 sons in the program. As a PCP planner and IF she has seen many people put together hope and dreams. She has seen people become very creative, she has seen unique things and it is rewarding to see them live their lives fully included. Danielle has been an independent advocate for over 25 years. She works with all ages, all levels and the sky is the limit.

Presentation: Sandra McElwee-Independent Facilitator Effective Person-Centered Planning

Sandra presented on the Benefits of a Person-Centered Plan and examples of creative things people have added to their PCP. Sandra began by sharing the WIC division 4.5. Services for the developmentally disabled [4685] section (k) The IPP team shall utilize the person-centered planning process to develop the IPP for a participant. The IPP shall detail the goals and objectives of the participant that are to be met through the purchase of participant-selected services and supports. The IPP team shall determine the individual budget to ensure the budget assists the participant to achieve the outcomes set forth in his or her IPP and ensures his or her health and safety. The completed individual budget shall be attached to the IPP. Sandra also reviewed the importance of PCP planning which creates goals and determine services needed to achieve their created goals. She also shared the PCP is able to help create the IPP. She explained how the services needed to achieve the goals helps RC create the budget which is also shared with participant. She shared explained the total amount that a participant in SDP will be able to spend per year on needed supports and services. Sandra provided visuals on how the budget is prepared for the 12 months, she provided examples for transitional traditional services to SDP. She also reviewed Unmet Needs, how to identify a need for a service that were not met before or not been addressed in participant prior to IPP. Sandra also discussed change in circumstances and examples of how life changes and have new needs, how unmet needs are identified during IPP. Sandra shared how the budget moves to create the spending plan, however services and items must support goals in the PCP, services must be federally reimbursable, cannot be for rent, food and settings must follow the HCBS Final Rule, (must use generic first). Sandra reviewed in detail the 3 major categories in the Spending Plan: Living arrangements, employment and community participation, and health and safety. Sandra reviewed how to calculate a spending plan for a 12 month period. She also shared possible services accessible within the 3 major categories in the spending plan and unique services participants have accessed. She shared the list of definitions is available in the DDS website for further review. She also reviewed how therapy services are to be accessed through insurance, medi-cal, school district if under 21 years old and reviewed the documents needed in the event service is not covered by the generic entity.

Sandra reminded participants the budget will change as your needs change, services can be added based on change in need and services can be also removed based on changes in need.

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Self-determination services available https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SDP_serviceDefinitions.pdf
<https://sandramcelwee.com/empower-person-centered-planning-independent-facilitator/empowerpcp@gmail.com>

Carla Lehman –Independent Facilitator, Represented by Linda Chan Rapp

Linda provided a copy of Carla's IF biography in English and Spanish.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lje-s6SO7cxevaN3qmRbrxQbcT-n3sod/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W-IDMCArO1-f65-OQ3urSPsTLq9OB_Ap/view?usp=sharing

Public Questions for IFs and other Comments

- Susan Huniu- How do we get our service provider to pay for PCP? Linda shared that PCP planning, may get approved for open enrollment period, but it is not a done deal yet. The decision has not been finalized. Danielle also confirmed that at this time there is no definite as of yet.
- Deaka McClain- How do you deal with clients who do not have the funds in their budget to pay for an IF? And how much does Danielle charge? Danielle shared she bases her support by their individual situation, she does not turn people away. However, she is only able to take so many cases at a time to be able to individualize and focus with each case. If she does come across someone and they need help, 1) if they cannot afford or 2) she does not have the case load room for them: she will not turn them away. She will spend one hour with them, to determine the situation and provide the best advice she can. Encourage them to try the advice she provided and if they need additional support after their attempts she ask they return. Which will allow her time to be able to reduce her case load to support them. Danielle also shared for IF she charges \$125-175 a month, and depending on the level of help provided during the month.
- Linda Chan Rapp- Shared to the new attendees that the advisory committee meetings began to highlight IF that have supported people to be fully enrolled in SDP program at HRC. The minutes from the last meeting are available to review to obtain information of the 5-6 facilitators that presented. The minutes can be found in the SDP Advisory Committee at HRC's website.
- Miriam Kang inquired about the example SDP spending plan Sandra provided. How is We Rock the Spectrum a provided services if it does not fall in line with the HCBS Final Rule? Sandra shared that We Rock the Spectrum a gym that is open to all children, that supports children in the spectrum however open to all children.
- Susan Huniu- I thought an IF is needed to create a PCP. So how come an IF will be needed throughout the year? And is paid throughout the year? Also she has contacted many IF and they do not work with HRC, long wait list, how can she option list. Deaka McClain responded The PCP can be done by anyone (SC, neighbor, someone trained in how to complete PCP) not necessarily an IF. She explained there is no set list and they can obtain the list from State council, DDS website and Sandra shared she can find more information on the Southern California SDP Facebook page for IF. Contact the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a list of independent facilitators losangeles@scdd.com
- Miriam Kang- For those of us in our second year transitioning out of the school district into adult, what is the recommendation to prepare for the unmet needs. Should parents look for services, Sandra explained that there are workbooks to support the transition. The school district has programs to support the transition if you do not receive diploma. Depending if you receive a diploma or certificate of completion have option to exit the school district by starting individualized program (ex: job coaching).
- Linda Chan Rapp- Encouraged participants to contact State Council to obtain the list of IF/ PCP, because it is a critical piece. HRC is very good at helping people through orientation however there has been a large

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drop of participants completing orientation and then moving onto completing their PCP. Although you do not need a PCP it is such a powerful tool to help refocus ideas and thoughts to what is possible for the individual to have a meaningful life.

- David Oster- Shared he is a part of the state council SDP committee, he is inquiring if he should share the concern of there not being enough IF around HRC and possible increase IF to speak at HRC SDP advisory committee due to the possible increased need? Linda confirmed it was a good idea.
- Miriam Kang- suggested limiting the amount of presentations of IF due to the immense amount of information being provided and went to long, limited time for additional information.
- Jordan Feinstock- Is HRC doing an IF training for those interested? Judy Taimi- shared that at HRC there are no current trainings available. Katy and Judy confirmed State Council is offering IF training and when they become available HRC families are made aware. Linda shared SCLARC is providing training for IF and will share additional information. Also Tamra Pauly is offering IF training, Linda will provide more information.

DDS update on Financial Management Service Models

Linda reviewed in detail the FMS models comparison chart (Bill Payor, Co-Employer and Sole Employer). She reviewed how task and responsibilities are divided between the participant and the FMS provider.

- Comparison Chart: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FMSModelsComparisonChart_04272021.pdf
- List of FMS: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/>

2021-2022 Self Determination Implementation Funds Request for Proposal

RC's has been granted funds for 2021-2022 to help support those who want to go into SDP. The purpose would be to support and mentor people into the program. Linda inquired if there was anyone in the committee who would like to work on a proposal for the next advisory meeting.

- Volunteers: Linda Chan Rapp, David Oster, Miriam Kang, Deaka McClain

Election of New Chair for HRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Linda Chan Rapp, will be stepping down from SDP Advisory Committee Chair effective July 31, 2021, due to daughter being accepted to a post-secondary program. Linda would like to allow someone who is very active in the SDP program to be chair.

- **Nominations for Chair:**
 - Deaka McClain- Nominated - Rosalinda Garcia for Chair
 - Rosalinda Garcia – Accepted Nomination
 - *Linda initiated motion for Chair.* Deaka M. made the first motion, Miriam Kang seconded the motion.
 - All in Favor: David O. Deaka M.
- **Nominations for Vice Chair:**
 - Deaka McClain- Self nominated for Vice Chair
 - David Oster- Self nominated for Vice Chair
 - *Linda initiated voting for vice Chair: Linda asked for all votes to be sent to her directly via private message on zoom.*
 - Linda confirmed Deaka McClain was elected Vice Chair.

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Comments Regarding New Chair Election:

- Rosalinda Garcia- Expressed gratitude for all the support and passion leading the advisory committee.
- Miriam Kang- Also thanked Linda for her leadership during the pandemic and navigating the new platform.
- Deaka McClain- Shared her support and inquired if she will continue to attend the advisory meetings, Linda confirmed her continued attendance.
- David Oster- Thanked Linda for her work and being a great chair.
- Jordan Feinstock- Inquired if the Vice Chair becomes the Chair, who takes over the Vice Chair? Rosalinda G. clarified the Vice Chair is not necessary, it was decided to split the role between Linda and Rosalina. However if anyone would like to be the Vice Chair, they are welcome and can be nominated.
- Oanh Wuong- Nominated- Deaka McClain for Vice Chair. However unable to nominate due to not being on committee.
- Jordan Feinstock- shared the role of the Vice Chair is to step in whenever the Chair is not present.
- Deaka McClain- Asked for clarification regarding the status of vice chair or co-chair. Rosalinda clarified that it is the same just a different name.
- Patrick Ruppe: Clarified only the committee members should be voting.
- Deaka McClain: Asked if Linda can present all members to the meeting. Linda shared the name of all committee members present.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update – Katy Granados – Client Services Manager and Judy Taimi, Director Adult’s Services

- There are 95 individuals who are part of the SD Program
 - Of the 95: 21 participants are live as of June 1, 2021 (pending 2 individuals for 6/1 start date)
 - 23 live by the end of the week
 - 26 approved budgets
 - 22 spending plans completed
 - 25 completed PCP plans
- Orientations: 2 English and 2 Spanish held in May, 89 families completed orientation.
- 5 orientations in June (3 English- 2 Spanish), 120 are currently enrolled to participate in June orientations.
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: no changes since May 2021.
- Resource Development: HRC continues to relying on word-of-mouth from families. Families share resources and who they use to do their PCP. HRC is open to new vendor with new PCP planners and FMS. Not vendor new IF. HRC works directly with clients and families to provide feedback with providers they work well to continue partnerships.
- HRC Roll out of SDP: HRC continues to move forward with the next steps for those who attended orientation. If attending orientations at different RC’s please ensure to notify your SC to ensure you are supported throughout the next steps with SDP.
- Deaka M- Asked for clarification of roll out date, due there being different dates (June 7th and July 1st). Judy T- confirmed start date for all RC’s is June 7th.
- Linda and Miriam shared they also have heard there was change for start date to be July 1st. Patrick Ruppe- shared that there was a possible push back to July 1st however it has not been confirmed if that was effective. As of today (June 2nd the start date continues to be June 7th.)
- Linda Chan Rapp asked Paul Q for clarification information shared during the last meeting in regards to the 70 possible interested clients/ families to participate in the mentor program. Asked for updates if these

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possible participants still interested or not ready yet? Paul confirmed those clients will be contacted in June to obtain an update on their participation in program.

- Linda Chan Rapp- requested update on HRC Resource Development due to counting votes for the vice chair. Judy T. shared HRC continues to relying on word-of-mouth from families. Families share resources and who they use to do their PCP. HRC is open to new vendor with new PCP planners and FMS, to increase resources for families.
- Linda requested there be a list of vendors that have been recommended by families. Judy T. shared there is no list of IF to provide, however will look into list of FMS providers that HRC and PCP planners. Judy will put a list together to share during next meeting. Although HRC vendor with FMS and PCP planners, they are not vetted and it is important for participants/ families to do their research to ensure they know what works best for them.
- Linda requested a list of IF that have supported HRC families when going live on SDP. Shared she has a list that is used to invite IF to the advisory committees. Judy T. shared a majority of IF helping families move forward with SDP have been a part of advisory committee meetings. Linda shared a group that has not been a part of the meeting is Autism Society of LA and Carla Lehman has been success in supporting participants through SDP.

Skills4Care – Paul Quiroz

- Finishing up the hiring process, the finalizing of mentors will be in place by next week.
- Will continue identify families / potential candidates still interested in the mentor program
- Next meeting will provide current data of individuals contacted
- No money spent as of yet.

Statewide Updates:

- Statewide Committee- Linda Chan Rapp
 - June 22 – The State Wide SDP advisory committee meeting will be held. It will be focusing on helping moving forward with the SDP Roll out.
- DDS Updated FMS FAQ Page
 - Chart about different options

Office Clients and Rights Advocacy:

- Will host a training on June 5, 2021 from 11AM- 12:30PM via zoom, focusing on possible upcoming electricity shut off during fire season and how that will impact individuals that require medical equipment.

State Council Update:

- Due to Brianna's absence, there were no updates provided.

Public Comments:

- Sunghee Park inquired if HRC is honoring orientations completed outside of HRC, Katy confirmed HRC is accessing outside orientations. Sunghee would like to encourage Korean speaking families to participate in the RCOC SDP Orientation held in Korean.
- Diem Nguyen- Inquired if there is a way to watch the recording of tonight's meeting? Katy explained the purpose of the recording is to help the minutes being taken.

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- Deaka inquired if recording can be provided to clients on HRC web site, Judy at this time it has not been considered, however Patrick Ruppe shared it can be considered for the future.
- Patrick Ruppe- shared the corrected state council web page link. <https://scdd.ca.gov/losangeles/>
- Patrick Ruppe- shared the limited FMS agencies limiting their available models, if anyone has updated information from other agencies due to that being a barrier for some families. More information with possible updates will be provided during next meeting.
- Sandra shared most companies have all 3 models, all are doing bill payer, few have co employer (4 have good results GT independence, ARCC, Mains'l, Aveanna) (adding more due to few people wanting to add their own workers comp and liability) and most have sole employer. Patrick shared they have initiated contact with Mains'L to join HRC as FMS.
- Sandra encouraged participants to research FMS and try which works best for the family.
- Danielle A- Cambrian has been supportive to the families that have been accessing SDP. Paul Q confirmed Cambrian is under CFMS.
- Deaka M- Asked for clarification regarding Cambrian being an FMS and provider. Paul Q- explained they are two different companies. Inquired about adding 24 hour home care for more FMS information.
- Jordan F- Shared his budget has been certified however is having issues with the FMS model due to a mutual employee and is now paying overtime due to the extended work hours (both participants accessing service during the same work day). Asked if anyone knows how to navigate the scenario for employee using same FMS to sign in time. Is the only way to go about it a sole employer model or 1099? Sandra – cannot use a 1099 due to California employment law. Yes, only way would be the sole employer due the participant being the employer on file. GT has additional supports to make it easier to use sole employer.
- Deaka M asked for clarification regarding being a direct employee for client and how it can possibly conflict if she works for another participant. Jordan clarified sole employer and co employer.
- Patrick Ruppe- Shared information found regarding July 1st, e-mails shared regarding the trailer bill language associated with the \$10.3 million dollars that is in the proposed budget going to the governor. If this is the final version of the trailer bill, then the proposed roll out date is July 1st. We would have to wait to see if the governor signs the proposed trailer language bill to determine the change in roll out date state wide. At this time start date continues to be June 7th until signed, possibly will be pushed back to July 1st.
- Linda Chan Rapp- Shared a Self-Determination Parent – Training hosted by Education Spectrum via zoom. It is a weekly training (2x per week) that began April 22 and will be held through June 26th. Thursday 5:30 – 6:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00-11AM) / Also Disability Voices United has had ongoing trainings on SDP. SCLARC is offering trainings for those interested in becoming IF, information is online if interested. There are many agencies like Guidelight who also provide IF training.
- David O- Proposed Skills4 Care be a pilot project and then it can be proposed for the state RC.
- Deaka added more information to elaborate on David's comment. She explained if HRC could create a pilot to begin mentor program for all RC's. Discuss a possible bill that makes it that all RC's need to have a mentor program.
- Linda proposed it be discussed outside the committee meeting to further review idea.
- **Next meeting:** July 7, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Donna Magaña

**Harbor Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee
June 1, 2021 10:00 am
Virtual via Zoom Meeting**

Committee Participants

Member Name	Organization
Paul Quiroz, Chairperson	Cambrian Homecare
Amy Miller	InJOY Life Resources
Catherine Bennage	Integrated Life
Angie Rodriguez	Social Vocational Services
Patricia Flores	Life Steps Foundation
Alex Saldana	Oxford Healthcare
Christine Grant	Dungarvin CA.
Anthony MacConnell	Dungarvin CA.
Jeri Miles	Mentor Network
Letica Woods	Ambitions CA
Donna Gimm	Mentor Network
Ryan Rieger	Mentor Network
Scott Elliott	ICAN California
Lindsey Stone	ICAN California
Jordan Quenun	Ability First
Ben Espitia	Goodwill Industries
Nancy Langdon	Canyon Verde
Harry Van Loon	ARC Long Beach
Brian Lockhart	Aacres CA LLC
Glenda Lang	Options for Birth and Family Services

HRC Staff Participating

Staff Name	Title
Patrick Ruppe	Executive Director
Judy Wada	Chief Financial Officer
Nancy Spiegel	Director of Information and Development
Leticia Mendoza	Community Services Department Assistant
Steve Goclowski	Clinical Services Manager
Mercedes Lowery	Service Provider Relations Manager
LaWanna Blair	Director of Early Childhood Services
Mary Hernandez	Director of Case Management Support Services
Elizabeth Stroh	Manager of Rights & Quality Assurance
Erika Godoy	Client Services Manager Children's South Central
Katy Granados	Client Services Manager Children's East

Ute Czemmel	Controller
Tes Castillo	Assistant Controller

Call to Order

Paul Quiroz called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Grass Roots Day Update

The Association of Regional Centers Agencies coordinated Zoom meetings between regional center teams and legislators from across the state on April 20, 2021. Holding these meeting via Zoom allowed more clients, family members, board members and service provider constituents to participate in the meetings for their respective districts, and seemed to allow informal, friendly and open conversations regarding our issues and individual stories. HRC service provider representatives included Paul Quiroz, (Cambrian), Angie Rodriguez, (SVS), Dee Prescott, (Easter Seals SoCal), Alex Saldana, (Oxford Services), and Lindsay Stone, (ICAN), with their respective Senators and Assembly Members. In addition, HRC teams also included Board members Kim Vuong and Ron Bergmann, Doug Erber of IDA, parents April Rehrig & Christina Marquez, Nancy Spiegel, (HRC), and representatives from SCLARC and ELARC. Key advocacy points included elimination of the sunset for temporary rates, elimination of the Uniform Holiday schedule, implementation of the rate study, and full funding of regional center service coordination staffing to meet required client ratios. Several of these points have since appeared in the Governor’s May Budget Revision and the Legislators budget proposals.

Executive Director Report

Patrick Ruppe, provided an update regarding the Governor’s Proposed May Revise 2021/2022 budget.

- Elimination of Provider Supplemental rate increases funding sunsets
- Uniform Holiday Schedule elimination
- Expansion of Paid Internship Program and CIEP
- Targeted Service Coordination Enhancement for underserved communities
- Provisional Eligibility for ages 3&4
- DSP Bilingual training

COVID-19 Update

- HRC client numbers are low in comparison to other regional centers
- HRC continues to host vaccination clinics at the Torrance office for service providers, clients, families and staff, in partnership with Oxford HealthCare. Home visits are available to clients if needed.
- HRC appears on the website myturn.ca.gov as a clinic site option.
- DDS has not rolled out plans for re-engagement for service provider programs. HRC is working on the return to work for staff. Program visits by service coordinators soon to follow. HRC plan to re-engage slowly to ensure the safety of clients and that there is enough staff available on site for clients. Number of clients pre-pandemic and after to consider. HRC plans to schedule a meeting with Transportation service providers regarding clients returning to programs and their capacity available and current regulations. OSHA & public health protocols will be followed.

HCBS Update

Mercedes Lowery provided an update of the service providers that received HCBS grant awards for fiscal year 2020/2021 for a \$514,360 total. There are five HRC licensed home service providers that received grants for home modifications for accessibility. Contracts to be signed by June 30, 2021. HCBS final rule site visits were held April & May with providers. HRC is waiting for final report.

DDS Upcoming Audit

Elizabeth Stroh, provided an update on the upcoming DDS Federal programs audit.

- Review Dates July 12, 2021 - July 23, 2021. Remote site visits.
- Review periods for 4/1/20 -3/31/2021
- 57 clients selected
- Client records, Nursing Home Reform, Service Coordinators, Clinical staff, QA and client & parent interviews.
- Sample of records review: IPPs, semi-annual & quarterly reviews, current emergency information, SIRs, Admission agreements, medication administration records, P&I ledgers, first aid certifications for staff.

Budget and Rates

Judy Wada, provided an update the budget for HRC and statewide.

For the current fiscal year budget 2020-21 HRC's budget is summarized as:

- Purchase of Services Expenditure Projection (POS) as of March claims:
 - HRC Total Projected Expenditures \$240,707,700
 - HRC Projected Surplus of \$10,878.981
 - May Revision Fiscal Year 2021-22
 - FY2020-21 \$9.9 billion
 - FY 2021-22 \$10.7 billion
- Caseload
 - Projected 6/30/21 \$352,382
 - Projected 6/30/21 \$386,431

DDS May Revision Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Budget Includes:

- Provider supplemental rate increases and Uniform Holiday schedule elimination of 12/31/21 suspension
- Emergency preparedness resources and RC planning support
- Bilingual Differential for Direct Service Professionals
- CIEP & PIP increase number of payments
- Additional Resources for individuals who are Deaf
- Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility Ages 3& 4
- Enhanced Service Coordination
- Performance Incentives for Regional Centers

DDS Directives Alternative Services Rates (ASDM)

Judy provided an update regarding alternative services.

Provider Attestations for Absence Payments during COVID-19 are still pending for DDS. Survey Monkey reports continue to be due the 5th business day of the month.

Technology Lending Library Los Angeles County Regional Centers joint RFP

- **FY 2020-21 CPP/CRDP Startup Funds**
- 7 Regional Centers: Westside, East LA, HRC, Lanterman, North LA, San Gab/Pomona, South Central LA
- All providers can apply to serve all, one or a portion of the seven
- \$1.4 million or \$200,00 per regional center
- Expectations:
 - Increase access to remote and virtual services providing eligible participants with tablets and/or laptops and technical support
- Timeline Deadline for proposals is June 15, 2021, 4:00pm
- Information posted on HRC website

HRC Report Updates

Steve Goclowski, provided an update of a new service provider on board with HRC called CBEM. CBEM presented a powerpoint presentation on services available.

- Provides crisis services and resources to clients of all ages
- Crisis hotline
- Safety plans
- Monthly remote drop in clinics for service coordinators
- Service coordinators to send referrals to program for review to HRC psychologist consultant Juan Carlos Aguila

Erika Godoy, provided update on the new HRC crisis response managers on call services for clients/families. Phone calls are screened and routed to appropriate resources.

Intake Update

LaWanna Blair, presented Intake statistics showing the decline in referrals in 2020.

- Intakes were 46% lower in 2020
- 73% Referral sources continue to come from pediatricians & parents
- Ethnicity continues to be higher with the Spanish/Latin groups
- Diagnosis was higher for ASD clients
- Health Districts was larger in Bellflower area, Long Beach health district

HRC is excited to start hosting Psychological Evaluations in-person to families in the Long Beach office and in July in the Torrance office

Self Determination Update

Katy Granados, provided update on the Self Determination Program (SDP) that included the following summary of activities:

- Effective June 7, 2021 SDP program enrollment opened to everyone
- HRC has 95 individuals currently enrolled
- Monthly orientations in English and Spanish were hosted in May & June
- A refresher training for service providers will be coordinated soon

Adjournment

Next committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.