

**Harbor Regional Center  
Community Relations Committee  
January 8, 2016**

**Attended by: Monica Sifuentes, David Bourassa, Terri Nishimoto, Nancy Spiegel**

**Harbor Help Fund - Holiday Funds Raised**

- \$13,000 was received through grants from South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club (\$4000 Dec '15), Boeing Employees Community Fund (4000 Dec '15), and, and Del Harbor Foundation.(\$5000 Sept '15)
- As of this week \$14,7000 was received from individual and business donations in response to our direct mail campaign

In September, the Board approved a Harbor Help Fund allocation of \$30,000 for the 2015 holiday season, based on funds raised in 2014. Funds raised that year included a generous one-time donation of \$10,000 – some of which was allocated to 2015 Holiday Giving and the rest to general Harbor Help Funds. The funds raised in 2015 will be the basis of what we recommend to the Board for the 2016 Holiday Giving program.

**The Holiday Giving Program also received extensive In Kind contributions:**

- Thanksgiving food baskets for 37 families from Carson-Gardena-Dominguez Rotary, Manhattan Beach Montessori, Nadel International, Loyal Alliance Car Club of Wilmington
- 50 tickets to Nutcracker by Southern California Dance Theater.
- Toy Drives by 24hr Homecare (184 families), Redondo Beach Dental
- Very Beary Christmas party hosted by Elks Gardena (50 families of preschool children). They wish to make this an annual event.
- 1000 Blankets from Nadel International
- Many more miscellaneous donations of toys, clothing, household items

**Adopt a Family Program. 147 families were adopted,** including 21 who were provided for through the above gift donations.

## **Legislative Advocacy**

Nancy shared DDS Budget Highlights from the Governor's Budget 2016-17, which was released the previous day. We continue efforts to reach out to local legislators and offer opportunities for them to become more aware, informed, and supportive of our programs.

We felt that a holiday party for our 0-5year old clients in the South Bay was a great opportunity to invite Assembly Member David Hadley, who had not yet had the opportunity to visit HRC. He attended the event and provided a Certificate of Recognition to the Elks who sponsored the event. Committee Member David Gauthier welcomed him to HRC.

The Service Provider Advisory Committee is planning a meet and greet event with legislator(s). This committee will work with them. We discussed selection of a date during their spring recess March 17-27, and honoring the publisher of Daily Breeze and Press Telegram. Nancy will check their availability.

We reached out again to Assemblyman Rendon to visit services in his district. (new Assembly Speaker who covers Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens, some North Long Beach in the HRC area). We scheduled a visit to a day program in his district that was to take place January 8<sup>th</sup>, but he unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute. His office said that he does want to visit the program and will reschedule. Due to his recent comments expressing his legislative priority to increase early childhood education, we will offer him the opportunity to observe this type of service when we reschedule.

ARCA is in the early planning stages for Grass Roots Day at the Capitol and has asked us to save the evening of March 29<sup>th</sup> for their dinner briefing, and the day of March 30th for visits to legislators in the Capitol.

## **Prevention Campaign**

**The HRC staff are planning** a presentation and tour for pediatricians at HRC later this year to provide an overview of the referral/intake process and services for children. Monica and Terri recommended that a late afternoon event (eg 4-7pm) would probably have better attendance than midday. Monica will check with her contact at American Academy of Pediatrics and/or HUCLA regarding co-sponsoring and providing CMEs as an incentive.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:** Tuesday April 12 5:30-6:30pm; Thursday July 14 noon; Tuesday Oct. 11. At our April meeting we will discuss recruitment of additional members.

**Harbor Regional Center  
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 6, 2016  
HRC Torrance Office**

**-DRAFT MINUTES -**

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Present: Ray Ceragioli, Miriam Kang, Deaka McClain, Mariano Sanz, Eva Casas-Sarmiento, David Gauthier, Rosalinda Garcia; Chris Arroyo (non-voting); Pat Del Monico (non-voting)

Absent: Linda Chan-Rapp; Carola Maranon

I. Call to order at 6:13 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

-October 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes: **Motion to approve: Deaka M.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray C.**

**Approved: All in favor.**

-October 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes: **Motion to approve: Eva C.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Deaka M.**

**Approved: All in favor.**

III. Discussion of Future Meetings/Other Topics:

-Meeting locations: HRC Long Beach office will be under construction. For now, meetings to continue at Torrance HRC office. Once construction over, will alternate every month between Torrance and Long Beach HRC offices.

-Status of Waiver: Approval of SDP waiver still pending with CA preparing responses to questions from fed agency; check DDS website for updates.

-Future training topics: (1) PCP; (2) Developing SDP Budget; (3) Role of Facilitator; (4) Role of FMS; (5) Overview of questions feds asked DDS to respond to since they provide insight as to details of SDP program requirements per feds.

\*Deadline for selecting agenda items for next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Need to have variety of input at SDP meetings: DeakaM. And DavidG. will seek input from their consumer advisory committee members and bring comments/questions back to next SDP committee. Per ChrisA, regional centers required to contract with family-run organization to get the word out re SDP – only ELARC so far has contracted with an agency (CPAD) to do the outreach and trainings re SDP.

**-Motion: by Eva C.: Chris Arroyo to present on How to Develop a Budget under SDP at next meeting. Presentation to also include overview of SDP waiver questions posed by feds to DDS by ChrisA and Eva Casas-Sarmiento.**

**-2<sup>nd</sup>: Ray C.**

**-Approved: all in favor**

- IV. Speaker: Chris Arroyo re Person Centered Planning Presentation from 6:56 to 7:50pm. Materials handed out to SDP committee members and audience members.
- V. Public Comments:  
-Will there be list of facilitators provided by r.c. or DDS? Answer: do not expect one to be put out by DDS or by r.c.'s. Most likely will be advertising on internet, Yelp, word of mouth, etc.  
-Will HRC put out RFP to select the family-run organization who will be responsible for outreach and training re SDP? Answer: per Pat D.: do not plan on putting out an RFP, will select without RFP.
- VI. Adjourn at 8pm.  
**Motion: by Eva C. to adjourn.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalinda G.**  
**Approved: all in favor.**