



Harbor Regional Center

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:	
Chris Patay	Chair & HDDF Board President
LaVelle Gates	HDDF Board Vice President
Fu-Tien Chiou	HDDF Board Treasurer
Ann Lee, Ph.D.	HDDF Board Member
Patrick Ruppe	HRC Executive Director
Jennifer Lauro	HRC Executive Assistant

ABSENT:	
Dr. Jim Flores	HDDF Board Secretary

Meeting Minutes:

The Board Development Committee held a meeting on September 11, 2024 at 2:30 pm via Zoom and reviewed the following:

1. Board Composition update
 - Mr. Ruppe reviewed with the Board the FY 2024-25 board tracking spreadsheet of terms and discussed various members terms
2. Board Terms
3. Board Recruitment (continued)
4. 2025 Training Topics/Schedule
5. Other

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on October 9, 2024.



Harbor Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee
August 14, 2024 via ZOOM
Minutes

Members Present: Debbie Howard, Patricia Jordan (Chair), Mead Dudley

HRC Staff Present: Judy Taimi, Daisy Bejarano, Elizabeth Garcia-Moya

Other: None

Call to Order & Minutes Approved

Meeting was called to order and commenced at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion/Presentation:

I: Presentation about Community of Practice:

- Share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better
- Harbor's Strategic Plan
 - Focus on optimizing the individuals and families active engagement
 - Person Centered Training
 - Partnering with Helen Sanderson
- Steering Committee consists of 7 service providers (group homes, in-home care, Independent Living Services (ILS))
- This service is not available to those that resides outside of their family home. The most appropriate service for them to access is Supported Living Services (SLS).

II: Feedback on Services to consider for the individuals Harbor services

- Increase of provider options for ILS
- More options available for supported employment to seek paid and non-paid work
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) has been an issue with deciding to work more or not work more. The effect on SSI has deterred individuals from seeking employment or taking on more hours to work.
- Providing training to the individuals on pros and cons of employment
- Affordable Housing

Other Discussion:

- Harbor's 50th Year celebration: The committee will be hosting a table to talk about the CAC and also are responsible for giving out the prizes. The committee agreed to participate and the schedule will be sent to them so we are able to take shifts for October 5, 2024
- Next Meeting is scheduled for November 13, at 5 PM via zoom

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Client Services Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time July 23, 2024 | 6 PM

| Meeting location Zoom

ATTENDEES

Guadalupe Nolasco (Parent)	Deaka McClain (Individual Served)
FuTien Chiou (Parent and Board Member)	Kim Vuong (Individual Served)
Ramon Gonzalez (Individual Served and Board Member)	Maria Ortuno (Parent)
Patricia Jordan (Individual Served and Board Member)	Adriana Ortiz (Parent)
Silvia Cadena (Parent)	Maria Poblete (Parent)
Enrique (Father)	Mayra Jimenez (Parent)
Teresa Hernandez (Parent)	Monica Joya (Parent)
Silvia Macias (Parent)	Jose (Interpreter)
	Patrick Ruppe (HRC)
	Judy Taimi (HRC)

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 6 PM to 8:00 PM | Agenda topic *Purpose of the CSC Committee*

- The committee reviewed our purpose as to why we are part of this committee. We agreed that we are to review Harbor's service policies regularly. The committee will review each service policy every 5 years.
 - Training will be provided to the committee members regarding Harbor's service policies.
 - Training to be provided to Harbor's staff specifically to service coordinators regarding existing service policies.
 - The committee commits to reviewing at least 2 service policies per meeting.
 - The committee will start with the oldest service policy, which is Supported Adult Day Activity Service that was approved in March 1996.
 - Allow time on the agenda for public comment and input as it's important to hear from the individual and family who are accessing services through Harbor
 - The above service policy will be emailed to the committee prior to the meeting in September.
 - It was suggested to post the agenda and documents to Harbor's website at least a week prior to the scheduled committee meeting.

Next Meeting: November 26, 2024 via zoom

**Harbor Regional Center
Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024**

In Attendance:	Absent:
Ann Lee, Chair, Board Member	Dee Prescott, Service Provider, Easterseals Southern California
Laurie Zaleski, Parent, Board Member	Ron Bergmann, Parent, Board Member
Thao Mailloux, Director of Information and Development, Harbor Regional Center	Eber Bayona, Parent, Board Member
	April Stover, Service Provider, AbilityFirst

The members of the committee met virtually on August 22, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Discussion

The committee members explored the topic of partnerships with law enforcement, as it relates to prevention, education, and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities. Recent articles in the media were reviewed to affirm the significance of this topic. A variety of resources, community partners, and key stakeholders across multiple systems were identified as considerations for further outreach and engagement.

Additional ideas were discussed on how to engage helping professionals across all systems to support the needs of individuals who may have co-occurring mental health and developmental disability diagnoses, such as cross-training of new staff in all sectors. It was recognized that Harbor’s recent efforts with partnering agencies to share mental health resources (i.e. 988) and CA START services are critical to supporting the ongoing needs of individuals served by Harbor.

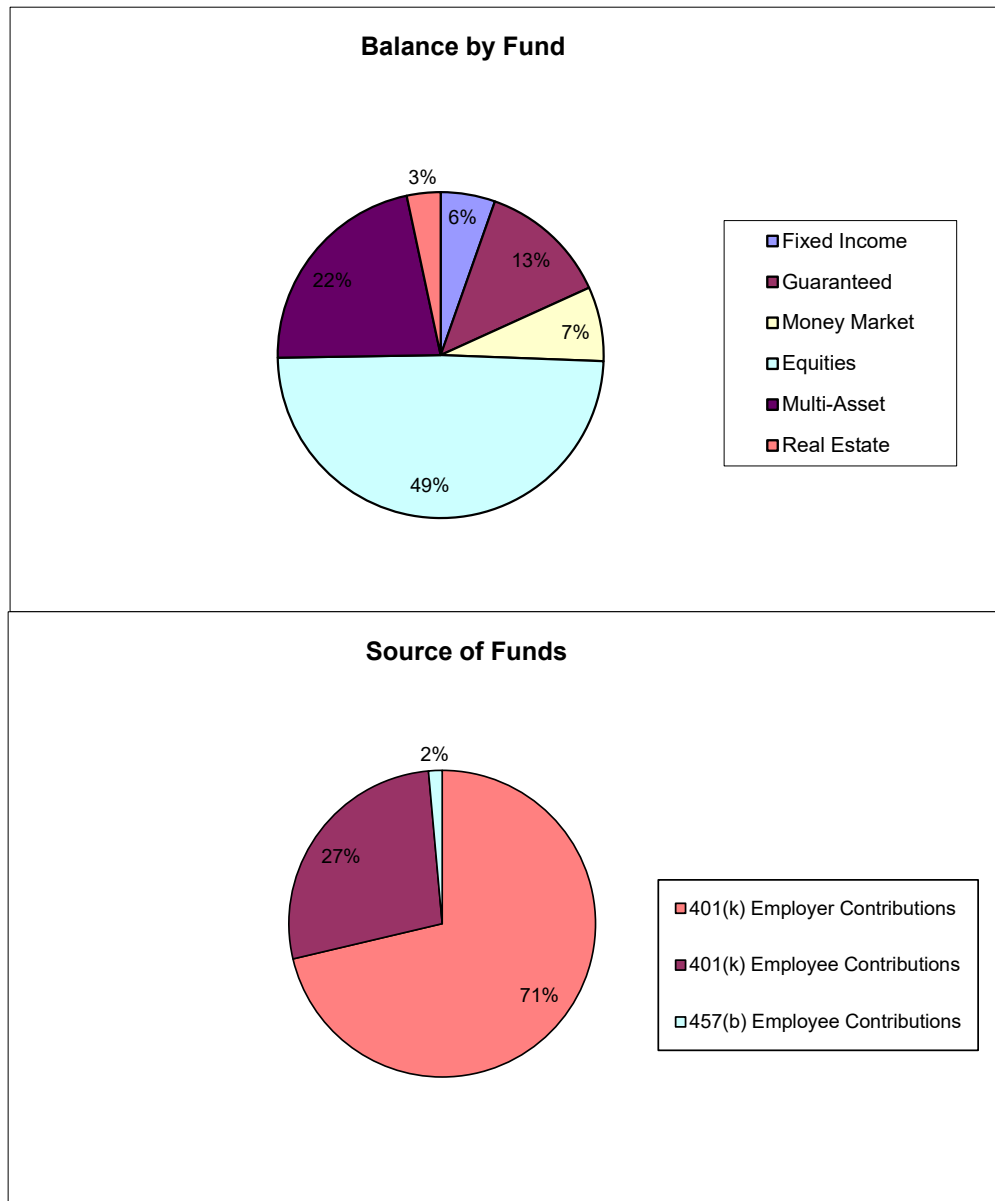
Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled to occur virtually on November 21, 2024 at 1:00pm.

**Harbor Regional Center
Retirement Plan Balances as of 6-30-2024**

	401(k) Employer Contributions	401(k) Employee Contributions	457(b) Employee Contributions	Total Balance
Fixed Income	\$2,907,260	\$1,080,783	\$42,492	\$4,030,535
Guaranteed	\$5,651,768	\$3,228,363	\$684,762	\$9,564,892
Money Market	\$4,432,195	\$1,064,864	\$10,370	\$5,507,429
Equities	\$26,350,892	\$10,065,656	\$264,376	\$36,680,924
Multi-Asset	\$12,219,954	\$4,088,720	\$38,334	\$16,347,008
Real Estate	<u>\$1,655,648</u>	<u>\$816,953</u>	<u>\$27,094</u>	<u>\$2,499,695</u>
Total	\$53,217,717	\$20,345,338	\$1,067,427	\$74,630,483

* Plan Balances include active and terminated employees still in the Retirement Plan.
 ** Employee Contributions include **\$2,171,197** in Rollover funds.



**Harbor Regional Center
Retirement Plan Balances as of 6-30-2024**

	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>457(b)</u>
Fund Balance 3/31/24	\$71,309,308	\$1,042,354
Activity 4/1/24 - 6/30/24		
Distributions	(\$287,044)	\$0
Contributions	<u>\$1,521,235</u>	<u>\$16,188</u>
Net	\$72,543,499	\$1,058,541
Fund Balance 6/30/24	\$73,563,055	\$1,067,427
Gain/(Loss)	\$1,019,556	\$8,886
% Gain/(Loss) for the Period	1.43%	0.85%

Participants

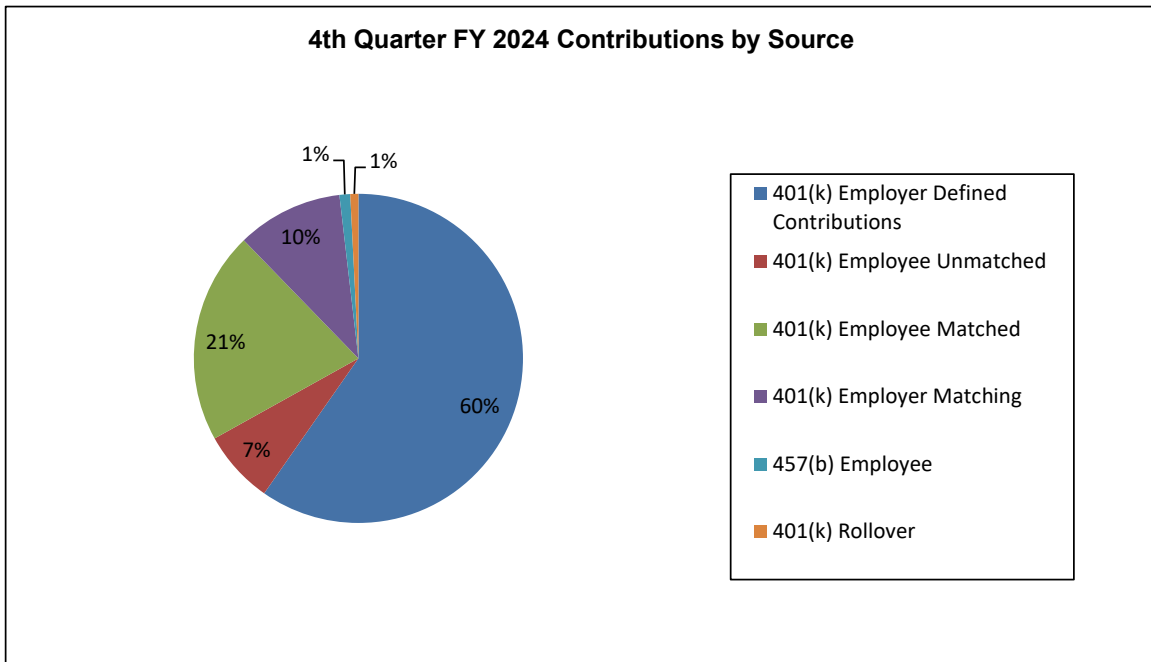
Active Employees in Retirement Plan	476	4	65%
Terminated Employees in Retirement Plan	256	5	35%
Active Employees Total Balance	\$48,183,709	\$394,726	65%
Terminated Employees Total Balance	\$25,379,346	\$672,701	35%

Loan Information

	<u>6/30/24</u>
Employees with Loans	
Active Employees with Loans	55
Terminated Employees with Loans	<u>3</u>
Total	58
Average Balance Amount	\$9,473
Total Loan Value	\$549,443

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	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>457(b)</u>
<u>Contributions</u>		
Employer		
Defined (10%)	\$917,890	\$0
Matching (50% of Employee Matched)	\$160,089	\$0
Employee		
Matched (up to 6%)	\$320,178	\$0
Rollover	\$12,195	\$0
Unmatched	<u>\$110,883</u>	<u>\$16,188</u>
Total	\$1,521,235	\$16,188
Employees Contributing	331	
Average deferral percentage	5.91%	



HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia- Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Deaka McClain – Individual, Self-Determination Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Maria Elena Walsh – Harbor Family Resource Center
Tim'an Ford – HRC Peer Advocate
Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent
Mayra Garcia – Parent
Jamie Temple – OCRA
Kyungshil Choi – Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children/Young Adolescents Services
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist
Bernice Perdomo-Chavez – Participant Choice Specialist
Minerva Prado – Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager
Jessica Sanchez – Client Service Manager
Kelsey Machado – Client Service Manager
Katy Granados – Client Service Manager

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Maria Poblete, Parent
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Tomas Mendez, Parent
Dawn Gordon, IF
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles
Adriana Ortiz, Parent
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Debra Jorgensen, Guidelight
Albert Feliciano, SCDD
Ayala Socol, Parent
Bertha Fernandez, Parent
Cynthia Valladolid, Parent
Claire Seo, Parent
David Ellis, Cambrian FMS
Elva Ramos, Parent

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Emily Ho, Parent
Fely Rodriguez, Parent
Montserrat Palacios, DDS
Raina Killingsworth, Independent Facilitator

Abbreviations

HRC: Harbor Regional Center
IF: Independent Facilitator
PCP: Person-Centered Plan
SCDD: State Council on Developmental Disabilities
SDP: Self-Determination Program
DVU: Disability Voices United
FMS: Financial Management Service
DDS: Department of Developmental Services
RFP: Request for Proposal
SDAC: Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee
OCRA: Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy
ASLA: Autism Society of Los Angeles

Welcome:

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

Approval of Minutes:

June 5, 2024 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Minerva Prado presented the SDP data in a graph format via an "HRC SDP" Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Completed PCPs 220; 25 within the soft rollout and 195 from 7/2021 to 07/2024
- Certified Budgets 294; 37 within the soft rollout and 257 from 7/2021 to 07/2024
- Spending Plans 258; 32 within the soft rollout and 226 from 7/2021 to 07/2024
- SDP Live 273; 32 within the soft rollout and 241 from 7/2021 to 07/2024

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	105
Latino	64
Asian	54
Black	23
Other	14
Multicultural	10
Biracial	2
Native American	1

SDP by Language:

English	224
Spanish	39
Korean	2
Japanese	4
ASL	2
Tagalog	1
Mandarin	1
Chinese	

- Number of fully oriented participants: 1,038 (97 are in the follow-up stage, 304 have chosen to withdraw and 360 in the unknown stage).

Comments:

- Participant asked if HRC accepts orientations completed with SCDD, participant was informed SCDD orientations are accepted
- Participant suggested Data presentation be provided in Spanish during meeting
- Participant requested QR codes and flyers for upcoming orientations, flyer was provided via chat
- Participant asked if a FMS has shown interest in providing 099 PDS services, update was given to participant that we are in talks with FMS's to take on service
- Participant stated that FACT families is interested in courtesy vendorization, Minerva suggested to follow vendorization process
- Participant asked when she can adjust her spending plan to reflect updated employer burden, participant was given the 3 options from the directive

1. SDP: Updated SANDIS Reporting Requirements

- DDS is requiring the following reporting elements for all individuals who are enrolled (Live) and in the process of enrolling:
 - Date orientation completed
 - Orientation provider
 - Date of initial budget meeting (date of meeting when SC first went over the draft budget with individual/family)
 - Budget adjustments
 - Date of change
 - Reason for change (ex. ABA added)
 - Budget change (increase, decrease, no change)

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2. SDP: Annual RC Report on the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC) or SDAC at HRC Details the DDS composition requirements of LVAC/SDAC.

The RC and Sate Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) each appoint half of the membership consisting of individuals served, family members, other advocates, and community leaders, that is multiculturally diverse. Committee includes the regional center clients' rights advocate and a representative from a family resource center.

3. SDP: Goods and Services

Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP) is a new employment service option that will be paid for outside of the spending plan for individuals participating in SDP. Deciding if a Cost May be Included in the SDP Budget: Good/service addresses an identified need/goal before including it in an individual budget:

- Ensure the good/service is allowable
- Not available through other funding sources

4. SDP: Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports Guidance

A. Initial Person-Centered Plan (PCP) - pay up to \$1,000 for initial PCP from vendored and non-vendored providers

B. General Self-Directed (SD) Supports - coaching and/or training supports needed to enroll in SDP are provided after they attend an orientation and before they are enrolled.

- A vendored service provider (service code 099)
- A qualified provider through Participant-Directed Services (PDS)
- Available starting August 1, 2024
- Will require a Financial Management Service (FMS)

C. Time-limited Availability of Original \$2,500 Option - extended until 12/31/2024

D. Payment for the Initial Person-Centered Plan and General SD Supports – paid for through purchase reimbursement (024) or PDS (099, PDS), paid for in a timely manner

E. Regional Center Reporting – beginning August 1, 2024, RCs have to report on the number of General SDP Supports who are vendored, in the process, FMS agencies providing PDS, and efforts to increase capacity.

4. SDP: Coordinated Career Pathways (CCP) in the Self-Determination Program

CCP is available to all eligible individuals, including SDP participants starting June 2024. RCs will fund for this service outside of the SDP participant's individual budget.

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Roles & Responsibilities of Committee Members & Participants

- Reviewed roles and responsibilities of member and participants
- Helpful tips were reviewed for all participants

Cambrian FMS:

- David Ellis presented on Cambrian FMS data, informing that FMS services began in 2020. They offer all three models, majority of their participants are under co-employer model. David reviewed common questions such as vendor requirements, background checks for employees, providing services to siblings, mileage reimbursement for non-employees and payment timeline.

Phoenix Facilitation Updates:

- Naomi Hagel presented final information for the years 2022, 2023, 2024; highlighting ethnicity representation, assigned sex, age representation, partnership achievements, participant feedback.

Guidelight Group Updates:

- Debra Jorgensen shared that they have granted 20 scholarship opportunities
- 9 participants currently in the process
- 11 participants will start in the fall

Autism Society of Los Angeles Updates:

- Kim Sinclair shared that registration is now closed for the Independent Facilitator Training Program
- 101 applications received
- 46 from HRC and accepted into training
 - 15 Spanish speaking
 - 31 English speaking with Spanish speaking as well
- Module 1 started 7/8/224- 3 weeks, two sessions evening per week. Ended August 1st, 2024
- Module 2- SDP Fundamentals starts 8/12/2024, 2 evenings per week for 3 weeks

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Statewide Updates:

- Statewide enrollments starting May 20th - 3192, May 24th – 4382 participants
- San Diego has highest SDP enrollments compared statewide
- HRC is average in SDP enrollments compared statewide

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy (OCRA) – Jamie Temple

- No pending events
- Voting rights training: 562-623-9911
ocra.hrc@disabilityrightsca.org

SCDD- Albert Feliciano Updates:

- Statewide Training's every Monday at 10am open to public:
- Current serious is on Special Education
- Continue to provide statewide SDP Orientations:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88327113155?pwd=OEhsc09BNkM4V0FSVEJPYjlkQU5YQT09>
- SCDD Newsletter: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>

Public Comments:

- Independent Facilitator introduced herself as new IF and provided contact information in chat: Raina Killingsworth, Independent Facilitator can be reached at rk@ownselffacilitation.com and website at <http://www.ownselffacilitation.com>
- Participant asked if budgets are adjusted for new employer burdens, participant was informed budgets are not adjusted.

Next meeting: September 4, 2024 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

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Minutes submitted by Bernice Perdomo-Chavez

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Ayala Socol, IF
Allan Bravo
Basel Alkdadri
Murphy Chu
Reiko Umeda, IF
Dawn Gordon, IF
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Tamra Pauly, IF
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Katy Granados, Person-Centered Thinking Trainer, facilitated the SDP LVAC committee with creating a mission statement.

- Prompted the committee to think of their core responsibilities and their specific role.
- SDP statute states: “The committee shall review the development and ongoing progress of the SDP which includes whether the program advances the principles of self-determination, and is operating consistent with the requirements of SDP law, and may make ongoing recommendations for improvement to the regional center and the department.”
- Prompted the committee to think of their vision for HRC’s SDP LVAC and requested feedback.

Comments:

- Participant shared they want clear understandable information for families to engage in SDP.
- Participant shared our mission is to foster independence, choice, and inclusion by providing resources, advocacy, and education. We are committed to collaborating with our community to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to lead a self-directed life, fully integrated into the broader community.
- Participant shared they want empowerment through choice, individualized support, self-directed goals, holistic approach, collaboration and advocacy, strength-based planning, inclusive decision-making, personalized pathways, tailored support services, and promoting independence and self-advocacy.
- Participant shared they want to help understand the person-centered plan process. To advocate, to speak up and know that it is okay to raise your voice. To know that your support system is whoever you want it to be.

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- Participant shared to educate, advocate, and support.
- Participant shared that the mission statement is like the North Star that helps guide the work of the committee.
- Participant shared it is a collaboration between the community and Harbor Regional Center.
- Participant shared that is collaborating and receiving feedback from community groups/activist to address inequities referring to the disparity between certain demographics (e.g., ethnicity, gender and gender expression, class, and ability levels) in our catchment area.
- Participant shared to make the program accessible and easy for others to want to join and be a part of SDP.
- Participant shared that people come to the SDAC meeting to ask for help and express their concerns.
- Participant shared that this is not a place for grievances, but a place/bridge to collaboratively present clear, real and understandable information, and offer support.

Information will be gathered, reviewed, and a draft mission statement will be presented at the next SDAC meeting on October 2, 2024.

Guidelight Group Updates:

- Guidelight Group finished its summer training session and all 9-scholarship applicants are working on their final assignments to earn their certificates of comprehension. The PCS staff presented to the group in the last session today. The collaborative session helped set expectations and create avenues for future communication between IFs and HRC staff. The second set of scholarship applicants will start the fall training course on October 2nd. They are really pleased with the commitment and professionalism of the new IFs coming into this community.

Autism Society of Los Angeles Updates:

- Kim Sinclair shared that 113 applicants (46% from HRC) are conducting their sessions in CORE English and Core Spanish.
- HRC group has a 15% attrition thus far (usually sees 30% with new groups).
- Have completed Modules 1 and 2. Module 3: Self Determination Law and Directives (12 hours of instruction) will start on 9/9/2024.
- HRC population is very engaged and knowledgeable of SDP.
- Spanish speaking trainees are allowed to make up sessions on Thursday if they miss a Monday session to ensure they continue with the training due to the high need.

Statewide Updates:

- Meeting scheduled for 9/10/24 focused on chair role and training, and how to manage a successful LVAC meeting. Chair will report next SDAC meeting.

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Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy (OCRA) – Jamie Temple

- OCRA Open House (25th Year Anniversary)
Thursday, October 3rd, 10am-1pm
12501 Imperial Hwy, Suite 260
Norwalk, CA 90650

SCDD- Albert Feliciano Updates:

- To attend the SCDD Statewide Trainings held on Mondays at 10 am, focused on Special Education in September use the following Zoom link: Meeting ID#883-2711-3155 Password: 2024
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU3zu0qt219Xg48JPx6sJKTGil6RO0LJALHoDy6q8u3KAqSA/viewform>
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Statewide Orientation: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Meeting will be held on 9/10/24, 10:30 AM – 1 PM.

Public Comments:

- Disability Voices United two bills (AB1147 and SB1281) supporting <https://disabilityvoicesunited.org/support-dvus-sponsored-bills/>
- Participant shared an Emergency Evacuation Action Day (hybrid event) to raise awareness and change the situation for people with disabilities, held on 9/26/2024, 1-2:30 pm BJK Library 200 w. Broadway Ave., 90802.
 - https://longbeach.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOqupz8qGdFt7w2QU_WnOqk_P8QyV31v#/registration
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUM6qtqRZ9qnm5vqe9L1v9wW4hCW1GKYtqqX0iKCw2JnmDzw/viewform?pli=1>
- 9/12/2024, 4 PM: The Master Plan for Developmental Services 12 years at Disability Rights of California.
 - <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/events/the-master-plan-for-developmental-services-let-your-ideas-be-known>

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Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez

DRAFT

Harbor Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC)
 August 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Committee Participants

Member Name	Organization
Angie Rodriguez	SVS
Angie Gallon	SVS
Serafin Avila	SVS
Leo Vasquez	SVS
Paul Quiroz	Cambrian Homecare
Diane Sanka	Easter Seals
Angelica Real	Easter Seals
Sharon Oh	Share Speech & Language
Lindsey Stone	ICAN
Brody Plodinec	ICAN
Angela Coleman	Mountain Top
Tongorio Barner	Mountain Top
Rafael Carbajal	Remarkable Centered Services
Tiki Thompson	Person Centered Options
Monique Weatherson	Person Centered Options
Olivia Gonzalez	Aveanna Healthcare
Tammi Castillo	CA. Mentor
Carla Lane	CA. Mentor
Verretta Boatner	Sevita Health
Ife James	Sevita Health
Johanna Torres	David's Place
Donna Johnson	Sevita Healthcare
Elizabeth Ho	CBEM
Claudia Villegas-Avalos	Impact Consulting
Susan Potter	Independent Focus
Juan Zepeda	Dungarvin
Audria Pino	BTS Southbay

HRC Staff Participating

Staff Name	Title
Patrick Ruppe	Executive Director
Judy Wada	CFO
Elizabeth Garcia Moya	Community Services Director
Leticia Mendoza	Department Assistant Community Services
Daniel Hoyos	Manager Community Services
Daisy Bejarano	Manager Person Centered Practices
Brian Carrillo	HCBS Specialist
Aimee Fabila	HCBS Specialist
Kiara Martinez	HCBS Specialist
Tes Castillo	Assistant Controller
Bing Tayag	Controller
Senen Salvador	Fiscal Monitor

total participants	39
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Call to Order

Angie Rodriguez called meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Sub-Committee Updates

Angie Rodriguez and SPAC Chair Members. The subgroups continue to host individual sub-committee meetings to discuss current issues and concerns.

- **Diane Sanka, - Day Programs Chair** – Provided an update on the following topics:
 - Last meeting held was 6/13/24
 - DSP stipends extension date, staff continue to participate amongst the agencies
 - Participated in the provider information session regarding new Ride Health transportation broker

- **Sharon Oh,– Early Start Chair** –Provided an update on the following topics discussed at their last meeting late July.
 - Discussed the statewide Provider Directory information
 - Held the Early Childhood provider meeting on LaWanna participated to provide current HRC updates
 - Next meeting will be 11/7/24

- **Paul Quiroz, – Support Services-** Provided update on the following topics:
 - DSP stipends extension date, staff continue to participate amongst the agencies
 - Statewide Provider Directory
 - HRC 50th anniversary celebration and encourage providers to participate
 - Next meeting to be determined

- **Rafael Carbajal,- Supportive/ Independent Living Services Chair-** Provided an update on the following topics discussed at their last meeting late 6/18/24
 - Explained to the sub-committee the purpose of meetings held
 - Erika Landeros, Provider Relations Specialist shared a presentation regarding EVV. Erika will continue to work with SLS providers regarding training on EVV process.
 - Cori Reifman, HRC Benefits Specialist provided information on various individual benefits
 - Next meeting 8/20/24 and plan to have a lawyer to join meeting to discuss employment laws

- **Angela Coleman presented in Bertha Martin absence, Residential Services-** provided an updated on the following topics:
 - DSP stipends extension date
 - Restricted Health Plans annual review expectations
 - Providing care to individuals with 2nd diagnosis
 - Medication error training

- Next meeting on 8/13/24
- **Lindsey Stone- Supported Employment Chair** – Provided an update on the following topics discussed at the last meeting held 7/18/24
 - PIP programs –Career Pathways encouraged committee to apply
 - Cal Grows program offers free training courses to California caregivers applicable to both working in home and in the community settings for people with disabilities. Payment up to \$6,000 when completing the training course. More information available on <https://www.calgrows.org/>
 - DSP stipends extension date
 - QIP payments
 - Next employment provider & HRC meeting is 10/17/24

HRC Updates

Daisy Bejarano, Person Centered Practices Manager, shared information and presentation on the overview of Community of Practice (CoP) –Where, What, Who, When.

- HRC Strategic Plan
- Various trainings held and to continue for providers the remaining of the year with a focus on PCT skills development, implementation requirements.
- July 8th the Steering Committee Members were identified and workgroup meetings set to develop the purpose of statement. The committee includes seven providers and one HRC individual.

Budget Update and Rate Study Implementation

Judy Wada shared a presentation of an overview on the California Budget as follows:

- Fiscal Year July 1st to June 30th
 - FY 2024-25 ends 7/1/24
- Budget deal reached – June 22nd
- Major economic provisions for DDS and Regional Centers:
- Master Plan for Developmental Services
- Implementation of the final phase of the Service Provider Rate Study is 1/1/25
- Allowance for remote IPP/IFSP meetings, if the individual has been seen in-person in the last 12 mos/6 mos
- Elimination of the Family Cost Participation Program and Annual Family Program Fee
- **Budget & Stats: All Regional Centers State-Wide Budget**
- FY 2024-2025 increase comparison to FY 2023-2024
- Budget & Stats: State-wide Caseload also increased FY 2023/24 from 429,453 to 465,165 FY 2024/25
- HRC Caseload June 30th increased FY 2023/24 from 18,745 to 19,818 FY 2024/25.
- HRC Employees growth June 2023 415 to 473 as of June 2024
- **Rate Study Implementation**
 - 4/1/2022 - 25% of difference between March 31, 2022 and applicable rate model
 - 1/1/2023- 50% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model
 - 7/1/2024 or 7/1/2025 -Full implementation of rate models with 2 payment components:

- Base Rate equaling 90% of the rate model
 - Quality Incentive Program component of up to 10% of the rate model
- Rate study implementation also includes: Creation and consolidation of service codes and changes to billing units
- DDS Hold Harmless Policy
- Hold harmless policy for providers whose 1/1/2023 rates exceed 90% of the rate model until 6/30/2026, after which time base rates shall be adjusted to the base rates for other providers in that service category and region.

DDS Initiatives

- DSP Training Stipend—extended to 8/31/2024
- Reimbursement for ES Provider Training—RCs can claim up to 11/15/24
- QIP Delivery of Early Intervention Services—started 1/1/2024, Q1 report pending
- DSP Bi-/Multi-Lingual Pay Differential Program—coming soon!
- DSP Internship Program—coming soon!

Harbor Regional Center 50 years celebration of service

HRC Golden gathering 50 years of service. HRC will host a Family and Friends event on Saturday, October 5th at our Torrance campus from 11:00am – 1:00pm for ages 12 and under and for ages 13 and over from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The festivities will include rides, jumpers, a petting zoo, games, music, and food, as well as arts & crafts and activity booths by Harbor Regional Center service providers. There will also be a photo booth and quiet time/sensory activities. Families will receive a letter to complete reservations to attend event.

Service providers are encouraged to participate by submitting a proposal for game booth activities. Also have the option to donate to the Harbor Help Fund. HRC email address is hrcfamevent@harborrc.org.

HRC Updates

Elizabeth Garcia Moya shared an overview presentation on the new DDS statewide online service provider directory launching in September 2024.

- The Provider Directory will make service provider information easier for providers to manage and more accessible for individuals and families. The full capabilities of the Directory will be released in phases.
- **Phase 1** of the Directory launch will empower Service Providers to view and validate their information in the Directory. This work will enable future phases.
- Future phases will include vendorization and deployment of customer-facing portal.
- QIP one-time incentive payments are tied to Service Providers that submit complete Provider Directory registration information by **August 15th**

Service Providers will need to provide the following information on the online portal:

- Service Name of Vendor Number
 - Please spell out full legal name as it appears on tax documentation
- Entity Type
 - Parent Company

- Vendor Number/Sole Provider
- Tax ID Number(s)
 - Format no dashes-XXXXXXXXXX (9 digits)
- Associated **vendor number(s)** for each tax identification number
 - Format examples: H12345 or HP1234 (6 Characters)
- Service Location Address
 - Format including commas: Address Number Address Name, City, State, Zip Code
 - Ex: 123 Fake Street, Sacramento, Ca, 95814
- Contact Number- Format without dashes (1234567890)
- Contact Email - Individual who will be the user responsible for registering in the Provider Directory. Note this person will have the ability to add other users to register.
- Protviti
 - DDS contracted with Protviti a third-party consulting firm that will assist with the process of data collection and cleanup.
 - If the online survey isn't completed by the deadline, a Protviti representative will contact the service providers by phone and email to assist with updating information.
- **HCBS Update**
 - Total of Harbor service providers 317
 - 100% of all site visits completed
 - 90.2% service providers have met compliance
 - 31service providers are receiving technical support to meet compliance
- Upcoming HCBS Trainings
 - **ALO Consultants**
 - 8/27/24 – HCBS From paper to Practice /In- person
Time 10:00am to 3:00pm @HRC Torrance
 - 9/11/24 – HCBS Person centered and Dignified Language/In-person
Time 10:00am to 1:00pm @ HRC Torrance
 - 9/21/24 – Saturday Speaker Series: HCBS & My Rights
Time 9:45am to 12:00pm @ Virtual
 - 10/9/24 – HCBS and Your Rights
Time 10:00am to 12:30pm @ TBD
 - **IntellectAbility**
 - 9/17/24 to 9/18/24 Person-Centered Thinking Training
Time 9am – 5pm @ HRC Torrance

- 9/19/24 to 9/20/24 Person-Centered Thinking Training
Time 9am – 5pm @ HRC Torrance

**This is a two-day training and you must attend both days to receive your Person-Centered certificate.*

- **Ride Health Implementation Process**

- Notification
- Service Coordinators
- Individuals and families
- Service Providers
- Rollout of Service
- Comfort- 08/01
- Ideal- 08/08
- Reliable-08/22
- Roundtrip-09/05
- Individuals will not experience any immediate changes to their route or transportation provider. Changes are anticipated to happen in the month of September.

- **HRC Needs Assessment Discussion**

- **Background-** Harbor's goal is to provide individuals and families with an array of innovative service delivery options that meet their cultural, linguistic and geographic needs.
- Patrick and Elizabeth asked the committee for participate in dialogue what are the trends they are seeing and experiencing in the community for the need to develop resources.
 - Various service needs were brought up such as: ILS in the Southeast city areas Norwalk, Bellflower, Lakewood and Wilmington.
 - Affordable housing for high risk of homelessness for our individuals and options for transitional housing.
 - Resources for aging population
 - PEERS programs to support individuals with anxiety
 - AV equipment for individuals with communication challenges
 - Better collaboration with Dept of Mental Health

- **Service Provider Announcements**

- SVS participating in Strive for Disabilities walk in October 19th at Long Beach Aquarium
- Angie R reminded the committee the importance of timely SIR submissions to HRC via email. Faxes are no longer acceptable
- Patrick announced the upcoming book event on September 10th. Book titled Becoming Brave Together written by a regional center parent. Copies available at the family resource center. Encouraged everyone to take time to read the book it's really a heartfelt story of her journey.

Next meeting date will be October 1, 2024

Meeting Adjourn 12:00 p.m.