

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 Updates:

- 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=OEhsc09BNkM4V0FSVEJPYjIKQU5YQT09>
- 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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Bernice Perdomo-Chavez