

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, June 5, 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

LaWanna Blair – Director of Early Childhood 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 – Service Coordinator

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Dominic Firpo
Hong Dang, Parent
Chloe Estelle, Individual
Katherine Manriquez, Parent
Maria Poblete, Parent
Stella Ramirez
Reiko Umeda, IF
Yolanda Gomez
Tomas Mendez, Parent
Dawn Gordon, IF
Mariene Vallente
Matoria Filipovich, Parent
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles
Tamra Pauly, IF
Adriana Ortiz
Elizabeth Tom, DDS

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Shirlys Gurber, Parent
Silvia Caller, Parent
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Debra Jorgensen, Guidelight
Adela Sanchez, Parent
Albert Feliciano, SCDD
Brenda Gertman, Parent

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:

May 1, 2024 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Bernice Perdomo-Chavez presented the SDP data in a graph format via an "HRC SDP" Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Completed PCPs 177; 25 within the soft rollout and 152 from 7/2021 to 05/2024
- Certified Budgets 260; 37 within the soft rollout and 223 from 7/2021 to 05/2024
- Spending Plans 224; 32 within the soft rollout and 192 from 7/2021 to 05/2024
- SDP Live 252; 32 within the soft rollout and 220 from 7/2021 to 05/2024

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	95
Latino	61
Asian	47
Black	23
Other	13
Multicultural	10
Biracial	2
Native American	1

SDP by Language:

English	207
Spanish	37
Korean	2
Japanese	3
ASL	2
Tagalog	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 999 (97 are in the follow-up stage, 300 have chosen to withdraw and 350 in the unknown stage).

Comments:

- Participant asked if there are FMS agencies that are more responsive as Action started out great but does not return calls now.
- Participant asked why she is struggling to become vendored as an Independent Facilitator (099) since she has already submitted the application.
- Participant asked PCS specialists about the PCP process and requested the list of FMS providers.

Phoenix Facilitation Updates:

- Naomi Hagel presented information for May 2024; highlighting referrals were accepted until May 15, 2024. They will present a final report of all of the referrals and services they provided during August's SDAC meeting.

Guidelight Group Updates:

- Debra Jorgensen shared that they are granting 20 scholarship opportunities for their Independent Facilitator Training, and received 38 applicants before the deadline (May 15, 2024). Almost everyone has been notified - 10 for summer and 10 for fall. Training will start on July 10.

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Autism Society of Los Angeles Updates:

- Kim Sinclair shared that the recruitment application for their Independent Facilitator Training will close June 8, and have received 65 applications to date. 25 are HRC applicants (6 are Hispanics who speak Spanish, 5 Hispanics who are bilingual (English/Spanish), 3 African Americans, 1 Romanian and Serbian speaking individual, 2 Chinese speaking Chinese, 3 Filipinos (2 speak Tagalog), 1 Indian who speaks multiple languages, 1 Indonesian, 1 who identifies as other who speaks Romanian, and 3 English speaking Caucasians). <https://tinyurl.com/ASLAHRCif>

Statewide Updates:

- No updates to share.

Partner Updates:

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

- Removing Barriers to Socialize and Having Fun Together Webinar on social recreation funding offered in English, Japanese and Vietnamese: 6/21/24; from 3 - 5 PM.
<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/events/removing-barriers-to-socializing-and-having-fun-together>
- Disability Rights is hosting a webinar on the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR): 6/11/24, at 11 AM.
<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/events/the-123s-abcs-of-department-of-rehabilitation-dor>

SCDD- Albert Feliciano Updates:

- Mayra Garcia appointed new SDAC committee member by SCDD.
- To attend the SCDD Statewide Trainings held on Mondays at 10 am, use the following Zoom link: Meeting ID#883-2711-3155 Password: 2024<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU3zu0qt219Xg48JPx6sJKTGil6RO0LJALHoDy6q8u3KAqSA/viewform>
- Some of the topics include Anti-Bullying Strategies for Children and Adults and Alternatives to Conservatorship and Supported Decision Making.
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Statewide Orientation: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>

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Public Comments:

- New HRC vendored IF shared their information in the chat. Ayala Socol and Dawn Gordon: Independence By Design: ayala.ibdesign@gmail.com & dawn.ibdesign@gmail.com.
- Participant shared that Ochoa Consulting provides IF services.
- Participant asked if there are resources for established SDP participants to advocate for their participants.
- Participant suggested an SDP newsletter.
- Participant shared that there are parent support groups such as Broad Spectrum Broader Minds (on Facebook), Living Inside the Puzzle, Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic Support Group, and Unidad y Fuerza (Long Beach Memorial).
- Participant shared <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CA.SDP.Forum> online forum to assist parents and individuals.
- Participant asked if the SDP team could gather a list of providers working with SDP.
- Participant shared that she is experiencing issues with providers receiving payment through SDP.
- Participant requested that we invite FMS agencies to next SDAC meeting to put together a list of resources.
- Participant shared that she typed up a letter and used the verbiage on SCDD/DDS and provided links and was able to get potential vendors, adding that it takes trial and error.
- Participant shared link of SDP providers <https://www.thecasdpnetwork.org/>.
- SCDD representative shared email if someone is interested in receiving a list of IFs in LA County Albert.Feliciano@scdd.ca.gov.
- Participant asked who at HRC could speak to potential vendors to further explain SDP, and address issues with FMS agencies not paying invoices on time and not returning their calls.
- Participant shared link to find a list of SDP IFs and/or vendors: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/>.

Next meeting: August 7, 2024 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez