

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
Self Determination Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 4, 2024

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 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  
Miriam Kang – Parent  
Mayra Garcia – Parent  
Jamie Temple – OCRA  
Kyungshil Choi – Parent

**HRC Staff Present**

Patrick Ruppe – Executive Director  
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services  
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist  
Bernice Perdomo-Chavez – Participant Choice Specialist  
Minerva Prado – Client Service Manager  
Jessica Sanchez – Client Service Manager  
Katy Granados – Client Service Manager  
Kelsey Machado – Client Service Manager

**Visitors**

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter  
Yolanda Gomez, Parent  
Monserrat Palacios, DDS  
Hui Hsuan Huang  
Maribel Pena  
Kristianna Moralls, DVU  
Brenda Gertman  
Ayala Socol, IF  
Allan Bravo  
Basel Alkdadri  
Murphy Chu  
Reiko Umeda, IF  
Dawn Gordon, IF  
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles  
Tamra Pauly, IF  
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation  
Albert Feliciano, SCDD

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**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:**

August 7, 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 273; 25 within the soft rollout and 248 from 7/2021 to 08/2024
- Certified Budgets 320; 37 within the soft rollout and 283 from 7/2021 to 08/2024
- Spending Plans 289; 32 within the soft rollout and 257 from 7/2021 to 08/2024
- SDP Live 277; 32 within the soft rollout and 245 from 7/2021 to 08/2024

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	108
Latino	64
Asian	53
Black	23
Other	15
Multicultural	11
Biracial	2
Native American	1

SDP by Language:

English	229
Spanish	38
Korean	2
Japanese	4
ASL	2
Tagalog	1
Chinese	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 1,076 (102 are in the follow-up stage, 317 have chosen to withdraw and 380 in the unknown stage).

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 (25<sup>th</sup> 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://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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**Next meeting:** October 2, 2024 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez