

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2025

Opening:

The regular meeting of Harbor Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 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
Miriam Kang – Parent
Tim’an Ford – Peer Advocate
Jamie Temple – OCRA
Kyungshil Choi – Parent
Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent
Mayra Garcia – Parent

Harbor Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist
Bernice Perdomo – Client Service Manager
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager
Kelsey Machado – Client Service Manager
Jimmy Silvestre – Client Service Manager
David Hernandez – Service Coordinator

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Celia Ramos
Claire Seo, Parent
Kathy Maye, Parent
Beth Tseng
Jazmin Chandler
Janett Yataco
Monserrat Palacios, DDS
Sheila Jordan Jones
Albert Feliciano, SCDD
Debra Jorgensen
Shirlys Gruber, Parent
Marleni Pineda
Michele Arslan
Adriana Ortiz
Jaqueline Casas

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Reyna Rodriguez
Heidy Lopez
Jodi Pentecost
Livier Perez
Georgina Leon
Teresa Hernandez
Tomas Mendez
Ma Reyna

Abbreviations

Harbor: 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:

January 8, 2025 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were tabled due to missing information about the discussion on the purpose of these meetings being solely about SDP.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Bernice Perdomo presented the SDP data in a graph format via a "Harbor SDP" Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Completed PCPs 335; 25 within the soft rollout and 310 from 7/2021 to 01/2025
- Certified Budgets 392; 37 within the soft rollout and 355 from 7/2021 to 01/2025
- Spending Plans 359; 32 within the soft rollout and 327 from 7/2021 to 01/2025
- SDP Live 350; 32 within the soft rollout and 318 from 7/2021 to 01/2025

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	140
Latino	75
Asian	71
Black	27
Other	19
Multicultural	15
Biracial	2
Native American	1

SDP by Language:

English	297
Spanish	41
Korean	2
Japanese	6
ASL	2
Tagalog	1
Chinese	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 1,179 (101 are in the follow-up stage, 390 have chosen to withdraw and 338 in the unknown stage).

DDS Directives: January 2025

- SDP: Fiscal Year 2024 -25 Funding For The Self-Determination Program: Funds were allocated to regional centers for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to help with the implementation of the Self-Determination Program. Harbor was awarded \$97,762, not \$71,888.91.

Guidelight Group Updates:

- Kathy Maye (Kathy@mayedayif.com), Raina Killingsworth (rk@ownselffacilitation.com), Yesenia Oseguera (Spanish speaking, work with middle school/high school individuals, working on Harbor vendorization), Janett Yataco (Janett@jygroup.biz, (323) 578-1970, Spanish speaking, working on Harbor vendorization), Claire Seo (Korean speaking, Harbor vendorized –work with individuals with multiple medical conditions), Junko Kubo (Japanese native and speaking), and Beth Tseng (Mandarin speaking), introduced themselves as scholarship recipients, offering their services to the Harbor community.

Autism Society of Los Angeles (ASLA)/Phoenix Facilitation Updates:

- Kim Sinclair reported on the 113 applications, 46 were from Harbor catchment area.
- The first four modules have been completed.
- Completed PCP homework.
- Not all individuals will receive a certificate but can make up modules later.
- Naomi Hagel reported that the FMS round table is coming up, allowing IFs to interact with the providers and get questions answered.
- Spanish speakers moved to intermediate model to meet community where they are.

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Public Comments:

- Rosalinda will be stepping down as the Chair next SDAC meeting.
- New parent will onboard as a committee member next meeting, with one more opening as another parent does not attend regularly.
- Participant asked for clarification on the abbreviation “Harbor”, instead of “HRC.”

Statewide Updates:

- None to report.

Partner Updates:

SCDD- Albert Feliciano Updates:

- Shirlys Gruber appointed as an SDAC committee member.
- To attend the SCDD Statewide Trainings held on Mondays at 10 am, focused on special education:
Meeting ID#883-2711-3155 Password: 2024
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU3zu0qt2l9Xg48JPx6sJKTGil6RO0LJALHoDy6q8u3KAqSA/viewform>
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Statewide Orientation:
<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>

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

- Any questions, contact OCRA:
Jamie Temple Zoellner
562-623-9911
OCRA.hrc@disabilityrightsca.org

Public Comments:

- Participant shared upcoming workshops related to regional center services.
- Participant asks for update on 099 PDS process at Harbor.
- Deaka McClain is running for public office and shared websites (ademelections.com or adem.cadem.org) to register to vote for Assembly District 69 (if you live in the district).
- Participant asked if the new administration’s changes would affect regional center services.
- Participant congratulated Deaka as an example to follow.
- New committee member shared that they are moving along towards being live in SDP.
- Participant asked if an IF were not vendored would be an issue.

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Next meeting: March 5, 2025 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM

Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez