

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
Self Determination Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2025

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 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  
Jamie Temple – OCRA  
Kyungshil Choi – Parent  
Wendy Clutterbuck

**HRC Staff Present**

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services  
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist  
Bernice Perdomo – Client Service Manager  
Minerva Prado – Client Service Manager  
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager  
Erika Castillo – Client Service Manager  
Kelsey Machado – Client Service Manager  
Jessica Sanchez – Client Service Manager  
Becky Garduno – Client Service Manager  
David Hernandez – Service Coordinator

**Visitors**

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter  
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles  
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation  
Adel S  
Allan Bravo  
Brianna Vitlz  
Celia Ramos  
Ileana Lopez  
Jane Sakurai, Autism Society of Los Angeles  
Jazmin Chandler  
Junko Kubo  
Lety Mendez  
Maria Poblete  
Monserrat Palacios, DDS  
Vickie Edwards  
Yanny Cabrera

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Yolaid Roque  
Sheila Jordan Jones  
Albert Feliciano, SCDD  
Debra Jorgensen  
Sunghee Park, IF  
Shirlys Gruber, 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:**

November 6, 2024 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

Aurelio Lopez presented the SDP data in a graph format via an "Harbor SDP" Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Completed PCPs 326; 25 within the soft rollout and 301 from 7/2021 to 12/2024
- Certified Budgets 387; 37 within the soft rollout and 350 from 7/2021 to 12/2024
- Spending Plans 350; 32 within the soft rollout and 318 from 7/2021 to 12/2024
- SDP Live 339; 32 within the soft rollout and 307 from 7/2021 to 12/2024

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	136
Latino	73
Asian	69
Black	25
Other	18
Multicultural	15
Biracial	2
Native American	1

SDP by Language:

English	286
Spanish	41
Korean	2
Japanese	6
ASL	2
Tagalog	1
Chinese	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 1,172 (95 are in the follow-up stage, 386 have chosen to withdraw and 352 in the unknown stage).

**DDS Directives: December 2024**

- SDP: Financial Management Services Payments: DDS is requiring that Regional Centers pay FMS providers on a weekly basis until further notice.
- 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 \$71,888.91, to utilize in 2026-27.
- SDP: Regional Center Performance Measures: Self-Determination Program Incentive Payment: All 21 Regional Centers met the 8/31/24 deadline by entering the required SDP-related data in SANDIS, earning an incentive payment of \$362,000. These funds are to be utilized on operational needs and will report on how it was spent for transparency purposes.

**Implementation Funds**

- Antoinette Perez walked through the Harbor website to identify the area were the RFP is currently posted.
- Aurelio Lopez reviewed the RFP posting in more detail.
- Rosalinda requested clarification on the fiscal year that the new RFP applies.
- Antoinette stated there are currently no RFP submissions.
- Aurelio Lopez reviewed the 2024 quorum data and stated that only once in the 2024 year quorum was not met, that month was March 2024.

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- Participant requested clarification on RFP deadline, Antoinette was able to provide guidance on RFP deadline, participant asked where this information could be reviewed. Aurelio guided her the link he provided in the chat.

**Guidelight Group Updates:**

- Debra Jorgensen provided data on the 20 scholarships awarded to Guidelight
- 9 individuals completed the course last summer
- 11 individuals started the program in the fall and are in the process of completing the program.
- 19 out of 20 have completed certificate, 1 in the progress.
- 17 out of the 20 individuals had other language capacities.
- Debra reviewed data responses from the IF's that completed the courses.

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

- Naomi Hagel reported on the 113 applications, 46 were from Harbor catchment area and were accepted to the program
- The first 4 modules have been completed
- Last 2 modules will be completed by February.

**Statewide Updates:**

- Rosalinda reported on Town Hall event, presentations and data points. It was a platform to families to share their experiences.

**Partner Updates:**

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

1. Any questions, contact OCRA:  
Jamie Temple Zoellner  
562-623-9911  
[OCRA.hrc@disabilityrightsca.org](mailto:OCRA.hrc@disabilityrightsca.org)

**SCDD- Albert Feliciano Updates:**

- To attend the SCDD Statewide Trainings held on Mondays at 10 am, and will begin again January 27<sup>th</sup> focused on the Regional Center System:  
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/>
2. Looking to fill SDAC vacancy and encouraged participants to apply and provided his contact information in the chat.

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**Provider Comment:**

- Provider introduced himself as representing HR Alliance West, Inc. and the FMS services they provide.

**Public Comments:**

- Participant shared that they are in the process to transition to SDP and she is also in the ADLA independent facilitator training. Participant stated that there are challenges with service coordinators being informed about the Self-Determination Program.
- Committee member shared information about Harbor's resource center and the information that is accessible to families there.
- Participant asked for clarification on data reported on SDP data and requested for clarification, clarification was given to participant. Participant also asked for clarification on the data on the language reported as well and what factors are involved so that the disparity of language can be addressed.
- Committee chair discussed a wide range of reasons as to why the language data can vary.
- Committee member discussed the benefits of having her independent facilitator in the language that best supports her.
- Participant asked if the SDP Orientation that Harbor provides be broken up into sections due to its complexity.
- Committee member shared that it is difficult to have a child with a diagnosis and navigate the regional center, school district and health aspect of the diagnosis. Participant stated that there are workshops being given by Harbor that are not in Spanish language.
- Committee member stated that the for the last 6 months during SDAC's there have been issues brought up that are not related to the Self-Determination Program and more focused on disparity and has been told that the public is not attending meetings anymore due to the discussion topics not being related to SDP.
- Committee chair agreed with statement and suggested we provide a reminder at the next SDAC and provide guidance of where other issues of topics could be redirected.

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

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Bernice Perdomo