



## **Harbor Regional Center**

### **Board Development Committee Meeting**

**July 13, 2022**

In Attendance: Chris Patay, Joe Czarske (Chair), Ron Bergmann, Fu-Tien Chiou, Paul Quiroz, LaVelle Gates, Ann Lee, Patrick Ruppe (Executive Director) and Jennifer Lauro (Executive Assistant)

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

1. For FY 2022-23, the Board will be in compliance with the membership requirements outlined in the Welfare and Institutions Code 4622.
2. A vote is required for the slate of officers for FY 2022-23 as Board Members Ron Bergmann and Fu-Tien Chiou will be officially termed off the board, resulting in a proposed slate of officers as follows:
  - President – Chris Patay (1 year term)
  - Vice-President – Ann Lee, Ph.D. (1 year term)
  - Treasurer – Dr. James Flores (2 year term)
  - Secretary – David Gauthier (2 year term)
3. A vote is required for the Board Committee Roster that has been updated with new members and chairs.
4. Board Recruitment is ongoing as at the end of fiscal year 2022-23, Board members Kim Vuong and Jeffrey Herrera will be terming out. Mr. Ruppe will be recruiting throughout the year to fill these positions.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for August 10, 2022.



**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**JULY 19, 2022 –MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**FOR**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please cast your vote for (1) one candidate in each of the following categories or in accordance with bylaws 4.2 (a) wherein it also states that nominations may be made from the floor please write in your choice in the space provided. The following candidates have been recommended to the Board by the Board Development Committee:

<b><u>FOR THE OFFICE OF:</u></b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
PRESIDENT	CHRIS PATAY	_____	_____	_____
VICE-PRESIDENT	ANN LEE	_____	_____	_____
SECRETARY	DAVID GAUTHIER	_____	_____	_____
TREASURER	DR. JAMES FLORES	_____	_____	_____

**FLOOR NOMINEES (IF ANY):**

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

VICE-PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_



**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Board  
Staff Support  
Staff Support

**Joe Czarske**

Angie Rodriguez  
Laurie Zaleski  
Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Ute Czommel, Controller

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Board  
Board  
Board  
Staff

**Joe Czarske**

David Gauthier  
Dr. James Flores  
Chris Patay  
Ann Lee, Ph.D.  
Patrick Ruppe, Executive Director

**BOARD PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Board  
Board  
Staff

**Kim Vuong**

Patricia Jordan  
Jackie Solorio  
Laurie Zaleski  
Thao Mailloux, Director of Information &  
Development

**CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Secretary/Treasurer  
Sergeant of Arms  
Client  
Client  
Client  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff

**David Gauthier**

Kelly Sutton  
Deaka McClain  
Debbie Howard  
Mead Duley  
David Oster  
Judy Taimi, Director of Adult Services  
Erika Landeros, Provider Relations Specialist  
Kris Zerhusen, Client Services Manager



**CLIENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Board  
Board  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Staff  
Staff

**Patricia Jordan**

Kim Vuong  
Jackie Solorio  
Gordon Cardona  
Fu-Tien Chiou  
Guadalupe Nolasco  
Deaka McClain  
Melanie Brossus  
Armand Garcia  
Silvia Macias  
April Rehrig  
Judy Taimi, Director of Adult Services  
Monica Diaz, Client Services Manager

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Co-Chairperson  
Board  
Service Provider  
Community  
Community  
Staff

**Ann Lee, Ph.D.**

Dee Prescott  
Laurie Zaleski  
April Stover  
Terri Nishimura  
April Rehrig  
Thao Mailloux, Director of Information & Development

**EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Board  
Board  
Board  
Advisor  
Advisor  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff

**Christopher Patay, HDDF President**

Ann Lee, Ph.D., Vice-President  
David Gauthier, Secretary  
Dr. James Flores, Treasurer  
Joe Czarske, Past President  
Fu-Tien Chiou  
Ron Bergmann  
Patrick Ruppe, Executive Director  
Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant

**RETIREMENT COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Board  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff

**Dr. James Flores, Treasurer**

Dr. Marco Garcia  
Tammy Carter, Director of Human Resources  
Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer  
Ute Czermel, HRC Controller



**SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

**Rosalinda Garcia**

Co-Chairperson

Deaka McClain

Community (HRC)

Sunghee Park

Community (SCDD)

Yuliana Martinez

Community (SCDD)

Miriam Kang

Community (SCDD)

David Oster

Board

Patricia Jordan

DRC

Johnanthony Alaimo

SCDD

Brianna Reynoso

Staff

LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services

Staff

Antoinette Perez, Director of Children's Services

Staff

Judy Taimi, Director of Adult Services

Staff

Liz Cohen-Zeboulon, Client Services Manager

Staff

Jessica Guzman, Client Services Manager

Staff

Ashley Brown, Client Services Manager

Staff

Josephina Cunningham, Client Services Manager

Staff

Bjoern Peterson, Client Services Manager

Staff

Donna Magana, Client Services Manager

Staff

Katy Granados, Client Services Manager

**SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

**Angie Rodriguez**

Service Provider (Day Programs)

Diane Sanka

Service Provider (Early Start)

Sharon Oh

Service Provider (Support Services)

Paul Quiroz

Service Provider (Residential)

Darlene Williams

Service Provider (Employment)

Lindsey Stone

Service Provider (Transportation)

Baldo Paseta

Service Provider (SLS/ILS)

Robert Turner

Staff

Heather Diaz, Director of Community Services

Staff

Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer

Staff

Mercedes Lowery, Service Provider Relations Manager

Staff

Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Resource Development Manager

**Harbor Regional Center**  
**Client Advisory Committee**  
**May 14, 2022 via ZOOM**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Debbie Howard, Kelly Sutton, Mead Duley, Deaka McClain and David Gauthier.

**HRC Staff Present:** Kris Zerhusen

**Other:** None

**Call to Order & Minutes Approved**

Meeting was called to order and commenced at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes for 2/17/2022 were reviewed but not approved as a quorum was not met.

**Welcome**

Members were present via zoom. One member (MD) was only in the meeting for approximately half an hour due to previously scheduled events. Janelle Reyes (LSF) received the zoom invite and accepted the meeting request but did not attend the meeting.

**CAC Member Updates**

Deaka: She attended **DDS Client Advisory Committee** meeting virtually, on April 14, 2022. Deaka is the Vice Chair for this committee. Topics of discussion in the meetings included, DDS Initiatives, changes to SIR Requirements in Title 17 and the HCBS Final Rule. Deaka expressed concern about SIR reporting, would this be a violation of the rights an individual holds? Deaka mentioned forensic involvement/reporting as one concern. The DDC CAC will continue to discuss this issue.

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Deaka provided an overview of the **HRC Client Services Committee** meetings held virtually on 3/22/2022 and 4/26/2022. Judy Taimi presented to the committee on, 'Assessing Needs and Coordinating Services'. The CAC members in this meeting were interested in the idea of assessing needs versus wants. Dr. JC Aguilar, HRC Clinical Psychologist provided information on 'HRC Clinical Services'. Also in this meeting, Michael Allen presented on services provided through the LA County Probation Department. Deaka remarked concerning the importance of HRC clients receiving options including diversion programs and services.

Deaka is also a member of the **HRC Self Determination Program (SDP) Advisory Committee**. Meetings were held on 3/2/2022 and 4/6/2022. Deaka shared the data on how many HRC clients were involved in the SDP process including how many declined participation, how many are in the process of budget development and how many individuals have gone live with their individualized budgets. Deaka asked for clarification on the waiting period after a person decides they no longer want to receive services through the SDP.

Deaka let the members know the importance of completing a survey requested by Disability Rights: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org>.

### **HRC Updates**

Kris Zerhusen provided updates on recent changes to HRC Infrastructure: New SCs added, new teams being developed, promotions in DCS, PCS hired. Updated members on the Self Determination Program, that many clients and family members are being added to this program. Reported on new day programs that have opened and the development that is in process of vendorizing Forensic supports. SCs are following up with SIRs and a case management training is scheduled on the topic of Special Incident Reporting and follow up responsibilities.

Face to face meetings for clients who live independently with SLS supports and individuals who reside in licensed homes have resumed. SCs and other support staff continuing to engage in practices that follow Local County and State health

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and safety protocols. If a client resides at home with family and they would like to hold a face to face meeting, SCs will abide by their request.

Reviewed HCBS criteria. Talked about language access and cultural competency efforts at HRC.

For the remainder of the meeting, an upcoming HRC Self Advocacy Conference was discussed. Ideas on how the committee members would assist were presented. The members are excited about this topic. They would also like to take the opportunity at the conference to recruit/provide information about the HRC CAC to build membership. More details and planning to follow.

2022 Calendar dates for CAC Meeting were discussed and voted on with dates being:

08/13/2022            at the Torrance site or ZOOM

11/12/2022           at the Long Beach site or ZOOM

It was discussed that if CAC meetings were to resume to meet in person that there should also be an option to participate virtually for those not comfortable meeting in person.

Requested presentation for next CAC meeting:

- Cori Reifman to present on wages, benefits, and CalABLE.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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## Client Services Committee |

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Meeting date | time June 28, 2022 | 6 PM

| Meeting location ZOOM

### ATTENDEES

Patricia Jordan (Individual)

Deaka McClain (Individual)

April Rehrig (Community Partner)

Guadalupe Nolasco (Parent)

Lucy Paz (Interpreter)

Fu-Tien Chiou (Parent)

Monica Diaz (HRC Staff)

Judy Taimi (HRC Staff)

### AGENDA TOPICS

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Time allotted | 6 PM to 7 PM | Agenda topic *Committee Agreements/Purpose of Committee/Future Focused Topics for the Committee*

**Committee agreements:** respect everyone's time as we are here. This will be a commitment to our committee. Abide by these "Rules" every time we meet. Example: staying on topic

(1) Stay on topic

a. Add parking Lot topics at the end of the agenda for future discussions

(2) Respect one another point of view

a. Use "I" statements

### **Purpose of Client Services Committee**

We agreed that the purpose of this committee is to review, propose, and periodically review policies related to the provision of services for clients and families. The client services committee may conduct trainings on policies related to the provision of services for clients.

### **Future Topics for committee discussion**

The committee suggested various topics that includes the following:

- HRC is already getting connected with Long Beach PD and Torrance PD for police brutality – task force / outreach
- Social recreational services
- Supported living services
- Diversity , Equity, and Inclusion
- Community Integration

- Mental Health
- Educational services / legal representation
- Crisis services

The committee voted on the following topics for future agenda topics:

1. Mental Health Services
2. Legal representation at Individual Education Plan (IEP) due process
3. Crisis Services
4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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**Time allotted** | 7 PM to 7:30 PM | **Agenda topic** *General Discussion* | **Presenter** *Judy Taimi*

- The committee agreed to move our meetings to every other month beginning in August 2022 via zoom.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2022 at 6 PM via ZOOM

## Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Community Relations Committee June 8, 2022

**Committee Members Present:** Ann Lee, Chair, Board Member; Dee Prescott, Co-Chair, Service Provider, Easter Seals Southern California; April Rehrig, Community Partner; Terri Nishimura, Community Partner; and Thao Mailloux, HRC Director of Information and Development.

Others Present: Steve Goclowski, Clinical Services Manager; Jesus Jimenez, HRC Executive Assistant

Members Absent: April Stover, Service Provider, AbilityFirst

Committee members participated in Introductions and an Opening Round.

### **Law Enforcement Initiatives**

Steve Goclowski provided updates regarding partnerships that have been established with local law enforcement entities including the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD), Torrance Police Department (TPD), and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The LA Sheriff's RAMP Team (Risk Assessment Management Program) allows for Forensic Specialists from the Los Angeles area to meet regularly with one another. RAMP Deputy Luther is providing tremendous support and assistance to HRC in gaining access to other local Sheriff's Departments and is available to provide safety training for HRC individuals and families. Suggestions by the committee members were to find more information about *LA Found: Project Lifesaver*. Committee members also suggested to invite first responders to community gatherings and to follow up on community safety training occurring this summer.

### **Annual Grassroots Day**

Thao Mailloux shared that the annual event, coordinated by ARCA, took place virtually this year on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and a majority of the regional centers across the state participated in this event. HRC participated in six legislative meetings, sharing a few meetings with neighboring Los Angeles County regional centers. There were seven members comprised of self-advocates, family members, service providers, and HRC staff that represented HRC during these meetings with our legislators.

Each team spoke about the importance of the California state budget and how vital it was for legislators to fund the regional center system, with focus on accelerated rate increases for services providers, repealing service fees for families, modernizing the core staffing formula, and employment and partnerships with law enforcement initiatives that would propel the success of individuals with developmental disabilities.

In a coordinated effort with ARCA following meetings with legislators, HRC was able to secure a letter of support from Senator Steven Bradford (35<sup>th</sup> District).

### **HRC in the Community**

Committee members reviewed the ongoing efforts HRC has made to connect with the community in the past quarter. Community Highlights include:

- HRC debuted Parent Mentor Drop-in Clinic in Long Beach at Tichenor Clinic for Children.
- HRC debuted Parent Mentor Drop-in Clinic in Norwalk at the New Harvest Church.
- HRC provided resources and information at Wellness Fair in Dana Middle School & STEAM Magnet Center.
- HRC participated in Autism Awareness Event in Downey
- Some in-person Parent Support Groups resumed at the Southeast Family Resource Center

Next scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2022 at 5pm via Zoom

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
**Self Determination Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2022

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:15PM on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at HRC Torrance Office. Quorum was established at 6:31 PM.

**Committee Member Present**

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent  
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative  
Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent  
Patricia Jordan, Client  
David Oster, Client

**HRC Staff Present**

Katy Granados- Client Services Manager  
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Johnny Granados- Participant Choice Specialist  
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services  
Judy Taimi- Director of Adult Services

**SCDD Staff Present**

Albert Feliciano

**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

**Visitors**

Naomi Hagel (Phoenix facilitation)  
Olivia Gonzalez (Aveanna)

**Welcome**

Introductions of committee members and guests.

**HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER**  
**Self Determination Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
June 1, 2022

**Approval of Minutes:**

Quorum was established at 6:31 PM. April 6, 2022 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. Linda addressed the corrections that can be made to April minutes. Johnanthony motioned to approve minutes as amended. Rosalinda asked for a second; Patricia second. Minutes successfully approved.

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

Jessica Sanchez presented the SDP data in a graph format via an “HRC SDP” Power Point presentation shared on the screen.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
  - Total Participants Selected: **129**
    - Remained in SDP: **87**
    - Withdrew: **35**
    - Moved out of State: **3**
    - Inactivated/Not DD: **3**
    - Transferred Out (to another RC): **1**
- Completed PCPs 68; 27 within the soft rollout and 41 from 7/2021 to 5/2022
- Certified Budgets 127; 37 within the soft rollout and 90 from 7/2021 to 5/2022
- Spending Plans 78; 29 within the soft rollout and 49 from 7/2021 to 5/2022
- SDP Live 65; 29 within the soft rollout and 36 from 7/2021 to 5/2022
- SDP by Ethnicity: 20 Latino participants, 19 White/Caucasian participants, 6 African-American/Black participants, 3 Filipino participants, 2 Korean participant, 1 Japanese, 1 Guamanian, 5 multi-cultural, 4 other, 5 Other Asian, and 2 Chinese participants.
- SDP by Language: 56 English speaking participants, 1 Korean speaking participant, and 10 Spanish speaking participants.
  - Total Participants fully orientated 416 (80 are in the follow up stages, 124 have chosen to withdraw and 176 in the unknown stage)
- Questions/Comments:
  - Linda asked for clarification on how many undecided.
  - Johnanthony asked if HRC was tracking on where families were struggling to move forward.
  - Katy shared not being tracked yet but can collect data.
  - Rosalinda asked if we had any more info on FMS.
  - Antoinette shared that there are no updates.
- Fair Hearings: no updates with fair hiring at this time.
- RFP update: Phoenix Facilitation
  - Naomi Hagle introduced herself and gave background information on her program.
  - She discussed that she plans to have a strong presence and plans to provide hard data that can be provided to committee, staff and PCS specialists.
  - Linda asked about obstacles in the process to going Live.
  - Naomi commented that there needs to be more person center planning by people who are competent.
  - Linda asked about how will Phoenix be marketed (outreach).

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- Naomi asked HRC advertise via website, social media, Facebook, direct outreach to the team, and possible mass mailing.

**Partner Updates:**

**Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo**

Johnanthony shared that there was no updates at this time.

**SCDD- Albert Feliciano**

- Albert shared on going training 10 am 06/06 role of RC and common services- Spanish and 06/13 will be in English. He provided flyer to be distributed.
- Also discussed was Bagely Keen and its rules.

**Statewide Updates:**

- Rosalinda shared that a next statewide update will happen Tuesday June 28.

**Public Comments:**

- Antoinette shared that Children's Department will have a hybrid team managed by Katy Granados under the direction of Antoinette. HRC will continue to train all service coordinators in SDP.
- Who decides the clients live date for SDP and was advised to speak to CSM or director for case specific issue.
- David suggested an SDP Facebook page and asked if a two day orientation would be better.
- It was discussed that families struggled to show up to both days when it was previously held in to parts.
- Committee agreed to go dark in August.

**Next meeting:** July 6, 2022 at HRC Long Beach Office.

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Sanchez

**Harbor Regional Center  
 Service Provider Advisory Committee  
 June 7, 2022 10:00 am  
 Virtual via Zoom Meeting**

**Committee Participants**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Paul Quiroz, Chairperson	Cambrian Homecare
Alex Saldana	Oxford Healthcare
Angie Rodriguez	Social Vocational Services
Dee Prescott	Easter Seals
Alex Saldana	Oxford Healthcare
April Stover	Ability First
Anthony MacConnell	Dungarvin CA.
Jesse Hansen	Dungarvin CA
Donna Gimm	CA. Mentor
Brian Lockhart	CA. Mentor
Ryan Rieger	CA. Mentor
Verretta Boatner	CA. Mentor
Scott Elliott	ICAN California
Lindsey Stone	ICAN California
Ben Espitia	Goodwill Industries
Nancy Langdon	Canyon Verde
Amy Miller	InJoy Life Resources
Shea Matherly	ARC Long Beach
Maria Ortiz	Pathpoint
Glenda Lang	Options for Birth & Family
Melvin Randolph	Westview Services
Elizabeth Ho	CBEM
Tiffany De La Torre	24HR Homecare
Tiki Thompson	Person Centered Options

**HRC Staff Participating**

<b>Staff Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Judy Wada	Chief Financial Officer
Steve Goclawski	Clinical Services Manager
Elizabeth Garcia-Moya	Community Services Manager
Leticia Mendoza	Community Services Department Assistant
Thao Mailloux	Director of Information and Development
Judy Taimi	Director of Adult Services
Ute Czemmell	Controller



Tes Castillo	Assistant Controller
Brenda Bane	Provider Relations Specialist
Angela Woods	Provider Relations Specialist

**Call to Order**

Paul Quiroz, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., 35 participants total.

**Confirmation of New SPAC Committee Members:**

Elizabeth Garcia-Moya confirmation of 2022-2023 Service Provider Advisory Committee. New chair Angie Rodriguez, replaced Paul Quiroz. In addition new representatives for the various subgroup categories:

- Early Start Chair – Sharon Oh
- Residential Services- Darlene Williams
- Day Program- Diane Sanka
- Employment Services –Lindsey Stone
- Supported Living Services- Robert Turner
- Support Services- Paul Quiroz
- Transportation – Baldo Paseta

**Staffing- Hiring and Retention**

HRC is aware of the struggles for hiring and retaining staff within the provider community.

Dee Prescott, Easter Seals provided information on upcoming free Webinar: Addressing the Staffing Crisis through Disability Thrive Initiative. This is a statewide resource collaborative that helps navigate changes to services and supports for Californians with developmental disabilities. Dee really encourage service providers to attend.

Hiring Tips provided:

- Advertise in locally such as colleges, coffee shops, community centers
- Look for the Right People
- Offer recruitment & signing bonus
- Consider offering more part-time positions /shifts
- Give applicant realistic view of job
- Start peer mentoring programs

Retention

- DSP’s stay when they feel valued and love their job
- Show Appreciation
- Provide growth opportunities
- It’s important to know your leadership team is there
- Invest in growth opportunities for Admins, Supervisors and Management
- Create incentives for staying with company
- Make sure they have the tools they need to be successful in their job

## **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule: Plans for Validation or Remediation**

Elizabeth Garcia-Moya reminded service providers the requirements to come to compliance for HCBS. In 2014, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued requirements referred to as the HCBS Final Rule.

The focus is on the quality of the individuals' experiences and not just the setting where the service is delivered.

The Final Rule was developed to ensure that individuals have full access to the benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most appropriate **integrated** setting. Providers must come into compliance by **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

Federal Requirements:

1. Access to the Community
2. Choice of Setting
3. Right to be Treated Well
4. Independence
5. Choice of Services & Supports
6. Residential Agreement
7. Privacy
8. Schedule & Access to Food
9. Rights to Visitors
10. Accessibility

Applicable Service Codes: Residential Services: 096, 113, 904, 905, 915, 910, & 920.

Non-residential Services -Day Program: 028, 055, 063, 475, 505, 510, 515, 855.

Supported Employment: 950 SEP-Group, 954 Work Activity Program

The California Statewide Transition Plan (STP) outlines the steps that the State will take to be in alignment with the HCBS Final Rule.

- Self-Assessment
- Virtual Site Assessment (VSA)
- Validation or Remediation

HRC Community Services staff will be sending out information to providers to complete and will work closely to guide and support during this process. Information needs to be submitted to [HCBS@harborrc.org](mailto:HCBS@harborrc.org) by **Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**.

DDS has posted instructional materials, template forms, and frequently asked questions:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/assessment-information/>

Recorded trainings on aligning services with the HCBS Final Rule can be found at:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/cms-hcbs-regulations/training-information/>

### **COVID -19 Update**

Judy Wada reminded service providers that HRC continues to provide PPE. They can email their request to [hrcpprequest@harborrc.org](mailto:hrcpprequest@harborrc.org).

HRC continues to host free COVID-19 PCR Testing at Torrance office on Wednesday mornings. Appointments are required and can be scheduled at <https://ihd-patient.preciseq.com/harbor-regional-center>

### **Rate Study Implementation and Alternative Services**

Judy Wada, CFO provided update on the following: The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DDS Budget included the implementation of the Rate Study (AB 136). The timeline for the AB 136 Rate Adjustment Implementation is as follows:

#### April 1, 2022

- 25% of difference between March 31,2022 rate and applicable rate model/“benchmark rate”

#### July 1, 2023

- 50% of difference between March 31,2022 rate and applicable rate model/“benchmark rate”

#### July 1, 2025

- Full implementation of rate models with two payment components
  - Base rate equaling 90% of the rate model/“benchmark rate”
  - Quality incentive program component of up to 10% of the rate model/“benchmark rate”
  - For the April 1, 2022, there are no changes in service code, program design, or billing units (hours, days, etc.); and no rates will be reduced.
- ❖ Alternative Services Nonresidential Monthly Rates are not subject to the rate adjustment.
- ❖ DDS advises Alternative Service Delivery will continue through end of 2022!

### **Rate Study Adjustments**

#### Updated Rate Models by RC

- Rates vary across RCs because the Rate Models include differences in regional cost assumptions such as wages, travel, and other
- Providers with Courtesy/Shared Rates may have different rates depending on where the service is provided
- DDS website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/>
- HMA-Burns website: <https://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/DDSVendorRates/>

#### **Status:**

- Rate Letters emailed with Excel file from DDS/HMA-Burns
- Rates changed effective 4/1/2022
- Pending:
  - 113, 904 files received from DDS

- 055 w/ employment component
- Accounting and Community Services department are working collaborate to send this letters out in the next few weeks
- HRC's website: <https://www.harborrc.org/current-providers>

DDS Rate Review Process **Email: [ratesquestions@harborrc.org](mailto:ratesquestions@harborrc.org)**

### **Payments for Non-Residential Services During SOE –DDS memo dated 6/6/2022**

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) issued directives dated [May 7, 2020](#), [June 18, 2020](#), and [March 29, 2021](#), specifying requirements for nonresidential service reimbursement during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The directives required providers who received funding from COVID-19 relief programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance Program, or any other similar federal or state programs to offset their claims to the regional center if: (1) the funds received from the PPP or other programs did not require repayment, and (2) the funds received from PPP or other programs were for the same expenses reimbursed by the regional center.

Pending the resolution of current litigation involving the May 7, 2020, June 18, 2020, and March 29, 2021, directives, a temporary stay order has been issued. As such, enforcement of the three directives as they relate to requiring service providers to offset funds received from COVID-19 relief programs, is stayed until further notice.

Regional centers should take appropriate action to notify their communities of this stay order. The Department will notify regional centers when the stay is lifted. For questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Aaron Christian, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Community Operations, at (916) 879-6960, or by email, at [aaron.christian@dds.ca.gov](mailto:aaron.christian@dds.ca.gov).

### **Training Topics**

Paul Quiroz encouraged providers to share any training topics they might be interested for the committee to explore to offer

### **Announcements**

H.O.P.E. 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament June 27, 2022

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/os7>

### **Adjournment**

Next SPAC committee meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.