Harbor Regional Center Board Planning Committee August 30 2019

Kim Vuong, Chair

Members: Ron Bergman, Patricia Jordan, LaVelle Gates, Steve Goclowski, Barry Finley, Nancy Spiegel, Erika Braxton-White

HRC Performance Plan Development for 2020

Nancy Spiegel reported on HRC's progress in community engagement in the development process for the 2020 plan.

- An information sheet has been distributed, to summarize our planned activities, in English, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese.
- Information about HRC planned activities has been shared at community engagement and outreach events, including the most recent Your Family Our Focus event and parent support group meetings.
- A 'town hall' type meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday Sept. 18th, 10:00 12:00 at the HRC Torrance office.
 - HRC representatives will provide presentations on current activities and planning for conferences and training, family support, helping clients and families prepare for adulthood, employment, self-determination program, and outreach to diverse communities.
 - The time of the meeting was scheduled based upon input from many families that a morning time during school hours is preferred.
 - We discussed how information about this meeting is being disseminated to our community, through the HRC Enews, HRC website, facebook, etc.
 - Translation will be available in Spanish at the meeting. Other languages will be made available if requested in advance.
 - o The committee recommended that another meeting be scheduled in Long Beach.
- The draft Performance Plan has been posted on the HRC Website and in the HRC Enews. The committee recommended that the plan be posted in Spanish and that other commonly requested languages be made available as needed.

ACTION NEEDED: The Performance Plan must be submitted to DDS by November 1, 2019. We will request Board approval of the draft Performance Plan at our September Board Meeting, with the understanding that if any significant changes are needed prior to submission to DDS, based upon any additional community input, these changes will be reviewed as needed.

Disparity Funded Projects

DDS has published the application guidelines for regional centers and community based organizations to apply for funds for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Applications are due by

September 30th. Approved funding will begin in January 2020. HRC is currently working on applications to continue funding for current disparity funded projects, and for new funding for one additional project:

- The Community Outreach Specialist. This position is currently filled by Erika Segovia. Since taking over this position in May, Erika has been very actively working with the Spanish Speaking community to offer opportunities for training, support, communication and building client and family involvement at HRC. We are hopeful that continuation funding will allow her to continue her work in community engagement.
- Public Information: We hope to continue to receive funding to support the development and translation of public information for our community, in multiple languages.
- **Promotora program:** We plan to again apply for funding of some new promotora-type positions to provide enhanced support for families with extraordinary needs, to overcome barriers in accessing regional center services.

Statewide Public Policy Measures	Statewide Average	HRC Outcomes	Planned Activities
Living in the Community "Percent of regional center caseload in Developmental Center." Achieving Desired Outcome? YES	2010 0.83% 2015 0.36% 2018 0.16% 2019 0.10%	2005 1.50% 141 clients 2010 0.78% 77 clients 12/15 0.23% 28 clients 2018 0.07% 2019 0.06%	Harbor Regional Center has no more clients residing in State Development Centers, other than 8 individuals in court-ordered treatment. HRC Clients who have moved from the State Developmental Centers will continue to be supported while living in the community. Coordinate services and supports in the community for individuals who have moved from the State Developmental Center. Seek DDS funding for continued development of needed resources in the community.

Statewide Public Policy Measures	Statewide Average	HRC Outcomes	Planned Activities
Children Living With Families	2005 97.65%	2005 98.75%	Children served by HRC will live with families.
	2010 98.60%	2010 99.56%	To promote child development and family stability, continue to
"Percent of minors living with	2015 99.15%	2015 99.80%	provide support, information, and training to families, including but not limited to:
families": includes own family, foster	2010 00 240/	2010 00 020/	Orientation to HRC Services for new and continuing
family, and guardian.	2018 99.34%	2018 99.82%	families
	2019 99.42%	2019 99.86%	 Distribution of informational materials and videos to raise clients' and families' awareness of available services and supports
Achieving Desired Outcome? YES			 Informative workshops for clients/families by specialists, in varied locations in our service area. Support for families through support groups and mentor parents, in multiple languages. Resource and Information sharing via resource fairs, publications, website, newsletter, social media
"Percent of minors living in licensed homes serving >6."	2005 0.22% 2010 0.04% 2015 0.06%	2005 0.04% 2010 0.00% 2015 0.00%	Children served by HRC who live in licensed homes shall live in small homes.
Achieving Desired Outcome? YES	2018 0.05% 2019 0.04%	2018 0.00% 2019 0.00%	Continue to avoid use of large licensed settings, and provide support for children to live with families (their own, foster, or guardian).

Statewide Public Policy Measures	Statewide Average	HRC Outcomes	Planned Activities
Adults Living in Home Settings "Percent of adults living in home settings: independent living, supported living, family home, and family home agency homes."	2005 70.03% 2010 73.99% 2015 78.04% 2018 79.90%	2005 72.34% 2010 76.51% 2015 80.92% 2018 83.01%	Adults served by HRC will live in home settings, including Independent & supported living, with family, or with adult family home agency. Continue to promote and maintain options for adults to live in home environments with families, or in their own homes, with supports as needed. These may include but are not limited to:
Achieving Desired Outcome? YES	2019 80.54%	2019 83.36%	 Independent living skills training Supported living services College Support Job development and preparation Supported employment. Adult day options tailored to varied individual needs, such as Inclusion Centers, Partial Inclusion/Work options, Therapeutic Centers, etc. Future planning support for adults with aging parents/caregivers. Continue to work with community partners to advocate and support development of affordable housing options for adults.

Statewide Public Policy Measures	Statewide Average of clients in larger homes	HRC Outcomes clients in larger homes	Planned Activities
Adults Living in Licensed Homes "Percent of adults living in licensed	2005 5.76%	2005 4.46%	Adults served by HRC who live in licensed homes shall live in small homes.
homes serving >6."	2010 3.80%	2010 2.37% 2015 1.50%	Continue to avoid use of large licensed settings and to support adults moving from larger settings, such as skilled
Achieving Desired Outcome? YES	2018 2.39%	2018 1.01%	nursing facilities, into more integrated/less restrictive living options.
	2019 2.24%	2019 0.93%	Increase access to living options through continued development of residential resources, as funds allow.

Public Policy Measures	Planned Activities
Employment Individuals age 16-64 with earned income Number of adults in competitive integrated employment following participation in Paid Internship Program Average hourly wages and hours worked in Paid Internship Program or competitive integrated employment Number of incentive payments for job development and maintenance Adults who reported having competitive employment as a goal on their IPP	 Adults who want to work will be supported to prepare for, find and maintain employment. Share information regarding our Employment First policy with our clients and families Discuss employment options with clients and families when they reach transition age and adulthood. Work in partnership with school districts, community colleges, and the Department of Rehabilitation to promote opportunities for volunteerism, work training, internships, and competitive employment. Offer Employment Orientations to inform clients and families about employment services. Offer training courses to prepare clients for employment. Work in partnership with supported employment service providers and the Department of Rehabilitation to develop jobs for individuals who want to work, and support their success on the job Work with adult day activity service providers to offer individualized work and volunteer opportunities and experiences

Statewide Public Policy Measures	Planned Activities
Reducing Disparity in Purchase of Service Expenditures	HRC clients and families will have access to information and services regardless of age, diagnosis, ethnicity, or language
Indicator showing the relationship between annual authorized services and expenditures by individual's residence type and ethnicity.	Harbor Regional Center will provide services and supports in a culturally and linguistically responsive manner. Continue to:
Percent of total annual purchase of service authorizations and expenditures by individual's ethnicity and age • Birth to age two, inclusive • Age three to twenty-one, inclusive • Twenty-two and older	 Provide community outreach so that the ethnic, language and cultural demographics of our client population reflect that of the general population in our service area. Recruit and maintain a culturally diverse staff whose ethnicity, language and cultural background reflect that of our client population. Provide training and information for clients and families to increase awareness of and access to available services and supports. Distribute and post written guide to available services by age group. Expand our library of translated materials as funds allow. Facilitate and share information through parent support groups and peer mentors Gather input from our community regarding access and utilization of services and reduction of barriers.

Compliance Measures

	HRC Baseline	Planned Activities		
Unqualified independent audit with no material	Yes			
findings				
Substantial compliance with DDS fiscal audit	Yes	Continue generally accepted accounting principles		
Operates within Operations budget	Yes	Maintain good business practices		
Certified to participate in Home & Community-	Yes	Maintain compliance with state contract and Medicaid Waiver requirements		
Based Waiver				
Compliance with vendor audit requirements	Yes			
Individuals with updated CDERs and ESRs (Client				
Development Evaluation Report or Early Start	95.96%	Continue timely completion/updates of the CDER/ESR.		
Report)				
Intake/Assessment and IFSP timelines (ages 0-2)	95%	Provide timely completion of intake/assessment for infants and toddlers ages birth through 2 years.		
Intake/assessment timelines for children and adults ages 3 and above	100%	Provide timely completion of intake/assessment for children and adults ages 3 and above		
IPP (Individual Person Centered Plan) development,		Provide timely completion of individual person-centered plans (IPP) for clients		
ages 3 and above, Welfare and Institutions Code requirements)	99.57%	receiving services under the Lanterman Act.		
IFSP development, for infants/toddlers ages 0-2	87.90%	Provide timely completion of intake/assessment and Individual/Family Service planning for infants and toddlers birth - 2 years of age.		

Harbor Regional Center

Client Advisory Committee

August 17th, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: David Gauthier-CAC Chairperson; Deaka McClain-CAC Co-Chairperson; Debbie Howard; David Oster; Mead Dudley, Rita Teodoro; Tom Basch; Wesley Dale

HRC Staff Present: Elizabeth Garcia-Moya; Kris Zerhusen

Life Steps Staff Present: Janelle Reyes-Tenorio

Call to Order & Minutes Approved

David called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

The minutes were unanimously approved by all committee members.

Cal ABLE Presentation by Cori Reifman

Cori Reifman, HRC Benefit Specialist presented on Cal ABLE. Cori explained the benefits of setting up an ABLE account that would allow people with disabilities save up to \$100,000 without losing public benefits such as SSI and Medi-Cal. The account opening process is all online with a minimum of \$25. Cori did share that there is a \$37 annual fee as well. Currently, contributions are limited to \$15,000 per calendar year. Only one ABLE account can be open per person. Cori also reviewed the types of accounts available upon opening an ABLE account such as savings or investment. Withdrawals request would also be done online and deposited directly into the individual's bank account or a check request can also be submitted for a small fee. CAC members asked specific questions regarding benefits and ABLE accounts. Most of the questions were related to the impact that an ABLE account can have on their benefits both positive and negative. Cori encouraged the members that if they had any further questions, to contact their Service Coordinator so a consult can be scheduled. Cori provided the CAC Members with HRC's Cal ABLE fact sheet which outlines the ABLE Act and CAL ABLE.

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In addition to Cal ABLE, Cori provided the CAC members with a few updates regarding IHSS and new helpline, Medi-Cal, and Cal Fresh. CAC members were mostly interested and had questions regarding Cal Fresh. Cori explained that the amount of benefit a household receives is based on income, household size, and monthly expenses. Members were asking because they heard that people are receiving different amounts.

DDS CAC Update

Deaka shared that at the last CAC meeting in Sacramento; she reported on the Emergency Preparedness training that she conducted at the last CAC meeting. Members shared that they found the Emergency Preparedness training helpful, but would like the training to expand and include other scenarios such as how to respond in case of an active shooter. The members expressed their concerns in this area due to all the recent shootings throughout the country.

CAC Elections

At the last CAC meeting held in May, the by-laws were reviewed and the members voted on making some changes mostly related to attendance and participation. The revised by-laws were presented at this meeting highlighting the changes that were agreed upon at the last meeting. The members had a discussion regarding the change in attendance. The by-laws previously stated that if a member missed four consecutive meeting and were determined to be inexcusable the person would receive a letter of warning. The CAC agreed to change it from four to three which raised the question as to whom will have the responsibility of monitoring attendance. As a group, it was agreed that the duty of attendance would be added to the Secretary.

In addition, the by-laws were reviewed to ensure members that are interested in running for office are aware of the commitment and expectations of the committee. During this meeting, nominations were held for Vice President, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms. The nominated candidates will do a short speech at the November meeting before voting.

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Harbor Regional Center Updates

Kris shared with the CAC that HRC is working on switching clients that HRC is currently the representative payee to Trust Management Services a financial management service (FMS). Kris explained the role of Trust Management Services and reassured the members that the change would not affect the benefits that clients are receiving. In addition, Kris reported that Jessica Guzman is the new Client Services Manager for the Adult South Central Team formerly the manager was Hiram Bond. Elizabeth shared that SVS-Willow partial-work program opened earlier this month.

Adjournment

David adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Next CAC Meeting

The next CAC meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at HRC Long Beach office.

Harbor Regional Center Community Relations Committee September 4, 2019

Monica Sifuentes, MD, Chairperson, Pediatrician/Board Member; David Gauthier, Client/Board Member; Dee Prescott, Service Provider Easter Seals Southern California; Terri Nishimura, Service Provider Pediatric Therapy Network; David Bourassa, Community Volunteer; Nancy Spiegel, HRC Director of Information and Development

Community Involvement

Kerry Ryerson, Public Information Specialist, presented the committee with information on Back to School support received for our clients through community sponsors this summer. Over 100 needy clients received support from 5 different donor groups to provide backpacks, school supplies, clothing, and treats. Donors included the Bryant Family, 24Hr Homecare, Happy Family Organic Foods, Meadows Cub Scout Pack 275, and South Bay Sunrise Rotary. Three of these donor groups were organized by HRC families. HRC staff volunteers assisted with shopping and distribution of the gifts. At the Rotary's Back to School event, the selected clients were assisted to shop for back to school needs at an early morning shopping trip at Kohl's, before regular store hours. The committee suggested ideas for coordinating with these donors, and inviting other donors to contribute, in 2020.

We discussed plans for the 2019 Holiday Giving campaign. We have recently received donations from South Bay Sunrise Rotary, Del Harbor Foundation, the My Choice Foundation and many individuals. We will prepare to send our direct mail request for contributions this fall.

Community Engagement

Nancy reviewed some of the activities conducted by HRC over the past two years to increase community engagement with our clients and families. This has included events entitled "Your Family Our Focus" which have been taken into several community areas including Norwalk, West Long Beach, Wilmington, Torrance, Bellflower and San Pedro. These events provide opportunities for clients and families, close to where they live, to receive information and support and to get together with their service coordinators and client services managers. A guest presentation by Boo2Bullying was included in the event in July. Future events are planned in 2019 and 2020 in the Cerritos, Beach Cities, and Carson areas.

An event coming up is "What's Happening at Harbor: Coffee and Conversation." This will take place Wednesday Sept. 18th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at our Torrance office. We are inviting our community to join us to hear the latest news from HRC staff on family support and training, self-determination, preparing for adulthood, employment services, and efforts to reach out and support our diverse community. At this public meeting we will present information about our 2020 Performance Plan and desired outcomes, which all of the above activities help to support. The committee discussed options for scheduling an additional session in the near future.

Legislation and Advocacy

Nancy reported that Senate Bill 412, which was sponsored by the Association of Regional Center Agencies, has been held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Although we had heard that there was strong bipartisan support leading up to this point, this means that the bill is dead. This bill would have repealed state fees for regional center families that are required through the Family Cost Participation Program and the Annual Family Program Fee. We believe these fees, which were created during times of economic recessions in California, create a significant barrier for families' access to services, and are overdue for elimination. We also reviewed some of the changes put into place through Budget Trailer Bill Language, including funding for Service Provider rate increases which will go into effect in January 2020. We discussed our appreciation for efforts by Assembly member Chris Holden, as well as support we enlisted from our local representatives, to promote increased funding for regional center services...but our disappointment that several categories of service providers received no increases.



What's Happening at Harbor? Coffee and Conversation

Come and meet with HRC and hear the latest news about services and supports at HRC

We will share information about:

- Family support and training
- Outreach to our diverse communities
- The self-determination program
- Preparing for adulthood- life after school, college support, employment and other adult activities

Our performance plan for 2020

Coffee and light refreshments will be served Wednesday, September 18, 2019

10:00 am – **12:0**0 pm

Conference Rooms A1 & 2
Harbor Regional Center
21231 Hawthorne Blvd
Torrance, CA 90503

To register please call the Executive Office 310-543-0632

or email info@harborrc.org

child care is available by reservation only please call the number above by Sept. 13th to reserve

¿Qué sucede en el Harbor? Charla y Café

Venga a reunirse con el HRC y escuche las últimas noticias sobre los servicios y apoyos del HRC.

Compartiremos información acerca de:

- Apoyo y capacitación para la familia
- El compromiso con nuestras diversas comunidades
- El programa autodeterminación
- La preparación para la edad adulta: vida después de la escuela, apoyo universitario, empleo y otras actividades para adultos
- Nuestro plan de desempeño para 2020

Se servirá café y refrigerios Miércoles, 18/SEP/2019 de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

Salas de Conferencias A1 y 2 Harbor Regional Center, 21231 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503

Llame a la oficina ejecutiva para registrarse: 310-543-0632,

o envíe un correo a info@harborrc.org.

El cuidado de niños solo está disponible previa reservación (llame al número anterior antes del 13 de septiembre para reservar).



You, your family, organization, or employee group can make a difference for a child or adult with a developmental disability.

DONATE TO THE HARBOR HELP FUND

Your contribution will be used to purchase grocery and shopping gift cards for a person or family served by Harbor Regional Center that is in great need this holiday season. Your tax deductible donation to the Harbor Help Fund will provide a memorable holiday season for HRC clients and families who would otherwise be without. We appreciate donations by checks payable to the Harbor Help Fund, credit card, donations of gift cards, or unwrapped gifts for children or adults dropped off at our Torrance or Long Beach office.

Extend the spirit of the Holiday Season by helping to bring smiles to the many children and adults with developmental disabilities who need your support and generosity the most.

Please return your response to:

Office of Information and Development

Harbor Regional Center 21231 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503 (310) 543-0686

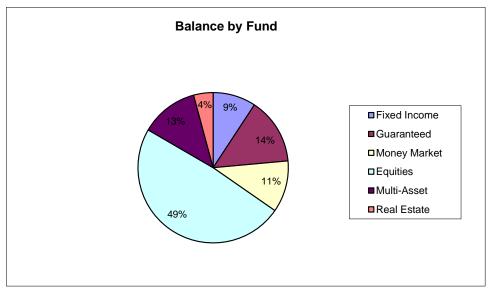
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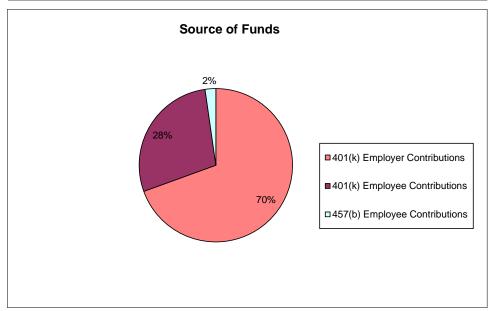
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	401(k)	401(k)	457(b)	
	Employer	Employee	Employee	
	Contributions	Contributions	Contributions	Total Balance
Fixed Income	\$3,415,594	\$1,233,654	\$95,258	\$4,744,506
Guaranteed	\$4,135,146	\$2,607,999	\$601,134	\$7,344,278
Money Market	\$4,430,358	\$1,231,195	\$38,991	\$5,700,544
Equities	\$17,719,271	\$6,912,109	\$369,078	\$25,000,458
Multi-Asset	\$4,632,034	\$1,696,887	\$50,316	\$6,379,238
Real Estate	<u>\$1,315,873</u>	<u>\$830,638</u>	<u>\$3,737</u>	<u>\$2,150,249</u>
Total	\$35,648,277	\$14,512,482	\$1,158,514	\$51,319,273

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\star}}$ Plan Balances include active and terminated employees still in the Retirement Plan.

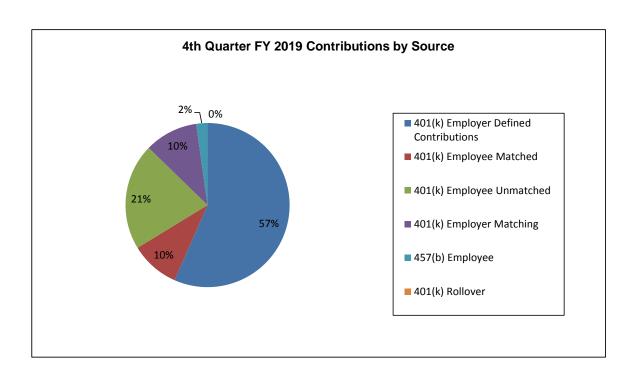
^{**} Employee Contributions include \$1,457,244 in Rollover funds.





Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances as of 6-30-2019

	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>457(b)</u>	
Fund Balance 3/31/19	\$49,336,873	\$1,118,836	
Activity 4/1/19 - 6/30/19			
Distributions	(\$1,384,187)	\$0	
Contributions	<u>\$774,931</u>	<u>\$17,652</u>	
Net	\$48,727,617	\$1,136,488	
Fund Balance 6/30/19	\$50,160,759	\$1,158,514	
Gain/(Loss)	\$1,433,142	\$22,026	
% Gain/(Loss) for the Period	2.90%	1.97%	
Participants			
Active Employees in Retirement Plan	321	6	54%
Terminated Employees in Retirement Plan	276	3	46%
Active Employees Total Balance	\$34,611,327	\$890,353	69%
Terminated Employees Total Balance	\$15,549,432	\$268,161	31%
Contributions Employer			
Defined (10%)	\$448,554	\$0	
Matching (50% of Employee Matched)	\$83,218	\$0	
Employee			
Matched (up to 6%)	\$76,723	\$0	
Rollover	\$0	\$0	
Unmatched	<u>\$166,436</u>	\$17,652	
	\$774,931	\$17,652	



Harbor Regional Center Retirement Plan Balances as of 6-30-2019

Loan Information	as of 3/31/2019	as of 6/30/2019	Increase/ (Decrease)
Employees with Loans			
Active Employees with Loans	29	29	0
Terminated Employees with Loans	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Total	36	35	(1)
Average Balance Amount	\$8,343	\$9,194	\$851
Loan Value			
Employee Contributions	\$300,359	\$321,797	\$21,438
Employer Contributions	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Loan Value Total	\$300,359	\$321,797	\$21,438

HABOR REGOINAL CENTER Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2019

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday August 14, 2019 in conference room A-4 at Harbor Regional Center in the City of Torrance. Quorum was established four committee members were present.

Committee Member Present

Mariano Sanz, Parent Rosalinda Garcia, Parent David Gauthier, Client Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent Deaka McClain, Client Sandy Farah, Disability Rights California

Committee Member Absent

Miriam Kang, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez - Director of Children's Services Liz Cohen-Zeboulon - Client Services Manager Judy Samara Tami - Client Services Manager Diana Sandoval - Service Coordinator Brenda Bane - Service Coordinator

SCDD Staff Present

Sofia Cervantes

SCDD Staff Absent

Visitors

Nubyaan Scott, from SCLARC SD Advisory Committee

<u>Welcome:</u> Introductions of committee members and guests, including Nubyann Scott from South Central Regional Center. No other guest at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 12, 2019 were approved by all committee members in attendance at the August 14^{th} meeting.

<u>Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update - Antoinette Perez, Director Children's</u> Services

- HRC representative Antoinette Perez continues to give monthly updates to the committee member and guests as to what is going on at HRC.
- HRC has 99 slots for the SDP. 10 Service Coordinators have been assigned to the SD program.
- 85 out of the 99 have completed the two mandatory orientations.
- Make sessions for the mandatory orientations have been scheduled: August, 19th, 21, and 22nd.
- Out of the 99 clients chosen by DDS for the SDP, 14 client/families have chosen not to participant in the SD Program and are staying with traditional services.
- On July 13, 2019 HRC Hosted a PCP Training for SDP clients and families; it was
 presented by Liz Harrell from DDS and SD Regional Center. The training was well
 received and approximately 60 families attended.
- The training was followed by a Resource Fair, which included FMS providers and providers that conducted PCP meetings.
- Westside Regional Center will be hosting a PCP training, given by Liz Harrell on September 15th from 11am to noon at Michaels' Place in Lawndale.
- The Committee members requested an update as to the status of the SD clients, what % have completed the following; orientations, PCP's, IPP's, Budgets, Spending Plans.
- HRC Regional Center will continue to do SD Informational trainings for families and clients who are interested in the program and their names will be submitted to DDS
- August 28, 2019 is the next SDP Informational training, at the Torrance office n6 to 8pm.
- Informational meetings will be held quarterly alternating between the Torrance office and HRC's Long Beach Office. Translators will be available if needed; RC will not be offering child care.
- SD Fact Sheet has been updated and will be translated in Spanish, SC to hand out updated Fact Sheets at all IPP meetings.

Presentation:

Linda Chan Rapp gave an update from the statewide SDAC, discussion on "The Role of our Local SDAC"

- The statewide SDAC recommended that local SDAC explore the role of the committee by completing a person-centered plan type of discussion.
- Linda handed out the SD Law and by laws for the local advisory committees.
- The larger group was divided into three small groups, and was to review the handouts, and give input.
- Some of the input; Multicultural, diversity-geographical and ethnic.
- Reaching out to understand, communities, based on class and gender
- Review, make recommendations, trainings, and oversight, be present.
- Purpose of the local SDAC: Effective implementation of the SDP, sharing best practices and training, materials - bridge between DDS and SDAC.
- To be the voice and ears for the SD participants with guidelines, to clearly understand public comments.
- Sofia Cervantes, from the State Council made a suggestion to include public comments on agenda, can be during opening or closing, it was suggested to have a time limited.
- Brainstorm ideas for the purpose of the local SDAC:
- Effecti8ve implementation, the bridge between DDS and the Regional Center and families.
- Support group, do outreach, visit support groups and inform them of SDP
- Work with schools and providers
- We are the ears for the SD Program, public, input, how it is going, try to understand the issues, problems.

State Council Update:

 Sofia Cervantes, handed out flyer on the Federal Home and Community Based Services and Settings - the Final Rule Trainings

Announcements:

 Committee member, Mario Sanz suggested that during the last 30 minutes of the SDAC having a round table discussion. He would be willing to facilitate and oversee the discussion.

Next meeting: September 11, 2019 at HRC's Long Beach Office 6-8pm

<u>Adjournment</u>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM. Minutes submitted by Liz Cohen-Zeboulon.

Members Present:

Member Name	Organization
Paul Quiroz, Chairperson	Cambrian Homecare
Richard Pease	Ambitions
Nancy Langdon	Canyon Verde
Dee Prescott	Easter Seals
Juan Sanchez	Birth and Family Services
Glenda Lang	Birth and Family Services
Steve Goclowski	Mentor
Ben Espitia	Goodwill Industries
Mary Grace Lagasca	InJoy Life Resouces
Patricia Flores	Life Steps Foundation
Alex Saldana	Oxford Services
Terri Nishimura	Pediatric Therapy Network
Robert Haupt	Autism Spectrum Therapies
Keri Castaneda	Ability First
Briana Luque	ABLE Arts Work

HRC Staff Present:

Staff Name	Title
Patricia Del Monico	Executive Director
Erica Reimer Snell	Community Services Director
Tes Castillo	Accounting Supervisor
Ashley Ayala	Fiscal Review Specialist
Judy Wada	CFO

<u>Call to Order</u>
Paul Quiroz called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Presentation on HRC Resource Center

Barbara Del Monico, Manager of the Family Resource Center gave a presentation on the available resource material. Members were encouraged to visit the resource center.

DDS Updates

Rate Study- Erica Reimer-Snell reported that the service codes receiving the increase were largely based on the DDS rate study (code list was provider). The Increase will be effective 1/1/202 (pending CMS approval) through 12/31/2021. By October 1 DDS will post the rate study comments and proposed changes to the model.

Bridge Funding – Erica Reimer-Snell reported that the rate letters were issued by DDS to those receiving the funding. Providers receiving the funding will see the increase on their June payment for May billing.

Self Determination Program – Erica Reimer-Snell reported that HRC completed their scheduled orientations. The July workshop for enrolled participants was facilitated by a DDS trainer. HRC is currently working with families to develop the person center plan that is required in order to move forward in the program. HRC is also working with providers to develop the financial management vendors; currently 4 vendors in process. September 2019 will be the second selection of participants.

HCBS- Erica Reimer-Snell reported that DDS and the contractor they are working with have schedule webinars for training. HRC encourages all the Providers to sign-up for a webinar to learn about the implementation process.

Electronic Visit Verification – Paul Quiroz report that a stakeholders meeting was held on 8/5/19 for updates. January 2021 is the proposed start time. Currently it is unknown if this process will be tied to billing for providers. Currently an IHSS pilot is under way, but no progress data as of yet.

CalFresh - Pat Del Monico reported that HRC is in the process of securing a consultant to lead the CalFresh program for HRC. The consultant will provide training for providers, clients, families, and staff, as well as, facilitate enrollment. Training may start by September or October.

Budget Update

Judy Wada reported that for last fiscal year the regional center system projected expenditures of \$5.7 billion. At the close of last fiscal year, nine centers have a deficit, 11 have a small surplus; HRC has a small deficit. For the current fiscal year, the state budget has the biggest reserve in state history. The rate increase will be applied to the pre-bridge funding for any providers that will receive the increase based on the service code list. The uniform holiday schedule is suspended until January 2022. DDS has not fixed the minimum wage issues.

HRC Updates

SB412 – Erica Reimer-Snell reported that this Senet Bill will end FCPP and AFPF. A sample letter was provided and providers are encouraged to contact their local officials for support. ARCA is sponsoring this bill.

Director of Community Services- Erica Reimer-Snell reported that she will be stepping down from this position. She will remain as part-time through the recruitment process.

Service Provider Updates

Each provider shared current events and topics from their individual organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48am Next committee meeting is scheduled for 10/1/2019