

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023

Opening:

The HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia – Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Deaka McClain – Individual, Self-Determination Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Kyungshil Choi – Parent
Jamie Temple – OCRA
Maria Elena Walsh – Harbor Family Resource Center
Tim’an Ford – HRC Peer Advocate

HRC Staff Present

Patrick Ruppe –Executive Director HRC

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Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados – Client Service Manager
Bernice Chavez-Perdomo – Participant Choice Specialist
Minerva Prado – Participant Choice Specialist
Thao Mailloux – Director of Information and Development

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Gilberto Padilla
Gail Carrier
Gantuya Davaa
George
Giselle Munoz
Dora Gamez
Ivon Muniz Diaz
Yeshika Cruz
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Shantel Garcia
Rossy Seriaty

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Peng Jiang
Minerva Y Flores
Mary Ann Holandez Cheney
Maria Zavala
Lourdes Gomez
Lori Walker
Adrian Jimenez
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence
Debra Jorgensen, Guidelight Group

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

Welcome:

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

Approval of Minutes:

July 5, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Update:

- Implementation Funds
 - Committee Chair summarized the use of implementation funds going back to year one (2019- 2020), when \$59,107 were awarded to Skills4Care, and no Request for Proposal (RFP) was posted.
 - Year two (2020-2021) funds for \$80,784 were awarded to Phoenix Facilitation, after RFP was posted.
 - Year three (2021-2022), no RFP was posted, allocation of \$80,784 awarded to Phoenix. Have until June 2024 to spend all funds.
 - Year four (2022-2023) funds allocated is \$99,916.78. Committee has been discussing these funds since end of 2022. Have until June 2025 to spend all funds.

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- Summary of current advisory options were provided:
 - Continue to work with Phoenix and expand their current focus to include independent facilitator (IF) training for candidates who serve monolingual communities.
 - Use a portion to fund for full or partial scholarships to Guidelight Group's *Essential Independent Facilitator Training Program* to train IFs from underserved and underrepresented communities.
 - Inquire with the previous two final candidates from the original RFP (2020-2021) about the capacity to provide IF training in other languages.
 - Revise and repost RPF for purpose of IF training in other languages.

- Clarification on today's vote coming only from committee members was provided to all participants.
- The committee moved to vote on opening up the RFP process to all agencies that show interest.
- All committee members present voted in favor, while one abstained.
- Harbor accepted committee's advisement to post RFP for 30 days, effective August 4, 2023 through September 5, 2023.
- Process for RFP was reviewed and participants were asked to contact Vendorization and Resource Development Team or PCS Team for technical assistance with the application process.
- After submission deadline, a meeting will be coordinated with members of committee to rate applications and make recommendations on who should be awarded the funds.
- Results will be shared at the October 4, 2023 SDAC meeting.
- HRC and LVAC worked closely with community to ensure everyone gets an equal and fair opportunity to the implementation funds that will better serve the community.
- Participants were asked to contact Antoinette or PCS Team with SDP concerns.

Public Comments:

- Participant from the Mongolian community shared that many do not speak English and need assistance in their native language.
- Participant asked why language is omitted referencing Phoenix and was informed that language is reported on at each meeting.
- Participant shared their struggles with the miscommunication and feeling overwhelmed with all of the SDP information.
- Participant shared their concerns regarding SDP.

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Next meeting: September 6, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.
Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez.