

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00PM on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 via Zoom. Quorum was established at start of meeting.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Miriam Kang, Parent
Julianna Martinez, Parent

Committee Members Absent

Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Patricia Jordan, Client

HRC Staff Present

Judy Taimi - Director of Adult Services
Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager
Donna Magana - Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown – Client Services Manager
Katy Granados- Client Services Manager
Jessica Guzman-Client Services Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Bjoern Peterson – Client Services Manager
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados- Participant Choice Specialist

HRC Staff Absent

Jessica Eich – Client Services Manager
Patrick Rupee - Executive Director
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
LaWanna Blair - Director of Early Childhood Services

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

SCDD Staff Absent

Brianna Reynoso
Christofer Arroyo
Lia Cervantes Lerma

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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

Lucy Paz (Interpreter)	Jamie Van Dusen (DDS)	Paul Quiroz	Elia Lopez	Angela Robles
Whitney Williams	Reiko Sakuma Umeda	Gilberta Castellanos		Amelia Castellanos
Shelia Jones	Maria Chavez	Maria Zavala	Vianey Gomes	Martha DeLa Torre
Irma Castellanos	Ivon Muniz	Jihan Katuli	Olaf Luevano	Santiago Villalobos

Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established; 7 committee members present during the zoom meeting. January 5, 2022 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. Linda noted changes – page 1 under action item (Committee Members Present) the spelling of **Julianna** also on page 3 under action item (State Council- Sofia Cervantes and Joe Hernandez) the second bullet the spelling of the word self-paced was corrected. In relation to the content of the minutes, no concerns identified. Meeting minutes were approved as corrected – Deaka motioned first and David Oster seconded this motion. The rest of the committee voted to approve the minutes via Zoom chat. Meeting minutes successfully approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates: Katy Granados Children’s Client Services Manager:

Katy presented the SDP data in a graph format and an “HRC SDP” Power Point presentation was shared on the screen.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
 - Total Participants Selected: **129**
 - Remained in SDP: **88**
 - Withdrew: **34**
 - Moved out of State: **3**
 - Inactivated/Not DD: **3**
 - Transferred Out (to another RC): **1**
 - Completed PCPs 48; 28 within the soft rollout and 20 from 7/2021 to 1/2022
 - Certified Budgets 76; 33 within the soft rollout and 43 from 7/2021 to 1/2022
 - Spending Plans 53; 28 within the soft rollout and 25 from 7/2021 to 1/2022
 - SDP Live 52; 28 within the soft rollout and 24 from 7/2021 to 1/2022
 - Total Participants fully orientated 349
- Questions/Comments:

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- Rosalinda requested to elaborate on the role of the Participant Choice Specialist for those participants that are new to this group. Katy reviewed the role of the Participant Choice Specialist, she reported DDS granted 2-3 positions for each Regional Center and the purpose is to make sure that we are trainings our staff and our providers to move forward with the implementation of SDP. At this time, they are in the training phase and their role is still under review.
- Deaka asked to clarify the “soft-rollout” category. Katy clarified that the “soft-rollout” includes those selected through the lottery in 2018.
- Rosalinda expressed the soft-rollout participants have experienced delays in moving forward with SDP due to the abundance of information provided and families possibly feeling overwhelmed as oppose to the general launch. Since more participants are moving forward since July 2021 which confirms that all of our training efforts have been effective.
- The presentation continued with an emphasis on Skills 4 Care; Katy Granados and Paul Quiroz
 - 16 referrals have been made
 - 13 English speaking
 - 3 Spanish speaking
 - 13 from the Children Dept., 2 Adults and 1 from Early Childhood
 - Reason for referral was primarily due to identification of IFs (9), 7 were due to FMS, 4 due to PCP questions and 1 due to Spending Plans
 - Questions made from the parent; 10 FMS, 9 IFs, 3 Spending Plan, 4 PCP and 3 hiring providers
 - Current status
 - 14 pending
 - 1 moved out the area
 - 1 live with SDP
- Questions/Comments:
 - Linda asked Paul to elaborate on the FMS referral understanding the role of the FMS, as well as identifying an FMS. Paul shared they focused on providing the families with a list of the FMS and holding the families accountable to follow up with their contacts. They also assisted the families with the screening process by sharing examples of what questions the families should ask the FMS. They also assisted the families with the screening process by sharing examples of what questions the families should ask the FMS. Linda asked what is their take on availability of IFs in HRC’s area? Paul shared it is a challenge since there are limited IFs in this area. Linda agreed that the limited availability is a challenge. Linda asked if it is appropriate for Skills 4 Care to hold a list of IFs. Rosalinda stated that every family experience varies and it would be within DDS role to develop such list. Judy expressed that HRC is not able to vet these providers and directed the group to the State Council website since they have a statewide list of IFs.
 - Linda shared the committee has discussed highlighting success stories. Rosalinda asked HRC staff to provide guidance to identify such families to be part of this discuss. Judy shared we can connect with our families that have gone live to identify families that are interested in presenting on this platform. Rosalinda mentioned that there are members of this committee that are currently live. It was agreed Linda would share their story followed by Miriam and then David Oster. Whitney Williams mentions via the chat that a great way to track progress would be by looking into those who are going into their year two or three of SDP.

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- Linda asked Paul to clarify the questions made from the parents. Paul clarified that despite the reason for referral, many families had many more questions. Rosalinda asked if Paul could work on the development of FAQ.
- RFP update: Rosalinda shared the update has been posted and the deadline is February 15 at 5 PM.
- Katy introduced our new Participant Choice Specialists: Jessica Sanchez and Johnny Granados. Recruitment for the third PCS is in progress.
- The Committee agreed to invite both coaching and non-coaching participants to share their success stories. Deaka asked if she would be presenting since she supports an SDP participant. Linda and Rosalinda clarified that this focused on the coaching to help participants go live for SDP.
- Linda asked if Paul could reach out to the family that they supported through Skills 4 Care to go live with SDP to present following the committee members. Rosalinda shared that the best approach would be for the families HRC Service Coordinator make connect with them directly and invite them. Katy shared we will also focus on the two and three year SDP participants.

Statewide Updates:

Rosalinda shared there is a new Directive in regards to the SDP Goods and Services. The FMS contact list was also updated and both have been posted on the DDS website. DDS also updated their budget tools as well and an FAQ.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- No particular updates, but urged everyone to order their free COVID-19 tests from the federal government. Johnanthony highlighted the services OCRA offers. He also offered contact information for individuals who have questions or need further guidance.

State Council – Albert Feliciano

- Albert shared California SCDD will be hosting four training series that will be taking place on Monday February 7 at 10 AM (English) and February 14 at 10 AM (Spanish) which will focus on Regional Center Services & IPP Strategies. On February 28 at 10 AM (English) and March 7 (Spanish) will focus on Disparities in Regional Center Services. Albert agreed to send Save the Date flyers to Katy to share with this group.

Public Comments:

- Sheila Jones shared she is an IF in our area and is experiencing challenges with receiving payment from HRC since e-billing is requested. Judy agreed to connect with Sheila to resolve this issue.
- Deaka shared she will be presenting at the CDC meeting and requested these notes.

Next meeting: March 2nd, 2022 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Guzman