

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
Self Determination Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2024

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

**Committee Member Present**

Deaka McClain – Individual, Self-Determination Advisory Committee Co-Chair  
Maria Elena Walsh – Harbor Family Resource Center  
Tim’an Ford – HRC Peer Advocate  
David Oster – Individual  
Miriam Kang – Parent  
Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent  
Sunghee Park – Parent  
Jamie Temple – OCRA  
Tami Cardenas – Parent  
Kyungshil Choi – Parent

**HRC Staff Present**

Patrick Ruppe – Executive Director  
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services  
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist  
Johnny Granados – Client Service Manager  
Katy Granados – Client Service Manager  
Bernice Perdomo-Chavez – Participant Choice Specialist  
Minerva Prado – Participant Choice Specialist  
Jessica Sanchez – Client Service Manager  
Erika Segovia – Manager of Diversity and Inclusion  
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager  
Thao Mailloux – Director of Information & Development

**Visitors**

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter  
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation  
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles  
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation  
Carola Maranon, Phoenix Facilitation  
Kristianna Morallis, Disability Voices United  
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence  
Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator  
Alberto Feliciano, SCDD  
Brenda Gertman, Parent  
Maria Poblete, Parent  
Sandy Yokota, Parent  
Silvia Calles, Parent

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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  
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 1, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

**New Committee Members Introduced:**

- Wendy Clutterbuck
- Tami Cardenas

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

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

- Soft Roll Out Participants
  - Total Participants Selected: **129**
    - Remained in SDP: **80**
    - Withdrew: **37**
    - Moved out of State: **4**
    - Inactivated/Not DD: **5**
    - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**
- Completed PCPs 153; 25 within the soft rollout and 128 from 7/2021 to 12/2023
- Certified Budgets 229; 37 within the soft rollout and 192 from 7/2021 to 12/2023
- Spending Plans 192; 32 within the soft rollout and 160 from 7/2021 to 12/2023
- SDP Live 205; 32 within the soft rollout and 173 from 7/2021 to 12/2023

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	76
Latino	50
African America/Black	14
Biracial	6
Multicultural	10
Other	12
Asian Indian	7
Other Asian	5
Chinese	4
Filipino	5
Korean	4
Guamanian	1
Vietnamese	4
Japanese	7

SDP by Language

English	170
Spanish	31
Korean	2
Japanese	1
ASL	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 859 (82 are in the follow-up stage, 278 have chosen to withdraw and 294 in the unknown stage).

Directives from November, 2023 DDS Self-Determination Program (SDP) were shared.

- (1) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Directive (11/22/2023): Remote Services.
  - This Directive is meant to provide guidance on the provisions of self-determination when it comes to remote services. Remote services may be requested by the individual served to provide assistance in meeting their individual program plan goals.
- (2) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Directive (11/22/2023): Coordinated Family Support Services in the Self-Determination Program.
  - Effective December 1, 2023, the CFS services pilot became available to participants in SDP. Per the Directive passed on January 27, 2023, CFS is a service option designed for adults served by the regional center who choose to live in their family home.
  - If the individual's IPP team determines a need for CFS services, these services shall be funded outside of the individual's budget.

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- (3) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Directive (11/22/2023): Updated Goods and Services.
  - This directive provides an update on the practices and expectations to take place when determining if a good or service is needed based on an individual's needs and IPP goals.(Enclosure A, B and C pertain to Goods and Services directive).

**Phoenix Facilitation Updates:**

- Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation LLC, presented data on individuals served through the coaching program by ethnicity, language, gender, and age for the 2023 year. She talked about their outreach attempts and barriers they have encountered.

**Comments:**

- Participant asked for clarification on “unknown/pending” portion of statistics
- Participant asked about referral process for Phoenix Facilitation.
- Participant asked about the role that Phoenix plays in the SDP and outreach that is done to vulnerable populations.

**Statewide Updates:**

- No updates at this time.

**Partner Updates:**

**Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy (OCRA)**

- No updates at this time.

**SCDD- Albert Feliciano**

- SCDD will continue to provide statewide trainings every Monday of the Month at 10am, open to the public.
- Zoom link will be shared and remain the same
- First training will be English followed by a Spanish version
- Continue providing statewide SDP Orientation, a certificate will be provided to the participant
- IF vendors, SCDD continues to get phone calls from families informing them that there is a shortage of IF's.
- Requested the committee: To ask DDS to extend the deadline for vendorization for service code 099 & that RC's accept courtesy vendorization for independent facilitators state wide.

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- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Statewide Orientation: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- SCDD LA Office Statewide Trainings Zoom Information:  
Meeting ID# 883-2711-3155 Password: 2024

**Public Comments:**

- Participant shared an adjustment to their spending plan is taking 6 months to complete and will be requesting an emergency meeting.
- ASLA shared advanced training continuing with multiple languages available and continue to search for independent facilitators to join their team.
- Participant thanked group for providing this SDAC meeting and allowing parents to attend, family attended orientation and was more confused but was able to get clarification after meeting with Phoenix Facilitation.
- ASLA shared excitement about HRC contract with Phoenix Facilitation and their ongoing trainings in multiple languages.
- Participant thanked Phoenix Facilitation for their ongoing support in SDP.
- DVU announced SDP connect, self-direct stipend program and will present with DDS on the stipend program
- Disability Voices United SDP Connect: Zoom 2nd and 4th Wed of every month from 4:30-6:00
- Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pce-srj0qHdeGcs9F4WBQsRgcKqI-ZwZ7#/registration>
- GT Independence shared that GT Independence still offers all 3 FMS models but shared that switching FMS's is only allowed when you are transitioning to a new year.
- Participant thanked the committee for SDP since her son has now gone live with SDP and is able to be part of the community thanks to the support of HRC and SDP staff.

**Next meeting:** February 7, 2024 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bernice Perdomo-Chavez