

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2022

Opening:

The meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:03PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in person at HRC Long Beach Office. Quorum was established at start of meeting.

Committee Member Present

Deaka McClain- Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Miriam Kang, Parent
Sunghee Park, Parent
Patricia Jordan, Client
David Oster- Client
Juliana Martinez-Parent

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

Fernando Núñez (Interpreter) Jamie Van Dusen (DDS) Barry Finley Athena Steeples Donna Morvice

Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests

Approval of Minutes:

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Quorum was established at start of meeting. June 1, 2022 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. David motioned to approve minutes. Deaka asked for a second, Patricia second. No nays on the June 2022 minutes approval completed.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Johnny Granados 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 Q1: 31 and Q2: 42 = 73 in total from Quarter 1 (01/22-03/22) and Quarter 2 (04/22-06/22)
- Certified Budgets Q1: 64 and Q2: 91 = 155 in total from Quarter 1 (01/22-03/22) and Quarter 2 (04/22-06/22)
- Spending Plans Q1: 34 and Q2: 51= 85 in total from Quarter 1 (01/22-03/22) and Quarter 2 (04/22-06/22)
- SDP Live Q1: 31 and Q2: 47 = 78 in total from Quarter 1 (01/22-03/22) and Quarter 2 (04/22-06/22)
- SDP by Ethnicity: 20 Latino participants, 22 White/ Caucasian participants, 8 African American participants, 1 Filipino participants, 1 Korean participant, 5 other/ Bi-Racial participants, 4 Multi-Cultural , 4 Asian Indian, 4 Other, 1 Guamanian, 3 Other Asian ,and 2 Chinese participants.
- SDP by Language: 60 English speaking participants, 1 Korean speaking participant, and 15 Spanish speaking participants.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 442 (75 are in the follow up stages, 133 have chosen to withdraw and 187 in the unknown stage)
- Questions/Comments:
 - Albert asked if there were any indicators on why numbers are low for Korean and Filipino families. Katy discussed that HRC is continuing to work on expanding the outreach to our underserved communities. As they may need additional guidance or may have a more difficult time understanding the information.
 - Deaka asked if the African American community would be part of the community outreach. Antoinette discussed that the Community Outreach specialists function is to reach out to the underserved community. The Participant Choice Specialists responsibility is to reach out to the community and make sure all individuals to have the same access to SDP as in Traditional Services
 - Juliana asked why some families have decided not to move forward. Katy stated that there are various reasons such as a lot of responsibility. Some barriers are the amount of FMS available and that the Pandemic presented its own challenges. Miriam commented

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that misinformation might be a barrier. She continues to have an IF because SDP is a lot of work.

- David asked if there was a wait list to be a part of SDP. There is not but may be a waitlist for certain FMS.
- The committee asked if there is anything they can do for the IF and FMS shortage. HRC discussed that the state is currently working to address the issue. There was also a question if the RFP can address this shortage and Linda answered that in the proposal from Phoenix met all of the marks.
- Juliana expressed that families have many concerns that the FMS's are not being effective. HRC discussed that Regional Centers have been tracking the FMS crisis. There are not enough FMS providers and they require a lot of man power. DDS has gotten feedback and are working on a plan to make them more efficient.
- The presentation continued to report there are no updates with fair hiring at this time.
- SDP Specialized team:
 - Katy discussed that in the children's department at HRC there is now a hybrid team. The Service Coordinators will carry 40 SDP clients and also have traditional clients. This specialized team is being piloted to create consistency and knowledge. All HRC Service Coordinators will still be knowledgeable in SDP.
- RFPF update
 - Contract has not been signed by Phoenix Facilitation.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

Johnanthony shared that there was no updates at this time and explained what his role is.

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- LA office continues to host statewide trainings and they are open to anyone.

Statewide Updates:

None at this time.

Public Comments:

- Linda asked about the FMS fees. HRC discussed that they typically came out of the client's budget but will now be paid for by the Regional center.
- Deaka stated that families can not afford to have an IF. Miriam explained that is important to budget correctly.
- Juliana discussed a positive message about SDP and how it her daughter has been successful and is very happy.
- David shared that his first year of being in SDP was difficult but his second year has been better.

Next meeting: September 7, 2022 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

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Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Sanchez