

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

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00PM on Wednesday, March 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  
Juliana Martinez, Parent  
Sunghee Park, Parent  
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  
Bjoern Peterson – Client Services Manager  
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Johnny Granados- Participant Choice Specialist  
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Patrick Rupee - Executive Director  
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services  
LaWanna Blair- Director of Early Childhood Services  
Angela Woods- Provider Relations

**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

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**Visitors**

Lucy Paz (Interpreter)	Jamie Van Dusen (DDS)	Paul Quiroz	Whitney Williams
Reiko Sakuma Umeda	Shelia Jones	Vianey Gomes	Irma Castellanos
Santiago Villalobos	Tim Jin (DVU)	Yolanda Gomez	Adriana Garcia
Ivon Muñiz			

**Welcome**

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

**Approval of Minutes:**

Quorum was established at start of meeting. February 2, 2022 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. There were minor grammar errors corrected on notes, with spelling of name and Deaka noted under public comments it indicated CDC instead of CAC. In relation to the content of the minutes, no concerns identified. Meeting minutes approved as corrected- David Oster motioned first and Deaka second. The rest of the committee voted to approve the minutes via Zoom chat. Minutes successfully approved.

**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 (no changes from previous month)
  - 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 56; 29 within the soft rollout and 27 from 7/2021 to 2/2022
  - Certified Budgets 80; 34 within the soft rollout and 46 from 7/2021 to 2/2022
  - Spending Plans 57; 29 within the soft rollout and 28 from 7/2021 to 2/2022
  - SDP Live 58; 31 within the soft rollout and 27 from 7/2021 to 2/2022
    - Total Participants fully orientated 363 (69 are in the follow up stages, 64 have chosen to withdraw and 200 in the unknown stage)
- Questions/Comments:
  - Linda inquired the budget number that is being represented in the chart. Katy and Antoinette clarified the data represents per participant not the amount of budgets (i.e. first year vs second year).
  - Katy shared that once we get to the budget phase, as reported up and down the state, some barriers are due to FMS and with providers completing the documentation required. This explains why we have more budgets than we do spending plans and/or live.
  - Miriam suggested to update chart to show the small growth from last meeting to this meeting (line graph suggested by Johnanthony Alaimo). HRC Staff confirmed the presentation of numbers can display tracking of growth.

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- Deaka expressed concerned about number of individuals that have dropped out. Johnny clarified that based on ID notes, every family has their own reason why they have chosen to not move forward with SDP. Miriam clarified that the number of individuals that have dropped out since the start, not just since it opened for everyone. Some families are expressing that SDP is too much to move forward. Families are happy with Traditional services, respect individual's decision to pick which system they care to be a part of.
- Deaka requested clarification on traditional to SDP and the waiting period between. There is no waiting period at this time to go to SDP or to go back to traditional. The only waiting period is if you go live in SDP and want to go back to traditional, there is a 12-month waiting period.
- There are no updates with fair hearings at this time
- The presentation continued to report there are no updates with fair hiring at this time.
- Participant Choice Specialist Position
  - Bryan Sanchez was introduced as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Participant Choice Specialist for HRC
- Paul Quiroz reported updates for Skills4care
  - There were 3 new referrals since last reporting period, 2 in the children's department and 1 in adults. 1 referral submitted was for IF support and the other 2 for FMS. Out of the 3, 2 Spanish and 1 English.
  - Deaka inquired about those wanting an IF, does Skills4Care provide resources or find someone. Paul clarified that resources are provide and do follow up to make sure that their questions are asked.
  - Linda inquired about list of questions that have been asked thus far. Paul will put together a FAQ /list of questions that have been asked. This would be of benefit when determining the need for on going funding of the program.
- RFPF update
  - Rosalinda shared there were a few proposals and in process of getting them reviewed and interviews scheduled. Next meeting hopefully additional updates on what the status is.
  - Linda motioned for the committee to extend application date for RFP to 3/31/22. Deaka second the motion. Angela Woods had no opposition to the extension. It was agreed upon to allow time for the state council to share at the roundtable and give two weeks after that.
- Linda Chan Rapp
  - Linda shared a PowerPoint on the success story for her daughter with SDP.

**Partner Updates:**

**Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo**

Johnanthony shared that OCRA now has a New Director; Shannon Cogan is now the new full time director for OCRA. There are no additional updates at this time. Johnanthony shared his contact information in the chat box if anyone has any questions/concerns.

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**SCDD- Albert Feliciano**

- Albert shared again about the trainings taking place every Monday at 10 AM there are statewide trainings offered by LA Office being provided to anyone interested. Albert will be providing flyer information. These trainings are conducted in English and Spanish.
- State Council hosts periodic meetings for IF. Albert shared that anyone who is an IF, monthly meetings are held. The requirements are for the IF to have an active caseload, not just for their own relative. Anyone interested is to email Albert to be added to the list. The IF meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM.
- Linda inquired about an RFP announcement to be shared as a roundtable announcement. Albert confirmed if it is sent to him, he would announce it in that setting.

**Statewide Updates:**

Rosalinda provided statewide updates.

- There was some confusion with an email. The local advisory committees ask if they were willing to share their budget to fund more meetings for the State Council and several regional centers chose not to allocate the money towards that. State Council requested DDS to fund for additional meetings, which they agreed to fund quarterly meetings. DDS has requested that they include mentorship and update distribution lists. It will be required to have 3 reports prepared and written annually and focus groups in meetings as requested by DDS in these meetings. In addition, the program to train SDAC and local Volunteer Advisory Committee members about their roles and responsibilities and leadership skills as requested. The next steps are for contracts to be signed, it to be posted and interview and offer positions.
- Spending priorities for SDP begin in July 2021, available to all consumers and to support expansion of the program, the estimate includes funding for enhanced transition support, services for individuals and their families, implementation of statewide orientation and participant choice specialist at Regional Centers. At HRC, all 3 positions have been filled.
- 2021 Trailer bill language that was discussed and DDS is to address the choice of independent facilitators, choice of FMS, long term sustainability of the SDP and the IPP teams responsibility during the individual budget development and review of individual budgets that are or above specializing thresholds. There is definition of spending plan requirements, medical, eligible participants obligations and the spending plan and not the individual budget should be assigned to uniform budget categories. Additional information posted on the SDCC website.
- In regard to statewide orientation, there will be 5 modules in 7 languages (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi, Armenian and Arabic). All material will be translated to threshold languages including video success stories, interactive exercises and supplemental materials.
- Major SDP trends and resources, regional centers has internal contact lists and SDP process checklist, on going tracking and surveying technology access and assistance, working on capacity and quality building through the FMS.

**Public Comments:**

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- Juliana Martinez suggested that we start the meeting with explaining what is SDP and purpose of the meeting at the start
- Linda and Albert brought it up that there is room for Public Comment
- Miriam King asked about a new vendor who is being signed up. They went through the process for another client without someone showing up with the HCBS form. Wondering if they will have to go thru the whole process again for the new client. Katy stated they would have to complete HCBS for every individual for every client.
- Shelia Jones- Thank you for everything! Lovely story Linda. HRC is having great success, numbers are not where we want to be but successful. Linda and Rosalinda second what Shelia shares. Linda appreciates Harbor Staff.
- Yolanda Gomez asked if HRC has a list of vendors. It was shared that families could get their own vendors.
- Tim from Disability Voices United. He asked what is HRC doing for outreach. What is HRC doing for outreach seems like we favor traditional.
  - Katy shared we are doing social media, different avenues and conducting monthly orientations in different languages. We have hired our Participant Choice Specialist to focus on outreach.
- Linda shared that in our last meeting, IF said that they took a long time to get payment out. Is there anything that SDAC be able to get payment. It was advised that the IF should get the Director or CSM of department if there are issues.
- Miriam King will be sharing at the next meeting.
- Ivon Martinez asked about funding for an IF and if parent is losing out of money since they cannot be paid.
  - Clarification was given that under the age of 18 you cannot be the IF. If the client is an adult, they can obtain reimbursement.

**Next meeting:** April 6, 2022 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Josephina Cunningham