

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
**Self Determination Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2023

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:13PM on Wednesday April 5, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

**Committee Member Present**

Rosalinda Garcia, Chair  
Deaka McClain, Vice-Chair  
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator  
Maria Elena Walsh, HRC  
David Oster, Client  
Miriam Kang, Parent  
Tima 'an Ford, HRC Peer advocate

**HRC Staff Present**

Patrick Ruppe - Executive Director  
Antoinette Perez - Director of Children's Services  
Jessica Sanchez- Client Service Manager  
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Minerva Prado-Participant Choice Specialist  
Bernice Perdomo-Chavez-Participant Choice Specialist  
Bryan Sanchez- Client Service Manager  
Johnny Granados - Client Service Manager  
Tim'an Ford - Peer Advocate  
Thao Mailoux - Director of Information and Development  
Katy Granados- Client Service Manager

**SCDD Staff Present**

Albert Feliciano

**Visitors**

Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation  
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation  
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services  
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator  
Kristianna Morallas, Disability Voices Unites  
Matoria F, Guest  
Katherine Manriquez, Parent  
Kristianna Moralls, Guest  
Saiqa Rahman, Parent  
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence  
Lily Chen, Parent  
Martha Ramos, Guest  
Kathleen Lawson, Guest

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Lucy Paz, Interpreter  
Yeshika Leyva, Parent  
Maria Filpovich  
Sonni Charness, Guidelight

**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

**Welcome:**

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes for June 2023 were reviewed and approved.

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

Bernice presented recent DDS directive: extending initial PCP and pre-enrollment transition supports. Both Options A and B were discussed and reviewed. Bernice also reviewed updates on information for SDP soft rollout and Open Enrollment.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
  - Total Participants Selected: **129**
    - Remained in SDP: **79**
    - Withdrew: **38**
    - Moved out of State: **4**
    - Inactivated/Not DD: **4**
    - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**
- Completed PCPs 115; 26 within the soft rollout and 90 from 7/2021 to 6/2023
- Certified Budgets 185; 34 within the soft rollout and 151 from 7/2021 to 6/2023
- Spending Plans 142; 28 within the soft rollout and 114 from 7/2021 to 6/2023
- SDP Live 138; 29 within the soft rollout and 110 from 7/2021 to 6/2023

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SDP by Ethnicity:

Latino	37
White/Caucasian	55
African America/Black	13
Filipino	4
Korean	1
Guamanian	1
Multi-Cultural	8
Other	6
Other Asian	4
Chinese	3
Asian Indian	6
Biracial	6
Vietnamese	3
Japanese	3

SDP by Language

English	123
Spanish	26
Korean	1
Japanese	1

- Total Participants fully orientated 687 (109 are in the follow up stages, 228 are in the unknown stage, 219 have decided to withdraw)
- HRC Budget Range: \$3,000 - \$430,000
- Shared Phoenix Facilitation LLC support for SDP

Phoenix Facilitation LLC Updates

- Reviewed progress made and services that Phoenix has been offering most recently.
- Discussed Disparity in service delivery/accessibility to the community served by HRC.
- Progress in receiving referrals from more non-white communities. Overall, referrals are increasing.
- Phoenix Will be present during the Upcoming HRC Cafecito.
- Naomi discussed 099 vendorization, and offering quality vendorization.

Guide light-Consideration of Alternative use of portion on funds

- 2022/2023 funds were brought up for discussion.
- Would the Committee be interested in allocating funds to Phoenix? Alternatively, does the committee want to allocate a portion of the funds to Guidelight? Guidelight's proposal is centered on training IF's (an area of need).
- Sonni Charness had the opportunity to explain the services offered by Guidelight, there team, and purpose. Explained there aim at targeting multicultural groups, and supporting their needs.

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- Questions/Comments:
  - Question regarding what HRC is doing to inform families of SDP existence. In specific there lesser representation for Hispanic/Latino families.
  - Question regarding the slow uptake with Korean families in SDP.
  - Question regarding AAC Users and the need to have an IF that has knowledge on how to navigate families that are AAC users throughout the SDP process.
  - Question regarding an estimate on how long it takes to complete a PCP report.
  
- Questions/Comments geared to Guidlelight:
  - Question was asked if scholarships would be available for committee members to take their training classes.
  - If a committee member receives this training, how would this benefit HRC? What would occur if someone were to receive the training and it does not benefit HRC?
  - If these scholarships are funded for, what criteria will be utilized for the scholarships?
  - Will these training be completed in cohort groups? In addition, will the curriculum be in Spanish and other languages besides English? Will training be open to individuals with disabilities?
  
- Fair Hearings:
  - No updates with fair hearing at this time

**Statewide Updates:**

- Further Statewide information can be found on the website's Q&A
- FMS updates that are statewide
- In person meetings and whether this will change in the future
- Roles and responsibilities within the committee.

**Partner Updates:**

**Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy**

- No updates at this time

**SCDD- Albert Feliciano**

- SDP training every Mondays at 10am: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Statewide orientations offered in three languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese
- Understanding evaluation, scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>
- SCDD- Offers SDP orientation during evenings and Saturdays.

**Public Comments:**

**Next meeting:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM (Special Meeting)

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**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.  
Minutes submitted by Minerva Prado