

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia- Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
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
Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent
Jamie Temple – OCRA
Kyungshil Choi – Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children and Adolescent Services
Aurelio Lopez – Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados – Client Service Manager
Bernice Perdomo-Chavez – Participant Choice Specialist
Minerva Prado – Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez – Client Service Manager

Visitors

Gilbert Villalobos, Spanish Interpreter
Ana Davaa, Parent
Monserrat Palacios, DDS
Rafael Carbajal, Remarkable & Centered Supports
Johnanthony Alaimo, OCRA
Jordan Feinstock, NLACRC Individual
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Kim Sinclair, Autism Society of Los Angeles
Virginia H
Claire Seo
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Martha De La Torre, Parent
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence
Debra Jorgensen, Guidelight
Gail Carrier, Parent
Alberto Feliciano, SCDD
Brenda Gertman, Parent
Maria Poblete, Parent
Kristianna Morallis, DVU

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Mario Prado, Parent
Ivon Muniz Diaz, Parent
Silvia Calles, Parent
Erica Aguilar
Tomas Mendez, Parent
Chloe Estelle, Individual
Lourdes Gomez, Parent
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Adriana Ortiz, Parent

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:

January 3, 2024 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

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

- Completed PCPs 158; 25 within the soft rollout and 133 from 7/2021 to 01/2024
- Certified Budgets 236; 37 within the soft rollout and 199 from 7/2021 to 01/2024
- Spending Plans 199; 32 within the soft rollout and 167 from 7/2021 to 01/2024
- SDP Live 208; 32 within the soft rollout and 176 from 7/2021 to 01/2024

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SDP by Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian	79
Latino	52
African America/Black	14
Biracial	2
Multicultural	10
Other	12
Asian Indian	6
Other Asian	6
Chinese	4
Filipino	7
Korean	4
Guamanian	1
Vietnamese	4
Japanese	7

SDP by Language

English	174
Spanish	30
Korean	2
Japanese	1
ASL	1

- Number of fully oriented participants: 890 (83 are in the follow-up stage, 280 have chosen to withdraw and 319 in the unknown stage).

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

- (1) Self-Determination Program: Financial Management Services Transition Supports (New Service)
 - FMS can provide transition supports and bill for up to 3 months when:
 - An individual is initially enrolling in SDP
 - Transfers between FMS agencies
 - Transfers between Regional Centers
- (2) Self-Determination Program: Updated Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports Guidance

Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment transition supports:

- Option A: \$2,500 (service code 024) deadline extended 2/29/2024
 - Proof of vedorization or in the process must be provided
- Option B: Separates the Initial PCP (Purchase reimbursement, code 024) and the Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports (code 099)

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- (3) Self-Determination Program: Billing Requirements for Services.

Provides guidance on new billing requirements for all Self-Determination Program (SDP) providers to ensure timely payment by FMS.

Current HRC FMS Updates

Current HRC Vended Independent Facilitator Updates

Input for Data Presentation:

Comments:

- Participant asked about the number of billings under 099 and about their capacity for clients.
- Participant asked HRC to dive deeper into what barriers people are experiencing with SDP and reasons for withdrawing.
- HRC will issue two SDP surveys to obtain more information on the issues.
- Participant asked for a list of 024 providers that are available.
- HRC will update vendor information on website.

Phoenix Facilitation Updates:

- No updates at this time.

Statewide Updates:

- No updates at this time.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy (OCRA)

- No updates at this time.

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- National Core Indicator (NCI) Surveys to evaluate services and supports from RC and service providers will go out in the next couple of weeks.
- For questions regarding the National Core Indicator (NCI) Surveys, please send your email to the following email address: QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov or NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Self-Determination Program (SDP) Statewide Orientation: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- To attend the SCDD Statewide Trainings held on Mondays at 10 am, use the following Zoom link: Meeting ID#883-2711-3155 Password: 2024

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Public Comments:

- Participant asked clarifying questions about the 1% non-payroll fee.
- Representative talked about the 1% non-payroll fee implemented at GT Independence.
- Participant asked for clarification on the courtesy vendorization process.
- Participant stated that researching FMS agencies is time consuming and having the table with employer burden would be helpful.
- Participant asked if Mains'1 has a non-payroll fee.
- Participant asked if 099 IFs are willing to work with 024 IFs under new directive.
- IFs were informed that HRC would need a tentative timeline of when they expect to complete the pre-transition services.
- Remarkable & Centered Supports founder shared the services they provide to individuals at HRC and ELARC.
- NCG Enterprise provides 024 and 099 services to Korean, Mongolian, and Russian speaking communities.
- GT Independence representative shared that they have openings and the documents they require.
- Participant shared how great SDP has been for their child who is gaining skills and meeting their goals in various areas.
- Ourtism provides individualized coaching and support to individuals, adding that two of their clients have taken over a year to go live.
- Participant shared that they sometimes have a difficult time reaching their service coordinator but do not want to move to the Adult SDP team.
- Another participant shared the same sentiment.
- Participant shared issues with funding of EDGE program.

Next meeting: March 6, 2024 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez