

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07 PM on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Miriam Kang, Parent
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative

Committee Members Absent

Patricia Jordan, Client
Julianna Martinez, Parent
Rosalinda Garcia, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Judy Taimi- Director of Adult Services
LaWanna Blair– Director of Early Childhood Services
Katy Granados- Client Services Manager
Donna Magana- Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown- Intake Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Bjoern Peterson – Client Services Manager

HRC Staff Absent

Jessica Guzman-Client Services Manager
Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager

SCDD Staff Absent

Brianna Reynoso

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

Visitors

Paul Quiroz	Lucy Paz	Jamie Van Dusen	SE	Jeanne Wu	Shelia Jones
Susan Hadeishi	Tanya Talley	Doug Pascover	Erin Hardimon	Sajini Yogasund	Gloria A.
Kyungshil Choi	Whitney Williams	Reiko Sakuma			

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Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established; 5 committee members present during the zoom meeting. June 2, 2021 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. Katy Granados made corrections to typos and spelling errors. Deaka McClain made the first motion for approval of minutes, second motion was given by David Oster. Linda Chan-Rapp suggested corrections which were highlighted in yellow, corrections were made. Linda Chan-Rapp requested a motion to approve June minutes with changes. Deaka McClain approved minutes and Miriam Kang made the second motion to approve June minutes.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update – Katy Granados – Client Services Manager and Antoinette Perez, Director Children’s Services:

- Current number of SDP participants **95**
- # of Participants with completed PCP’s **23**
- # of Participants with approved Budgets **26 as of June 2021**
- # of Participants with completed Spending Plans **24**
- # of Participants who have gone live with SDP **24**, increase of 3 clients as on June 2021

- Orientations: HRC decided to uphold the original June 7th date and started orientations in May. 2 English and 2 Spanish held in May, 89 families completed orientation.
- 5 orientations in June (3 English- 2 Spanish), total of 209 families have completed the orientation, 85 from the adult department, the rest are from early childhood and children’s. As of today, 33 participants are enrolled in July orientations.
- 209 families that have completed the Orientation are new families and not from the original 95
- One of the things that we have notice, Spanish speaking families are attending the same orientations more than once to clearly understand all the information.
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: We currently have two Fair Hearings – HRC prevailed on one case, still waiting on decision for the second case.
- Resource Development: Families continue to share resources and who they use to do their PCP, which IF and FMS they use. HCBS final rule is on the forefront for the Regional Centers, providing assurance that programs used for the SDP are meeting guidelines, forms are being standardize and will be shared with programs and families. Forms will be shared with Advisory Committee once they are completed.
- Update on Parent Modules: HRC CSM’s are reviewing and updating the modules, once done we will post and share with families and advisory committee. The Modules are written information about the SDP for reference. The Modules will be available in English and Spanish and other languages.

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Skills4Care – Paul Quiroz:

- Reached out to 73 families that were initially interested in the mentor program: 10 Spanish, 1 Korean, 2 Japanese, 60 English, out of the 73; 32 are still interested and would like follow up call, 36 unable to reach and 5 no longer interested.
- The 32 that are interested, are still looking for more information, not sure if they want to go first.
- Do we know when we are going to start the Skills4Care program? Depends on the clients/family's needs, we are ready to start.
- Will continue identify families / potential candidates still interested in the mentor program
- Out of the 32 that are still interested only 13 stated that they would be interested in working with a mentor and moving on to the next step.
- Next step, we will be looking at the 209 that have completed the orientation, SC's will be contacting families to find out if additional help is needed.

Statewide Updates:

- Statewide Committee- Linda Chan Rapp
- Panel discussion on Best Practices for Regional Centers, FMS's and IF's.
- Fast track services that would pair individuals with IF or FMS is they were stuck on the spending plan.
- The secret to moving forward with the SDP is getting a well-planned PCP.
- Suggestion for the Regional Center: simplify the budget process, getting budget and having it approved, set up timelines. It should not take more than two days to get budget.
- Develop timelines for the SDP
- Staff training is an area that we are doing well, however knowledge of the SDP is lacking not all RC staff are knowledgeable.
- How do you get an IF that is a good match? Ask about their history, training, experience with PCP. Focus on the participant and support them with the transition.
- IF should be networking with other IF
- Knowledge of generic services
- Panel also addressed the difficulties with getting payments on time for the PCP and IF. Also payments from the FMS for services.
- Linda Chan Rapp suggested that the committee work on developing timelines, helping families connect with IF.

Partner updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Upcoming training: Your Voice, Your choice.
- Presentation will only be available in English, will it be recorded?
- Johnanthony Alaimo – no to the recording
- Posted link in the chat

State Council – No representative at this meeting.

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Action items:

- Miriam Kang, David Oster, Deaka McClain and Linda Chan – Rapp have volunteered to start brainstorming for ideas for the 2021-22 f funds, still at the beginning stages of gathering information. Starting to meet, will hopefully have more to present at August advisory committee meeting. Does the committee still want to use funds for training and mentor programs? No response from committee members.
- Need input from other committee members
- Linda suggested having a spotlight presentation at every advisory committee meeting. Linda is requesting that committee members and others give input in the chat room.
- Can look at previous minutes to get names of IF's and FMS agencies.

Spotlight presentation: Doug Pascover, Executive Director of Imagine:

- His personal journey and tips for hiring an IF
- The main thing to know; self-determination program is very different from traditional services, big learning curve and it's about empowering clients and families to take the lead, develop the type of program that works best for them.
- It takes time to understand SDP and families should be patient, it's not for everyone.
- You have to be prepared to take on some of the responsibilities that were once covered by the regional center and your SC.
- I think that it's really important that the IF understands that they are there to help and support, not make the decisions
- The best way to pick an IF is to take inventory of your needs. Find someone that can help with areas that are weak.
- Most important the thing about SDP, the client is the boss.
- You can do a hybrid: work with an agency and private hire, have the agency has a back up
- Doug will adjust his fee for IF based on client's budget.

Public Comments:

- **Next meeting:** August 4, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Minutes submitted by Liz Cohen-Zeboulon