

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 via Zoom. Quorum was not established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Linda Chan Rapp, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados- Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Judy Taimi- Director of Adult Services
Aurelio Lopez- Service Coordinator
Lizbeth Moreno- Service Coordinator

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

Naomi Hagel (Phoenix facilitation)
Olivia
Shelia Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Jennifer St. Jude, Autism Society of Los Angeles
Kathy Daigle, Parent
Oanh Vuong, Client
Maria Zavala, Parent

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Lucy Paz, Interpreter

Welcome:

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

Approval of Minutes:

July 6, 2022 minutes were posted for review. Linda addressed the corrections that can be made to minutes. Minutes were not approved due to not meeting quorum, but corrections to minutes were made.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Johnny Granados presented the SDP data in a graph format via an “HRC SDP” Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
 - Total Participants Selected: **129**
 - Remained in SDP: **83**
 - Withdrew: **37**
 - Moved out of State: **4**
 - Inactivated/Not DD: **3**
 - Transferred Out (to another RC): **2**
- Completed PCPs 77; 22 within the soft rollout and 55 from 7/2021 to 08/2022
- Certified Budgets 135; 34 within the soft rollout and 101 from 7/2021 to 08/2022
- Spending Plans 98; 29 within the soft rollout and 69 from 7/2021 to 08/2022
- SDP Live 100; 29 within the soft rollout and 71 from 7/2021 to 08/2022
- SDP by Ethnicity: 26 Latino participants, 33 White/Caucasian participants, 10 African-American/Black participants, 1 Filipino participants, 1 Korean participant, 1 Guamanian, 7 multi-cultural, 5 other, 4 Other Asian, and 2 Chinese participants, 4 Asian Indian, 6 Biracial.
- SDP by Language: 79 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 20 Spanish-speaking participants.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 493 (75 are in the follow up stages, 150 have chosen to withdraw and 195 in the unknown stage)
- Questions/Comments:
 - Clarification about what “unsure” participants meant was requested. It was clarified “unsure” referred to participants who did not know whether to move forward with SDP
 - It was requested to know if families who chose to withdraw indicated why. Various reasons were provided (i.e. satisfied with traditional services, process too complicated)
 - Kathy Daigle provided input about her personal experience with SDP

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- Fair Hearings:
 - No updates with fair hearing at this time

- RFP update: Phoenix Facilitation
 - Contract has not been signed. If contract not signed by October, HRC will revisit RFP

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Information about Fall Fun Festival was shared. Event to take place Sunday October 9th. Link was shared:
<https://thinkers4autism.org/events/fall-fun-festival-2/>

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- Due to a committee member leaving, SDCC will seek to fill position by October
- Shared information on statewide trainings. Link was shared:
<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Information on Law Contest was shared

Statewide Updates:

- Rosalinda shared concerns about insufficient training for service coordinators regarding SDP. There is consideration to hire outside agencies to assist in SDP training
- Discussed state's intent to address disparities for participants that speak other languages besides English

Public Comments:

- Inquiry about how social recreational services are assessed. Information was given on how RC assesses and includes it in the budget
- Information on SDP and IF training was provided. Link was shared:
<https://www.AutismLA.org/1/IFMentorTraining>
- Information about [TASKCA.org](https://www.taskca.org) was shared
- Asked if RC vendors can also be hired under SDP. It was answered that it is possible
- Question about vendors not wanting to be part of SDP was raised. It was answered that vendors/providers are not obligated to participate in SDP

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Next meeting: October 5, 2022 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bryan Sanchez