



**Harbor Regional Center
Board Development Committee
Meeting
January 11, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Chris Patay (Board President)

Joe Czarske (Chair)

Ann Lee (Board VP)

Jim Flores (Board Treasurer)

David Gauthier (Board Secretary)

Patrick Ruppe (Executive Director)

Jennifer Lauro (Executive Assistant)

Minutes:

The Board Development Committee held a meeting on January 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm via Zoom to interview a candidate to be seated on the Board.

- In response to HRC's 2022/2023 Board Composition needs, the Board Development Committee conducted an interview of Eber Bayona, who is an attorney in HRC's service area.
- The Board Development Committee will bring Mr. Bayona's candidacy to the March meeting. If elected, Mr. Bayona's term of service will be through June 30, 2026.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for February 8, 2023.



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Board Attendance:

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Jim Flores (Board Treasurer)
Patrick Ruppe (Executive Director)
Jennifer Lauro (Executive Assistant)

Board Absent:

David Gauthier (Secretary)

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Board Absent:

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David Gauthier (Secretary)
Jim Flores (Treasurer)

Minutes:

The Board Development Committee held a meeting on March 8, 2023 at 3:00 pm via Zoom to review the following board applications:

- Fu-Tien Chiou: The Board Development Committee will bring Mr. Chiou's candidacy to return to the board at the May meeting. If elected, Mr. Chiou's term of service will be through June 30, 2025
- LaVelle Gates: The Board Development Committee will bring Mr. Gates's candidacy to return to the board at the May meeting. If elected, Mr. Gates's term of service will be through June 30, 2025.

Additionally, the Board Development Committee reviewed current board trustee terms and identified those board members who are eligible for re-election. Per HRC's current bylaws the re-election of sitting board members must occur at the last regular meeting of the board in March prior to the annual meeting in May.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 12, 2023

OFFICIAL **RE-ELECTION** BALLOT

March 21, 2023

Board of Trustees

The Board Development Committee is pleased to present the following Board members who are up for re-election and eligible for an **additional year term.**

If elected, the term of service for the following Board members will be:

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Name	Yes	No	ABSTAIN
Joe Czarske			
David Gauthier			

The Board Development Committee is pleased to present the following Board members who are up for re-election and eligible for an **additional two year term.**

If elected, the term of service for the following Board members will be:

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025

Name	Yes	No	ABSTAIN
Ann Lee, Ph.D.			
Jackie Solorio			
Patricia Jordan			

Harbor Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee
February 11, 2023 via ZOOM

Minutes

Members Present: Debbie Howard, Kelly Sutton, Mead Duley, Deaka McClain, David Gauthier

HRC Staff Present: Judy Taimi

Other: Janelle Reyes (Lifesteps Foundation)

Call to Order & Minutes Approved

Meeting was called to order and commenced at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion:

Purpose of the Committee:

- Involvement in the community through participating in HRC events such as the Health Fairs and transition events
- Advise the board on what works and not working for the individuals with developmental disabilities in all age groups at Harbor Regional Center
- Available for mentorship for new eligible individuals to the Harbor Regional Center system

Outreach:

- The committee will reach out to the current members that are not in attendance to determine if they would like to continue or be removed from the committee
- The committee would like to host an event to help recruit new members for the CAC committee.
- Update HRC website with new and current information regarding the committee
- Create a brochure regarding the CAC committee
- T-shirts for the committee members

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.



Client Services Committee |

Meeting date | time January 24, 2023 | 6 PM

| Meeting location ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Guadalupe Nolasco (Parent)	Lucy Paz (Interpreter)
Gordon Cardona (Individual Served)	Patrick Ruppe (HRC Executive Director)
Patricia Gordan, Chair (Individual Served)	Judy Taimi (HRC Staff)
Kim Vuong (Individual Served)	April Rehrig (Parent)
	Karla (Lifesteps, Service Provider)

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 6 PM to 7 PM | Agenda topic *Coordinated Family Support Services*

- Coordinated Family Support Services (CFS) is a new service specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities who choose to live with their family. This service was created in response to input from families about the lack of available services for adults served by the regional center who choose to live in the family home. CFS service will be tailored, individualized, and flexible to meet the changing needs and preferences of the individual being served along with their family/caregiver.
- Background:
 - Currently, adults living outside the family home have more access to coordinated supports than individuals living with their family
 - DDS data shows a significantly higher percentage of adults who identify as non-white (75%) live with their family as compared to adults who are white (52%)
- Focus:
 - Focus on service access for adults who live with their family by expanding available supports that are culturally & linguistically competent
 - Personalize supports to individuals with aging caregivers, individuals who choose to live in family home, individuals who require additional supports to remain in their family home, and individuals who are not receiving regional center Purchase of Service (POS)
- Included in Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
 - WIC Section 4688.6
 - Recognizes the right of the individual served by HRC to reside in the family home

- Requires DDS to establish a Coordinated Family Support Services Pilot Program as follows:
 - Focus on improving equitable access to services and supports and reduce POS disparity
 - Services to be flexible and tailored to the individual served
 - DDS to issue administrative program directives to implement Pilot only until completion of the regulatory process
 - Those administrative program directives are to include key elements, including eligibility criteria, service design and standards for vendors
- CFS is designed to help the individual and their family coordinate and schedule the services they receive. This service can help the individual and their family learn more about the individual's diagnosis and assist with planning for the future, as well as help the individual learn how to access additional services that they may qualify for. CFS can coordinate training for the people who support the individual served by HRC so that they are better prepared to work with them and their family. This support can help the individual and their family identify transportation, back-up providers, and help them learn about self-advocacy groups in their area. CFS will be provided in the individual's and or their family's language and in a way that is respectful to their culture. The individual and or their family will help design and tailor the individual served by HRC's CFS services.
- Lanterman RC and Kern County RC are currently piloting the program
- DDS is currently finalizing the directives for this program for the individuals and their families, rate and vendor information for the service providers.

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- Due to the Annual Purchase of Service meeting, our committee will not be meeting on March 28, 2023.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2023 at 6 PM via ZOOM

Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Community Relations Committee February 8, 2023

Committee Members Present: Ann Lee, Chair, Board Member; Dee Prescott, Co-Chair, Service Provider, Easter Seals Southern California; Thao Mailloux, HRC Director of Information and Development, and Patrick Ruppe, HRC Executive Director

Members Absent: April Stover, Service Provider, AbilityFirst; and April Rehrig, Community Member; Terri Nishimura, Community Member

Legislation and Advocacy

Each year, Harbor Regional Center has participated in a statewide advocacy event, Grassroots Day, coordinated by the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA). HRC participates with a team of HRC staff, clients, parents, and service provider representatives, and meet with our legislators.

This year, the virtual Grassroots Day is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, with an Advocacy Briefing event to be held the evening before. ARCA will be scheduling the meetings for Grassroots Day and Thao will coordinate with the HRC team. Thao shared that ARCA held a Capitol Briefing Day on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, where there was a panel presentation made to Capital and District staff about the regional center system. ARCA developed several fact sheets to the legislators that each regional center will be able to personalize and utilize. There was discussion about the variety of topics that needed to be discussed with legislators, including the need for sustainability for service providers. Thao also shared that HRC's Advocacy Webpage has been updated to include all the newly elected government officials from the mid-elections of 2022. The webpage can be found here: <https://www.harborrc.org/advocacy>. This resource page will continue to be updated and shared more widely as HRC builds upon legislative advocacy efforts.

Upcoming Meetings and Areas of Focus

Committee members will continue to focus on strengthening partnerships with elected officials in the coming year. Given the results from the mid-elections, committee members suggested researching the legislators' backgrounds and forming a summary of interests as a method to connect with the newly elected government officials. Another suggestion the committee discussed, was to create short videos of individuals we serve in various programs and settings; and include the videos as part of following-up with legislators after Grassroots meetings to further promote connection to our purpose. The results of Grassroots Day will be reviewed at the next committee meeting to help committee members determine how to proceed with advocacy efforts.

Committee members also discussed other initiatives that promote partnerships with HRC and the community. An effort to continue outreach in the community is to expand on our access points to include social recreational events, campuses, churches, military bases, and hospitals. Currently, HRC is leveraging social media platforms to share information and awareness with the community, all of which are constantly updated to include information accessible to everyone in both English and Spanish. HRC will continue to maintain and strengthen relationships with organizations that we have collaborated with on multiple occasions in the past.

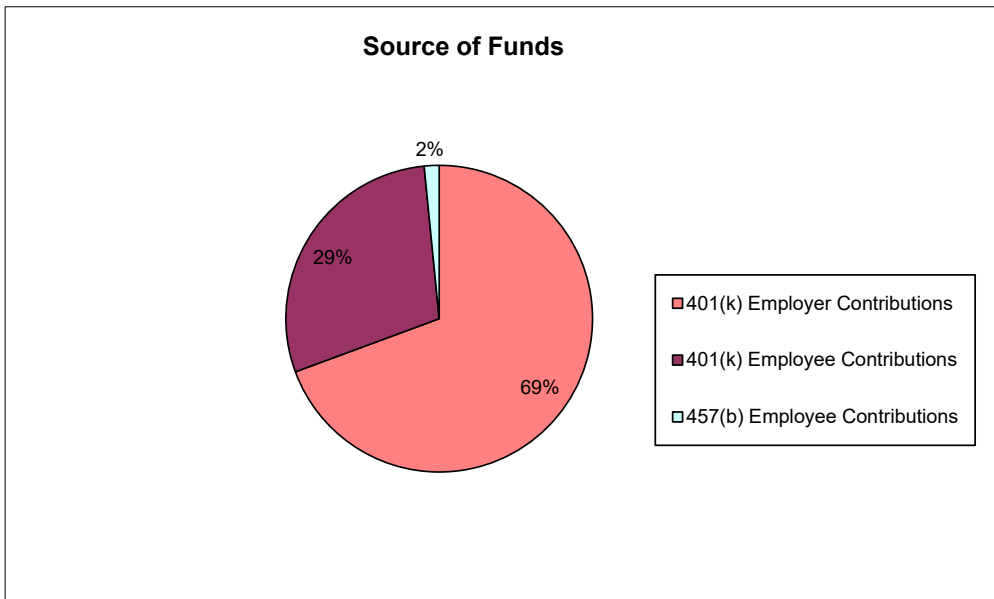
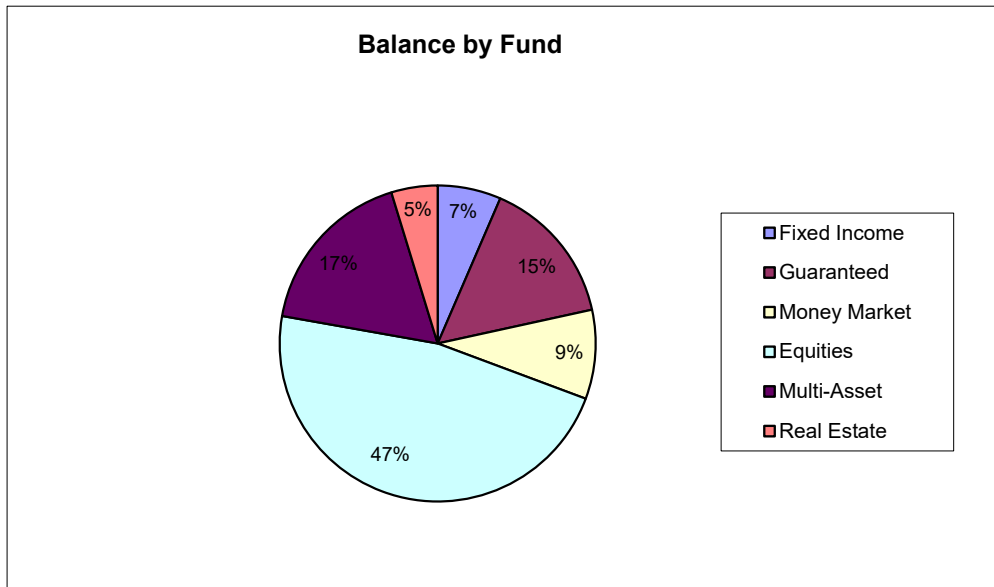
The next Community Relations Meeting is scheduled to occur virtually on April 12, 2023 at 5pm.

**Harbor Regional Center
Retirement Plan Balances as of 12-31-2022**

	401(k) Employer Contributions	401(k) Employee Contributions	457(b) Employee Contributions	Total Balance
Fixed Income	\$2,697,016	\$1,073,817	\$28,131	\$3,798,965
Guaranteed	\$5,224,406	\$2,949,619	\$658,854	\$8,832,878
Money Market	\$4,294,578	\$1,033,727	\$9,638	\$5,337,944
Equities	\$19,098,214	\$8,430,232	\$57,413	\$27,585,859
Multi-Asset	\$7,527,688	\$2,551,861	\$154,984	\$10,234,533
Real Estate	<u>\$1,780,205</u>	<u>\$984,327</u>	<u>\$9,924</u>	<u>\$2,774,456</u>
Total	\$40,622,107	\$17,023,583	\$918,944	\$58,564,634

* Plan Balances include active and terminated employees still in the Retirement Plan.

** Employee Contributions include **\$1,861,065** in Rollover funds.



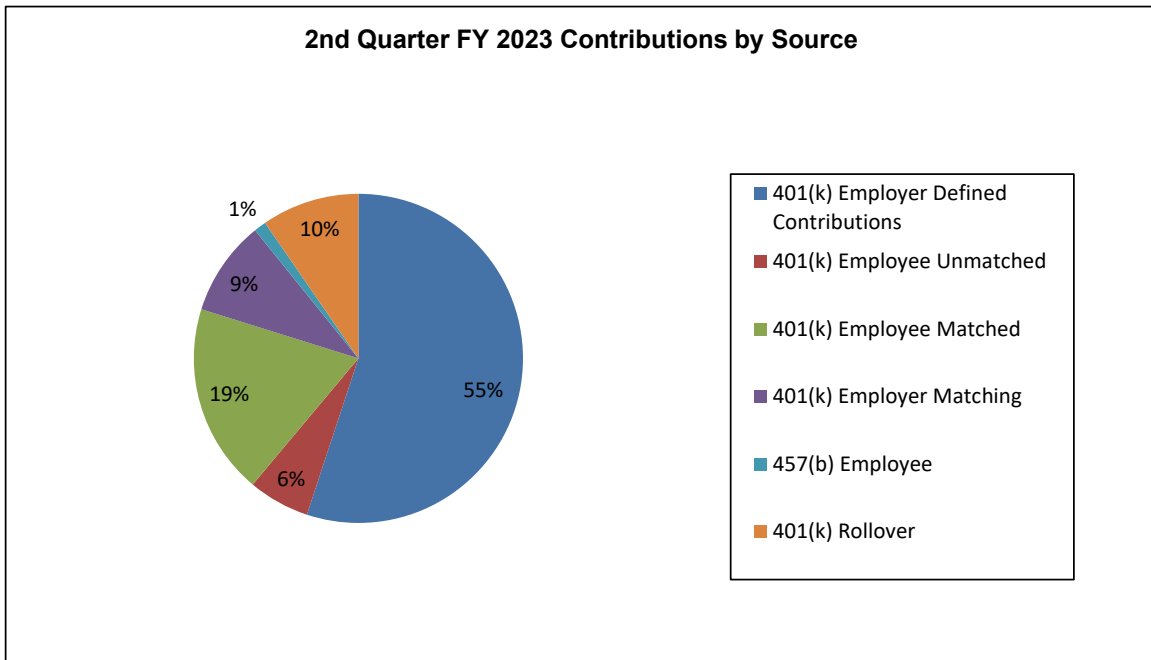
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Fund Balance 9/30/22	\$53,426,878	\$902,308	
Activity 10/1/22 - 12/31/22			
Distributions	(\$315,311)	(\$21,997)	
Contributions	<u>\$1,263,331</u>	<u>\$15,410</u>	
Net	\$54,374,898	\$895,721	
Fund Balance 12/31/22	\$57,645,690	\$918,944	
Gain/(Loss)	\$3,270,792	\$23,223	
% Gain/(Loss) for the Period	6.12%	2.57%	
 <u>Participants</u>			
Active Employees in Retirement Plan	384	3	60%
Terminated Employees in Retirement Plan	256	5	40%
Active Employees Total Balance	\$36,922,630	\$265,541	63%
Terminated Employees Total Balance	\$20,723,060	\$653,403	37%

<u>Loan Information</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>
Employees with Loans	
Active Employees with Loans	28
Terminated Employees with Loans	<u>6</u>
Total	34
Average Balance Amount	\$3,197
Loan Value Total	\$108,699

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	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>457(b)</u>
<u>Contributions</u>		
Employer		
Defined (10%)	\$704,167	\$0
Matching (50% of Employee Matched)	\$119,751	\$0
Employee		
Matched (up to 6%)	\$239,503	\$0
Rollover	\$122,794	\$0
Unmatched	<u>\$77,115</u>	<u>\$15,410</u>
Total	\$1,263,331	\$15,410
Employees Contributing	251	
Average deferral percentage	6.56%	



HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05PM on Wednesday January 4, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was not established.

Committee Member Present

Deaka McClain, Client
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
David Oster, Client

HRC Staff Present

Patrick Ruppe – Executive Director
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

Visitors

Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Abraham Flores Rojo, Phoenix Facilitation
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Tamara Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Shelia Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Timothy Howell
Kyungshil Choi
Angelika Cullers
Sandra V
Lucy Paz, Interpreter
Connie

Abbreviations

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DDS: Department of Developmental Services
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Welcome:

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of December 7, 2022 were not approved due to not meeting quorum.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Aurelio Lopez 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 100; 27 within the soft rollout and 73 from 7/2021 to 12/2022
- Certified Budgets 162; 37 within the soft rollout and 125 from 7/2021 to 12/2022
- Spending Plans 124; 30 within the soft rollout and 94 from 7/2021 to 12/2022
- SDP Live 119; 29 within the soft rollout and 90 from 7/2021 to 12/2022
- SDP by Ethnicity: 31 **Latino** participants, 44 **White/Caucasian** participants, 10 **African-American/Black** participants, 2 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian**, 7 **multi-cultural**, 5 **other**, 4 **Other Asian**, and 3 **Chinese** participants, 5 **Asian Indian**, 6 **Biracial**.
- SDP by Language: 95 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 23 Spanish-speaking participants.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 643 (110 are in the follow up stages, 212 are in the unknown stage, 202 have decided to withdraw)
- Questions/Comments:
 - HRC shared information about Option A and Option B as well as new directives (Option A extended until 6/31/2023). Link to directives were shared: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Person_Centered_Planning_and_Self_Directed_Supports_Guidance_07282022.pdf

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- <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Self-Determination-Program-Extensions-and-Development-of-Standardized-Vendorization-Packet.pdf>
- Fair Hearings:
 - No updates with fair hearing at this time
- RFP update: Phoenix Facilitation
 - Phoenix shared data collected for the months of December 2022 and January 2023 in a PDF slide show. Data included demographics of current referrals.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- No updates at this time.

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- Update regarding vacancy was shared: SCDD hopes to have vacancy filled by February.
- SCDD SDP orientation information was shared: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- SCDD LA Office facilitates roundtable once a month for Independent Facilitators. Interested IF's can contact SCDD for information.
- SCDD is looking for individuals with developmental disability, family members, and advocates to help fill current vacancy: www.scdd.ca.gov

Statewide Updates:

- No updates at this time.

Public Comments:

- Question asked if other regional centers accept HRC orientations. It was shared most regional centers accept others' orientation.

Next meeting: February 1, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bryan Sanchez

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Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Deaka McClain, Client Self-Determination Advisory Committee Vice-Chair
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Miriam Kang, Parent
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
David Oster, Client
Kyungshil Choi, Parent
Juliana Martinez, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Patrick Ruppe- Executive Director
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
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Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados- Client Service Manager

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

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Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Fernando Nuñez, Interpreter
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence
Andrea Bartel, Parent
Matoria Filipovich, Parent
Maeve Diehm , Parent
Amelia Castellanos
Aquilina Castellanos
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Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat.

Partner Updates:

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- Introduced Ms. Kyungshil Choi, new committee member.
- Encouraged those present to become a member by visiting their website.
- SCDD has resumed the Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations. Orientation are being provided in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese, every Monday at 10 AM. Link to sign up was shared: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Training for Independent Facilitators is held the second Tuesday of month at 10:30 AM.
- Monthly board meeting for LA County, first Thursday of month for Self – advocates, from 1-3 pm.

Statewide Updates:

- Last Statewide meeting held in November 2022, next one will be in February 2023.

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- Updated on state council and best practice, reviewed statewide enrollment, and ethnic breakdown.
- DDS working on updating directives, new guidelines, and working with state council on funding for advisory committee.

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Information about Navigating the Regional System (02/09/23) from DDS was shared: https://thearcca-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UChN93OgQFKqjE66ulVTlw?fbclid=IwAR1VZYbUk9V3-0jLZ9M1R3JtVkfLhjKaG2Yj7ZdYIE5MQOkOAch3IUMuvII

Approval of Minutes:

December 7, 2022 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

January 4, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

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

- Soft Roll Out Participants
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- Questions/Comments:
 - Question asked why there is only one Korean Participant in SDP. HRC shared that ethnicity is self-identified.

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- Question asked why individuals are choosing to stay with traditional services. HRC shared that for some traditional service is meeting their needs.
 - Rosalinda thanked HRC for the outreach in disseminating SDP program to the community.
 - HRC talked about upcoming SDP orientations.
- Fair Hearings:
- No updates with fair hearing at this time.
- Directive from January 20, 2023 was shared regarding FMS and posted on DDS Website.

Public Comments:

- Individual shared that they are moving forward in SDP.
- GT Independence representative talked about their FMS agency as a resource for individuals and their families and provided his contact information: sarevalo@gtindependence.com.
- HRC talked about barriers in accessing FMS and that DDS is aware and working on resolving issues.
- Individual asked about FMS agencies and link was shared:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/>
- Individual shared that issues with FMS is confusing and a barrier. DDS and State council are aware.
- Individual asked if they move forward with SDP do they lose their co-payment assistance. HRC talked about how co-payment assistance is separate from SDP as long as the individual continues to meet the requirements.

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Jamie Temple, DRC
Shelia Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence FMS
Olivia Gonzalez, Aveanna FMS
Timothy Howell
Liz Underhill
Katherine Manriquez
Aquiliana Castellanos
Yolanda Gomez
Maria Zavala
Vianey Gomes
Sandy
Tanya Talley

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Adriana Garcia
Ivon Munoz
Minerva
Don Dimo
Amerlia Castellanos
Gilberta
Mariela Avila Garcia
Matoria Filipovich
Mohammad
Rene Aguilar
Selene Mercado
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- SDP by Language: 106 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 24 Spanish-speaking participants.
 - 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 - \$330,000
 - Shared Phoenix Facilitation LLC support for SDP
- Questions/Comments:
 - None at this time
- Fair Hearings:
 - No updates with fair hearing at this time

Approval of Minutes:

- Quorum was established. Minutes of February 1, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Statewide Updates:

- DDS Ombudsperson updates: revisions for spending plans and spending funds, report can be found on DDS website
- Department working on Activity Priorities updates: tracking SC training, best practices, and feedback for the purpose of gathering recommendations
- Gathered UCLA survey feedback: Survey too long
- DVU (Disability Voices United) presented “On Advancing SDP”
 - Key Takeaways: barriers with accessing FMS, IF’s, and service inequalities in Spanish speaking communities
- Disparities Outreach Project: based on information gathered are looking to recruit members to make panel more representative of the ethnically diverse communities

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Johnanthony to be replaced by Jaime Temple

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SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- SDP training every Mondays at 10am: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Statewide orientations offered in three languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese
- LA office holding IF roundtable meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Public Comments:

- Question asked on how many individuals are live in SDP at HRC, it was shared 131 individuals are in the program
- Question about certifications given after completing an SDP orientation at HRC, it was shared that HRC does not provide certifications. HRC confirms completion of SDP orientation with SC
- Question asked about length of time taken for individual to go live into SDP, it was shared that many factors contribute to going live but average range is from 3 – 6 months.
- Question asked about age requirement for participating in SDP, it was shared that there is no age limit. Eligibility for SDP was shared (must be status 2 client and reside or plan to reside in the community)
- Question asked about length of time take to transfer from one FMS to another, it was shared that process maybe lengthy depending on factors (type of FMS model, possible wait lists, onboarding providers)
- Question asked about how providers are paid, Aveanna addressed question stating providers paid in the rear once timecards are approved by Participant
- Comment shared about difficulty with contacting SC, HRC addressed concern with visitor

Next meeting: April 5th, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.
Minutes submitted by Bryan Sanchez

Harbor Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC)
 February 7, 2023 10:00 a.m.
 Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Committee Participants

Member Name	Organization
Angie Rodriguez	SVS
Paul Quiroz	Cambrian Homecare
Armand Garcia	Life Steps Foundation
Alex Saldana	Oxford Services
April Stover	Ability First
Ariel Elizarraras	Dungarvin Norwalk
Ben Espitia	Goodwill Industries
Christine Grant	Dungarvin
Dee Prescott	Easter Seals
Darlene Williams	Ambitions
Lindsey Stone	ICAN CA
Maria Ortiz	Pathpoint
Nancy Langdon	Canyon Verde
Sahron Oh	Share Speech
Veretta Boatner	Ca Mentor
Anthony McConnell	Dungarvin
Brian Lockhart	Ca Mentor
Maria Diaz	Canyon Verde
Lendy Ruano	OVM (Our Voices Matter)
Betty Partida	OVM (Our Voices Matter)
Valerie Ortiz	OVM (Our Voices Matter)
Tiffany de la Torre	24 HR Home Care
Alicia Chavira	Ideal Transportation
Karla Salinas Reyes	
Wendy Meza Flores	
Donna Gimm	Ca Mentor
Baldo Paseta	Ideal Transportation

HRC Staff Participating

Staff Name	Title
Heather Diaz	Director of Community Services
Patrick Ruppe	Executive Director
Mercedes Lowery	Community Services Manager
Steve Goclowski	Clinical Services Manager
Elizabeth Garcia-Moya	Resource Development Manager
Maria Garibay	Community Services Office Assistant
Brenda Bane	Provider Relations Specialist
Thao Mailloux	Director of Information

Ute Czimmel	Controller
Judy Wada	Chief Financial Officer
LaWanna Blair	Director of Early Childhood
Mary Hernandez	Director of Case Management Support Services
Maria Elena Walsh	Manager Family Resource center

Call to Order

Angie Rodriguez, Chair called meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Sub-Committee Updates

Angie Rodriguez and SPAC Chair Members. The subgroups recently hosted individual sub-committee meetings to discuss current issues and concerns.

Heather Diaz- provided update on transportation provider current challenges. HRC has held several meetings with providers to discuss their concerns. She has also met recently with DDS to request possible rate adjustments to better support the providers. Heather will be scheduling follow up meetings.

- **Darlene Williams –Residential Chair** - provided an update on topics they discussed at the last meeting held on 1/18/2023:
 - The dental mobile clinic from UCLA and their available services.
 - Minimum wage for 2023 increased to \$15.50 p/hour .
 - ARF survey, Mark Alipio presented from California Care Assoc. to committee this association assists in getting caregivers.
 - Reminded the committee about the opening of Harbor Regional Center to the public in February.
- **Dee Prescott presented for Diane Sanka Chair- Day Program-** provided update on meeting held on 1/24/23. HRC staff guests Brenda Bane and Elizabeth Garcia Moya participated to answer questions relating to transportation, Billing and remote services.
- **Lindsey Stone Chair – Supported Employment service-** provided update on the meeting held on 1/19/23 with SEP providers and Harbor Regional Center hosted by Brenda Bane and Brent Bryhoff. Employment is slow in January and shared ideas of what they want to do this year. The next meeting will be on 3/23/23 to discuss coach training, supporting job coaches and best practices.
- **Armand Garcia presented for Robert Turner- Supported Living service-** next meeting scheduled is Thursday 2/9/23 with SLS providers and for now no updates.
- **Paul Quiroz–Support Services, Chair** met on 2/3/23. Mercedes participated and presented on billing and current subcode changes for service code (062, 851,860, 862). The employment and staffing current challenges were also discussed.
- **Sharon Oh -Early Start service, Chair-** provided update on the meeting for Early Start providers. Judy W participated in the meeting and shared updates on the budget. Heather presented on the current DDS Special needs training funds available for Early Start Intervention Service providers. Additional information and instructions posted on HRC website. LaWanna Blair next scheduled meeting with EI providers is on 5/4/23.

HRC Family Resource Center Update

Maria Elena Walsh invited the provider committee to visit the HRC Resource Center that has opened as of 2/1/23 to the public. Reminded everyone about the Saturday speaker series presentations and encouraged to attend based on topics of interest. Maria Elena presented flyer titled Simple ways to provide safety for Clients that we support. Varying from Community Resource assistance with LA Sheriff Dept and Torrance PD, Medic Alert Ids resource available to track individuals when they are out in the community. Life Smart, importance of personal information. HRC has additional materials available at the resource center regarding safety tips. Copy of flyer will be added to HRC website under SPAC.

HRC & DDS Budget Update

Judy Wada provided fiscal year 2022-2023 allocation and PEP summary. Statewide and HRC budget comparisons are 11,304,370,612 and HRC has 383 million. HRC is projecting a surplus.

- Caseload statewide is 421,113 and HRC is 17,409
- HRC's PEPE by Category showed higher percentage expense in Out of home respite, 39% followed by Day Programs at 31%
- HRC expenditures by caseload and expenditures by age group. HRC's caseload historic numbers, caseload by ethnicity, caseload by diagnosis. Slide showed higher caseload percentage for ages 3-21 at 50% and expenditures higher percentage at 80% & for ages 22 yrs and older.
- Hispanic ethnicity caseload remained higher for fiscal year 20-21.
- Governors proposed budget on 1/10/23 for FY 2023-24 statewide reflected a deficit, however RC's do not seem impacted.

Our Voices Matter Easterseals

Dee Prescott presented Lendy from Our Voices Matter- OVM advisory committee, Valerie Ortiz Vice President of OVM announced that OVM was established last year and stated participants are adults who use EasterSeals adult day services.. Betty Partida, President of OVM presented committee members, and talked about why OVM is important and them having a voice. Valerie shared about 2022 accomplishments such as the form revisions to include plain language. Meetings are hosted through zoom. Betty thanked everyone for allowing them to participate at the meeting and listening to them. Lendy introduced the Advocacy training series and currently working on trying to educate the community.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Elizabeth Garcia Moya gave update on HCBS deadline is 3/17/23 for residential, day programs and supported employment providers must be in compliance with the final rule by **March 17, 2023**. The Resource Development and Service Provider Relations teams are working on reviewing documents submitted.

- HRC has been providing support trainings to service providers and weekly clinics.
- Intellectability agency held Person-Centered Thinking training. ALO Consultation: HCBS the Basics, 1:1 consultations with providers those needing extra support in addition the Remediation clinics.
- DDS recently released directive on noncompliant providers of Moratorium process effective 2/6/23
- Outreach to Individuals Receiving Services effective February 7th, 2023

- Future Action for Continued Non-Compliance-service providers that do not have reviewed approved documentation by March 1, 2023, the next step may include partial withholding of regional center payments
- DDS recently released funding for ongoing training and support available for 2022-2023. HRC is working on submitting plan on how to support providers with HCBS. The next two days our team main focus will be to review HCBS provider documents.
- HRC is currently looking to fill the HCBS Specialist position.

Transportation/Day Program Services

Brenda Bane provided update on Alternative services ending and push to get back to in person services for our clients. Brenda continues to encourage day programs to provide transportation since currently only a few are providing transportation. Shared update about Participant Directed services and encouraging families to provide transportation also. A flyer was sent with information. DDS directive to continue remote services and answered question on billing and day programs billing for the full day.

Minimum Wage

Heather reminded providers that the 2023 minimum wage increased to \$15.50 p/hr effective 1/1/23. Providers can apply for the minimum wage increase as needed. Providers are encourage to visit HRC website on the process and DDS link provided. For additional inquiries, please contact Leticia Mendoza.

Hospital Discharge: SLS and other Providers

Mercedes Lowery provided update on the process when a person from SLS/ILS setting is hospitalized and the importance of having a plan for the end from the beginning to prevent to go back to hospital such as

- MEDICATIONS AT ADMISSION AND AT DISCHARGE
- MONITOR PROGRESS AND ANTICIPATE TRANSITION
- INSURING SAFE RETURNS HOME
- DON'T BE BULLIED, HRC IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU
- PREVENTING RE-HOSPITALIZATION
- CHANGES IN CONDITION – NEW CARE REQUIREMENTS OR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)
- CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING DISCHARGE PLANNING MEETINGS.

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HRC clinical staff available to provide support for providers and case management. Discharge planning: practice defined, define roles and responsibilities, collaboration and improved communication.

The main key is to make sure a discharge planning meeting is in place before discharge.

Vaccinations

Mercedes Lowery presented on the latest CDC recommendations for Pneumococcal vaccine for all children under the age 5 and all adults 65 age and older. For those who have never received any Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, CDC recommends PCV15 or PCV20 for adults 65 yrs or older. Adults 19-64yrs old with certain medical conditions or other risk factors.

Sir Form

Mary Hernandez reported providers are doing better in turning in SIRS within 48hrs to the HRC email inbox. They continue to track Covid cases, advised [make sure to provide correct vendor number, uci number on SIR form. DDS has looked at internal SIR form, the form has been revised as of 2/2023 to include service provider address. Updated SIR form posted on HRC website. Service providers are required to use and submit new form immediately.

Topics for Ongoing Trainings for 2023

Angie Rodriguez, encouraged committee to provide feedback for ongoing trainings for 2023 or trainings for SPAC meetings at HRC or elsewhere. Dee Prescott suggested training on Advocacy, Labor Law issues and Conservatorship trainings on responsibilities what conservator can and can't do. Lindsey Stone suggested Training on Trends on insurance, best practice what to do to protect themselves. Patrick shared about Wage order 5 trainings. Dee volunteered HR person to talk about meal and breaks. Baldo suggested information on Labor Laws. Heather will follow up with Patrick in regards to the suggested trainings to provide support service providers.

Mobile Dental Clinic

Steve Goclowski provided update of the grant with UCLA School of Dentistry and collaboration with HRC for the Mobile Dental Clinic. Continued to encourage providers to refer individuals to the dental clinic for services. HRC has not received enough referrals to meet the minimum of 10. They provide services like cavities filled, root canals they do not have anesthesia. This project is time sensitive and as of now we have not seen the referrals hoped and expected. Easter Seals Torrance on Carson St working collaborately with them to set up a clinic at their site on Fridays.

Next Meeting scheduled for 4/4/2023

Meeting Adjourn 11:39 a.m.