

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

Minutes

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

HRC Staff Present: Thao Mailloux, Tim'an Ford (Client Advocate), Judy Taimi

Other: Nancy Sanchez (Lifesteps Foundation)

Call to Order & Minutes Approved

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

Discussion/Presentation:

Guide for Social Recreational Opportunities in HRC's catchment area facilitated by Thao as follow:

- We reviewed the document of social recreation services as Thao and her team needed feedback from the committee to help inform the final product
- It is important to understand that HRC does not endorse the non-vendored services that are listed in this guide.
- There is a section listing the vendored social recreational programs through HRC
- It is alphabetized based on activity types and the committee suggested a quick reference guide in the beginning of the document and then indicate the page number for more detailed information regarding the activity
- The parent mentor team members are available to support our individuals in the community 1 time per month in the cities of Norwalk and Long Beach.
- The committee suggested to add museums to the list

Other Discussion:

- Events hosted by HRC and community partners
 - The committee will review the HRC calendar to obtain information regarding various events that the committee can participate and spread awareness of the committee's responsibilities to the community
 - The committee will also review community events where the committee can potentially attend for awareness of services through the regional center.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.



Client Services Committee |

Meeting date | time May 23, 2023 | 6 PM | Meeting location ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Guadalupe Nolasco (Parent)	Lucy Paz (Interpreter)
Gordon Cardona (Individual Served)	TiaMarie Harrison (HRC IDEA Specialist)
Karla Salinas (Lifesteps, Service Provider)	Griselda Torres (HRC Manager)
Naomi Hagel (Phoenix Facilitation)	Daisy Bejarano (HRC Manager)
	Jessica Sanchez (HRC Participant Choice Specialist)
	Judy Taimi (HRC Director of Adult Services)

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 6 PM to 7 PM | Agenda topic *Special Education Services by Griselda Torres*

- Transition from Early Start services to School
- Transition from school to Adult Services
 - The school is the primary funding source to provide the student or the individual served by the regional center with the appropriate services to help them succeed with their educational program.
 - Why doesn't the regional center support the individuals with accessing services between the age of 13 and 18?
 - The regional center service coordinators does provide support through connecting them with advocates in the community that would be able to support in accessing services through the school district.
 - Families have expressed this is something they need support in such as advocacy at the school to access the IEP program
 - Learning Rights only takes on cases that would win and don't really take cases from the monolingual Spanish speaking communities
 - TASK consultations are sporadic and superficial; therefore, families have to navigate the many systems on their own.
 - Per Ms. Nolasco, the monolingual Spanish speaking communities faces a lot of barriers to access supports through the school districts.
 - HRC has hired on an IDEA specialist that would be focusing on the special education services and supporting HRC team members in

assisting our individuals with accessing their respective goals through their IEP.

Time allotted | 7 PM to 7:45 PM | Agenda topic *SDP Transition with Phoenix Facilitation by Naomi Hagel*

- What is Self-Determination (SDP)?
 - Freedom/Authority/Support/Responsibility/Confirmation
- Eligibility for SDP
 - Status 2 individual
 - Lives in the community
 - Chooses to be part of SDP
 - Only use SDP funds to meet IPP goals and when generic resources are not available
 - Use a vendored Financial Management Service (FMS) provider
 - Attend an orientation
- Opportunities:
 - Reducing disparities via culturally sensitive services
 - Hard to meet needs
 - Increasing satisfaction with services
 - Unique services
 - Self-Advocates
- Getting People Involved
 - Talk about it
 - HRC specific resources
 - Online Resources

Next Meeting: July 25, 2023 at 6 PM via ZOOM

Harbor Regional Center (HRC) Community Relations Committee June 22, 2023

Committee Members Present: Ann Lee, Chair, Board Member; Dee Prescott, Service Provider, Easter Seals Southern California; April Strover, Service Provider, Ability First; Laurie Zaleski, Parent, Board Member; Thao Mailloux, HRC Director of Information and Development.

Members Absent: April Rehrig, Community Partner

HRC in the Community

In the last few months, HRC has continued to participate in numerous outreach events to build on the connections made within the communities we serve. Thao shared that there has been great success in the turnout of the events HRC has attended. HRC's presence in the community is continuously growing as HRC was been invited to more opportunities with community partners. The month of April highlighted Autism Awareness month, Cambodian New Year events, and more with local legislators, community based organizations and academic entities such as Meyler St. Elementary School in Torrance.

In May, Thao had the opportunity to share virtually about HRC's services and supports with Providence Little Company of Mary Pediatric Department, thanks to Dr. Jim Flores of HRC's Board of Trustees. On May 15, 2023, HRC's service access and equity efforts and progress was shared statewide during the DDS Service Access and Equity Grant Briefing to approximately 400 individuals in both English and Spanish meetings. HRC contributed to Mental Health Awareness Month by hosting a workshop in Spanish about mental health and stigma, which was featured on the Torrance Today cable television show by CitiCable. HRC continued outreach and engagement with academic entities this month by providing presentations at Magnolia Science Academy (Carson) and ABC Unified Special Education SELPA Community Advisory Committee (Cerritos) and attending DMH sponsored events throughout HRC's catchment area. This included participating in resource fairs in Long Beach, Harbor City, and Wilmington.

HRC has participated in Tichenor's Annual Superheroes Carnival and Resource Fair (Long Beach), as well as the ADAPT Special Olympics Celebrations and Resource Fair (Carson) during the month of June. All of these efforts have led to HRC raising more awareness within the community and building on connections with the organizations that were present at these community events.

Legislative Advocacy Continues

One of the engagements at a mental health resource fair led to a direct connection with a representative of the City of Los Angeles Mayor's office, in which a virtual meeting occurred on June 2, 2023, further expanding on HRC's efforts on legislative advocacy. HRC's Community Engagement Team is hosting a site visit with Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal (AD69) to HRC's Long Beach office, as well as a tour with a local service provider on June 27, 2023. These visits with our local legislators are intended to further the partnership with legislative representatives and to expand understanding about the regional center system.

Additional Partnership and Engagement Opportunities

Committee members were delighted to hear about HRC's community efforts made in the first half of this year. There was discussion about expanding the connections with the surrounding

community, including a local non-profit serving under-privileged individuals, public libraries, statewide digital and broadband access, local parks and recreational establishments, local community colleges or college departments, and expanding DMH promotora partnerships in additional languages. HRC's threshold languages were reviewed and the importance of having any and all resources or materials in these additional languages would continue to be a priority. These suggestions will be reviewed at upcoming committee meetings when the committee members have had more time to research additional opportunities.

The next Community Relations Meeting is scheduled to occur virtually on August 24, 2023 at 1:00pm.

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05PM on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Miriam Kang, Parent
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
David Oster, Individual
Kyungshil Choi, Parent
Maria Elena Walsh - Harbor Family Resource Center

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist
Thao Mailloux – Director of Information and Development
Tima’an Ford - HRC Peer Advisor

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Jordan Feinstock, Individual
Gilberto Padilla, Parent
Pia Hernandez, Parent
Athena Hong Dang, Parent
Margaret Byrne, Parent
Garrett Ackerman, Homies
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Vianey Gomes
Sandy Yokota, Parent
Angela Barnes, Parent/IF
Mariela Avila Garcia
John Barrera
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence

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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:

April 5, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

- Directive from April 26, 2023 DDS Self-Determination Program (SDP) Directive (04/26/2023), and SDP FMS Monthly Rates Effective May 1, 2023 Enclosure were shared regarding FMS New Rates and posted on DDS Website. Link to directive/enclosure were shared:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SDP-FMS-Revised-Rates-FINAL.pdf>

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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
 - Total Participants Selected: **129**
 - Remained in SDP: **78**
 - Withdrew: **38**
 - Moved out of State: **4**
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- Completed PCPs 120; 25 within the soft rollout and 95 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- Certified Budgets 191; 34 within the soft rollout and 157 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- Spending Plans 149; 28 within the soft rollout and 121 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- SDP Live 143; 28 within the soft rollout and 115 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- SDP by Ethnicity: 33 **Latino** participants, 53 **White/Caucasian** participants, 12 **African-American/Black** participants, 4 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian** participant, 8 **multi-cultural** participants, 6 **other** participants, 5 **Other Asian** participants, 3 **Chinese** participants, 6 **Asian Indian** participants , 6 **Biracial** participants, 3 **Vietnamese** participants, and 2 **Japanese** participants.
- SDP by Language: 117 English speaking participants, 24 Spanish-speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 1 Japanese-speaking participant.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 723,110 are in the follow up stages, 232 have chosen to withdraw and 238 in the unknown stage.

Jessica Sanchez talked about implementation funds allocated to and billed by Skills4Care for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and to Phoenix Facilitation LLC during the fiscal years 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, and the implementation funds for 2022-2023, which need to be allocated.

- Implementation Funds
 - Five options were provided to the committee to think about in deciding what to do with the implementation funds for fiscal year 2022-2023:
 1. Provide funding to train independent facilitators with needed language and/or cultural competency, or from underserved geographic regions, to serve the HRC community.
 2. Provide ongoing training and coaching for independent facilitators serving the HRC community, particularly those with the ability to serve underserved communities.
 3. Recruit new and existing independent facilitators to become vendored for 099 services at HRC, and coach them through the process including overcoming barriers such as insurance requirements. Work with HRC staff to define what is needed to streamline the vendorization process for both applicants and regional center.
 4. Match HRC clients - focusing on those from underserved communities and those who have completed the orientation but not moved forward with pursuing SDP - with trained IFs who can meet their needs. Additionally, partner with Phoenix Facilitation to match clients who are accessing the coaching services with an appropriate IF.
 5. Extend coaching contract with Phoenix Facilitation LLC.

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- RFP process was explained, timeline was explored and deadline of beginning of 2024 was established. Pros and cons will be explored and brought back next month to discuss all feedback until a decision is made.

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Statewide Updates:

- Revised FMS rates.
- SDAC best practice and improving SDP, contact them with suggestions.
- Next meeting will be held on June 14, 2023.
- SDP Directives available and on DDS website.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy –

- No updates at this time.

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- SCDD's Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations are being provided in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Link to sign up was shared: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- SCDD Statewide Trainings open to anyone across the state, held on Monday at 10 AM. Link was shared:
<https://bit.ly/3qEUp5X>
Meeting ID# 829-8230-7774
Password: 123456

○ **Fair Hearings:**

- No updates with fair hearing at this time.

Public Comments:

- Participant questioned what is causing issues with FMS agencies. New higher FMS rates may alleviate some issues.
- The difference between an SDP Orientations and SDAC meeting was answered.
- Participants shared their thoughts on the implementation funds and enhancing outreach.
- Question asked regarding how the Inter Regional Center Transfer works and how long it takes.
- Participant shared their self-determination success story.

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Next meeting: June 7, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez.

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
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June 7, 2023

Opening:

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Bernice Chavez-Perdomo-Service Coordinator
Minerva Prado- Service Coordinator
Thao Mailloux – Director of Information and Development

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Monserrat Palacios, Department of Developmental Services
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Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Jordan Feinstock, Individual
Matoria Filipovich, Parent
Lily Chen, Parent
Jacob Levy
Noretta Quiroz, Parent
Jenny Hong Dang, Parent
Yolanda Gomez, Parent

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Rosa Lasca
Sonni Charness
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Lourdes Guerrero, Guest
Evangeline Shiabata, Guest
Beata Farjami, Parent
Sauda Johnson McNeal, Guest
Ivon Muniz Diaz
John Barrera, Individual served by HRC
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Kim Vuong, Individual served by HRC
Lillian Martinez

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- HRC shared what the role of the Participant Choice Specialist is and introduced the newest team members

- Implementation Funds
 - HRC discussed the 2022-2023 Implementation funds of \$99,916.78 do not have an encumbrance date
 - Information was provided about the options the committee had on how they wanted to proceed
 - Goal is to have funds allocated by August
 - Input was requested from the committee
 - Korean SDP network
 - HRC discussed making sure all members of our community are appropriately trained by strengthening efforts
 - There was discussion about the fear of changing companies again

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Statewide Updates:

N/A

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Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy –

- No updates at this time.

SCDD-

- Flyers were provided and will be distributed to staff and community

○ **Fair Hearings:**

- No updates with fair hearing at this time.

Public Comments:

- Participant questioned what is causing individuals to opt out of SDP.
- Participant asked if HRC has seen a trend of individuals in SDP needing to reallocated funds to IF due to greater support needed.
- Participants shared their thoughts on the implementation funds and enhancing outreach.
- Participant shared their self-determination success story.

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

Adjournment. Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Sanchez.

Harbor Regional Center
Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC)
 June 6, 2023 10:00 a.m.
 Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Committee Participants

Member Name	Organization
Armand Garcia	Life Steps Foundation
Alex Saldana	Oxford Services
Anthony McConnell	Dungarvin
April Stover	Ability First
Baldo Paseta	Ideal Transit
Alicia Chavira	Ideal Transit
Christine Grant	Dungarvin
Darlene Williams	Ambitions
Dee Prescott	Easter Seals
Diane Sanka	Easter Seals
Lindsey Stone	ICAN CA
Maria Ortiz	Pathpoint
Nancy Langdon	Canyon Verde
Paul Quiroz	Cambrian Homecare
Sharon Oh	Share Speech
Verretta Boatner	Ca Mentor
Tiffany de la Torre	24 HR Home Care
Tiki Thompson	Person Centered Options
Elizabeth Ho	CBEM
Ali T.	New Leaf
Catherine	Not listed
Jose Ramirez	
Vivi Santillan	Best Buddies
Linda Whitford	Green Rose Homecare

HRC Staff Participating

Staff Name	Title
Patrick Ruppe	Executive Director
Heather Diaz	Community Services Director
Mercedes Lowery	Community Services Manager
Steve Goclowski	Clinical Services Manager
Elizabeth Garcia-Moya	Manager of Resource Development
Leticia Mendoza	Department Assistant Community Services
Brenda Bane	Provider Relations Specialist
Brian Carrillo	HCBS Specialist
Judy Wada	Chief Financial Officer
Vincente Miles	Manager of Emergency Services
April Burns	Department Assistance Finance
LaWanna Blair	Director of Early Childhood

Judy Taimi	Director of Adult Services
Mary Hernandez	Director of Case Management Support Services

Call to Order

Paul Quiroz, in behalf of Angie Rodriguez absence, called meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Sub-Committee Updates

Paul Quiroz and SPAC Chair Members. The subgroups continue to host individual sub-committee meetings to discuss current issues and concerns.

- **Sharon Oh – Early Start Chair** –provided an update on items discussed at their last meeting held 5/4/23. Continue to encourage the EI providers to sign up to complete the DDS reimbursement training under the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.
- **Diane Sanka- Day Programs Chair** — provided an update on topics they discussed at the last meeting held on 5/17/23
 - Responsive to request for Medicaid Waiver Audit documents from HRC staff.
 - Continue to remind staff to encrypt emails to comply with Hipaa
 - Transportation to/from day services
 - Training Needs
- **Lindsey Stone- Supported Employment Chair**-provided an update on topics discussed at the last meeting held on 3/23/23
 - SEP providers & HRC held their quarterly meeting in April.
 - Grants opportunity available through The L.A. County Dept of Economic Opportunity for small and nonprofit organizations affected by COVID. For more information, visit grants.lacounty.gov. Lindsey encouraged the committee to apply for the grants available.
- **Armand Garcia –Presented in behalf of Robert T. –SLS / ILS Chair** - provided update on meeting held on with SLS providers on 4/13/23.
 - New Leaf Supportive Services agency, money management participated in the meeting to present overview of their services.
 - Next SLS provider meeting to be schedule in June. Date to be determined.
- **Darlene W- Residential Chair**- Unable to join due to connection issues.
- **Paul Quiroz–Support Services, Chair** – Next meeting scheduled on 6/19/23.
- **Baldo Paseto- Transportation Chair**- Shared their concern of the recent fuel cut cost and non-ambulatory rates. Patrick Ruppe invited Baldo and the transportation providers to schedule a follow up meeting with HRC to discuss the above concerns and for a possible resolution.

HRC Blood Drive

Vincente Miles, Manager of Emergency Services shared information on the upcoming collaboration with HRC and American Red Cross.

- HRC will be hosting a blood donation drive on July 10th and July 17th at both Torrance and Long Beach office.

He encouraged service providers to attend and share information with their families. HRC goal is to have at least 30 people participate at each event. RSVP link provided to sign up Go to [HTTPS://WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG/GIVE.HTML/CREATE-MY-ACCOUNT](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/create-my-account).

- Vincente also informed the committee that HRC is currently exploring to revise the Emergency Preparedness Plan. He encouraged the service providers to also take the time to review their own plans ensure it current a reflective to their program designs.

Budget and Rates

Judy Wada shared an overview presentation on the Budget and Rates.

- FY 2022-23 Allocation and PEP
 - HRC Caseloads continue to have growth by 5.1% by 5/31/23
- May Revise DDS Budget for FY 2022-23 – FY 2023-24
 - 31 billion deficit, however regional centers appeared to be okay
 - Regional Center caseload projected growth by 24,552
 - Community Services budget increased 15.1 %
 - No cuts projected for regional centers
- May Revise Highlights
 - FY 2022-2023
 - RC Operations Reduced Caseload Ratio for 0-5
 - POS Social Rec & Camp decrease/reforecast
 - FY 2023-2024
 - Coordinated Family Support Services
 - Service Provider Rate Reform for ILS
 - POS Caseload Growth/Utilization
 - Full year cost Service Provider Rate Reform
 - Full year cost MW increases
 - Full year cost Soc Rec & Camp
 - Provisional Eligibility 0 to 4
- Rate Study Implementation
 - 4/1/2022 - 25% of difference between March 31, 2022 and applicable rate model
 - 1/1/2023 -50% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model
 - 7/1/2024 -Full implementation of rate models with 2 payment components:
 - Base Rate equaling 90% of the rate model
 - Quality Incentive Program component of up to 10% of the rate model
 - Rate Study Implementation includes:
 - Creation and consolidation of service codes
 - Changes to billing units
 - 6/30/2026 -DDS hold harmless policy for providers whose 1/1/2023 rates exceed 90% of the rate model until 6/30/2026, after which time base rates shall be adjusted to the base rates for other providers in that service category and region.

Medicaid Waiver Audit

Elizabeth Garcia Moya reminded the committee of the upcoming MW audit for HRC in July.

Encouraged providers to be responsive to requests from DCS staff for updated documents needed.

- MW Audit will be 07/10/23-07/28/23
- Week 1: 07/10-07/14 record view remotely
- Week 2: 07/17-07/14 in-person visits
- 6 days programs & 6 residential
- Week 3: 07/22-07/28
- In-person (at HRC) record review of vendor files
- MW audit review period 04/01/2022-03/31/2023

HRC insurance coverage requirement:

Elizabeth informed service providers of the insurance requirement expectations

- General Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate
- Abuse & Molestation Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate
- Professional Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,00 aggregate
- Auto Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence (If no owned or leased vehicles, Non-Owned & Hired Auto Liability with \$1,000,000 per occurrence)
- HRC Additional insured endorsement & certificate holder that applies to General Liability, Abuse Liability, and Professional Liability
- Worker's Compensation with Employer Liability limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Request for Proposals projects:

Elizabeth provided an update on the current HRC RFP's

- Financial Management Services (FMS)
- Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home (EBSH)-Children & Adults
- Day Program
- Gender Inclusive Licensed Home-4I
- Family Home Agency-FHA
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Licensed Home-4I
- Behavior Respite Services
- Housing Development Organization (HDO) for the acquisition of a family home for the development of an ARFPSHN

HCBS Update

Brian Carrillo provided update on the next steps for HCBS:

- Service Provider ongoing trainings
- ALO-Remediation Clinics
- IntellectAbility-Person-Centered Thinking

Some service providers suggested more trainings needed to their staff on HCBS, client choice & terminology.

Correction Action Plans (CAPS) and Plan of Action (POCS)

Mercedes provided update on the ongoing HRC collaboration & service providers to ensure the CAPS are completed and submitted to HRC per Title 17 regulations. Providers have 30 days to correct deficiencies. Copies of plans are to be submitted to DDS and CCL.

Transportation

Brenda Bane provided an update on the current effort for transportation resources.

- Health and Safety Waiver process

- Current Licensed Homes interest to be vendored to provide transportation
- Day programs
- Participant-Directed Transportation
- Generic

LADH Update

Steve Goclowski presented the latest update from LA County Health Officer Orders Issued 3/30/23

- Employees who work in Healthcare Facilities and with individuals who are at high-risk shall wear a well-fitting mask when providing care or working in-person with patients, clients and residents and when in patient care areas in healthcare and direct care settings.
- Masks not required when no patient, client or resident is present.
- Applies to all regional center employees, as well as service providers, who provide services to a consumer through the network of Regional Centers serving individuals with developmental disabilities, except for those workers who only provide services to a recipient with whom they live or who are a family member of the recipient for whom they provide services.

Reimbursement for Early Start Provider Training

Steve Goclowski presented on the current Reimbursement for Early Start Service Provider Training administered through CA DDS under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

- Staff time reimbursement for attending training:
 - Actual cost of staff time spent up to maximum of \$50/hour, whichever is lower
 - Reimbursement for cost of training (though many are free)
 - Training must be at least one hour in duration
- Approved trainings can be found at:
 - <https://earlystartneighborhood.org/professional-development/list-of-trainings/>
- Providers wanting to provide trainings not on the list may submit a training request to:
 - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8fc56f102e744e6d9df048270e3d9e22>

Providers are encouraged to apply by contacting Steve.Goclowski@harborrc.org.

- HRC Website link to info:

<https://www.harborrc.org/pod/2023-early-start-training-reimbursement-program>

Addressing Homelessness

Paul Quiroz shared the current obstacles with homelessness with their program. Other committee members shared similar obstacles with the constant encampments outside their programs and possible dangers to clients and families. Programs located from Long Beach, Carson to San Pedro constantly have the need to contact the local police department for support to remove homeless encampments. Some providers have now implemented security guards at night due to constant break ins to programs, vans, catalytic converter thefts and also staff automobiles. The committee expressed the high cost spent on vandalism and frustrated of not having a resolution of the homelessness crisis. One transportation provided had 44 buses stolen! However recognize the need of Mental Health services needed to them.

Next Meeting scheduled for 8/1/2023

Meeting Adjourn 11:20 a.m.