

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:06PM on Wednesday January 6, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Julianna Martinez, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
Sunghee Park, Parent
David Oster, Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Clients Rights Advocacy representative

Committee Member Absent

Patricia Jordan, Client
Miriam Kang, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez - Director of Children's Services
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon - Client Services Manager
Judy Samana Taimi - Client Services Manager
Katy Granados - Client Services Manager
Donna Magana- Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown- Intake Manager

SCDD Staff

Brianna Reynoso- Absent

Visitors

Felicia Ford	Lucy Paz (Interpreter)	Florante Hernandez
Betty Pearson	Damaris Ruiz	Ken Currie
Jordan Feinstock	Vianey Gomes	Damaris Ruiz
Amelia Castellano	Guadalupe Izquierdo	Jessica Baer
Olivia Gonzalez	Sherry Johnson	Rick Wood
Jordan Feinstock	Marbella Carrillo	Oonh Vuong
Heidi Lemus	Sheila Jordan Jones	Jennifer Hernandez
Maria Zavala	Katie Hornberger	Ronald Salda

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Connie Legaspi

Karen Cull

Welcome: Introductions of committee members and guests - Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was established; 7 committee members present during zoom meeting. Deaka McClain and Juliana Martinez motioned for approval of minutes. Minutes from November 9, 2020 meeting were approved. No discussion regarding minutes, no objections.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update - Antoinette Perez, Director Children's Services.

- There are 95 individuals who are part of the SD Program/one SD case just transferred in from South Central Los Angeles Regional Center
 - Of the 95: 16 participants are live as of January 1, 2021
 - 27 approved budgets
 - 18 spending plans completed
 - 22 completed PCP plans
 - 2 participants missing SDP orientation
 - 5 fair hearings in SDP regarding increase in budget (1 withdrew from SDP)
 - 3 HRC prevailed
 - 1 withdrew from fair hearing
 - 1 pending
- Informational meeting was held via zoom in December, 10 participants attended. 3 names were submitted to DDS.
- Information available on HRC website. Anyone interested in attending any trainings offered for SDP, please register via HRC's website.
- Spanish Informational Meeting will be held on January 20 at 6pm via Zoom, Link is available on the HRC website. This meeting is only in Spanish.
- HRC Service Coordinators training continues across all three department since October 2020. All SC's have been exposed to SDP training however this is in-depth training. There are 5 trainings remaining and makeup sessions will be scheduled.
- HRC Resource Development
 - Currently in the process of vrending Emlyn FMS
- Transition funds

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- Linda reminded the committee about the transition funds that were provided to all RC's for SDP implementation
- Skills 4 Care was unable to present during this meeting due to conflicting appointments.
- SDP Task force
 - Antoinette is tasked with leading the SDP task force due to barriers to implementing SDP
- DDS directives regarding SDP
 - Link was shared with the committee in chat box

Questions about HRC update:

- Suggestion of vendoring Mains'L FMS made by Parent Jessica B.
- Barriers preventing individuals from going live including the family having other priorities and participants would like for local participants to go through the journey first
- Juliana Martinez asked how these barriers can be decreased
 - Changes can be made at the state level and the goal is to utilize the task force to create consistency throughout all RC's regarding SDP
- Felicia Ford asked about how HRC is approaching disparities in underserved communities including the African American community
 - Antoinette responded that currently HRC has the Promotora program that addresses disparities among the Hispanic and African American community however there is a struggle in hiring staff for the program as there are limitations to who can be hired. Information will be sent to Ms. Ford for follow up.
- Parent asked what barriers is HRC experiencing in SDP implementation
 - Families understanding of the RC system, generic resources, and how this relates to the individual's development disability
 - Families are challenged with accessing services usually because there is a disagreement in the frequency of the service
 - More education in SDP is necessary including resources
- Parent asked regarding the FMS DDS directive
 - Currently RC's have not received direction regarding FMS subcodes however this applies to individuals that need to use the FMS costs of their budget to fund for COVID supports. HRC is adding COVID supports back in the budget therefore this has not been an issue.

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- Parent asked questions regarding the phone application for HRC staff to use to call the families
 - This is currently in the pilot phase to HRC management prior to rolling out to SC's however it will be available this year

Statewide Updates:

Linda Chan Rapp reported on statewide updates;

- Julie Eby McKenzie will be presenting on unmet needs for next month meeting
- Linda shared results from a withdrawal survey that was conducted statewide
 - There is not enough in the budget for what is needed
 - 29% too much work to be in the program
 - 5.9 % the services that are needed are not available through the program
 - 11% difficult to find providers
 - 10% too many appointments
 - Majority of them said that the services delivered through traditional system is sufficient
 - 15% interested in the program however have other priorities
 - More training and education is necessary to understand the program including FMS and individual budget

Rick Wood - Kern County - Chair of Statewide SDAC

- Parent of an individual who is a participant of SDP for 21 years
- Shared that these barriers and concerns are consistent throughout the state
- Encouraged all those who would like to be a part of the program to participate and lead the way with the program
- Role of Statewide SDAC
 - 21 Regional Centers
 - All are encouraged to move forward
- Encouraged everyone to review the report that was drafted including possible solutions. This was presented to DDS for review.
- 15% of HRC SDP participants are live in the program and is consistent with the state numbers
- Developed a working committee comprised of 7 people (Linda a part of this group)
 - Goal is to mentor 2 other chairs to figure out creative ways to implement the program
 - Push by RC's to get every member of SDAC live in SDP by March 1 (to add 100 people in the state)

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- Rick shared how Kern RC utilized the SDP transition funds
 - SDAC decides how this money is spent
 - "Fast-track" individuals into SDP
- Rick is going to all SDAC meetings to ask that a portion of the 2021 transition funds be given to the SDAC to allow for meetings to continue
- Rick provided his contact information

Office Clients and Rights Advocacy

- Johnanthony Alaimo shared his contact information and provided a link to DRC's services and supports

State Council Update:

- Briana Reynoso was absent

Public Comments:

- Linda opened it up for others to increase connections with other participants who are part of SDP
 - Social media was suggested however there is a standing Facebook page that is already available
 - Suggestion of holding SDAC meetings during the day or Saturdays to allow for more participants
 - Trainings on how a parent can go live in SDP
 - Important to know the quality of the IF work
 - Learning and teaching families to become employers in SDP
- Slides with DVU was shared in chat box
 - "Thinking outside of the box" publication from DVU

Next meeting: February 3, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. Minutes submitted by Katy Granados

Abbreviations

HRC Harbor Regional Center

PCP Person-centered plan

SCDD State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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SDP Self-Determination Program