

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07 PM on Wednesday March 3, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent

Deaka McClain, Client

David Oster, Client

Patricia Jordan, Client

Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Clients Rights Advocacy representative

Committee Member Absent

Julianna Martinez, Parent

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent

Sunghee Park, Parent

Miriam Kang, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez - Director of Children's Services

Judy Samana Taimi - Client Services Manager

Katy Granados - Client Services Manager

Donna Magana- Client Services Manager

Ashley Brown- Intake Manager

Jessica Guzman- Client Services Manager

Bjoern Petersen- Client Services Manager

SCDD Staff

Brianna Reynoso, Present

Visitors

Paul Quiroz

Lucy Paz (Interpreter)

Clifford Rapp

Ronda Kopito

Ramona Prince

Vianey Gomes

Taleen Khatchadourian

Hema G

Yvette Torres

Hilda Jimenez

Kyungshil Choi

Damaris Ruiz

Jordan Feinstock

Sheila Jordan Jones

Jeanne Wu

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

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Approval of Minutes

Quorum was established; 5 committee members present during the zoom meeting. Deaka McClain motioned for approval of minutes. Minutes from February 3, 2021 meeting were approved. Date correction to the last meeting notes was approved.

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

- There are 95 individuals who are part of the SD Program
 - Of the 95: 19 participants are live as of February 1, 2021
 - 29 approved budgets
 - 21 spending plans completed
 - 26 completed PCP plans
 - 2 participants missing SDP orientation
- Spanish Informational Meeting will be held on March 17 at 6pm via Zoom, Link is available on the HRC website.
- HRC Service Coordinators training has been completed as of February 2021 and make up sessions will be completed moving forward and will be embedded throughout their training.
- HRC Service Providers have been trained on SDP in February
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: No fair hearings or decision letters issued for SDP in the last month.
- HRC Resource Development
 - No new providers have come on board in respect to FMS
- HRC Roll out for 2021 opening:
 - Training of our in house staff and HRC providers
 - February- all training to staff and service providers have been completed however trainings will continue as needed.
 - March- advertisement will be provided to all families through all platforms and special contacts will be made to individuals who have expressed interest with DDS
 - April- Orientations will beginning (1 English and 1 Spanish) more participants through Zoom platform
 - Orientations will be provided through HRC
 - Ongoing- HRC is working towards launching materials in the Learning Management System (LMS) system to allow for participants to access training materials.
 - Refresher training and materials for SDP however initial orientation should still be completed "in-house"

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- HRC is currently collaborating with Integrative Community Collaborative (ICC- parent group) to decrease disparity amongst Hispanic community and they collaborate on materials related to SDP.
- Transition funds- These funds were allotted by DDS for SDP implementation. HRC and SDAC has agreed to utilize these funds for the purpose of the Mentor program. They will assist individuals who are having a difficult time transitioning into SDP and/or require additional support.
 - Skills 4 Care: Paul Quiroz, (Volunteer) gave update on the program
 - Currently in the process of hiring and interviewing mentors
 - Once identified and trained they will inquire from HRC about potential referrals
 - Skills 4 Care will not be responsible for contacting families who are interested as all referrals will come through HRC
 - DDS has extended the FMS directive for March 2021

Statewide Updates:

- Statewide Committee- Linda Chan Rapp
 - Gathered information regarding on how to support RC's to increase numbers- 15 recommendations- currently in draft
 - Local SDAC to reach out to interested participants to see where they are at in the process and assist in moving them along in SDP
 - RCs to complete orientations who remain in the SDP
 - Public and RC develop timelines for clients who
 - Security issues by "Zoom bombers" - HRC has registration to prevent this
 - SDAC monitor if there are comments regarding about FMS issues that payments are delayed
 - SDAC meet with Executive Director
 - This will be shared once completed for review

Office Clients and Rights Advocacy

- Johnanthony Alaimo- OCRA remains open.
 - 562-623-9911

State Council Update:

- Briana Reynoso-
 - If you are an IF and are interested to be added to the SCDD IF list, you can e-mail Brianna.reynoso@scdd.ca.gov

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- This list is not vetted and family takes full responsibility in contacting
- CSULA has become a large vaccination site and will be paired with mobile units that are more than 15 miles away from the CSULA site
 - As of March 15, vaccination will be available to all who have a disability
 - If you would like to recommend or volunteer a space you can contact Brianna (e-mail above)
- Self determination advocates meetings- March 8
 - Geared for those who are interested in SDP or moving forward with SDP
 - Training will focus on "Working with Facilitators and Advocacy"

Other SDP items

- Concerns raised regarding conflict of interest of Skills 4 Care since parent company (Cambrian) is an FMS provider
 - RFP was not completed because it was not required
 - After speaking with DDS contacts and others, the collaboration between Skills 4 Care and HRC is appropriate
 - Skills 4 Care has not received monies at this time in their initial efforts
 - Response to conflict letter will be provided once legal counsel is sought
 - Contract will be revised to address any potential for conflict
 - Further concerns regarding any topic should reach out to the presenters and/or HRC for clarification
 - Committee can make a recommendation on the above
- Motion was made to confirm recommendation as a committee by David Oster
 - David - yes
 - Deaka- yes
 - Johnanthony- yes
 - Patricia- yes
 - Linda- yes
 - To affirm the recommendation that Antoinette has already made that Skill 4 Care will not enroll participants in the Cambrian FMS through its coaching program for SDP

Public Comments:

- Jordan recommends that all individuals hire an IF so that they can help them become live in SDP

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- Jordan shared a list that is available through SCDD and is updated frequently
- Ramona commented in the chat- recommending to have a visual of the steps of SDP
 - Question- if the client is interested in SDP do they need an IF prior to June
 - IF is optional and therefore the participant does not need to have an IF prior to June 2021 roll out
- DVU-ALL IN conference next month

Next meeting: April 7, 2021 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Katy Granados.

Abbreviations

HRC Harbor Regional Center

PCP Person-centered plan

SCDD State Council on Developmental Disabilities

SDP Self-Determination Program

IF Independent Facilitator