

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

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:02 PM on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 via Zoom. Quorum was established at start of meeting.

Committee Member Present

Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Julianna Martinez, Parent
Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Miriam Kang, Parent

Committee Members Absent

Patricia Jordan, Client

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Judy Taimi- Director of Adult Services
LaWanna Blair– Director of Early Childhood Services
Josephina Cunningham – Client Services Manager
Donna Magana- Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown- Intake Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Bjoern Peterson – Client Services Manager
Katy Granados- Client Services Manager
Jessica Guzman-Client Services Manager

SCDD Staff was absent

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
SC: Service Coordinator

Visitors

Fernando (LRA)	Jamie Van Dusen	Erin Hardimon	Paul Quiroz	Whitney Williams
Reiko Umeda	Melissa Jones	Sheila Jordan	Vianey Gomes	Sheila Jones

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Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established. August 4, 2021 and September 1, 2021 minutes were approved with revisions.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Update – Katy Granados – Client Services Manager and Antoinette Perez, Director Children’s Services:

This information is from September 2021

- # of Participants with completed PCP’s: **5**
- # of Participants with approved Budgets: **14**
- # of Participants with completed Spending Plans: **27**
- # of Participants who have gone live with SDP: **30**, as of 10/1/2021
 - HRC is working on developing a tracking system for this information
- Orientations: Since May 2021
 - 276 families have completed our SDP orientation (168 are from Children and Early Childhood Departments and 108 from the Adult Department) *this does not include those in the initial roll out
 - 8 registered for October
 - HRC is looking to develop orientations in Korean language due to increased interest in this community
 - HRC has seen a decrease in orientation registrants; it is unknown as to why there is decrease interest.
 - Possibly due to the lifting of suspension social and rec as well as participant directed services
- Fair Hearings and Outcomes: No changes
- Resource Development: Constantly developing resources. ARCC no longer providing FMS SDP services.
 - SDP modules to be utilized as a supplement self-paced orientation. It should be used as a refresher.
- Implementation funds FY 20/21
 - Skills 4 Care: Korean speaking parent has finally completed all required work to become an SDP parent mentor and would be available to support families. Currently has 2 Spanish speaking mentors
 - Presentation to Service Coordinators
 - 12 families have been contacted at least once and following up every 2 weeks to provide additional assistance
 - Currently providing resources, FMS list, IF information
- State awarded SDP Positions
 - HRC was awarded 3 positions (1 fiscal and 2 service coordination)
 - Job descriptions have been completed and will be posted next week

Statewide Updates:

- No updated information at this time

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Partner updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- School districts are no longer offering distance learning. He shared a link regarding clarification on new directive regarding IEP services. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/ab130faq.asp>

State Council – No representative at this meeting.

- Expecting to assign someone soon

Action items:

- **2021-2022 implementation Funds RFP (Request for Proposal) update**
 - Antoinette will meet with Rosalinda to further discuss. Once this is completed, this will be shared with committee.
 - The RFP is currently under review and if significant changes are made, this will be shared to the committee.
 - Linda made suggestion that the posting can be
- **Member Status**
 - Rosalinda followed up with board members and both are still interested in being a part of the
 - Members should reflect the population HRC serves; add latino members
 - 11.8% Asian- only requires 1 and currently over represented by 1
 - 10.8% African American- requires 1 and currently over represented by 1
 - 41.8% Latino- need 3.3 and currently have 2 (missing 1)
 - 14.1 Other- have 1
 - As replacement opportunities open up, the board will seek to replace using this guide.
 - Guidelines for attendance was discussed- Miriam shared that this is of concern if a population is not represented due to not attending- This will be added in next month's meeting
- **Structure and use of meetings going forward- What is the most efficient way to run the meetings?**
 - Possible ongoing presentations and inquired suggestions on presenters moving forward, how to hire/fire staff, how to replace, how to create contracts with providers
 - Different part of the SDP process
 - Understanding FMS and IF, suggested a meet and greet FMS, understanding the budget process vs. spending plan, prioritizing presentations
 - Clients whose cases are live in SDP share their experiences
 - Families to come and share resources including social and rec- how individuals are using SDP
 - Share experiences of what is and is not working
 - SDP Statewide updates/changes, Review of generic services in the HRC area
 - 5 year plan for the committee
 - Linda offered to reach out to SDP Conference resources to present at the meeting in the future
- **How to address personal/specific issues that are brought up to the advisory committee**
 - Can be submitted by e-mail or redirected back to HRC staff
 - If someone agrees to talk about their personal journey, they should be advised that this is a public forum to limit any information they do not want to be shared
 - Erin- asked if there are subcommittees that handle specific situations and one representative can share with the advisory while omitting personal information

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Public Comments:

- Melissa Jones asked if families that have attended other RC's orientation would need to take HRC's orientation- HRC shared that other orientations are honored
- Linda asked where individuals/families are in the process when being referred to SDP Mentor/Coaching program
 - Paul responded that they are in different stages of the process and they are receiving positive feedback from the community
- Linda asked if there is a limit or wait list of IF's in the area- Paul shared that IF may not always call back however they have not received a call stating that they are not available.
- IF's are limited in the area and there is information in the community that there are wait lists (some of 2 years)
- Erin expressed concerns regarding the attendance of committee members and shared interest to join.
- Melissa- expressed that there are no clear directions on what happens after the budget is certified and shared with the family. Recommended that HRC share with families the spending plan
 - HRC SC transfers the family/IF's spending plan into HRC's format
- Sheila- asked if we have a flow chart and can HRC add an e-mail address on their website specifically SDP to address their concerns/issues
 - HRC is working on developing a flow chart and will consider the e-mail address
- Paul agreed to assist in finding an FMS to participate as a presentation next month

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

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.
Minutes submitted by Katy Granados