

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2022

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00PM on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 via Zoom. Quorum was established at start of meeting.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
David Oster, Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Linda Chan-Rapp, Parent
Miriam Kang, Parent
Juliana Martinez, Parent

Committee Members Absent

Sunghee Park, Parent (BBT)
Patricia Jordan, Client

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Judy Taimi - Director of Adult Services
Donna Magana - Client Services Manager
Ashley Brown – Client Services Manager
Katy Granados- Client Services Manager
Liz Cohen-Zeboulon – Client Services Manager
Bjoern Peterson– Client Services Manager
Johnny Granados - Participant Choice Specialist
Jessica Sanchez - Participant Choice Specialist

SCDD Staff Present

Sofia Cervantes
Joe Hernandez

Visitors

Lucy Paz (Interpreter) Jamie Van Dusen(DDS) Sue Gavin Kevin Iguanzo Vianey Gomez Reiko Umeda
Irma Plata Angela Robles Adriana Garcia Jennifer Styzens (Behavior and Education)

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

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Welcome

Introductions of committee members and guests – Via Chat on Zoom

Approval of Minutes:

Quorum was established; 7 committee members present during the zoom meeting. November 3, 2021 minutes posted and available for viewing on HRC website. Meeting minutes were approved – Deaka motioned first and David Oster seconded this motion. The rest of the committee voted to approve the minutes via Zoom chat. Meeting minutes successfully approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates: Antoinette Perez, Director Children's Services:

Antoinette noted that the current data regarding the various stages of SDP is still being put together as HRC is working on refining the internal tracking system. Participant Choice Specialist have been hired which will be assisting with SDP data tracking, the state will possibly award funds for a third position and in the process of hiring.

- HRC currently has 51 clients live in the program.
- 2 Participant Choice Specialist (Johnny Granados and Jessica Sanchez)

Questions/ Comments-

- Miriam asked to obtain clarification of the role for participant choice specialist. Antoinette stated they will not carry caseload, they will be responsible that internal and external things are up to date: ensure staff is properly trained with all things SDP and participant directive services or anything non-traditional, ensure the community is well informed. Antoinette also explained they would make sure there are appropriate resources or materials to make sure success of programs.
- David stated that likes the growth SDP is currently demonstrating.

Fair Hearings:

- 1 fair hearing request in November, HRC prevailed and it was related to how HRC decides on the dollar amount put in a budget. DDS directive to use the average cost for the service and that is what HRC did. The family disagreed because the family would like for the dollar amount of preferred program to be used, which is above 3x the average cost. Judge agreed with HRC with using the average cost in budget.

Questions/Comments-

- Rosalinda inquired about the possibly obtaining the type of service for future reference. Antoinette shared it was a service in reference to social skills.
- Deaka inquired after the family did not prevail in fair hearing, what happened to the budget? Antoinette shared that the dollar amount originally proposed and can be used, as they want.
- **RFP Update**
 - Rosalinda was in touch with Angela Woods and provided Linda's contact information in preparation of the launch of RFP. Angela had a couple of questions and wanted to get more clarification in order to move forward with process. Per Rosalinda, Linda Chan Rapp will be representing the committee.
 - Linda confirmed she has already responded to Angela and provided clarification of the format of sample flow chart for the coaching program .It was suggested to use the one

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used by DDS as it was already translated in multiple languages. However, one thing missing in the flow chart due to it being developed so early on in SDP. Was the importance of the PCP. Flow chart did not clearly share how the PCP was a major piece driving SDP. Linda suggested to insure information is included in the updated flow chart. A formal response will be written by Linda to Angela and CC Rosalinda.

Statewide Updates:

- No new updates from last meeting.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Offered information for those that are interested in COVID in home testing kits being provided by LA County. However may be temporally pausing and changing how test will be received in the future.
<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/la-county-holiday-home-test-collection-program/>
- (562) 623-9911 - Number for the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy

Questions/Comments-

- Linda inquired how people can go about requesting in home testing kits once the program is live. John Anthony clarified this is strictly through LA county itself and for their residents. Registration can be completed through the link provided via the chat.
- Miriam shared that she works for an OC District and she received an e-mail stating school district employees can obtain in home test by showing their ID at local school. Linda inquired if they were rapid test that were being provided or lab test. Miriam was unsure of the information.
- John Anthony reported the testing information he provided were not rapid test and it was lab test that had to be returned to the lab.
- Deaka requested clarification regarding the testing availability provided by John Anthony, "test provided by the county aren't in home rapid test, you are told where to go by the county to obtain your testing kit". John Anthony explained the intent of the program was for people to register and have the test mailed, however due to lack of staff they may set up testing locations to pick up test and drop off, at no cost.

State Council – Sofia Cervantes and Joe Hernandez (SCDD SDP Manager)

- Sofia attended on behalf of Feliciano who was out however introduced Joe Hernandez as the SCDD SDP Manager.
- Sofia shared there is an IF training online and self-paced if anyone is interested. A Flyer will be provided on the chat and she encouraged for those interest to contact her for additional information.
- Joe Hernandez- provided summary of his background supporting the DD population in Northern California. DDS is collaborating with SCDD to create a SDP training modules to help with breaking down information to be easier to comprehend and in a plain language. The intent is also to be more targeted into different segments: PCP, FMS, IF, Spending plan/ Budgets and an overview to help everyone along the way as the previous training was overwhelming. This will help move the SDP program forward, the goal will be in 7 language and virtual. These trainings are not to replace the RC orientations this is to work in collaboration and it will count as an orientation per DDS.
- Sofia.Cervantes@scdd.ca.gov / joseph.hernandez@scdd.ca.gov

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Questions/Comments-

- Rosalinda thanked Joe for participating in meeting she expressed gratitude for the increase efforts of collaboration between SCDD and DDS. The new training models are welcomed due to the confusing information that has been provided over the years of SDP due to so much overwhelming information.
- Rosalinda inquired about Joe's exact role as it pertains to SDP and when he can provided support. Joe shared that his main role currently is focusing in creating and facilitating the training modules. The deadline for trainings to be completed is March 2022. A lot of community partners have provided information to ensure training modules are up to date along with the DDS guidelines. His second part of his role after training modules are completed is to look into each RC operates and ensure communication can be disseminated and avoid barriers within the community. His overall role is a partner and ensure RC's are on the same page.
- Linda wanted to get clarification regarding the language that are target for the modules, Joe will provided information at a later time as that information is not available. Additionally, Linda inquired if all 7 training modules will be available or will only the English one be available at first. Joe shared hopefully all 7 will be ready by March, if not all at least the English one will be provided. Due to the time it takes for the translation, some modules may be available later.
- Linda also inquired if state council still doing their monthly e-blast to share when the training modules are available. Joe confirmed once the trainings modules are ready everyone will be informed however he is unsure of the e-blast providing information as he is not overseeing task.
- Juliana inquired in what language would the training modules be provided and how will families be informed of when they are ready and available. Additionally, if Spanish will be one of the language provided. Joe confirmed Spanish will be one of the languages and communications will go out when training is up and running.
- David expressed excitement SDP is being easier to access and the increase of collaboration. He asked if Joe was in charge of State council, he clarified he was not in charge of state council only the training for SDP.
- Deaka shared that she reached out to state council regarding available IF training, however she has not heard back from anyone.
- Katy inquired if Joe will have a southern California partner to help with RC collaboration; Joe confirmed that he will be the contact as the SCDD SDP manager and partnering with all RC staff.
- Joe shared that once training modules are completed there will be a public viewing of them to allow people to provide public comments. They will be living modules due to constant changes in law and policies.
- Linda asked where the public viewing will be held, Joe shared it will be in a live training and public will provide feedback and an e-mail will be provided to also provide feedback.
- Rosalinda inquired if all training information online, Sofia confirmed all information is online and the training is available in English and Spanish.
- Rosalinda also inquired about the shortage of IF available and if there is any progress in increasing availability. Sofia confirmed that is the ongoing feedback provided, the efforts to strengthen IF, and increase more IF, SCDD continues to increase training and roundtables to provide the support.
- David shared that his IF has also shared there is shortage. Sofia encouraged committee to discuss what are the barriers IF are facing and what recommendations can be made for support.

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Public Comments:

- Deaka asked clarification regarding the RFP updates, if it was about the proposal regarding how to allocate money provided to the committee. Rosalinda confirmed Deaka was correct.
- Juliana asked for an update on how many clients are live with SDP, Rosalinda shared there are 51 live clients.
- Vianey inquired of RC will be assisting families with childcare while attending the IF training mentioned by SCDD. Antoinette shared RC will be supportive if a family wants to attend a training, childcare will be provided as that is needed.
- Linda shared information outside of SDP, she wanted to share to increase inclusion. Linda shared the Matthew Foundation which sponsors a special football and cheer clinic **SuperFest** for individuals with DD wherever the Superbowl is held. The clinics are staffed by professionals, this year it will be held in LA and the Ram cheerleaders will lead clinic. <https://www.themattthewfoundation.org/super-fest.html>
- Kevin Inguanzo – This was Kevin’s mother it is her first time attending and she wanted to know how to register for SDP. Katy shared that family can contact SC and they will be provided with dates and times of orientations. 1x English and 1x Spanish alternating dates in the month. January 13th English 3-6 and January 27 Spanish 3-6PM, SC can enroll in training.
- Deaka requested the dates be e-mailed to members as she has people who are interested in attending. Deaka also inquired that she knows someone who is interested in obtaining information about SDP however not part of our RC, if they are able to attend our orientation meetings. Katy shared it is always best they attend their RC orientation to ensure they have their own RC current information. Antoinette reported RC will accept orientations from outside RC.
- Katy provided January- April orientation date link
 - <https://www.harborrc.org/family-training/self-determination-program>

Next meeting: February 2, 2022 via Zoom 6PM-8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.
Minutes submitted by Donna Magaña