

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
**Self Determination Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2023

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:07PM on Wednesday April 5, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

**Committee Member Present**

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent  
Deaka McClain, Client  
Jamie Temple, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative  
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator  
Kyungshi Choi, Parent  
Maria Elena Walsh, Harbor Family Resource Center  
David Oster, Client

**HRC Staff Present**

Patrick Ruppe – Executive Director  
Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services  
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist  
Johnny Granados – Client Service Manager  
Tim’an Ford – Peer Advocate  
Thao Mailoux – Director of Information and Development

**SCDD Staff Present**

Albert Feliciano

**Visitors**

Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation  
Abraham Flores Rojo, Phoenix Facilitation  
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation  
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation  
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services  
Shelia Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator  
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator  
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence FMS  
Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator  
Katherine Manriquez, Parent  
Yolanda Gomez, Parent  
Martha Gutierrez, Parent  
Tanya Talley, Parent  
Carmela Barrera, Guest  
Nancy Gomez, Guest  
Grace Robinson, Guest

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Ileana Lopez, Parent  
Angela Barnes, Parent/Independent Facilitator  
Fernando Nunez, Interpreter

**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:**

- Minutes of March 1, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

Aurelio Lopez presented recent DDS directives and Jessica Sanchez presented the SDP data in a graph format via an updated “HRC SDP” Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
  - Total Participants Selected: **129**
    - Remained in SDP: **79**
    - Withdrew: **38**
    - Moved out of State: **4**
    - Inactivated/Not DD: **4**
    - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**
- Completed PCPs 115; 25 within the soft rollout and 90 from 7/2021 to 4/2023
- Certified Budgets 185; 34 within the soft rollout and 151 from 7/2021 to 4/2023
- Spending Plans 142; 28 within the soft rollout and 114 from 7/2021 to 4/2023
- SDP Live 138; 28 within the soft rollout and 110 from 7/2021 to 4/2023
- SDP by Ethnicity: 33 **Latino** participants, 51 **White/Caucasian** participants, 10 **African-American/Black** participants, 4 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian**, 8 **multi-cultural**, 6 **other**, 4 **Other Asian**, and 3 **Chinese** participants, 6 **Asian Indian**, 6 **Biracial**, 3 **Vietnamese**, 2 **Japanese**

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- SDP by Language: 112 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 24 Spanish-speaking participants, and 1 Japanese-speaking participant.
  - Total Participants fully orientated 705 (102 are in the follow up stages, 236 are in the unknown stage, 229 have decided to withdraw)
  - HRC Budget Range: \$3,000 - \$430,000
  - Shared Phoenix Facilitation LLC support for SDP
  
- Phoenix Facilitation LLC Updates
  - Referral data of February and March were provided.
  - Breakdown of referral demographics was shared.
  
- Questions/Comments:
  - HRC reminded committee of implementation funds for FY 22-23.
  - HRC provided breakdown of past implementation funds.
  - HRC requesting committee decide on how to utilize implementation funds by next committee meeting.
  - Questions about IF training was asked.
  - Clarification of a Request For Proposal (RFP) was given.
  - IF/parent would like to explore more agencies/supports/options for implementation funds
  
- Fair Hearings:
  - No updates with fair hearing at this time

**Statewide Updates:**

- Further Statewide information can be found on the website's Q&A

**Partner Updates:**

**Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy**

- No updates at this time

**SCDD- Albert Feliciano**

- SDP training every Mondays at 10am: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Statewide orientations offered in three languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese
- New revised SCDD Professional Conduct Policy for LVAC members.

**Public Comments:**

- An IF shared her positive experiences with working with HRC
- Another IF shared positive experience and spoke highly of an HRC service coordinator

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- One family member shared their lengthy transition time into SDP. HRC agreed to follow up with family to address issues.
- Question asked if an HRC Peer Advocate can be part of SDP. HRC addressed that a Peer Advocate can be part of SDP.
- Comment made regarding the importance of IF's staying informed with SDP changes.
- FMS requested HRC spending plans contain specific information. HRC agreed.

**Next meeting:** May 3rd, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

**Adjournment, Conclusion**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bryan Sanchez