

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05PM on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Miriam Kang, Parent
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
David Oster, Individual
Kyungshil Choi, Parent
Maria Elena Walsh - Harbor Family Resource Center

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist
Thao Mailloux – Director of Information and Development
Tima’an Ford - HRC Peer Advocate

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

Visitors

Lucy Paz, Spanish Interpreter
Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Jordan Feinstock, Individual
Gilberto Padilla, Parent
Pia Hernandez, Parent
Athena Hong Dang, Parent
Margaret Byrne, Parent
Garrett Ackerman, Homies
Sheila Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Vianey Gomes
Sandy Yokota, Parent
Angela Barnes, Parent/IF
Mariela Avila Garcia
John Barrera
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence

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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:

April 5, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

- Directive from April 26, 2023 DDS Self-Determination Program (SDP) Directive (04/26/2023), and SDP FMS Monthly Rates Effective May 1, 2023 Enclosure were shared regarding FMS New Rates and posted on DDS Website. Link to directive/enclosure were shared:

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/SDP-FMS-Revised-Rates-FINAL.pdf>

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Bryan Sanchez presented the SDP data in a graph format via an “HRC SDP” Power Point presentation shared via Zoom.

- Soft Roll Out Participants
 - Total Participants Selected: **129**
 - Remained in SDP: **78**
 - Withdrew: **38**
 - Moved out of State: **4**
 - Inactivated/Not DD: **5**
 - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**

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- Completed PCPs 120; 25 within the soft rollout and 95 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- Certified Budgets 191; 34 within the soft rollout and 157 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- Spending Plans 149; 28 within the soft rollout and 121 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- SDP Live 143; 28 within the soft rollout and 115 from 7/2021 to 04/2023
- SDP by Ethnicity: 33 **Latino** participants, 53 **White/Caucasian** participants, 12 **African-American/Black** participants, 4 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian** participant, 8 **multi-cultural** participants, 6 **other** participants, 5 **Other Asian** participants, 3 **Chinese** participants, 6 **Asian Indian** participants, 6 **Biracial** participants, 3 **Vietnamese** participants, and 2 **Japanese** participants.
- SDP by Language: 117 English speaking participants, 24 Spanish-speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 1 Japanese-speaking participant.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 723,110 are in the follow up stages, 232 have chosen to withdraw and 238 in the unknown stage.

Jessica Sanchez talked about implementation funds allocated to and billed by Skills4Care for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and to Phoenix Facilitation LLC during the fiscal years 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, and the implementation funds for 2022-2023, which need to be allocated.

- Implementation Funds
 - Five options were provided to the committee to think about in deciding what to do with the implementation funds for fiscal year 2022-2023:
 1. Provide funding to train independent facilitators with needed language and/or cultural competency, or from underserved geographic regions, to serve the HRC community.
 2. Provide ongoing training and coaching for independent facilitators serving the HRC community, particularly those with the ability to serve underserved communities.
 3. Recruit new and existing independent facilitators to become vended for 099 services at HRC, and coach them through the process including overcoming barriers such as insurance requirements. Work with HRC staff to define what is needed to streamline the vendorization process for both applicants and regional center.
 4. Match HRC clients - focusing on those from underserved communities and those who have completed the orientation but not moved forward with pursuing SDP - with trained IFs who can meet their needs. Additionally, partner with Phoenix Facilitation to match clients who are accessing the coaching services with an appropriate IF.
 5. Extend coaching contract with Phoenix Facilitation LLC.

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- RFP process was explained, timeline was explored and deadline of beginning of 2024 was established. Pros and cons will be explored and brought back next month to discuss all feedback until a decision is made.

Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation LLC, presented data on individuals served through the coaching program by ethnicity, language, gender, and age. She talked about their outreach attempts and barriers they have encountered.

Statewide Updates:

- Revised FMS rates.
- SDAC best practice and improving SDP, contact them with suggestions.
- Next meeting will be held on June 14, 2023.
- SDP Directives available and on DDS website.

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy –

- No updates at this time.

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- SCDD's Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations are being provided in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Link to sign up was shared: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- SCDD Statewide Trainings open to anyone across the state, held on Monday at 10 AM. Link was shared:
<https://bit.ly/3qEUp5X>
Meeting ID# 829-8230-7774
Password: 123456

○ **Fair Hearings:**

- No updates with fair hearing at this time.

Public Comments:

- Participant questioned what is causing issues with FMS agencies. New higher FMS rates may alleviate some issues.
- The difference between an SDP Orientations and SDAC meeting was answered.
- Participants shared their thoughts on the implementation funds and enhancing outreach.
- Question asked regarding how the Inter Regional Center Transfer works and how long it takes.
- Participant shared their self-determination success story.

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Next meeting: June 7, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.
Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez.