

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair
Deaka McClain, Client Self-Determination Advisory Committee Vice-Chair
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Miriam Kang, Parent
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
David Oster, Client
Kyungshil Choi, Parent
Juliana Martinez, Parent

HRC Staff Present

Antoinette Perez – Director of Children’s Services
Patrick Ruppe- Executive Director
Jessica Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Bryan Sanchez- Participant Choice Specialist
Aurelio Lopez- Participant Choice Specialist
Johnny Granados- Client Service Manager

SCDD Staff Present

Albert Feliciano

Visitors

Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation
Santiago Villalobos, Phoenix Facilitation
Abraham Flores Rojo, Phoenix Facilitation
Helen Reese, Phoenix Facilitation
Jamie Van Dusen, Department of Developmental Services
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Tamra Pauly, Independent Facilitator
Fernando Nuñez, Interpreter
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence
Andrea Bartel, Parent
Matoria Filipovich, Parent
Maeve Diehm , Parent
Amelia Castellanos
Aquilina Castellanos
Mariela Avila Garcia
Carola Camacho
Martha Ramos

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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.

Partner Updates:

SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- Introduced Ms. Kyungshil Choi, new committee member.
- Encouraged those present to become a member by visiting their website.
- SCDD has resumed the Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientations. Orientation are being provided in three languages: English, Spanish and Vietnamese, every Monday at 10 AM. Link to sign up was shared: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Training for Independent Facilitators is held the second Tuesday of month at 10:30 AM.
- Monthly board meeting for LA County, first Thursday of month for Self – advocates, from 1-3 pm.

Statewide Updates:

- Last Statewide meeting held in November 2022, next one will be in February 2023.

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- Updated on state council and best practice, reviewed statewide enrollment, and ethnic breakdown.
- DDS working on updating directives, new guidelines, and working with state council on funding for advisory committee.

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Information about Navigating the Regional System (02/09/23) from DDS was shared: https://thearcca-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UChN93OgQFKqjE66ulVTlw?fbclid=IwAR1VZYbUk9V3-0jLZ9M1R3JtVkfLhjKaG2Yj7ZdYIE5MQOkOAch3IUMuvII

Approval of Minutes:

December 7, 2022 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

January 4, 2023 minutes were posted for review. Minutes were approved.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

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: **81**
 - Withdrew: **38**
 - Moved out of State: **4**
 - Inactivated/Not DD: **3**
 - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**
- Completed PCPs 77; 26 within the soft rollout and 78 from 7/2021 to 01/2023
- Certified Budgets 135; 36 within the soft rollout and 137 from 7/2021 to 01/2023
- Spending Plans 98; 29 within the soft rollout and 100 from 7/2021 to 01/2023
- SDP Live 124; 28 within the soft rollout and 96 from 7/2021 to 01/2023
- SDP by Ethnicity: 32 **Latino** participants, 47 **White/Caucasian** participants, 9 **African-American/Black** participants, 3 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian**, 7 **multi-cultural**, 5 **other**, 4 **Other Asian**, 3 **Chinese** participants, 5 **Asian Indian**, 6 **Biracial**, and 1 **Vietnamese**.
- SDP by Language: 100 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 23 Spanish-speaking participants.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 674 (107 are in the follow up stages, 211 have chosen to withdraw and 232 in the unknown stage)
- Questions/Comments:
 - Question asked why there is only one Korean Participant in SDP. HRC shared that ethnicity is self-identified.

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- Question asked why individuals are choosing to stay with traditional services. HRC shared that for some traditional service is meeting their needs.
 - Rosalinda thanked HRC for the outreach in disseminating SDP program to the community.
 - HRC talked about upcoming SDP orientations.
- Fair Hearings:
- No updates with fair hearing at this time.
- Directive from January 20, 2023 was shared regarding FMS and posted on DDS Website.

Public Comments:

- Individual shared that they are moving forward in SDP.
- GT Independence representative talked about their FMS agency as a resource for individuals and their families and provided his contact information: sarevalo@gtindependence.com.
- HRC talked about barriers in accessing FMS and that DDS is aware and working on resolving issues.
- Individual asked about FMS agencies and link was shared:
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/financial-management-service-contact-list/>
- Individual shared that issues with FMS is confusing and a barrier. DDS and State council are aware.
- Individual asked if they move forward with SDP do they lose their co-payment assistance. HRC talked about how co-payment assistance is separate from SDP as long as the individual continues to meet the requirements.

Next meeting: March 1, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.
Minutes submitted by Aurelio Lopez.