

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

Opening:

The regular meeting of HRC Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00PM on Wednesday March 1, 2023 via Zoom. Quorum was not immediately established.

Committee Member Present

Rosalinda Garcia, Parent
Deaka McClain, Client
Johnanthony Alaimo, Office of Client Rights Advocacy Representative
Miriam Kang, Parent
SungHee Park, Parent/Independent Facilitator
Juliana Martinez, Parent
Kyungshi Choi, Parent

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

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
Jamie Temple, DRC
Shelia Jordan Jones, Independent Facilitator
Reiko Umeda, Independent Facilitator
Selvin Arevalo, GT Independence FMS
Olivia Gonzalez, Aveanna FMS
Timothy Howell
Liz Underhill
Katherine Manriquez
Aquiliana Castellanos
Yolanda Gomez
Maria Zavala
Vianey Gomes
Sandy
Tanya Talley

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Adriana Garcia
Ivon Munoz
Minerva
Don Dimo
Amerlia Castellanos
Gilberta
Mariela Avila Garcia
Matoria Filipovich
Mohammad
Rene Aguilar
Selene Mercado
Gay Grossman
Celia
Anna Quint
Nary Yu
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.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

Aurelio Lopez 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: **97**
 - Withdrew: **38**
 - Moved out of State: **4**
 - Inactivated/Not DD: **4**
 - Transferred Out (to another RC): **3**

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- Completed PCPs 109; 25 within the soft rollout and 84 from 7/2021 to 3/2023
- Certified Budgets 183; 35 within the soft rollout and 148 from 7/2021 to 3/2023
- Spending Plans 131; 28 within the soft rollout and 103 from 7/2021 to 3/2023
- SDP Live 131; 28 within the soft rollout and 103 from 7/2021 to 3/2023
- SDP by Ethnicity: 33 **Latino** participants, 50 **White/Caucasian** participants, 10 **African-American/Black** participants, 3 **Filipino** participants, 1 **Korean** participant, 1 **Guamanian**, 7 **multi-cultural**, 6 **other**, 4 **Other Asian**, and 3 **Chinese** participants, 6 **Asian Indian**, 6 **Biracial**, 1 **Vietnamese**
- SDP by Language: 106 English speaking participants, 1 Korean-speaking participant, and 24 Spanish-speaking participants.
 - Total Participants fully orientated 687 (109 are in the follow up stages, 228 are in the unknown stage, 219 have decided to withdraw)
 - HRC Budget Range: \$3,000 - \$330,000
 - Shared Phoenix Facilitation LLC support for SDP
- Questions/Comments:
 - None at this time
- Fair Hearings:
 - No updates with fair hearing at this time

Approval of Minutes:

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

Statewide Updates:

- DDS Ombudsperson updates: revisions for spending plans and spending funds, report can be found on DDS website
- Department working on Activity Priorities updates: tracking SC training, best practices, and feedback for the purpose of gathering recommendations
- Gathered UCLA survey feedback: Survey too long
- DVU (Disability Voices United) presented “On Advancing SDP”
 - Key Takeaways: barriers with accessing FMS, IF’s, and service inequalities in Spanish speaking communities
- Disparities Outreach Project: based on information gathered are looking to recruit members to make panel more representative of the ethnically diverse communities

Partner Updates:

Office of Clients and Rights Advocacy – Johnanthony Alaimo

- Johnanthony to be replaced by Jaime Temple

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SCDD- Albert Feliciano

- SDP training every Mondays at 10am: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
- Statewide orientations offered in three languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese
- LA office holding IF roundtable meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Public Comments:

- Question asked on how many individuals are live in SDP at HRC, it was shared 131 individuals are in the program
- Question about certifications given after completing an SDP orientation at HRC, it was shared that HRC does not provide certifications. HRC confirms completion of SDP orientation with SC
- Question asked about length of time taken for individual to go live into SDP, it was shared that many factors contribute to going live but average range is from 3 – 6 months.
- Question asked about age requirement for participating in SDP, it was shared that there is no age limit. Eligibility for SDP was shared (must be status 2 client and reside or plan to reside in the community)
- Question asked about length of time take to transfer from one FMS to another, it was shared that process maybe lengthy depending on factors (type of FMS model, possible wait lists, onboarding providers)
- Question asked about how providers are paid, Aveanna addressed question stating providers paid in the rear once timecards are approved by Participant
- Comment shared about difficulty with contacting SC, HRC addressed concern with visitor

Next meeting: April 5th, 2023 via Zoom 6PM – 8PM

Adjournment, Conclusion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.
Minutes submitted by Bryan Sanchez