

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025

Opening:

The regular meeting of Harbor Self Determination Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:02 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, via Zoom.

Quorum was established.

Committee Member Present:

Deaka McClain – Individual, Self-Determination Advisory Committee Chair

Maria Elena Walsh – Harbor Family Resource Center

Miriam Kang – Parent

Tim'an Ford – Peer Advocate

Jamie Temple – OCRA

Miriam Kang – Parent

Kyungshil Choi – Parent

Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent

Kathy Maye – Parent

Shirlys Gruber – Parent

Mayra Garcia – Parent

Harbor Staff Present:

Patrick Ruppe – Executive Director

Antoinette Perez – Director

David Hernandez – PCS

Ricardo Orozco – PCS

Bernice Perdomo – CSM

Jessica Sanchez – CSM

Erika Castillo – CSM

Erika Godoy – CSM

Jimmy Silvestre – CSM

Kelsey Machado – CSM

Visitors:

Lucy Paz – Interpreter

Yolanda Gomez

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Tamra Pauly

Sheila Jones

SE

Gilberta Castellanos

Sara Santogrossi

Rebecca LaBoriell – Guidelight Group

Preselah Seymore – GTI

Junko Kubo

Kim Sinclair

Kyungshil Choi

Maria G Santos

Maria Poblete

Maria Zavala

Mariela Avila Garcia

Marleni Pineda

Heba Dwaik

Ivan Ramirez

Ivon Muniz Diaz

Jamie Van Dusen

Jazmin Chandle

Jennette Lotrean

Adelayda

Adriana Ortiz

Albert Feliciano – SCDD LA Office

Allan Bravo

Amelia Castellanos

Brianna Viltz

Carmen Vasquez

Claire Seo

Deborah Smith

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Abbreviations:

Harbor: 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

OCRA: Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy

ASLA: Autism Society of Los Angeles

Welcome:

Introductions of committee members and guests via the chat. Present committee members opened camera and introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

May 7, 2025 minutes were posted for review. Motion to approve the minutes made by Wendy Clutterbuck, seconded by Miriam Kang.

Minutes were approved.

Committee Members Responsibilities and Agreements:

Committee Responsibilities:

- attend meetings regularly and commit to being on time
- be mindful of participants' time by helping keep meetings on track
- listen attentively
- maintain an open mind towards others
- support the actions and efforts of the committee

Committee Agreements:

- We agree to be respectful of each other

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- We agree to respect privacy by not sharing any personal information
- We agree to only ask questions and share comments related to the SDP
- During public comments, raise your hand and wait to speak until called
- One comment per person, unless there is time for additional questions or comments
- If your questions were not answered during the meeting, email your Harbor service coordinator or Harbor PCS team

Committee Chair Statewide Updates:

Deaka McClain reported she will attend the statewide Self-Determination meeting in person for the first time. All other meetings will continue via Zoom. A full update will be shared at the August meeting.

Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:

- New PCS Member:
 - Ricardo Orozco was introduced as a new Participant Choice Specialist (PCS) at Harbor.
- Antoinette Perez presented the Orientation Survey Results (July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025):
 - 43 responses received (40% return rate). Most respondents were family members or individuals served.
 - Diverse ethnic and language backgrounds were represented.
 - The majority of participants rated the orientation as 'Met Expectations' or 'Exceeded Expectations'.
 - Most respondents indicated plans to move forward with SDP.
 - Reasons for uncertainty included satisfaction with traditional services, complexity, and lack of time.
- Antoinette Perez presented the Annual Enrolled Participant Survey Results (March 23 – April 24, 2025):
 - 52 responses received (19% return rate). Survey covered experiences of participants enrolled in SDP for at least one year.
 - Feedback helped identify strengths and areas for improvement.
 - Harbor plans to continue collecting and reporting this data biannually.
- David Hernandez presented the Participant Directed Services (PDS) – Code 099 process which supports pre-transition services.
 - Up to 40 hours of support at \$50.48/hour
 - Services must be provided by a certified Independent Facilitator

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- Invoices must include: provider and participant information, service code, dates, descriptions, hours, and cost
- A sample invoice template was reviewed

Public Comments:

- Participants requested clarification on PDS 099 being retroactive. It was confirmed as a pre-transition service and retroactive.
- Comments expressed gratitude for the survey and suggested extending the completion timeframe beyond 30 days.
- Concerns were raised about service limitations and transparency regarding documentation.
- Questions were asked about updated provider lists and the role of PCS team members.
- Additional suggestions included phone-based surveys and ongoing regular survey collection.
- Multiple IFs expressed interest in being added to Harbor's resource lists.
- Concerns raised about app-based provider directories and quality control.
- A resource fair was proposed and supported by the committee.

SDP Success Stories:

David Hernandez shared several participant success stories and noted the positive impact of the program.

Closing:

- Upcoming Orientations:
 - June 12, 2025 (English) 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - June 26, 2025 (Spanish) 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Harbor Open House: June 24, 2025, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Next SDAC Meeting: August 6, 2025, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM via Zoom.

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- Chair Deaka McClain closed the meeting with a quote: "Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Teddy Roosevelt
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Machado