

HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER  
Self Determination Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2025

**Opening:**

Harbor Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) was called to order at 6:07 PM on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 via Zoom.

Quorum was established.

**Committee Member Present:**

Deaka McClain – Individual, Committee Chair

Tim'an Ford – Individual, Peer Advocate

Wendy Clutterbuck – Parent

Kathy Maye – Parent

Shirlys Gruber – Parent

Mayra Garcia – Parent

David Gauthier – Committee member

**Harbor Staff Present:**

Antoinette Perez – Director

Ricardo Orozco – PCS

Bernice Perdomo – CSM

Bryan Sanchez – CSM

Jimmy Silvestre – CSM

Becky Garduno – CSM

Johnny Granados – CSM

Kelsey Machado – CSM

**Visitors:**

Lucy Paz – Interpreter

Natima Nelly – OCRA

Albert Feliciano – SCDD

Sonni Charness – Guide light Group

ASLA

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Yolanda Gomez

Preselah Seymore – GT Independence

Junko Kubo

Kim Sinclair

Maria G Santos

Maria Zavala

Mariela Avila Garcia

Marleni Pineda

Ivan Ramirez

Jazmin Chandler

Jennette Lotrean

Adriana Ortiz

Allan Bravo

Amelia Castellanos

Brianna Viltz

Carmen Vasquez

Claire Seo

Deborah Smith

Zora Ngai

Veronica Del Cid

Rene Hurst

Rubi Saldana

Lulu

Naomi Hagel – Phoenix

Michelle David

Reiko Umeda

Michael Velasco

Jorge Ramos

Kayley Proenza

Cicile Taliaferro

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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:**

The September 3, 2025 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Wendy Clutterbuck, seconded by Tim'an Ford.

Minutes were approved.

**Committee Members Responsibilities and Agreements:**

Mission Statement (read aloud by Wendy Clutterbuck)

Committee Responsibilities (read aloud by Kathy Maye):

- 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

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Committee Agreements (read aloud by Tim'an Ford):

- We agree to be respectful of each other
- 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:**

Chair Deaka McClain shared statewide Self-Determination Program updates. Deaka reported continued participation in statewide meetings and encouraged community feedback on barriers faced by participants transitioning into SDP. Committee members discussed efforts to improve communication between regional centers and families to ensure consistent understanding of the program requirements.

**Harbor Regional Center Monthly Updates:**

- Ricardo Orozco reviewed current FMS at Harbor
  - 17 FMS total with Harbor
  - 15 Sole Employer (317)
  - 14 Co-Employers (316)
  - 17 Bill Payer (315)
- Antoinette Perez presented the RFP funds for the 2024-25 year
  - Total funds: \$97,762 for FY 2024-25.
  - Members provided suggestions for slight modifications to prior year's RFP proposal.
  - The committee voted and recommended that the funds for the 24/25 year be awarded for an IF training program for IF's who can reach underserved populations: language, ethnicity, and deaf/hard of hearing. Harbor will move to

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forward with updating previous year's RFP proposal for posting to the Harbor website.

- The committee discussed whether to keep the proposed FY 2025-26 allocations consistent with the previous year.
- Consensus was reached to recommend using the revised 24/25 RFP for the 25/26 year.
- Ricardo Orozco presented on the Person Centered Plan
  - PCP is a collaborative document highlighting an individual's vision, strengths, needs, and goals
  - Regional Centers fund up to \$1,000 for a PCP
  - Independent Facilitators may be certified as Person-Centered Planners.
  - Core principles include respect, choice, inclusion, independence, and flexibility.
  - The process involves preparation, exploration, vision-building, action planning, documentation, and review to adapt as needs change.
  - Discussed potential for future Harbor led trainings around development of and funding for PCP's.

**Partner Updates:**

- OCRA: Provided updates on client rights advocacy and training resources available to families and Independent Facilitators.
- State Council (SCDD): Shared information on regional events and ongoing statewide initiatives to expand Self-Determination access.

**Public Comments:**

Public comments included requests for more Spanish language resources, clarification on FMS model differences, and continued concerns about budget approval timelines. Families expressed appreciation for Harbor's transparency in posting updated provider lists and training dates but requested additional orientation times for bilingual attendees.

**SDP Success Stories:**

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Ricardo Orozco shared two participant stories illustrating how the SDP model has improved individual autonomy, community inclusion, and family engagement. Examples included a youth who achieved academic success through camp experiences and another participant who built daily living skills at home through a customized support plan.

**Closing:**

- Upcoming Orientations:
  - Thursday, October 9, 2025 (ENGLISH) @ 5 PM – 8 PM
  - Thursday, October 23, 2025, (SPANISH) @ 1 PM – 4 PM
- Next SDAC Meeting: November 5, 2025, 6 PM – 8 PM via Zoom.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kelsey Machado