

Alta California Regional Center
 Self-Determination Committee Meeting
 Wednesday March 8th, 2017
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
 Minutes

| Members Present: | Members Absent: |
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| Stacy Shaw SA | Nancy Libby FA |
| Lisa Cooley SA | Lana Knyazev SP |
| Joyce McNair FA | Nina Iliff FA |
| Carole Watilo SP | Margaret Lamb FA |
| Kimberly Terrell SA | Luis Rivera FA |
| Brittnee Gillespie DRC | Sonya Bingaman, SCDD |
| Christian Griffith FA | |
| Others Present: | |
| Jason Lindo, ACRC | |
| Robin LeMay (Support Staff), ACRC | |
| Joseph Hernandez, SP | |
| Kathy Brian, SCDD | |
| Legend: SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider | |
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1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from December 14th, 2016)

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

3. Sandis Data & Self-Determination Program Workgroup Summary – Jason

- Self-Determination Interest List
 - Currently have 2,162 clients on the Interest list.
 - Many families are hesitant to sign up until they know what the waiver will look like.
 - 175 names will be pulled from the list.
 - The criteria for names pulled will be targeted/random and assuming an algorithm will be used.

- Statewide Conference Meetings
 - The meetings are on hold and will not be reinstated until the waiver is passed.

- Workgroups
 - The group continues to meet and only members can participate.
 - The group consists of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and discusses the training modules for the Regional Centers.
 - The group met last on February 24th 2017.

- Self-Determination Program (SDP) Workgroup, Association of Regional Center Agencies Summary (ARCA):

- Jim Knight (DDS) Summary Report:
 - CMS interpreted the fee for the Financial Management Service (FMS) as a reduction to the Individual Budget. However, CMS was informed of how a reduction in the costs for other services is anticipated due to the individual rate negotiation process. Therefore, the funding saved through negotiation is available to pay for the necessary FMS. According to Jim Knight, CMS was receptive to the State's response to the CMS question. CMS has requested that the response to the question be included in the revised application.
 - CMS requested the state explain the formal rate structure of the FMS. DDS plans on elaborating on the negotiation process on the revised waiver application in order to provide a satisfactory answer.
 - CMS also requested that the state provide a specific number of days a person has to be in a crisis facility before they no longer qualify for the waiver due to the settings rule. The State is going to do further research and then answer respond appropriately on the revised waiver application.
 - In previous correspondence, CMS requested that the state provide information on the process of assessing providers to assure the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule settings requirements. Jim Knight explained that

the state did not intend to assess settings within the community that are totally integrated. For example, if an individual is currently independently employed at a local store earning a competitive wage, the State does not see it appropriate to perform a settings assessment on the local store. According to Jim Knight, CMS representatives indicated that they would discuss if the assessment protocol applies in this type of situation and follow-up with DDS.

- CMS asked for the state to develop and document in the revised waiver application how it plans on assuring that funded conferences, related trainings and materials address identified specific needs. Jim Knight explained that the State plans on discussing the comments made by CMS and revising the application as appropriate.
- CMS indicated that in order for respite to be included as a reimbursable service, the clause in the application "including day care" must be omitted due to the CMS regulations. Jim Knight stated that the waiver will be revised to make this change.
- During the teleconference, CMS indicated that the waiver application requests reimbursement for Specialized Therapeutic Services. However, the explanation of the services does not distinguish how these services differ from generic medical services. Jim Knight stated that the State will revise the application to separate the services out

instead of bundling them under the term “Specialized Therapeutic Services.” According to Jim Knight, the amount of time and the specialized supports to provide dental services, mental health services, and other health related services is much more extensive than coverage provided through Medi-Cal funding. DDS will explain these differences more fully.

- Jim Knight stated that they will revise the waiver application and resubmit the waiver within the next two weeks. According to Jim Knight, the revised waiver application does not have to be posted for public comment for the 30-day review period.
- DDS explained that a Training Webinar will be distributed to the regional centers in approximately a month. The required pre-enrollment trainings at the regional centers will commence after the approval of the waiver as part of the implementation process. Advocate members of the group requested to be a part of the webinar and the resulting in-person trainings.

4. Outreach Efforts by Committee Members

- Jason and Joyce presented on Self-Determination at the Network Café.
- There was a lot of interest and questions from agencies that could potentially provide services for regional center clients.

- There were general questions around eligibility and the type of supports they can provide.
- Jason made a commitment to provide another presentation at the Network Café to discuss specifics after the waiver has been passed.
- Jason and Sonya presented at the Choices Day Program in Roseville.
- Community members, family members and providers were in attendance.
- The plan is to provide a presentation at the MIND Institute soon.
- Sonya provided presentations at Studio 700 and MORE in Placerville.
- Kathy Brian attended a Russian Community breakfast and distributed information on Self-Determination.
- Kathy attends all of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) meetings and provides information there as well.
- Jason hopes to attend the Russian Disability Community Workgroup in the near future to provide information on Self-Determination.
- Lisa will be providing a presentation on the ABLE Act and Self-Determination at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 4th and 5th.

5. *Public Comment Period*

- No comments

6. Open discussion on Self-Determination:

- Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Carol questioned if the Self-Determination Advisory Committee should continue to meet since the Statewide Conferences have been put on hold.
 - Joyce questioned if meeting on Wednesday's is best for everybody.
 - Lisa advised that as long as she has two day's notice, she can be flexible with meeting dates.
 - Jason anticipates that by the next meeting there may be more topics to discuss as it relates to the Webinar Training and the Waiver.
 - Carol stated she would be in favor of suspending the meetings until there is more information.
 - The committee agreed to complete a survey one week prior to June's meeting to vote on whether to meet or not.
- Webinar Training
 - Kim is concerned that the training will be in Webinar format and not hands on. Kim questioned how it can be guaranteed that people will participate and pay attention.
 - Jason stated that he will send over these concerns to Sydney Jackson (ARCA) and Jim Knight (DDS).
 - Jason does not anticipate that the Webinar will be the only training and will be more basic as it will occur prior to the waiver being approved.

- Jason will email ARCA to see if the regional centers can preview the Webinar before it's rolled out.

7. *Dates for Future Meetings:*

- The SDAC committee will tentatively continue to meet quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month.
- A Survey Monkey Poll will be sent out to committee members one week prior to determine whether to meet or not.
- Next tentative meeting dates: June 14th, 2017, September 13th, 2017, and December 13th, 2017 at Alta California Regional Center.

8. *Identify agenda items for next tentative meeting*

- To be determined.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 A.M.