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Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
 Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
 Wednesday, July 13, 2022
 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
 Minutes

Members:	Present	Absent	Legend: SA – Self-Advocate FA – Family Advocate SP – Service Provider
Benita Shaw, FA	x		
Carmen Delgado, FA	x		
Daniel Meadows, SA		x	
Karen Mulvany, FA	x		
Kelsey Handcock, DRC		x	
Kenya Martinez, FA	x		
Kimberly Terrell, SA	x		
Lisa Cooley, SA (Chair)	x		
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA	x		
Pam Cheh, Community Resource Partner		x	
Tom Hopkins, SA		x	
Tracy Ligtenberg, FA	x		
William Reed		x	
Non-members Present:			
Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Kizi Smith, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Tracy Brown, ACRC Johnny Xiong, ACRC Samantha Carr, Participant Choice Specialists, ACRC Janet Roberts, Participant Choice Specialists, ACRC Cynthia Johnson, Participant Choice Specialists, ACRC	Faye Tait, ACRC Peter Mendoza, SCDD Anne De Medeiros, SCDD Maxine Paula Milam, DDS Margaux de Leon, Parent Amanda Pelaccio, Progressive Employment Concepts Janelle Lewis, Parent Melanie Stoneman, Parent Andre Garcia, DREDF	Laurel Ethan Carlene	

1. *Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair*

Welcome & Introductions (1:00 P.M.) There was not a quorum of members present. Agenda items were handled as informational until a quorum was established.

2. *Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from June 8, 2022)—Lisa Cooley*

A quorum was established at 1:11 pm. Chairperson Lisa Cooley requested the committee come back and vote on the approval of the agenda and minutes from the June 8th, 2022 SDAC meeting.

M/S/C (Karen/Kimberly) Made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

M/S/C (Karen/Kimberly) Made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2022.

3. *ACRC SDP Updates—Mechelle Johnson, Jennifer Bloom, Tracy Brown & Johnny Xiong*

- General SDP Update-
 - As of July 12, 2022, there are 139 SDP participants in total. The statistics breakdown was shared with the committee.
 - ACRC has six vendored FMS Agencies: Acumen, Aveanna, Cambrian, GT Independence, The Emlyn Group, Mains'I. Their contact information is listed on the DDS website.
 - ACRC meets quarterly with our vendored FMS agencies. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd. We have also invited them to join SDAC meetings.
- PCP Vendors: we have two PCP vendors. Lighted Path Solutions and Lincoln Training Center. There are other agencies in various stages of the vendorization process for PCP.
 - SDP Tracking: ACRC continues to update our internal spreadsheets which identify and track specific progress of participant's in the initial rollout of SDP. This provides information at a quick glance on where in the process each client currently is, which will assist us in understanding who is currently

- responsible for the next steps, as well as to continue to identify any barriers for the completion of enrollment.
- Statewide SDP Orientation is available in English and Spanish, and is a collaboration between SCDD and DDS. ACRC will promote widely.
 - Ongoing Meetings and Collaboration:
 - Weekly SDP and Q&A have been held every Thursday, since May 2021. SDP consultation committee also continues for SCs to staff case specific questions.
 - Three Participant Choice Specialists (PCS) provide daily support to agency staff.
 - Individual SDP case staffings with CSMs, PCSs, and ADs continue outside of the committee as needed.
 - Collaboration between regional centers continues.
 - Monthly Statewide SDP Meetings continue to occur.
 - ACRC HCBS internal workgroup will continue quarterly. HCBS Specialist continues to provide support to SCs on an individual basis.
 - ACRC Monthly Meetings with DDS continue; the last meeting was on July 1st.
 - Outreach: SCs continue to share information about the SDP Program with clients, this is documented on the 588. They also assist clients with registering for SDP Orientation, which is documented on our tracking sheet.
 - Mechelle will review DDS' directive and guidelines to better understand the expectations of FMS. She noted that ACRC staff are hearing from clients and families that the lack of availability from FMS' are a significant problem. The agencies may be impacted by the volume of participants transitioning into SDP as our numbers are steadily increasing.
 - Regional Centers may use SDP Implementation dollars to support clients with SDP transition; ACRC has \$39,000 in funding, which must be expended by March 2023.
 - ACRC will contact FMS agencies in order to gauge interest and secure additional agencies to provide this support. Mechelle asked the SDAC to consider holding a special meeting to vote on this proposal. We will ask the State Council for guidance.

- A question was asked if the funds will be disbursed to the FMS for training or do they go to the participants to help them through this process.
 - These funds will be paid to the person providing the service. Specifically, funds would be for the FMS agency that would help support the SCs, clients, and the planning team before a client flips the switch.
- Karen asked for clarification if this proposed additional support is already a duty of the FMS agency. Also proposed that it would be helpful to have a deeper understanding of the challenges and how FMS can help solve them.
- Benita shared that her preference would be delaying the Independent Facilitator (IF) training currently being proposed by Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC).

4. *Grant Funding Sub-Committee Update—Kenya Martinez*

- No update was shared. Was spoken in the previous agenda item.

5. *Help Wanted Sub-Committee Update*

- Update to be provided at August meeting.

6. *Progressive Employment Proposal - Presentation for Use of Implementation Funds followed by Committee Vote*

- Update to be provided at August meeting.

7. *Plan for Drafting and Timing of SDP Progress Reports and Recommendations – Discussion and Committee Vote*

- The SDAC would like to provide progress reports to DDS and the regional center on how the SDP implementation is progressing. ACRC has grown significantly in the last year. The statewide SDP numbers have increased largely to ACRC's efforts. DDS is in the process of putting together trainings for electronic verification for personal care respite codes. For participants who are using an agency, the agency will take care of this.

M/S/C (Carmen/Kimberly) Made the motion to approve the committee report.

8. *Action Items pending from prior SDAC meeting:*

- a. Rachael Palmer to provide update on Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC) SDP services.
 - Deferred until next meeting.
- b. Discuss and vote on holding a quarterly evening SDAC meeting.
 - This will be discussed in a later meeting due to rising COVID cases.
- c. Share date of additional Leap of Faith Boot Camp Orientation.
 - This was shared.
- d. Discuss social/recreational services and how that is reflected in SDP.
 - ACRC's Board approved this policy; waiting on DDS approval before posting to our agencies website and scheduling trainings.
- e. Discuss funding for \$2500 for PCP/IF getting into SDP. Is it for Person Centered Planning, Independent Facilitation, or both?
 - Yes, both.
- f. Who should be assigned to draft up regular progress reports from ACRC to DDS?
 - Completed
- g. DDS directive issued 11/4/2021 at: https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Participant_Choice_Specialists_October_2021.pdf
- h. Committee to decide priority areas for SDP implementation funding. Should this be discussed with a subcommittee at this meeting?
 - The subcommittee met and decided on priority areas based on a sense of urgency. The 2021 fiscal year information was shared with DDS. These funds need to be expended by March 2023. This is the plan moving forward.
 - The committee will discuss further at the July meeting.
- i. Rachel Palmer- How are average rates determined? done
- j. How will the rate study impact SDP? done

9. Public Comment Period

- Melanie Stoneman(mother) asked if it was possible for her to get paid during the person-centered planning process.
 - There is \$2,500 in funding available to families to assist them during the initial transition (e.g., help find service providers, etc.). If you wish to become an Independent Facilitator (IF), trainings are available.

- Please email Mechelle if you have additional questions.
- Adrienne Bridges, a Licensed Therapeutic Recreation Specialist with a special designation in Behavioral Health. She provides activities for people with special needs through her non-profit, Emunah True.

10. *SDAC Member Comment Period*

- Meena requested a list of vendors.
 - Jen reminded those present that SDP is based on choice, so there are no vendor lists. Any additional questions can be directed to Mechelle.
- Benita asked for clarification on FMS fees since client's no longer have to pay for them- How does this affect clients who are already in SDP?
 - Jen noted that the State's budget is signed and written guidance will be forthcoming. This question will be addressed at the August meeting.

11. *Future Dates for 2022 SDAC monthly meetings:*

- August 10, 2022, 1-3 pm
- September 14, 2022, 1-3 pm
- October 12, 2022, 1-3 pm
- November 9, 2022, 1-3 pm

12. *Identify agenda items for the next meeting*

- Benita requested that ACRCs new policy for Social Rec Policy be shared.
- Will client's who are already in SDP be reimbursed for the FMS that they have paid.
- Wait times for the expenditure report or the individual budget calculation.

13. *Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM*