

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
 Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
 Wednesday July 11, 2018
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
 Minutes

Members:	Present	Absent
Lisa Cooley SA	x	
Joyce McNair FA	x	
Kimberly Terrell SA	x	
Stacy Shaw SA	x	
Luis Rivera FA	x	
Nancy Libby FA	x	
Nina Iliff, FA		x
Carole Watilo, SP		x
Margaret Lamb, FA		x
Christian Griffith, FA		x
Brittnee Gillespie		x

Others Present:

Jason Lindo, ACRC
 Brittany Mangum (Support Staff), ACRC
 Phil Bonet, ACRC
 Sonya Bingaman, SCDD
 Joseph Hernandez, SP
 Nicole Patterson, DDS
 Jana Chapman-Plon, Attendant
 Bonita Ayala, FA
 Visitor 1, Visitor 2, FA Visitor 3 FA, Visitor 4 FA

Legend:

SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider

1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair

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

2. SDP (General Information Update)

- Update on DDS list and selection of names – 9/17/18 at 5pm. (Notification Date of names list to RCs and clients still undecided by DDS)
- Participation selection anticipated date – 10/1/18
- Random selection is based on algorithms, age, ethnicity, etc. Overarching principle is for it to be random. No one should feel because of their circumstances that they will not be selected. There are 7-8 categories that are taken in consideration including:
 - Disability type
 - Gender
 - Disability
 - Ethnicity
- FMS vendorization requirements and rates estimated completion deadline – 8/31/18 (Considerations for FMS handout).
- FMS advances vs. two set payments from regional centers is still being discussed. DDS continues to examine the capability of the Uniform Fiscal System.
- Individual Budgets guidance information estimated completion deadline- 8/15/18.
- Home and Community-Based Settings Requirements – targeted completion date of 10/31/18.

- Orientation Materials – the finalizing of all orientation materials for participants is targeted for 10/31/18.
- 2.8 million estimated annual budget DDS plans to target: 2-3 DDS staff to carry out background checks; Person-Centered Planning for participants; RC operations to support the work of implementation.
- Medicaid eligibility is separate from the waiver- granted based on specific conditions. There are many waivers under the Medicaid system. Self Determination is part of the HCBS Waiver. Being enrolled in the waiver is not a requirement, however, you must meet the IFC level of care. There are very broad guidelines, with no segregated services under Self Determination.
- As SDP rolls out, there will be more clarification regarding services from DDS.
- IMPORTANT STATEWIDE ADVISORY MEETING DATE – 7/19/18 the Statewide Advisory Committee will meet in Sacramento to test and review the training materials and take samples back to the local SDAC. It is necessary for our representatives to be present.
 - Beta test will be at the meeting on 7/19/18- 10/31/18 is the anticipated completion date per DDS.
 - Patti Diamond will also attend the meeting on 7/19. She will need to give feedback from a trainer perspective.

- Parents may be Independent Facilitators for their minor children, but unpaid. Still under discussion – foster parents and guardians serving in this capacity.
- Handouts of drafts of Participant Agreements as well as the Provider Agreements were looked over.
- There is not much of a way to determine if a child is living with foster parents temporarily or permanently. Hopefully we can work with counties for training on basics of what Self-Determination is so foster parents can be prepared. This should not be seen as a challenge or barrier.
- If you have a minor or adult child, and the parents want to be the Facilitator, the parent cannot be paid (there is still discussion on this topic) to avoid conflict of interest.
- The individual can pick whoever they want to be their Independent Facilitator, whether it is a friend or a neighbor. There are also individuals who can offer their services as trained Independent Facilitators.
- Technically, anyone can be a facilitator, but they need to attend meetings, whether it be in person or via skype. Guidelines are being worked on for the Service Coordinators and their role should a Service Coordinator be asked to be an Independent Facilitator.
- There will be specific training modules developed by the SDP work group on Independent Facilitators.
- ARCA/Amy Westling presented our resolution on plain and accessible language and volunteering to be a test SDAC for

orientation materials to the SDP work group who accepted the resolution.

3. Outreach Efforts by Committee Members- Joyce McNair

- As excited to come to this meeting as she was in 2015. She is looking forward to the rollout. Her main focus is outreach to general public. Adding members to committee. Outreached to Warmline and they will send out information in their monthly newsletter, as well as their Facebook page. Will look to spread this idea to other providers. Thankful to see new faces at committee today 😊
- Undocumented clients are afraid to be on such a small list because of current immigration laws.
- Information is handed out at every event and is on Facebook.
- More than 2,200 people are interested in program because of help from the RC. Kudos to those involved and self-advocates. This has been a group effort and it shows.
- There are a couple families in the Slavic community that talked to people in their community and encouraged people to watch video on our website about Self Determination (and PowerPoint) and started spreading the word themselves. We went from around 5 to about 30 Slavic individuals.

4. FSM Overview Presentation with Joseph Hernandez

- The Pilot for Self Determination is at Redwood Coast RC
General concept- the RC pays out to the IPP plan, FMS will be required to pay all service providers, making sure those people are qualified, labor laws, monthly budget, paying services they choose to use.

- Required to be vendored through RC.
- Amount of funds allocated.
- Background checks through DDS, HCBS rules, involved in SIR (anticipation for 8/31 deadline).

- Models for FMS services- what services you need
 1. Bill payer- cash flow, we pay based on IPP (Cheapest) 100.
 2. Fiscal agent employer- respite, skills, any aspect of IPP that is not employed by a RC vendored person. By doing so, the client/family are taking on responsibility- workers comp, insurance, etc. The bill stops at the family. (Middle range) 150.
 3. The compromise- the co-employer- the FMS shares employer responsibilities- workers comp, insurance, is able to fire/hire people. All laws will be in place. (Most expensive) 165.
 - 1 & 3 will probably be most utilized

- Working on implementing online services for the program. Billing, timecard, etc. This is being beta tested.
- With concerns about paper, this will be looked into for something more efficient.
- Looking at timecard to be electronic- first priority, since application is a one-time thing.

- Minor kinks are being worked out with the billing system.
- This model is pretty similar to what ACRC will be looking at when our Self-Determination rolls out.
- We cannot require a SIR from someone who is not vendored through ACRC- how to track SIR-FMS is responsible to track any SIR.
- The whole point is to be Self Determined- not having someone vendored.
- To put fears at ease, there will be an employer contract. There will be an independent facilitator and the SC for back up. The client is adhering to the 5 principles of SD. Risk management is to look at risk and make sure it doesn't happen or is taken care of.

5. Public Comment Period

- A parent can find out if his or her child is on the list by checking the DDS website, Self Determination page- link "check status" Enter child's UCI- if name is not on list, email Jason at SDP@altaregional.org. If client pulls out of initial roll out, if they re-submit their name in the 4th year.
- Sonya- 11th person is Brittnee, some are back in and want to stay on committee. Lana is off, Carole W. is off, Christian G. is on, Margaret L. hasn't responded.
- Committee will have more structured responsibility – need members to put in work. Law says that committee provides oversight.
- Phil asked Jason to reach out to the CSM to have the SCs reach out to caseloads to ask for names for SD.
- Come together to discuss list of names in meeting.
- One month time frame for new members of committee.

- Can break into work groups if needed.
- Can reach out to names on list that were not initially selected.
- 13 should be a good number of members, mixed group of members.

6. Open discussion on any issues related to Self-Determination Program:

- Survey monkey did not work out.

7. Dates for Future Meetings:

- September 12th (Brenda Smith)
- November 14th (Brenda Smith)

8. Identify agenda items for next meeting:

None

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M.