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Regional Center

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Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
1 to 3 p.m.
Minutes

Members:	Present	Absent	<p align="center">Legend:</p> <p>SA – Self-Advocate FA – Family Advocate SP – Service Provider</p>
Benita Shaw, FA	X		
Carmen Delgado, FA	X		
Daniel Meadows, SA	X		
Kelsey Handcock, DRC	X		
Kimberly Terrell, SA		X	
Lisa Cooley, SA (Chair)		excused	
Meena Kalyanasundaram, FA		X	
Tanishia Hubbard, Community Resource Partner	X		
Tom Hopkins, SA	X		
Tracy Ligtenberg, FA	X		
William Reed		X	
Margaux De Leon, FA	X		
Non-members Present:			
Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Kenisha Hurd, ACRC Tracy Brown, ACRC Johnny Xiong, ACRC Melissa Schuessler, ACRC Anne Shayler, ACRC Lisa West, ACRC	Lisa Hooks, SCDD Jaclyn Balanay, DDS Mirela Bere Beth Beswick Chelsea Coffin Cindy Cox Pam Haney Yasmin Herrera-Vilchez	Rosie Lasca, IFTA Sophia Mogannam Yadir Morales Rachel Palmer Teefy Amanda Pelaccio Kayley Proenza, DVU Emily Scholl Coughatta Seymore Kitty Sutcliffe	

1. Call to Order by Benita Shaw, Vice Chair

Welcome & Introductions (1:02 p.m.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes – Benita Shaw, Vice Chair

A quorum was established at 1:04 p.m. Vice Chairperson Benita Shaw requested the committee vote on the approval of today's agenda and the July 10th SDAC meeting minutes.

M/S/C (Daniel/Carmen) Made the motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting, with the elimination of item #6, and the July 10th meeting minutes.

The committee approved the revised agenda for today's meeting and the July 10th meeting minutes.

3. Public Comment Period

- Kayley Proenza, representing Disability Voices United (DVU), shared information about three bills that are on the Governor's desk – AB1147, SB1281 and SB1463. DVU is seeking support on these bills.
- Emily Scholl shared that a client that Progressive Employment Concepts (PEC) supports is experiencing delays in payments to providers. They are also having challenges regarding follow-through between the regional center and the FMS. FMSs are not aware of modified budgets and then are not paying providers.
- Yasmin Herrera-Vilchez also shared that the timelines for processing payments for SDP are delayed. Her experience is that there are delays in the regional center communicating with the FMS. There are delays in renewing services, as well. There are obstacles to getting the services that clients need. She has concerns, moving forward, as responsibilities shift. Yasmin is requesting that this committee meet on a monthly basis and that SCDD and ACRC provide more training for those that participate in SDP.

4. ACRC SDP Updates

A. General SDP Update

- Kenisha shared that as of September 2, 2024, ACRC has 418 individuals who have fully transitioned to SDP. Of those, 248 are White, and 170 are Non-White. The Ethnicity breakdown is Asian (62), Black (24), Latin (29), Mixed (46) and Other (9).

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- ACRC currently has 14 vendored Financial Management Service (FMS) Agencies: ACE, Action, Acumen, Aveanna, Cambrian, GT Independence, Essential Pay, FMS Pay, Laurence F. Padway, Mains'l, Public Partnerships, Ritz, Sisk Financial, and Sentinel Four. Their contact information is listed on the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') website. We continue to work on adding additional FMSs.
- The Statewide SDP Orientation continues to be available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Hmong, and Arabic from a collaboration between SCDD and the DDS. ACRC continues to promote and share this resource, including having PCSs attend and be available to all staff. If clients/families cannot make the times of the SCDD orientation, we are able to provide the LMS training in its place.
- There are seven PCSs currently supporting all case management units with plans to hire two more (one in Woodland and one in Grass Valley).

Ongoing meetings and collaboration

- The SDP team holds SDP drop-in labs for Managers and Lead SCs monthly.
- The SDP team holds SDP drop-in clinics for SCs once per month.
- Individual SDP case staffings with SCs, CSMs, PCSs, and ADs continue, as needed.
- Collaboration between regional centers continues.
- Monthly Statewide SDP meetings continue.
- PCSs continue to attend unit meetings to share information, resources, and technical support.
- There is an updated Directive for a new option for Participant Directed Services (PDS) for general SDP supports – ACRC will be working with our current PDS FMS vendor, Aveanna, to see if they are interested in offering this service to SDP participants.

Outreach

- SCs continue to discuss the SDP program with clients (documented on ACRC's IPP Services and Supports page) and assist with SDP Orientation registration and follow-up.

- Jennifer shared that ACRC reached out to Rosie Lasca, with Independent Facilitator Training Academy (IFTA), to gather recommendations on how to expand our outreach; she is in attendance today. Rosie shared details of her proposal, which includes:
 - Holding outreach workshops across eight of ACRC's ten-county catchment area (not in Alpine or Sierra Counties, but they will have a virtual option). Upon request, these workshops will be available in Russian, Punjabi, Hmong and Spanish.
 - Holding monthly SC Q&A sessions.
 - Establish a Resource Hub in plain language, which will be translated into Russian, Punjabi, Hmong and Spanish.
 - Rosie will also collaborate with community leaders to encourage in-person attendance.

5. Grant Funding Sub-Committee Update

- Carmen shared that the subcommittee met on August 16th to discuss how the SDAC would like to spend their Implementation Funding, which includes \$107,000 for 2022-23 FY and \$108,000 for 2023-24 FY.
 - At the last meeting, the committee approved the \$15,000 grant for the Supported Life Institute (SLI) Conference.
- In addition to a booth at the SLI Conference, we released a Request for Proposal (RFP), which is now posted on ACRC's website. The website also provides information on what are allowable expenditures.
- For the SLI Conference, SDAC members (Carmen, Lisa C. and Tracy L.) will be staffing a booth.
 - They will be showing a video on SDP and giving out SDAC swag items (e.g., tote bags, folders, notepads, sticky notes, pens and SDAC postcards – which will provide information on what this committee does).
In total, the cost for these items equates to \$2,992.50.
 - They received complementary tickets. ACRC staff will utilize the remaining complementary tickets.

M/S/C (Tracy L./Daniel) Made the motion to approve \$3,500 for swag items for various events.

- Regarding Rosie's proposal, Benita wants to make sure we are not duplicating something that we are already doing. She also wants to make sure we reach out to outlying areas, bringing more awareness of this committee.
- Margaux inquired if the training materials would be shared with the committee prior to implementation.
- Rosie is data driven and focuses on outcomes. She will provide monthly updates to this committee.
- They will be reaching out to all communities and all ethnicities. Jennifer noted that ACRC does not have many clients/families served in Alpine or Sierra County. These workshops will also take place during the winter. They will reach out to those two counties to offer virtual options.
 - Rosie will update the proposal to include Black/African American in the ethnicities that the outreaches will be targeting. She will also include an explanation as to why Alpine and Sierra Counties will not be included in the in-person workshops. Rosie will verify the cost and resubmit the proposal.
 - This item will be addressed in a special-call, virtual only, meeting on Tuesday, September 24th, at 3 p.m. The revised proposal will be sent out to committee members.

6. Action Items pending from prior SDAC meeting:

- a. Carmen would like to explore the next steps to attract members from rural communities to attend the SDAC meetings.

7. SDAC Member Comment Period

- No comments were shared.

8. Future Dates for 2024 SDAC monthly meetings:

- November 13, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

9. Identify agenda items for the next meeting

- Suggestion to hold monthly SDAC meetings.
- A recent SDAC public comment email will be discussed at the November meeting.
- Update on SLI Conference

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- Request to hold monthly SDAC meetings.

10. The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.