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Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)
Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC)
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Minutes

Members:	Present	Absent
Benita Ayala, 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
Tom Hopkins, SA	X	
Tracy Ligtenberg, FA	X	
Others Present:		
Brittany Mangum, ACRC Mechelle Johnson, ACRC Jennifer Bloom, ACRC Johnny Xiong, ACRC Tracy Brown, ACRC Faye Tait, ACRC Jessica Markov, ACRC Cindy Le, ACRC Heidi Dilley, ACRC Hannah Dunham, ACRC Nicole Dilley, ACRC	Thalia Castro Vega, ACRC Peter Mendoza, SCDD Maxine Paula Milam, DDS Joe Hernandez, SP Breanne Burris, 24 Hour Home Care Cindy Cox, First Choice Solutions, SP Geneva Steward Lily Allard Jody Bailey, MORE	Kidada Medina, FA Tammi Bradley, SDP Life Charles, FA Bethaney Temby Magdeline Zogopoulos Kelly Pennington Surya Natalie Cooper Rachael Palmer Margaux de Leon Chynna Glasson
Legend:		
SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider		

1. Call to Order by Benita Ayala, Co-Chair

Welcome & Introductions (1:06 P.M.)

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from August 11, 2021)—Lisa Cooley

- Meeting agenda and minutes:
 - Motion to approve minutes, by Carmen Delgado
 - Seconded by Tracy Ligtenberg
 - Approved with no abstention
 - Motion to approve, with amendments to agenda: call to order from 10 am to 1 pm and Delete #9, postpone #4, by Karen Mulvany
 - Seconded by Tracy Ligtenberg
 - Approved with no abstention

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

ACRC has created individual unit spreadsheets to identify and track the specific progress of each participant’s enrollment in SDP. (headers listed out below). 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.

ACRC will provide a quarterly report with data and will also be on our website.

Client Name (Last, First)	UCI	Unit Case Load	Orientation Completed (Use Drop Down)	Date Orientation Completed (Enter date mm/dd/yy)	Date IBCCT Signed by SC & Participant (Enter date mm/dd/yy)	Date Spending Plan Entered into SANDIS (Enter date mm/dd/yy)	Did Budget Change due to: (Use Drop Down)	New Budget Dollar Amount	FMS Identified (Use Drop Down)	SDP IPP Completed (Use Drop Down)	Is Background Check Needed for Service Providers (Use Drop Down)	Date Flipped Switch (Enter date mm/dd/yy)	After Switched Flipped Reviewd for SDP Waiver (Use Drop Down)
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Disenrollment of SDP (Use Drop Down)	Further Explanation for Disenrollment if Not listed in Dropdown in Column O
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UCI	Client Name	SC Code	Reason client chose not to move forward (please explain)
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- ACRC continues to have seven FMS vendored Agencies: Acumen, Aveanna, Community Interface Services, GT Independence, ARCC Center, The Emelyn Group, Public Partnerships, Mains'l. Their contact information and available FMS services are listed out on the DDS website.
- We had 5 but one was closed out by their choice. There are 4 remaining agencies in various stages of the vendorization process for PCP. One of the four remaining applicants is close to completion of the Service Delivery Plan and moving forward.
- **Reminder:** SDP Q&A Sessions for our community March 16-June 22, those are available in recorded form on ACRC's website on the SDP page. Exploring future engagement and topics/themes for discussion.
- **Ongoing-** SDP Q&A Sessions for our service coordinators every Thursday, 3-4pm, we started those on May 13 and are continuing them ongoing for now with no end date set. These provide an interactive opportunity to share updates, ask questions, and discuss any barriers/successes.
- **Recent topics:** HCBS Final Rule, Medicaid Waiver presentation, IPP development with PCP focus, implantation timelines and process.
- Statewide SDP Meetings, each month
- ACRC HCBS internal workgroup on 8/30 was our last one, next one is on 9/27. There are many HCBS assessments continuing, as well as consults with Service Coordinators as needed.
- ACRC Timelines Discussion currently making updates to include more steps to support service coordinators in each step of the process, including directions to access a preliminary 12-month expenditure report to share at the planning team meeting.
- ACRC Monthly Meeting with DDS; the last one was on 8/6, next one scheduled for this Friday on 9/10.

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- Service Coordinators are continuing outreach to clients to discuss the SDP program (included on the 588 now) and assisting them with registering for the LMS SDP Orientation, and this circles back to our tracking sheet for updates.
- Individual staffing's are ongoing with Client Services Managers and Associate Directors.
- Our IBCCTs are caught up!

A list of Disability Services key acronyms is attached with the minutes.

4. Committee Discussion on Hosing Presentations from Lending Works, Inc. a 11/10/21 SDAC Meeting—Committee

There are two entities, who are not providers of service, that will be funded under SDP that will provide service and funds who can assist folks in SDP for initial funding for SDP and forming a business plan.

CA SDP Network- online SDP providers and Independent Facilitators. Available for October meeting.

Committee needs to decide Mark Altieri from CA SDP Network in March, Lending Works in November.

- Committee agrees to these times.

Carmen and Tracy would like to limit the amount of time for the presenters to 10 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of Q&A.

5. Update on the 2021-2022 Budget as it Pertains to SDP, Including New Ombudsman Office—Mechelle Johnson, ACRC

See link below:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB136

6. Update from SDAC Ad Hoc Committee for Providers—Karen Mulvany, Chair of Ad Hoc Committee for Providers

Working on training for providers. The PAC will be requesting a decision to see if the SDAC's ad hoc committee can do a presentation.

Karen asked if anyone would be willing to share their SDP success stories. SDP participants interested in speaking about their SDP success stories with an agency please contact kmulvany@gmail.com.

7. Discuss Written Public Comment—Benita Ayala, SDAC Co-Chair

Benita explained that this segment is for the public to bring forward comments or questions. If they are specific questions or concerns regarding a specific client or case, then PLEASE do not reach out to this inbox. Email Mechelle Johnson if you have specific questions or concerns regarding SDP about your or a loved one's case at: sdpquestions@altaregional.org

8. Ideas for SDP Grants- Approximately \$100,000—Committee

The committee needs to come up with a plan for how the funds will be used. There needs to be a subcommittee created.

Kenya, Carmen, Karen volunteered for this subcommittee.

Suggestions:

- Outline what we want to see from a marketplace provider which would meet needs the needs of the client.
- Would Like ACRC to provide link on website to this marketplace.

Please email Benita if you would like to be on the subcommittee at: bjc9702@gmail.com

9. Presentation from California Self-Determination Program Network on New Website—Mark Altieri, California SDP

Will present at future meetings.

10. Public Comment

SDAC community attendee, Charles, introduced himself as a software engineer and would like to help with the process on the marketplace of service providers. He is a former Face Book/Apple software engineer and have been thinking about working on this project with a few other colleagues. He would love to learn who he can connect with from the regional center or DDS on this. He can be reached at: charlesydu@gmail.com

Natalie Cooper posed two questions: When will SCs understand unmet needs for clients who have aged out? Is there a team of Service Coordinators and managers who know the law?

Cindy Cox, from First Choice Solutions, shared that she is about to help someone flip the switch with SDP. She also feels that the knowledge among about unmet needs seems to be uneven across service coordinators at ACRC.

Tammi Bradley shared a flyer for an event sponsored by Sacramento United People First that is attached with the minutes.

Kidada Medina made significant progress and will report at next meeting. She feels SDP is a rough process and Service Coordinators seem to not know the process. She has seen progress in last 1-1 ½ months.

11. SDAC Member Comments

Kenya shared a Save the Date flyer regarding guidance and resources to help get your child through the school year is attached with the minutes.

Karen appreciates the ongoing progress and work on the website.
Budget ideas for trainings:

- Training for Independent Facilitators, participants, family members, and service coordinators.

Kenya and Benita have participated in the Person-Centered Training. She found it to be a really difficult and a taxing process. This was not an accredited training, so maybe the group can look into trainings that will be accredited next time around.

Benita had questions for ACRC:

- Have service coordinators come to these meetings so they can hear the feedback.
- The timeline that ACRC spoke to is, if the timeline is not working, then what purpose does the timeline serve?
- What is ACRC doing to make the timeline work?
- What is a client or family member to do when they are waiting and not getting an answer?
- Why are FMS asking clients for their birth certificates?

Benita also shared that she heard that some service coordinators are working from older forms and delaying the process of SDP.

Carmen suggests having an Action Items section on the agenda so the questions/concerns are held accountable.

Kimberly shared her concerns about the budget being based on the previous 12 months of traditional services.

12. Identify agenda items for next meeting:

- 024 Reimbursement Process
- How to address unmet needs and change in circumstance
- Data on clients at the age of 18
- Staff trainings and percentages
- Approve meetings dates for 2022
- Standing item on agenda:
ideas/recommendations/improvements to send to ACRC and DDS.
- Clarification from DDS how a certified budget on rate increase on August 2022
- Presentation from California Self-Determination Program Network on New Website—Mark Altieri, California SDP

14. Dates for Future Meetings:

- October 13, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM
- November 10, 2021, 1 PM- 3 PM

15. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 PM