



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES
8/31/15 Approved**

Date: Monday, August 3, 2015

Start Time: 7:00 pm

End Time: 8:30 pm

Location of This Meeting: Regional Center of the East Bay/Concord Office

Location of the Next Meeting: RCEB/San Leandro, 500 Davis Street

Self-Determination Program Updates:

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/SDPUpdates.cfm>

Attendees:

Committee Members Present: Pamela Baird, Nickole Bouslog, Esther Chow, Morena Grimaldi, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Irene Litherland, Maria Marquez, Dianne Millner, Darcy Ting

Committee Members Absent: Kim Luqman [excused]

Staff Present: Jim Burton, Pam Thomas, Michi Toy

Guests: Guy Houston, Pam Perls, Mark Polit, Gabriel Rogin, Anne Struthers,

Welcome and Introductions

Anne Struthers, RCEB Board President, facilitated this 2nd meeting in RCEB's Concord office. Attendants were greeted and self-introductions were made.

Agenda Item: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

A ballot vote with four volunteer for the Chair/Vice-Chair was conducted at this meeting. The ballots were tallied and the Chairperson is Vi Ibarra and the Vice-Chair is Maria Marquez.

Agenda Item: DDS Updates on Self-Determination

- The Federal approval date for Self-Determination continues to be delayed; moving from fall 2015 to January 2016.
- Therefore, the actual implementation of the program cannot begin until after we receive the approval.

- However, we can work on setting up the training and structural aspects of the program before we receive that approval.

Agenda Item: New Law Governing SD

- The biggest challenge is the new federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [CMS] rules on settings and services requiring that any new SD proposal from the state address and deal with the new setting requirements. These brand new rules are being re-interpreted regularly.
- The final trailer bill language that was passed and signed into law by the Governor indicates an increase in the original number of 2,500 participants statewide for the first three years; however, it will take approval by the Department of Finance.
- Placements and residents of Sonoma Developmental Center will be able to have an opportunity to take part in SD.

Agenda Item: Information Sharing

- RCEB is on track with where we should be in this committee.
- The Self-Determination *Advisory* Group is made up of the Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA] Executive Directors of all the regional centers who meet monthly.
- Nancy Bargmann, Deputy Director of the Department of Developmental Services [DDS] has resigned, and the successor should be appointed soon. The Assistant Deputy Director, Jim Knight will take over until then.
- The Department of Finance [DOF] states that upon a request from the Department of Developmental Services, and no sooner than 30 days notification to the joint legislative budget committee, the DOF can consider increasing the initial group size of 2,500 members to a larger amount, within the first 3 years. This excerpt will be included in the next packet to be sent to you. There are several unknowns about how the budget will be evaluated for those leaving SDC.

- Financial Management Services [FMS] and Independent Facilitators are required by the Government in order to put the program through. RCEB currently does not have a vendored FMS. These services will handle the payroll, bookkeeping, budget management, etc.
 - Key barrier to finding a FMS is employer liability- to bear the sole responsibility as the employer. This is similar to an Employer of Record [EOR] which is what we currently use. Costs will come from the consumer's budget.

Agenda Item: Training and Outreach

- The Self-Determination Advisory Group has put together several training videos and materials that will be shared with our local advisory committee. Some of the subjects are on our agenda today; Financial Management Services, Independent Facilitators, background checks, etc. so we may move those items to the next month's agenda.
- The Autism Society of Los Angeles did an all-day Self-Determination Independent Facilitator Certification Training class in our San Leandro office on May 17th. The booklets that you received were created by this group.
- The training material is in works to be available in other languages.
- Peer to peer training by consumers may also be an option.
- RCEB partners with many organizations- our delegate agencies La Familia Counseling Services [LFCS] and Asian Community Mental Health Services, and the Developmental Disability Councils in both counties are a few.
- We will be introducing the Self-Determination concept at the Congreso Familiar Conference on August 8th.
- Case Managers have not been trained on this program yet.
- This committee can also be trained on Self-Determination prior to anyone else so that they can give their input, then the possibility of committee members helping with the training in their communities.

Agenda Item: Background Checks

There are different levels of background checks that are administered for prospective employees as well as different requirements of checks. An issue would be the type of background check that takes 3 months for finalization. Materials from DDS will be shared. Cost will come from the consumer's budget.

→ See Page 7 from the training book.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

Self-Determination Meeting Schedule- Monday's at 7:00 pm:

- August 31st in San Leandro
- October 5th in Concord
- November 2nd in San Leandro
- December 7th in Concord

Homework→ Bring a comprehensive list of network groups that you have connections/affiliations with for training opportunities.

Next meeting:

Monday, August 31, 2015 at 7:00pm

Location of the next meeting:



Creekside Plaza
500 Davis Street, Suite 100
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