



SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Monday, June 29, 2015

Start Time: 7:10 PM

End Time: 8:50 PM

Location: Regional Center of the East Bay/San Leandro Office

Self-Determination Program: <http://www.dds.ca.gov/sdp/>

Attendees

Committee Members Present: Pamela Baird, Nickole Bouslog, Esther Chow, Morena Grimaldi, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Irene Litherland, Kym Luqman, Maria Marquez, Dianne Millner [via phone]

Committee Members Absent: Darcy Ting [excused]

Staff Present: Jim Burton, Pam Thomas, Michi Toy

Guests: Lani Escueta, Nimfa Gamez, Gabriel Rogin, Will Sanford, Anne Struthers, Joshua Sullivan, Brianne Summeril, Amy Tessler

Welcome and Introductions

Anne Struthers, RCEB Board President, facilitated this first meeting in RCEB's San Leandro office. Attendants were greeted and self-introductions were made.

Agenda Item: Expectations of the Local Advisory Committee

Mr. Burton thanked everyone for volunteering for this advisory committee and explained the selection process for members of the committee.

- The committee was asked to refer to the *Self-Determination Think Outside the Box* booklet created by the Autism Society of Los Angeles, page 13 section (11)(1) containing Senate Bill No. 468 which outlines how Self-Determination will be implemented in California.
- Mr. Burton informed the committee of the charge, direction, and goals for the committee.
- Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Bay Area Office spoke about the relationship between the

ethnic and geographic population of our community and how the committee members were chosen as representative of that community, and elaborated on all the parameters that were used in appointing members.

Agenda Item: Brief Overview of the Law

- Mr. Rogin also spoke about the role of the committee members in making sure that this program is rolled out in a manner that is consistent with the principals of self-determination that are specifically written into the law.
- Mr. Rogin referred everyone to page 14 of the Self-Determination book (Z)(2) A-E. It is also outlined on page 34 of the same book as he went over the principles of self-determination.

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB468]

- Mr. Rogin referred the committee to page 8 (2)(k) regarding the goals and objectives of the IPP team.

Agenda Item: Timeline

- Mr. Burton and Will Sanford have served on the statewide task force established many months ago that was specifically set up to facilitate implementation of the Self-Determination program in California.
- Mr. Sanford spoke about the challenges of informing our population and the responsibility that goes with it, and elaborated on the foundation that the task force laid out specifically for this program.
- A video was presented that interviewed participants and families who had participated in the Self-Determination program.

Mr. Burton gave a timeline of where we are in self-determination

- 12/31/14 The State submitted the Self-Determination program application to the Federal Government's Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services [CMS]. This application was not accepted as submitted and CMS asked the State to pull it back. Issues had to do with notice, and public comment on California's application. It also was not initially accepted until it could be determined how California's Self-Determination program complies with new rules issued by the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services [CMS]. CMS is requiring that the plans be consistent with these new rules.
- As of date, the State has not re-submitted their request to CMS, although CMS has responded positively to the overall proposal from the State.

- CMS indicated that it is not able to approve of the proposal yet. It is estimated that CMS approval might occur this Fall/Winter 2015. Until Federal approval is achieved, California cannot proceed with the Self-Determination Program.

Agenda Item: Organizing for the Future

- There will be a phase-in period with a maximum of 2,500 California participants [155 in our area] in the first three years of the Self-Determination Program where each participating regional center will get a specific allocation of participants based on their percentage of the population of consumers statewide.
- There has been very recent information that the legislature and administration will expand the number of initial participants allowed.
- Those who are residing in state developmental centers such as Sonoma State Developmental Center will also have the option of participating in this program.
- Mr. Burton went through the parameters that will be used by the Regional Center and the Department of Developmental Services [DDS] in selecting the initial participants; expression of interest, training, random selection and ethnic representation.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

Frequency: It was agreed that we should meet once a month for a while, in order to build on the momentum that was started.

Time: It appears that the 7:00pm is a good time for most.

Location: We will be alternating between our RCEB offices in San Leandro and Concord

HOMEWORK

- Think about co-chairing this committee. We can then take nominations and vote.
- Read the Self-Determination *Think Outside the Box* booklet from the Autism Society of Los Angeles that was given to you at this meeting. Jot down any questions/comments you would like to bring up at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 3rd at 7:00pm in our **Concord Office**



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