



Self-Determination Advisory Committee

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June 11, 2019

Minutes

Attendees:

Ameen Ali

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Aimee Delgado (OCRA)

Absent:

Margaret Barcelo

Molly Chen

Andrea Erickson

Aaron Hinojosa

Mercedes Ospina-Manotas

Saniyyah Rasheed

SCDD:

Sofia Cervantes

Staff:

Lucina Galarza

Rosa Chavez

Tim Travis

Beth Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chair, Ameen Ali. There wasn't a quorum.

1) Introductions

Introductions were made by Committee members, as well as by Audience.

2) Public Comment Period

Parent expressed appreciation to FMS vendors for participating at the Meet & Greet tonight.

***San Gabriel/Pomona
Regional Center***

- Sofia Cervantes made a point of clarification regarding training for independent facilitators. Anyone who serves as an independent facilitator needs training whether or not they receive payment.
- Lucina Galarza shared that a certificate of attendance was being given to everyone who has attended one of the Self-Determination orientation trainings. This certificate lists the specific areas of training provided, i.e., Principles of Self Determination, Spending Plan, Role of the FMS, Person Centered Planning Process, Budget Categories/Approved Services, Role of Independent Facilitator, Individual Budget, Importance of Meeting the CMS Final Rule, and Reporting Abuse and Neglect. Certificates are being distributed at tonight's meeting and will be mailed to participants who are not present.

3) Review and Approval of May 14, 2019 SGPRC Local Advisory SDP Meeting Minutes

- As there isn't a quorum, this item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- For clarity, Ms. Cervantes (SCDD) asked that her name be removed from the Agenda sidebar which lists the names of Committee members. Ms. Cervantes is not a voting member of the Committee.

4) Status on Orientations to selected Families/Individuals and Current Status of Participants

- Tim Travis shared the following:
 - On May 14, the Self Determination Advisory Committee requested information regarding the reason for withdrawal and the ethnicity of SDP participants who have voluntarily disenrolled from the SDP program. To date, there have been

32 people who have voluntarily disenrolled. Mr. Travis distributed a handout on this information and reviewed it with the group.

- Mr. Travis attended a Federal Review meeting recently at which the Department gave an update based on the monthly reports they've received from the regional centers.
 - As of May 15 all Regional Centers have held at least one orientation. Sixty orientations have been held statewide with 550 individuals completing participant orientation. Fourteen have completed the Person Centered Plan. Also, 204 people out of 2500 have withdrawn as of May 25.
 - Premier is the first FMS entity vendored. It was vendored by San Andreas Regional Center. Another six providers will be vendored before June 30.
 - There is no timeline from DDS yet regarding when the individuals who've withdrawn will be replaced.
 - Mr. Ali asked how ethnicity is determined. Parents and individuals indicate their ethnicity when they sign up for services at the regional center.
 - Some regional centers began orientations in May. All are at different points in the process.
 - Mr. Ali asked to see the number and ethnicity of participants at each regional center who have withdrawn from the program. Mr. Travis said he can follow up with DDS. Ms. Galarza pointed out that SGPRC may have higher numbers of participants who've withdrawn since we are further along in the process than some other regional centers.

5) SCDD Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting – held June 10, 2019

- Statewide meeting was held on June 10th and 11th in Sacramento.
- Mr. Ali said Mrs. Rasheed attended. Mr. Ali said he may ask others on the Committee to participate in the future.

6) SCDD Sponsored Trainings

- Independent Facilitator trainings are scheduled on June 24 (Spanish) and June 25 (English) at SGPRC at 9am. Individuals can register with SCDD. Certificates will be distributed at the completion of training. As there is no cost related to the training, participants are asked to bring their own lunches. There will be a 45-minute lunch break.
- Another session of Person Centered Planning in English will be held at SGPRC on June 13 at 5pm.
- Ms. Cervantes encouraged people to sign up for the SCDD newsletter which lists all upcoming trainings.

7) Meet & Greet Meetings

- Ms. Galarza shared that today's morning and evening meetings were focused on FMS. Meet & Greets for May and June have been held in the morning as well as in the afternoon right before the 6pm Advisory Committee meeting. Beginning in July, the Meet & Greets will only be held at 5pm. Families will continue to choose the topics for these meetings. July's Meet & Greet will cover the steps involved in Self Determination. People will be able to ask questions and to suggest future topics.

- Families had asked for a list of participants' names and phone numbers so they can network. This Self Determination Participant Network sheet will be mailed to those who've signed it and have indicated their willingness to participate.

8) CMS Final Rule

- If a service is in a place that is intended mostly for people with disabilities and/or you receive a service with a group of other people with disabilities, then the setting (or place where services are received) must be assessed to ensure compliance with the HCBS Final Rule. This information was covered at the Orientation.
- *Assessment tool not complete yet. (Correction per 7/9/19 meeting)*

9) Process used to document a family's request to disenroll from the Program

- SGPRC will send certified letter to families so they can sign and indicate in writing that they are not interested in participating in the program. The certified letter can be tracked to ensure receipt by the family.

10) Skeletal Plan of milestones reached as one progresses through the Program

- Ms. Galarza distributed a handout on suggested milestones related to the Self Determination process. Discussion followed.

11) Vendor rates and access to them

- Mr. Travis provided a handout “Rates of Reimbursement for Non-Residential, Excluding Transportation, Miscellaneous and Supported Living Services”. Rates are also available on the DDS website and on a link on SGPRC website. For the August Meet & Greet, SGPRC staff will review with families and participants how to access rates.

12) Invite Speaker from Early Pilot Program to Share at Meet & Greet or Advisory Committee meeting

- Ms. Galarza is following up with ELARC on this. She will provide update at next month’s meeting.

13) Future Topics

- Update on Meet & Greet meeting - discussion on skeletal milestones.
- Discussion on vendor rates at future Meet & Greet.
- SCDD Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee Meeting
- Speaker from Pilot program at ELARC
- Discussion about Committee member who has not attended monthly meetings

14) Second Public Comment Period

- Parent asked how DDS will follow parents as they move through program. DDS will be informed by regional centers through monthly reports which will indicate any issues. Federal program audits will provide feedback. IPPs will indicate participants’

feedback about the program. FMS will provide feedback. Self Determination is a voluntary program, people can disenroll. If they choose to leave the program, once it is opened to all, they can re-enroll after a 12-month period.

- Parent would like explanation about rates and terms used. She referred to the handout on “Rates of Reimbursement for Non-Residential, Excluding Transportation, Miscellaneous and Supported Living Services”. This can be discussed at a future Meet & Greet.
- Parent appreciated being notified of tonite’s meeting through RCAPS.

15) Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 9

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm