



Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

SDRC: 4355 Ruffin Road, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92123

SDRC: 512 W. Aten Road
Imperial, CA 92251 (Video Conference)

1. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 1:40, due to a motorcycle accident, fire, and Charger Football game.
Members in attendance were Chris Lubinski (FA); Joyce Clark (FA); Karen Meier (SA); Megan Chambers-Lazat (A); Eva Melendez (FA); Rigoberto Zavala (SA) and Sandra Kanczuzewski
Guests present: Gabriella Ohmstede (A); Nancy Stephenson (FA); Paul Mansell (SA) and Mary Ellen Stives (A)

A quorum was established, and a brief overview of the role of the Self-Determination Committee was provided for the members of the public.

2. Public Input: There was no public input
3. Approve outstanding minutes: Since there was no quorum at recent meetings, the committee had to go back to the meeting minutes from February 2016, and these minutes were unanimously approved. March 2015 minutes were also unanimously approved, the June 2016 minutes were approved, and the July 2016 meeting minutes were approved with one minor correction on page 2 regarding the enrollment and outreach. The information will be provided in multiple languages, not just English and Spanish.
4. Membership Update: Chair Clark reached out to Suzanne Goh, who was on vacation, but Joyce was informed by support staff that the role Suzanne had recently changed and she might not be able to continue on the committee. Hopefully Suzanne will respond when she returns from vacation. There was no response from Chanae Jackson, and Michelle Bartick does plan to continue to serve on this committee, but has a conflicting appointment today.

Mary Ellen will do some research again to see if other committees have a process for replacing Members that no longer attend, and are not responding to inquiries. Hopefully this information will be provided at the next meeting.

5. Developmental Disability Services (DDS) Work Group Update: There have been no meetings at the Department of Developmental Services over the summer. Mary Ellen reported that at the State Council meeting in July, the representative from Health and Human Services said she believed the Waiver application should be completed by the end of August, and posted for public comment at the beginning of September prior to being re-submitted to CMS.

6. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Update: There has not been another meeting of the SCDD Statewide Self-Determination meeting during the summer. Mary Ellen will follow-up however to see if the SCDD will be responsible for providing the information in multiple languages.
7. Enrollment and Outreach Strategies/Recommendations: Gabby will be sending information on how people can sign-up for the informational meetings, and the DDS website is also a place for people to sign-up for updates regarding Self-Determination. There is no confirmation on how many languages the materials will be available in. The draft brochure was distributed, and members of the committee were asked to review it and provide input to Mary Ellen via email, or can bring suggestions and ideas to the meeting in September.

A member of the public had a question regarding former consumers that might not be in the SDRC system any longer because they could not get the services they needed. Given the opportunity to purchase meaningful services will be available in this new system, some of these individuals might want to re-open their case. Megan offered to do some outreach for the people that would fall into this category, so that bridge will be crossed when the meetings are scheduled.

The committee reviewed two articles that Megan had drafted for inclusion in the November edition of "The Communicator". The selected article was "Top 10 Things to Know About Self-Determination". It was also reported that there would be space set aside in each edition for updates and information regarding Self-Determination. Rigoberto also suggested utilizing the radio and newspaper in Imperial for announcing information, and he offered to be interviewed if the committee thought that would help. Megan asked what stations in Imperial put the non-profit announcements on their station, and Karen suggested KPBS locally. Utilizing school resources such as fairs and the CAC through the SELPA as places to advertise, as well as the Department of Rehabilitation and Farmers Markets.

Gabby said she had a conversation about the mailing, and she was informed she could only send a mailing for the people identified as being in the Purchase of Service Disparity populations. Gabby was informed that the center could not afford to do a mailing for the entire center. Mary Ellen asked if information could be included in the Annual Cost Statement, but timing of the information would be a factor with that. Space on the postcard that is sent with the Communicator information, such as a corner was suggested as well.

8. Community Training/Recommendations: Once trainings begin, they will need to be done everywhere, in all languages, during the day, in the evening, and on weekends. Reaching as many people as possible is imperative, so once materials are ready to be shared, getting the word out about these meetings will be critical.
9. Future Agenda Items: Updates on Statewide meetings, brochure updates. The possibility of changing the meeting day and time was also brought up, with a suggestion that Tuesday through Thursday might be a better day for people. Gabby would have to check with the availability of the conference room however, as there are many set meetings already scheduled.
10. Future Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 1:30 in the main boardroom, suite 100 of the San Diego Regional Center, 4355 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123, and the meeting will be video-conferenced to the Imperial office at 512 W. Aten Street.
11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:05.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Stives.