



Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2016

Meeting convened at 1:30 pm

Members In Attendance: Christopher Lubinski (FA); Joyce Clark (FA); Megan Chambers-Lazet DRC, (A); Sandra Kanczuzweski (FA);

Ex-Officio Members: Gabriella Ohmstede (A), SDRC; Mary Ellen Stives, SCDD (A)

Members Absent: Michelle Bartick (SA); Suzanne Goh, (A); Chanae Jackson (FA); Rigoberto Zavala (SA); Eva Melendez (FA); Karen Maier (SA);

Guests Present: Connie Strohbehn (FA); Michael Strohbehn (SA); Paul Mansell (SA); David Jespersen (FA); Carol Larkin (FA); Yvetter Torres (A)

Welcome and Introductions: Self- introductions by members and guests.

Public Input: A member of the public asked how many people from San Diego were in the pilot, and how many will be in the rollout once Self Determination is approved. There are two people that remain from the Self Determination pilot, and there will probably be around 200 people included in when the program is available, but exact numbers are not available at this time. The numbers of people included will be based on a certain percentage of each regional center consumers.

Approve Outstanding Minutes: There was not a quorum present to take any action.

Membership Update: There has been one new applicant, so that information was sent to the Statewide Self Determination Membership Committee, and will be reviewed at their next meeting.

Developmental Disability Services (DDS) Work Group Update: It appears things are in a holding pattern for now, and the HCBS Waiver application is on the DDS website, and public comment is being accepted until September 29, 2016. The trainings for regional center staff have not been developed yet, as there were too many changes with the module. There will be a Statewide DDS Work Group meeting on Monday, September 26 from 10:00 – 3:00, and Gabby will send out the information when received. There is also a Transition Plan update on Tuesday, September 27 from 3:00 to 5:00.

SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Update: There is going to be another Statewide Self-Determination meeting for the regional advisory committees on Thursday, October 27 in Sacramento. More information to follow.

SDRC Outreach Plan (Internal/External): Outreach efforts have been more internal than external, with Gabby creating a spreadsheet to maintain for people who are interested in participating in self-determination when it becomes available. Gabby provided training to program managers to let them know that she is the contact and people can ask their service coordinator to inform Gabby if they are interested. Additionally, Gabby will be going to the various units to share information and answer questions from staff.

Megan Lazat submitted the article for the upcoming edition of the “Communicator” that will be out in November.

The conversation raised questions as to how the service coordinators for people will be assigned once the rollout begins. Members thought that idea of keeping caseloads small with the same service coordinators for the first

three years might be a good idea, so that good information could be maintained. This is likely to be addressed at future meetings as well.

Enrollment and Outreach Strategies/Recommendations: Some of the opportunities to share information and reach out to the community are through the numerous events held locally such as the FERIA Conference, IEP Day, Leading the Charge Conference, the CaPROMISE Institute, People First Conferences in both San Diego and Imperial Valley, the upcoming Parent Training in Imperial, etc. Megan also brought along the postcard the SDRC utilizes to announce the Communicator when it is available, and pointed out a box on the front that could possibly be utilized to share information regarding public meetings once they are scheduled. As for the people identified as being in the Purchase of Service Disparity group, they will receive information in their native language, but the committee needs to check with the Statewide Self-Determination Committee to see if they will be providing the translation for that.

Community Training Recommendations: The idea was presented to set up a separate email box for people to express interest in trainings when they become available. Gabby agreed to explore this possibility. Paul M mentioned that many people do not have email addresses, so we need to start developing a list of agencies where we can do outreach and trainings, such as UPAC, etc. The money that is designated to address the disparity issues might be utilized to fund translation, but that is yet to be confirmed. Gabby would like to focus on training all the Service Coordinators about Self-Determination in order to provide good customer service.

A suggestion was made that any suggestions or advice to the SDRC should be formalized and submitted in writing.

Future Agenda Items: How do other areas get a quorum for their meetings? This question will be raised at the statewide meeting in October.

Future Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 1:30 in the Boardroom, Suite 100 of the San Diego Regional Center, 4355 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123, and will be video-conferenced to the Imperial Office of the SDRC at 512 W. Aten, Imperial, CA.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Stives