



Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2017

Meeting convened at 9:30 am

Members In Attendance: Christopher Lubinski (FA); Joyce Clark (FA); Rigoberto Zavala (SA); Megan Chambers-Lazet DRC, (A); Gabriella Ohmstede (A), SDRC; Mary Ellen Stives, SCDD (A)

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

Guests Present: Paul Mansell (SA); Andrew Lindhart (SA); Tara Lindhart (FA); Rosella ? and ? (Sorry, no sign-in sheet went around, but both women were from the Spanish speaking Autism support group, and at the end of the meeting, they requested a translator be present for the next meeting)

Welcome and Introductions: Self- introductions by members and guests. Joyce Clark welcomed the new guests, and provided a brief overview of Self-Determination.

Public Input: None

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

Membership Update: The Membership Committee is going to be meeting on March 6, 2017 and will be reviewing the application from Kim Rucker, Self-Advocate.

SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Update: Nothing new to report since the meeting in October. Mary Ellen Stives mentioned that the DDS Workgroup met this week, and Jim Knight stated that the same two questions raised at the Statewide Self-Determination Meeting in October. The two issues were about what happens in the event of emergency services needing to be provided, and who will pay for the Fiscal Management Service.

Enrollment and Outreach Strategies/Recommendations: The official trainings are still in a holding pattern because not all modules have been completed by DDS. Gabby has scheduled six trainings – 1.5 hours in length – for all affected service coordinators at the SDRC. The information to be provided will be related to the process to get clients on the interest list to insure they are advised when the “official” trainings will occur; provide the brochure; Gabby will make a similar handout to the one that Valley Mountain Regional Center provides; and answer questions staff might have. Gabby is also working with staff on the SDRC website, so that on the Homepage, people will be able to find information on Self-Determination more easily. The information will be Frequently Asked Questions, the local SDAC information, the link to DDS, a link to the Person Driven Planning training that was done by Interwork Institute and SCDD, and possibly other information.

Debbie Marshall from SCDD will be asked to bring the Self Determination brochure to the Imperial Valley People First Conference in March, and Rigoberto Zavala will be on hand to talk about Self-Determination if anyone is interested.

Community Trainings: Megan Lazet provided a Spanish presentation to the Down’s Syndrome Support Group at a meeting last night, and there were 15-20 people in attendance. Presentations have also been done for the Spanish Speaking Autism Support Group in Chula Vista, and other groups throughout the county.

Presentation on FMS: Chris Lubinski was asked to do an overview of the Fiscal Management Service, since he works for the agency that provides that service, and has since the pilot program in 2001. The FMS was set up in California because no one chose to be the “Employer” as a single entity, so the FMS and individual receiving services are “co-employers”. The FMS can help with interviews, payroll and taxes, background investigations, mediate disputes, etc. The cost varies on what the person wants. Regional Center sends the FMS the money for the individual served, which goes into an account to pay for desired services. Chris described different situations that they have encountered in their history of providing this service, and he stressed the importance of good Person Driven Planning as being the key to success. The question was asked about who is responsible for making sure the staff is qualified, doing their job and the FMS provides the fingerprinting, and background investigation to make sure the person is eligible to be employed. Questions were asked about benefits (SSI/SSA), and would the money deposited into the account affect those, to which the answer was “no”, benefits are not affected for the individual. It was also mentioned that a contingency plan should be discussed in the Person Driven Plan, and natural supports should be identified in advance of an emergency where these supports might need to be recruited.

Future Agenda Items: It was agreed that the items on this agenda could be continued from meeting to meeting.

Future Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on March 17 at 9:30 AM at the San Diego Regional Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Stives