



Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2018

10:00am-11:30am

Members In Attendance: Joyce Clark (FA), Tracey Flourie (FA), Christopher Lubinski (FA), Bertha Taylor (FA), Rigoberto Zavala (SA)

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

Members/Ex-Officio Members Absent: Michael Lombardi (FA), Karen Maier (SA), Kim Rucker (SA)

Guests Present: (Public) Leilani, Norma Caro, Yvette Flores, Nancy, Adrian Smith, Rissa Chavez

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – general introductions completed
2. **Public Input** - No public input
3. **Approve outstanding minutes** – minutes from April 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. **Membership update** – No new members at this time. It is anticipated that once implementation of the program occurs there will be more interest from clients to participate on the committee, especially from Imperial. Mary Ellen will reach out to Kim Rucker. Joyce will reach out to Karen Maier regarding meeting attendance and to make sure everything is ok.
5. **Developmental Disability Services (DDS) Work Group Update** – Gabby participated on a call with DDS/ARCA and other RCs on 4/17/18. This call is usually a summary of what the workgroups have been working on and updates from those groups. Workgroups continue to focus on problem solving around Fiscal Management Service (FMS), role of the Independent Facilitator (IF)/Service Coordinator (SC), budget development, Special Incident Reporting (SIR), as well as development of tools, guidance, and processes/procedures.
 - New proposal for cost of FMS is related to number of services/providers used instead of budget amount – still in draft.
 - Questions have been raised such as:
 - Who can serve as an Independent Facilitator and be paid? The definition/role of Independent Facilitator is still evolving.
 - When a family moves from one center to another, will the program follow them?
 - Certifications needed to provide various services

- How will selection of participants and time lines will work? Waiting for a timeline from DDS once program approval is received. An outline for orientation materials will be standardized.
- When is the list going to close?
- When does the budget year start?
- What is the process for hiring people? There is a proposal DDS to hire 2-3 staff for background checks.
- There is 2.8 million dollars set aside in budget related to self-determination implementation. Initially there was no funding allocated to self-determination proposal of 'Self Determination Coordinator' position at each RC – not official; funds may be reallocated for other purposes.
- Waiting for June 11th to see if the program will be approved. There are some centers that do not have enough people on their interest lists in relation to their number of allocated spots
- Still a lot of questions about how the payments will work from Regional Centers to the FMS – state is looking at advances per client, also more than 1 payment/month – not sure yet how this will work.
- Proposed services list in new waiver application is slightly different than the original waiver application – some different 'titles' for service categories and others broken out into more specific areas.

6. **SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Update** – No meeting since March.

7. **San Diego Regional Center Outreach Plan (Internal/External)**

–report by Gabby Ohmstede:

- SDRC has around 500 on the interest list for approx. 200 spots.
- 3 more information sessions were scheduled in Carlsbad, South Bay, and Kearny Mesa – due to low enrollment the Carlsbad and South Bay sessions were cancelled. A session was held 5/21 at SDRC office in Kearny Mesa with about 15 participants.
- Based on approval of the waiver on 6/11 and guidance from DDS as to when the list will close we will consider how many more info sessions to offer. We anticipate only offering them at the Kearny Mesa office moving forward unless there is a specific need expressed for another region. Enrollment at this time is too low at the other regions to support a full training session.

8. **Enrollment and Outreach Strategies / Recommendations** –
See #7 – no other info

9. **Community Training / Recommendations** – EFRC and State Council continue to provide info session trainings as well and forward sign-up sheets to Gabby for inclusion on the DDS interest list

10. **Future Agenda Items** – Christine Sheppard from CIS will be rescheduled to come speak about FMS, hopefully in May or June. Chris L will follow up with her.

11. **Future Meeting Schedule** – The next meeting will be held on Friday June 22 (room TBD) at 4355 Ruffin Rd San Diego, 92123 from 10:00am - 11:30am.

12. **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bertha Taylor