

**Members in Attendance:**

Tracey Flourie (FA), Joyce Clark (FA), Tania Schloss (OCRA), Megan Christian (SA), Bertha Taylor (FA), Valerie Crisci (SA),

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

David Webb-Rex, SDRC

**Members / Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Horacio Correa (FA), Carine Jaron (FA), Debra Jorgensen

This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by David Webb-Rex on behalf of Joyce Clark at 10:04. Joyce joined the meeting shortly thereafter and was able to facilitate the meeting.

Quorum was established.

1. Welcome & Introductions: The committee members introduced themselves as did the SDRC SDP team.
2. Public Input: Megan Christian mentioned she is in the LEND (Leadership in Education in Neuro Disability) Program. The next cohort might be starting after May, and if any self-advocates who might be interested should check out [this website](#). Lights Camera Autism is (date here). There was a request for ongoing Spanish translation at all meetings and that this be standard. The LVAC is committed to language access.
3. Approval of minutes: The minutes for November and December will be reviewed for approval at the February meeting.
4. Statewide Advisory Board: Joyce mentioned that the same issues from previous meetings regarding challenges around FMS and Business offices across the state continue. Joyce shared that interviews are continuing for the Regional Manager of the local SCDD office who will then be an ex-officio member of the LAC.
5. Social Rec Services: Joanne Mull, Program Manager and a member of the social-rec team at SDRC presented information on the Social Recreation Program at SDRC. Presentation slides are attached to the minutes. Tania asked whether services are one at a time; Joanne mentioned that more than one service at a time can be funded, this is a recent change. As well, the service must be justified and the service must benefit the client and increase skills. Joanne confirmed that non-vendored camps require a second level of approval by the Program Manager and the screening team. Overall the process should start 6-8 weeks prior to the service starting to avoid delays or gaps in service. The FMS agency working with SDRC on the social-rec as the 2<sup>nd</sup> party payer makes the process relatively seamless. Gabby Ohmstede shared that a directive in November came out that if provider is adamant not to received payment through FMS under traditional services that a parent can get a reimbursement, however this arrangement must be made in advance. It's unclear if this arrangement will be allowed under the SDP. Age eligibility is determined by the provider and as stated early is on a case by case basis. By March all regional centers have to post on their websites information on what training has been provided to internal staff and the training materials used
6. San Diego Regional Center:

- a. The length of time to enroll in self-determination is typically around 4-6 months. David explained why this takes this time due to the unique aspects of the SDP, so that on the first day of participation all services are ready to go.
- b. To date, 788 participants are enrolled in the SDP. The SDP Team anticipates continued growth. As well, there is very little attrition. The general trend noted is that there is usually a spike in enrollments in the fall. The biggest month year over year is September. Joyce mentioned that having dedicated units is a positive aspect of the SDRC's SDP program as well as the dedication to promoting self-determination in the community at local conferences. The IV Leading the Charge conference in February and the parent conference in IV February will be providing info on the SDP.
- c. SDRC has transitioned into the statewide standard IPP template.
- d. Two additional service coordinators have been identified and will start soon in Unit 51.

7. Implementation Funds:

- a. Fiscal Update: Gwen reported that she will be meeting with Business Services next week. She noted that we received the directive for the 2024-25 fiscal year. There has been an adjustment to the original numbers
- b. Next Power Hour: Taleen Khatchadourian will be doing a presentation on Person Centered Planning on January 21
- c. SDP Conference (Subcommittee): Last meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed structure and strands for the event, ensuring that there was the opportunity for the newly interested and participating as well as those who have been enrolled for one year or more.

8. Membership: Currently our membership is capped at 11, information is found on the state council website. We need more representation from Imperial Valley and the majority of persons must be family advocate or self-advocates.

9. Future agenda items:

10. Date(s) of next meeting(s): February 6 @ 5 p.m.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich

# SOCIAL RECREATION, NON-MEDICAL THERAPIES AND CAMP

Local Advisory Committee Question and Answer Session



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# GOAL OF SERVICES

- Services are designed to enhance social interaction opportunities and skills which enable client's to become more involved in group and individual activities at home and within the community.
- Services should encourage clients to initiate communication with others, teach appropriate social skills, develop friendships, and enhance natural supports.
  - NOTE: Services are considered time-limited, with periodic reassessment, and are intended for clients to acquire the social and behavioral skills(s) identified in the Individual Program Plan (IPP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) to enable clients to become involved in additional integrated social/recreational opportunities.

# THREE TYPES OF SERVICES

## **Social Recreation**

Martial Arts

Swimming Lessons

Theater/Performing Arts

Sports League

Art Class

Music Lessons

Dance Class

...and many more!

## **Camp**

Summer Day Camps

School Break Camps

Overnight Camps

## **Non-Medical Therapies**

Art, Music, Dance Therapy

Equine Therapy

Animal Assisted Therapy

Some Adaptive Programs

# PROCESS FOR REQUESTING SERVICES

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY

### Client Responsibilities:

**IDENTIFY** a social recreation organization agency/provide for the social recreation activity you are requesting.

**ASK** the provider if they are willing to become vendored with SDRC or accept payment through SDRC's Financial Management Services (FMS).

**PROVIDE** the bill payment procedure to the provider if the provider is willing to work with FMS.

**GATHER** information to provide to service coordinator.

**SHARE** with your Service Coordinator the name of the activity, confirmation they are willing to accept payment through SDRC or FMS, type of activity, activity setting, how often you will be attending, cost, how you will benefit from activity and start date.

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY CONTINUED...

### Service Coordinator (SC) Responsibilities:

Once in SC receives information from the client, SC completed a Social/Rec screening tool and submits to Program manager (PM).

**FOR NON VENDORED** camps and non-medical therapies, PM approved requests will also be reviewed by the Social Rec Team.

Once denied or approved, SC will inform client.

If approved, SC will complete an IPP amendment to add outcome and service to the IPP, the client signs the IPA summary sheet agreeing to the service. SC submits Purchase of Service (POS) for services. Referral Information is sent to FMS.

**\*Social recreation services are time limited by definition and approved in no more than six months increments.**



# PROCESS FOR REQUESTING SERVICES CONTINUED...

## SELF DETERMINATION SERVICE DELIVERY

**The process is the same as it is in Traditional Service Delivery model with the addition of the following steps:**

- \* Budget and Spending Plan adjustments based on the approved Social Rec activities.**

# SOCIAL REC FUN FACTS

- All Social Rec services are funded on a time limited basis.
- Approved Social Rec services through SDP should be the same services that are reflected in the Spending Plan.
- Social Rec Review Team's meet weekly to approve requests that need 2<sup>nd</sup> level approval.
- It is the clients responsibility to contact their Service Coordinator when services are ending to discuss continuing the same activity or switching to a different activity.
- SDRC may fund 1:1 supports during Social Rec, Camp and Non-Medical Therapy activities.
- SDRC may consider the purchase of equipment to support client's participation in a social rec activity.
- Funding for transportation is now available for all Social Rec, Camps and Non Medical Therapies.





**QUESTIONS**

