

**Members in Attendance:**

Joyce Clark (FA), Tracey Flourie (FA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Chris Lubinski (FA), Bertha Taylor (A), Horacio Correa (FA).

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Mary Ellen Stives SCDD, David Webb-Rexx, SDRC

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

Kim Rucker (on leave), Tania Schloss (OCRA – excused), Reva Subra (FA), My Dinh (FA)

This meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing and was called to order by Joyce Clark at 5:00 p.m.

1. Committee and guests were welcome and Joyce shared information on the role of the LVAC. Members introduced themselves and guests were welcomed.
2. Public Input:
  - a. Laura Espinoza: Autism Society of LA, shared info on the organization and its 3 major services.
3. Approval of minutes  
Motion by Debra Jorgensen seconded by Bertha Taylor to approve the minutes of the November 16th meeting. Motion carried. (One change was noted, the end time of the meeting was incorrect.)
4. Statewide Advisory Board Updates:
  - a. Joyce noted a townhall occurred in December. New leadership on the committee will be coming in the new year of the committee. Mary Ellen noted that the next round of orientations is posted on the SCDD website, and one is being offered in Farsi.
5. San Diego Regional Center Report:
  - a. Current enrollment data: As of January 18<sup>th</sup>, there are 470 in self-determination at SDRC.
  - b. Three new DDS regulations released in December. New forms and templates will be available on the website for service providers. New spending plan tool has been developed.
  - c. Anna Keller shared that a cultural survey is being developed by SDRC's Cultural Specialist regarding SDP interest, involvement, and barriers to enrollment. Outreach efforts can be

- planned based on the results of the surveys and materials can be translated based on the needs expressed.
- d. David Webb-Rex noted that the SDP team is continuing to grow. Four new Service Coordinators have been identified to join the team.
  - e. A new Assistant Director of Special Projects has been hired, Robin Bello, who will oversee Self-Determination.
  - f. Debra Jorgensen asked about the new SC in Imperial Valley. Karla Geraldo explained that she is waiting to start sometime in February once her current position is filled.
  - g. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a Power Hour with Neuro Nav for Spanish language speaking families.
  - h. The most current data on demographics of SDP participants will be presented at the next meeting.
  - i. Karla G. identified that 15 people are in the enrollment process in Imperial Valley.
  - j. David W-R provided updated information on transition supports and noted that there are fourteen 099 vendors.
  - k. The SDP Team identified that a new Spending Plan Tool has been drafted by SDRC's business office. This tool could be a very helpful resource for participants and families. A draft of the tool will be shared at the February meeting with the possibility of a power hour in March to share with the community.
6. Implementation Funds / Expenditure Plan Update:
- a. Imperial Valley SDP Event is being planned for early May. A planning committee will convene prior to the next LAC meeting.
  - b. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a Power Hour with Neuro Nav for Spanish language speaking families. Joyce referenced the input received at the conference for future Power Hours and will share that information for future sessions.
  - c. A brief discussion on Implementation Funds and planning for next year. Joyce requested updated information on spending and activities be drafted and shared at the next LAC meeting.
  - d. The video from the 2023 conference was played for meeting participants.
7. Joyce discussed membership and review draft document of the LAC membership with supporting documents that was sent to committee members. (Attached to these minutes.). Joyce also review the process that will occur over the next while to select new committee members to achieve a target of 13 LAC members representative of the diverse population of San Diego / Imperial Counties.

8. Date(s) of next meeting(s): February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. and  
March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.
- Future Agenda items: Implementation Funds - an update on spending to date and potential plans moving forward.
  - The Spending Plan tool will be potentially shared in February. A March power hour on the spending plan tool will be held.
  - Current demographics.
9. Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: David Drazenovich