



Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2021

6:00 pm - 8:00pm (Zoom)

Members In Attendance: Tania Schloss CRA, Karen Maier (SA), Debra Jorgensen (A), Chris Lubinski (FA), Tracie Flourie (FA), Bertha Taylor (FA), Horacio Correa, Jr (FA)

Ex-Officio Members present: Mary Ellen Stives SCDD (A), Suzy Requarth SDRC (A)

Members/Ex-Officio Members Absent: Joyce Clark (FA), Kim Rucker (SA),

1. Welcome/Presentation – Public Partnerships, Mark Altieri

Mark Altieri from Public Partnerships, a national company that is a vendored FMS provider for California SDP participants, gave a brief presentation on a website that his company is developing to enhance the self-determination network in California. The website is intended to be a resource for all, not specific to those utilizing Public Partnerships for FMS services and is targeted to go live in May. The website will provide a platform for potential SDP service providers (including Independent Facilitators) to share bio and contact information. There will also be links to websites with information about SDP and information regarding Regional Centers throughout the state.

2. Public Input

- Pam Abbondanza from GT Independence shared information regarding upcoming Webinar/Discussion series on a variety of SDP topics.
- Janet Schenker from Beacons shared information about discussion groups they are currently facilitating.
- An observation was made that certifying budgets seems to be a sticking point and that attention towards streamlining this process would be beneficial.
- One parent expressed disappointment that many individuals/families are delaying forward movement with SDP due to COVID-19. For this parent, SDP has been a huge benefit during the pandemic due to the flexibility in services it offers.

3. Approve outstanding minutes

January minutes approved. First motion by Debra, second by Horacio.

4. SCDD Statewide Advisory Board Report

Statewide meeting held this month. Barriers to successful SDP implementation were discussed and breakout room sessions held to develop recommendations for addressing these barriers.

5. San Diego Regional Center Report

- 45 people officially enrolled in SDP.
- 2 disenrollments since January meeting. Many people still waiting for COVID-19 to pass before moving forward.
- Info sessions continue to be held once per month. Attendance at these is usually about 30.
- SDP trainings for SDRC staff are underway.

6. Implementation Funds Spending Plan Updates

- Committee would like to have some action items for March meeting to potentially approve spending of implementation funds on specific items/services.
- Expenditures for consideration:
 - Financial support with person-centered planning if \$2,500 is not available at full rollout
 - Funding for pre-enrollment supports (coaching, trainings, etc.)
 - Hire a consultant to manage LAC goals and progress
 - Offer payment for those interested in attending DVU conference on SDP in April

7. Developmental Disability Services (DDS) Update

No official updates. General discussion about senate budget subcommittee hearing this week.

8. Future Meeting Schedule

- March 18th, 10am
- April 15th, 6pm
- May 20th, 10am
- June 17th, 6pm

9. Future Agenda Items

- Specific items for decision re: implementation funds usage.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Suzy Requarth