

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee

October 20, 2015

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

“Each regional center shall establish a local volunteer advisory committee to provide oversight of the Self-Determination Program. The regional center and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities shall each appoint one-half of the membership of the committee. The committee shall consist of the regional center clients’ rights advocate, consumers, family members, and other advocates, and community leaders. A majority of the committee shall be consumers and their family members. The committee shall reflect the multicultural diversity and geographic profile of the catchment area. The committee shall review the development and ongoing process of the Self-Determination Program, including whether the program advances the principles of self-determination and is operating consistent with the requirements of this section, and may make ongoing recommendations for improvement to the regional center and the department.”

Present

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, RCOC Consumer Advocate

Sam Durbin, Consumer

Daniel Harrington, Consumer

Tim Jin, Consumer

Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, Parent

Larry Landauer, RCOC Executive Director

April Lopez, Parent

Jacqueline Miller, Clients’ Rights Advocate

Michael Rillera, Parent

Scarlett Von Thenen, Orange County Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

I. Welcome and Introduction

Ms. Rhys Burchill welcomed all attendees of the Self-Determination Program (SDP) Local Advisory Committee Meeting. Each attendee then introduced him/herself.

II. Self-Determination Program Video

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Self-Determination Program informational video was shown. Mr. Larry Landauer stated that the video is posted on the DDS website and on the RCOC website as well.

III. Special Guest Speaker

Ms. Elizabeth Harrell, Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Supervisor of Information and Training, presented on the original Self-Determination pilot program.

IV. RCOC Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Website Page

Mr. Landauer stated that the RCOC website has a SDP Local Advisory Committee page. The page can be accessed at <http://www.rcocdd.com/services-provided-by-regional-center-of-orange-county/rcoc-self-determination-program-local-advisory-committee>

V. Consumer Guide and Highlights on Self-Determination Program

Ms. Burchill stated that a draft of a Consumer Guide to the Self-Determination Program has been created. The draft is posted on the RCOC SDP Local Advisory Committee webpage. Suggestions for changes to the draft can be sent to Ms. Burchill.

VI. Disability Rights California SB 468 Statewide Self-Determination Program

Ms. Jacqueline Miller gave an overview of Disability Rights California's document on Senate Bill 468 Statewide Self-Determination Program. The document can be viewed on the RCOC SDP Local Advisory Committee webpage.

VII. How Would The Advisory Committee Like to Operate?

Ms. Burchill suggested that a task force be created to address how the SDP Local Advisory Committee should operate. Several committee members volunteered to participate in the task force including: Rhys Burchill, Jyusse Corey, Sam Durbin, Daniel Harrington, Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, April Lopez and Scarlett Von Thenen.

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

Ms. April Lopez stated that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities plans to hold a Self-Determination Program conference in the near future. The conference will include training on the Self-Determination Program for the chairs of each regional center's SDP Local Advisory Committee.

IX. Questions from the Public

The committee answered questions from the public.

X. Become Involved In Self-Determination!

Mr. Landauer stated that individuals who are interested in participating in the Self-Determination Program should attend RCOC's SDP informational meeting. This informational meeting has not yet been scheduled. Dates and times for all SDP Local Advisory Committee meetings and any SDP informational meetings will be posted on the RCOC Calendar on RCOC's website. Each regional center will submit names of those interested in the program to DDS. DDS will randomly select the first 2,500 enrollees from among those who have attended an informational meeting. The selection takes into consideration the following factors to ensure those selected are representative of the statewide regional center population: regional center; ethnicity; age; gender; and disability diagnosis.