

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

December 3, 2018

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

Present

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, Person Served

Cathy Furukawa, RCOC Training and Organizational Specialist

Tim Jin, Person Served

Patrick Ruppe, RCOC Director of Services & Supports

Jacqueline Miller, Clients' Rights Advocate

Michael Rillera, Parent

Christine Tolbert, Orange County Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Rhys Burchill called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. She welcomed all attendees of the Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee (SDPLAC) Meeting. Each committee member introduced him/herself. She also welcomed community members and asked them to introduce themselves.

Ms. Burchill noted that meeting participants with issues outside of the scope of the SDPLAC can complete a comment card and have an RCOC employee contact them at a later date.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2018 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the October 29, 2018 meeting. Mr. Michael Rillera gave a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Jacqueline Miller seconded. All committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

III. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act

Mr. Jyusse Corey stated that the ABLE Act is expected to launch on December 18, 2018. The ABLE Act allows people with disabilities to save and grow their income without impacting their financial benefits (i.e. SSDI or SSA). The money saved from the ABLE can be used for “Qualified Disability Expenses” such as housing, education, employment, or living expenses.

IV. Presentation - *Person Centered Planning: An Introduction*

Dr. Cristina Mercado, RCOC’s Person Centered Thinking Coordinator, and Mr. Jin presented on the Person Centered Planning (PCP) process. Ms. Mercado explained the purpose of the PCP and the different Person Centered Thinking (PCT) tools. Mr. Jin shared how the PCP process worked for him. He shared that by gathering people who know him in different capacities, he was able to come up with a goal of creating a short training video for new support staff. Attendees were encouraged to start thinking about PCT tools and how the person centered process can support them in the Self-Determination Program.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time since questions were asked by the public throughout the presentation.

VI. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Local Advisory Committee members agreed to schedule the next meeting once there is new information from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

VII. Adjournment