

Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC)

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

February 24, 2020

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

Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, Parent

April Lopez, Parent

Keli Radford, RCOC Director of Services and Supports

Karen Millender, Parent

Jacqueline Miller, Clients' Rights Advocate

Michael Rillera, Parent

Tina Stang, Parent

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Rhys Burchill called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 December 16, 2019 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. Ms. Andrea Kumetz-Coleman gave a motion to approve the minutes. All committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

III. RCOC Self-Determination Program (SDP) Updates

Ms. Cathy Furukawa provided updates in regards to the implementation of SDP and status of participants. She reviewed the updated status letter that will be sent to participants who have attended Orientation training. It was requested that this letter is posted on RCOC's website for informational purposes. There was a discussion regarding the process of reimbursement for Person Centered Plans (PCP) and how participants can find people who can facilitate PCPs. A member of the public noted that she called a Financial Management (FMS) agency and she was told that they are unable to provide her services.

Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen stated the budget determination process is not clear or transparent for participants. She asked for clarity in regards to how the budget is determined and what the disencumbrance factor is. It was clarified that the disencumbrance factor is the average amount a particular service has been used. There were concerns expressed that Service Coordinators (SCs) do not have enough information and training in regards to the budget process. It was shared that SCs have been trained on Self-Determination and if participants have additional questions, they can always reach out to RCOC management. Ms. Karen Millender made a motion that RCOC provide a definition of the disencumbrance factor and to provide it to everyone in the program. All committee members voted in favor.

IV. Report on State Self Determination Meeting

Mr. Tim Jin shared that at the last meeting on February 10, 2020, two people were chosen to co-chair the State Self-Determination Advisory Committee. The committee discussed the "Top 10 Barriers to Implementation of the Self-Determination Program." Mr. Jin suggested that this committee review this report during the next meeting.

V. Future Local Committee Representation at State SD Meetings

The state committee will meet four times a year with the next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2020. Ms. Karen Millender will be in attendance at that meeting and Ms. Von Thenen suggested that since this meeting is held in locally at RCOC's Cypress office, everyone should attend.

VI. Attendance Policy for Local Advisory members

Ms. Millender made a motion to change the attendance policy to state that if a committee member misses two advisory meetings in a row, the member will no longer serve on the committee. However, if there are extenuating circumstances, this can be reviewed and voted by committee members. All committee members voted in favor of the modified attendance policy.

VII. Discussion: Informal small informal workshops for parents wishing more information/assistance with Self Determination and how this relates to Bagley Keene Act

This item was tabled by the committee chair.

VIII. PCP Reimbursement, SC/Client Self Determination Relations & Budget Issues

This item was discussed throughout the meeting by committee members and members of the public.

IX. Share your Self-Determination Program Experience and Ask Questions

This item was discussed throughout the meeting by committee members and members of the public.

X. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Local Advisory Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items to include discussion of the “Top 10 Barriers to Implementation of the Self-Determination Program” report prepared by Statewide Advisory Committee. It was requested that response from DDS in regards to State Committee concerns be discussed and an update on FMS agencies accepting referrals

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.