

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

March 19, 2019

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

Karen Millender, Parent

Jacqueline Miller, Clients' Rights Advocate

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Rhys Burchill called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 3, 2018 Meeting

The committee was unable to review and approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting since a quorum was not available. The minutes will be reviewed at the next advisory meeting.

III. Status of Self-Determination Participants

Ms. Cathy Furukawa provided an overview of how many participants have been selected for Self-Determination, the primary language they speak, and reasons why certain people have chosen to opt out of the program.

IV. Report on State Self-Determination Meeting

Most of the information discussed during the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) statewide meeting on February 21st has since been distributed and published on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) website. At the statewide meeting, there was concern that travel to Orientations may be a barrier for participants who live in rural areas. Meeting attendees requested that the statewide meetings are held every other month and that a website be created so that people from different parts of the state can share their experiences regarding SDP implementation. For example, Harbor Regional Center is developing a booklet and is scheduling Orientations in small groups. Disability Voices United has books about Self-Determination that some regional centers are purchasing for participants. Mr. Jin stated that RCOC should purchase these books and hand them to participants at the Orientation. RCOC will look into these books for participants.

Mr. Jin attended the Train-the-Trainer Orientation hosted by DDS at San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. The first participant Orientation needs to be held within 60 days of the last Train-the-Trainer date. Local Advisory Committee members are encouraged to help with the presenting at the Orientation. Mr. Jin stated that participants should attend the Orientation before deciding whether or not to participate in the program.

Mr. Jin suggested that RCOC's Local Advisory Committee recruit new members who were selected to be a participant in SDP since there are no current members in the program. Ms. Furukawa agreed to encourage participants at the Orientation to consider applying to become a committee member.

V. Volunteers for Future State Self-Determination Meetings

Ms. Burchill asked for committee members who are interested in attending future State Self-Determination Meetings. Mr. Jin and Ms. Karen Millender expressed interest.

VI. Discussion: DDS Orientation Training and Local Implementation

Ms. Furukawa shared that RCOC is in the process of scheduling Orientation dates for the month of May. Participants will be notified by mail and will have the opportunity to register for their preferred date by email. There was a discussion regarding what days and times work out best for participants and how to ensure that all participants will be able

attend the Orientation. Ms. Furukawa stated that Service Coordinators will follow-up and reach out to participants who have not registered to make sure they are aware of upcoming dates. Ms. Furukawa asked if there are committee members or meeting attendees who are willing to help present during the Orientation.

A member of the public stated that is important to have Independent Facilitator training dates available during the Orientation so participants can get ready for SDP. RCOC is in the process of developing and scheduling this training.

VII. Public Comments

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

VIII. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Local Advisory Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting after the first week of SDP Orientation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items to include establishing an attendance guideline for committee members and an update on Independent Facilitator trainings.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.