

**Regional Center of Orange County**

**Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

**May 13, 2019**

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

**Present**

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, Person Served

Cristina Mercado, Person Centered Thinking Coordinator

Tim Jin, Person Served

Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, Parent

Patrick Ruppe, RCOC Director of Services & Supports

Karen Millender, 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 Introductions**

Ms. Rhys Burchill called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 and March 19, 2019 Meeting**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting. Mr. Tim Jin gave a motion to approve the minutes. All committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. Ms. Jacqueline Miller gave a motion to approve the minutes. All committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

## **III. RCOC Self-Determination Updates**

### **a. Participants**

Ms. Cristina Mercado shared demographic information regarding program participants, number of people who have chosen to opt out of the program, and number of people who have attended and registered for the Orientation. The committee members asked for confirmation from DDS on how many participants are allocated to RCOC since it started at 155 participants and decreased to 151. The committee also requested that RCOC provide the following: the number of sibling sets selected for the program, ethnic breakdown of people who opted out of the program, how many people opted out before/after attending the Orientation, and how many people over the age of 40 were selected for the program compared to how many people over 40 are served by RCOC.

### **b. Orientation**

Mr. Jin shared that Orientation went well but the section regarding the Independent Facilitator (IF) was confusing. Ms. Burchill also noted that the IF role was confusing. Mr. Jyusse Corey shared that it went well and people appeared excited. A member of the public who attended the Orientation shared that her questions were answered and she felt heard during Orientation.

### **c. Independent Facilitator Trainings**

Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen and Ms. Mercado and discussed the IF trainings. There was a clarification made that while people would receive a certificate of attendance at these trainings, there would be no certification. It was suggested that the document be called a "Proof of Attendance" when advertising instead of a "Certificate of Attendance."

## **IV. Volunteers for State Self-Determination Meetings: June 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento**

Mr. Jin tentatively volunteered to attend and will let Ms. Burchill know if he can attend once he has sorted the logistics.

## **V. Discussion: Attendance Guidelines for SDPLAC Members**

There are currently three vacant slots on the committee to fill as certain members are not active on the committee— two for RCOC and one for State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Each agency was going to call their selections to see if they would like to withdraw from the committee.

Ms. Millender made a motion that the group should have an attendance policy. She motioned that members must attend 75 percent of the meeting in a year. This policy would go into effect July 1st through June 30<sup>th</sup> with no room for excused absences beyond 75 percent. The committee was not in agreement with the percentage for attendance and members agreed to discuss the motion, propose alternatives, and vote at the next meeting. The committee also agreed to discuss and vote on a procedure for when a person does not meet the attendance policy (i.e. Should a call be made to the member to see if they wish to continue or should they just be dismissed from the committee?). Once dismissed the agency that selected the person for the committee could replace this person. The committee agreed to have something in writing to review at the next meeting.

## **VI. Public Comments**

Ms. Von Thenen requested clarification on Department of Developmental Services (DDS) announcement that Regional Centers could fund the initial cost of Person Centered Planning (PCP) through a vendored agency or through a purchase reimbursement. Mr. Patrick Ruppe clarified that this cost would not come out of the participant's budget and that Regional Centers do not have vendored person centered planners at this time. Scarlett recommended the Learning Community for Person Centered Practices website which has a list of people who are certified in Person Centered Planning <https://tlcpcp.com/> .

## **VII. Agenda Items for the next meeting**

Local Advisory Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items to include updated demographic information on participants, discussion regarding a SDP Fair with Financial Management Services (FMS) and IF representatives, and a report on the first round of IF trainings. If it is possible, it was requested that a family who has started the PCP process share their experience with the committee.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.