

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

June 24, 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

Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, Parent

Patrick Ruppe, RCOC Associate Executive Director

Karen Millender, Parent

Jacqueline Miller, Clients' Rights Advocate

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 6:32 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 May 13, 2019 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting. Ms. Karen Millender 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 participants selected for SDP. There are currently 126 remaining active participants with 24 participants requesting to opt out of the program. The committee was provided with information on the ethnicity, age, and language breakdown of people who opted out of the program. To date, 87 participants have been represented at or have attended the Orientation. RCOC has hosted five Orientations and have two more Orientations for the months of June and July. Another Orientation will be held in the fall and RCOC will contact participants who still need to attend an Orientation.

RCOC has held one Independent Facilitator training and plans on holding the training on a quarterly basis. State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is hosting two Independent Facilitator trainings and Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen stated that 27 people have registered for the June training while 20 people for the July training. She stated that SCDD headquarters have asked that she maintain a list of all the people who have attended the training. There was a discussion on how to share contacts of people who have received Independent Facilitator training with SDP participants. It was suggested that a survey with the following information be completed by attendees: age group specialty, geographic area covered, language capability, and any specialties.

IV. Report State Self-Determination Meetings: June 10th – 11th in Sacramento

Mr. Jin provided a report on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) meeting he attended. The group worked together to create a vision and mission for the SSDAC group. They also developed goals, outcomes, and steps for the implementation of SDP. Mr. Jin will share notes from the meeting with the committee members once they become available.

V. Discussion: SDP Fair

Committee members discussed the possibility of having a SDP resource fair where program participants can come and meet providers they are able to work. These providers could include FMS vendors, Independent Facilitators, or community agencies. Since FMS agencies are in the process of becoming vendors and Independent Facilitator trainings are starting, it was suggested that the resource fair be held at a later date once the initial participants start SDP and providers have been identified. It was also suggested that participants and families who are actively part of SDP have a table too so they may share their experiences with interested parties.

VI. Discussion: Adoption of Attendance Guidelines for SDPLAC Members

Committee members discussed a draft of a proposed meeting attendance policy for local advisory committee members. There was a discussion regarding the percentage number of meetings a member needs to attend in a fiscal year before they would be notified and a replacement member is identified. There was discussion regarding have a clearly defined attendance policy based on the number of meetings missed versus having opportunities for exceptions for people who may have absences due to extenuating circumstances.

There was a motion to adopt an attendance policy stating that committee members will be removed from the committee if they cannot adhere to the attendance policy: if there are less than eight meetings in a fiscal year, committee members can miss two meetings, whereas, if there are nine or more meetings in a fiscal year, committee members can miss three meetings. The motion did not pass.

There was a second motion to add a statement to the attendance policy to indicate that a committee member can make a statement to the committee if they provide advance notice regarding the extenuating circumstance why they cannot attend the meeting. In response to member absences, special circumstances may be reviewed by Committee. The motion passed.

VII. Public Comments

A member of the public had a question regarding finding an Independent Facilitator who specializes in a specific area of interest her son wants to pursue.

VIII. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Local Advisory Committee members agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Agenda items to include: committee members voting to adopt an attendance policy and a “Question and Answer” session with FMS vendors.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.