

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting

September 27, 2021

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Public Meeting

Present

Cathy Furukawa, RCOC Self-Determination Program Coordinator

Bruce Hall, Parent

Tim Jin, Self-Advocate

Larry Landauer, RCOC Executive Director

Karen Millender, Parent

Keli Radford, RCOC Director of Services and Supports

Jacqueline Miller, Clients' Rights Advocate

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Tim Jin, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He welcomed all attendees of the Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee (SDPLAC) Meeting. Each committee member introduced him/herself.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 2, 2021 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 2, 2021 meeting. Ms. Jacqueline Miller made 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 asked to provide updates in regards to implementation of SDP during the *Budget and Spending Plan* presentation.

Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen asked if RCOC can notify participants in SDP that the disencumbrance factor is no longer used in the budget determination. Ms. Furukawa noted budgets are updated to remove the disencumbrance as they are reviewed. Ms. Furukawa will look into updating the budgets where the disencumbrance factor was used. There was a comment that the Person Centered Plan (PCP) and/or Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings do not include RCOC decision-makers. Another comment noted that a decision-maker needs to be present at meetings in order to expedite entry into SDP. A member of the public noted that parents are not part of the SDP process and the process is completed in “closed doors.”

Ms. Miller asked if the PCP goals are included in the IPP and if they become part of the IPP report. Ms. Furukawa noted that an IPP Addendum is created when people transition to SDP.

IV. Discussion: Budget Determination and Spending Plan Criteria

Ms. Furukawa presented on how the individual budget is determined in SDP and what RCOC reviews when a spending plan is completed. The presentation slides are available at the end of the documents as an attachment to meeting minutes.

V. Discussion: Service Codes in SDP

The committee does not recall the context of this agenda item that was proposed at a previous meeting.

VI. Community Input and Barriers to Completing the SDP Process.

A member of the public asked for breakdown by ethnic groups of the people who have received a certified individual budget. Ms. Furukawa will look into providing this information at the next meeting.

A member of the public noted more community outreach needs to be done to inform people of the SDP. The following were suggested: outreach to community leaders, outreach to those who live in group homes, events promoting SDP, and calls to individuals informing them of SDP.

Ms. Miller commented that many people from the Spanish-speaking community attend the Local Advisory Meetings. Disability Rights California (DRC) has reached out to these advocate groups and presented on SDP when requested. She noted that for some people, this program may not be for them. Ms. Von Thenen noted that the Office of the

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has also completed trainings on SDP and the Independent Facilitator (IF) to the major Spanish-speaking support groups in Orange County.

The Local Advisory Committee has a contract with Aveanna to help with enrollment in SDP. Aveanna to be invited to the next committee meeting to provide updates on their work. Ms. Furukawa commented that currently, Aveanna is limited to serving the initial group selected for SDP and the committee should consider amending the contract to have their services open to more people.

Ms. Millender commented that having someone trusted in the community share information about SDP would be effective. Mr. Hall suggested sharing information about SDP on social media platforms. Other suggestions included providing a brochure on SDP at annual Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings and providing samples of different spending plans for people to see the possibilities within SDP.

Mr. Jin asked community member Sandra M. if her son would be interested in doing a presentation about his experiences with SDP at a future meeting. Sandra confirmed that her son would be interested.

Ms. Von Thenen noted that SCDD is on the search to replace Mr. Michael Rillera's advisory seat pursuant to statute to make sure the committee is reflective of Orange County's demographics. In addition, a representative from the Family Resource Center will also need to be on the committee. Ms. Kathleen McFarlin, Manager of Family Support and Community Outreach of the Comfort Connection Family Resource Center was in attendance during this meeting.

A question was brought up on what should be done if the chair is not present at future meetings and who should chair the meeting. It was suggested that the Attendance Policy be reviewed at the next meeting.

VII. Agenda Items and Date of the Next Meeting

The committee asked RCOC to provide available dates and times for the next meeting via an online poll and to allow committee members to select the best date. The following agenda items were recommended for the next meeting: a presentation by Sean regarding his experience in SDP, review attendance policy, updates from Aveanna and I CAN in regards to coaching and Independent Facilitator training and brainstorm how to reach out to the Spanish-speaking community, and updates on SDP Ombudsperson.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.