

**Regional Center of Orange County**

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

**August 6, 2018**

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

**Present**

Jocelyn Brodowski, Parent

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, RCOC Peer Advocate

Cathy Furukawa, RCOC Training and Organizational Specialist

Tim Jin, Person Served

Andrea Kumetz-Coleman, Parent

Larry Landauer, RCOC Executive Director

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 6:30 p.m. She welcomed all attendees of the Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee (SDPLAC) Meeting. Each committee member introduced him/herself. Community members in attendance also introduced 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 June 19, 2018 Meeting**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 19, 2018. Mr. Tim Jin gave a motion to approve the minutes. All committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

### **III. Updates on Informational Meetings and Suggestions Regarding How to Expand Community Outreach**

Ms. Cathy Furukawa provided an update on informational meetings. There are approximately 595 names submitted to DDS for consideration for the Self-Determination Program. The informational meeting continues to be available on RCOC's website in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Ms. Furukawa said she continues to receive email requests from people who have viewed the presentation and want to have their name submitted to DDS. Ms. Jacqueline Miller asked if there is an option for an in-person presentation. Ms. Furukawa confirmed there are no in-person presentations at this time and stated that attendance during the last couple of presentations had declined.

### **IV. Report on State Local Advisory Self-Determination Meeting**

Ms. Burchill reported that the Self-Determination implementation dates and a draft of the orientation were shared at the State meeting. At the State meeting, Ms. Burchill expressed concern because fees associated with Financial Management Services (FMS) will not be established until after the initial participants are selected by DDS. A committee member asked what FMS fees are for participants in the Self-Determination pilot program and it was shared that in the pilot program, DDS covered the FMS fees. If people decide to drop out of the Self-Determination Program, it is unknown how they will be replaced and how long the replacement process will take. Committee members agreed that this information would be essential to have before participants are selected so that people can make an informed decision whether or not they want to participate in the Self-Determination Program. Since DDS did not respond to these concerns at the State meeting, it was agreed that a letter expressing these concerns be sent to DDS.

There was an extensive conversation about what potential FMS fees can be based on costs for liability and for workman's compensation. It was asked if support staff can be "individual contractors" in order to work around additional costs and it was confirmed that support staff would need to be employees. Mr. Jin shared that he spoke to a FMS agency regarding a budget and a draft was made. He is willing to share this draft with committee members.

Mr. Jin reminded the committee that not all initial participants in the Self-Determination Program will remain in the program. There is currently no plan from DDS on how participants will be replaced if people drop out.

Mr. Jin asked if RCOC will start assigning Service Coordinators to work with participants in Self-Determination. Mr. Larry Landauer stated that the agency caseload decisions have not yet been made and some people may want to keep their current Service Coordinator. There was a conversation regarding who will complete the Person Centered Plan and if everyone will be able to request for one, not just people in the Self-Determination Program. Ms. Andrea Kumetz-Coleman shared that the Person Centered Plan for her son occurred over the span of 12 meetings. She recommended that if parents put work into the plan before the meeting, the meeting can be shorter.

Mr. Landauer shared that all Service Coordinators have completed the two day Person Centered Thinking training. Vendors now have the opportunity to go through the training and parents will have the opportunity in October. RCOC's Person Centered Thinking Coordinator has been completing Person Centered Plans for people with complex situations. Mr. Patrick Ruppe, Director of Services and Supports, shared that the Individual Program Plan (IPP) is being reformatted and will allow for better Person Centered Planning.

#### **V. Public Comments**

A member of the public asked if the committee will send a letter to DDS expressing concern from the committee. It was confirmed that a letter will be drafted and sent.

#### **VI. Agenda Items for the October 1, 2018 meeting**

Mr. Michael Rillera gave a motion to schedule the next meeting for October 1, 2018 and all committee members were in favor. It was requested that an agenda item include a discussion on FMS information from DDS.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.