

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

October 1, 2018

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

Present

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Cathy Furukawa, RCOC Training and Organizational Specialist

Tim Jin, Person Served

Patrick Ruppe, RCOC Director of Services & Supports

April Lopez, 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 6:30 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 August 6, 2018 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 6, 2018. Mr. Michael Rillera 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 shared that two informational meetings were held on September 13, 2018. Both meetings were well attended and the majority of the attendees signed up for the Self-Determination Program (SDP). Over 700 names have been submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for consideration for the Self-Determination Program. The informational meeting continues to be available on RCOC's website in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

IV. Discussion: Status of Self-Determination and Lottery Selection Outcome

Ms. Judy Mark shared that people can now check if they were selected for the Self-Determination Program on DDS' website by entering the Unique Client Identifier (UCI) number. Ms. Mark also shared that each regional center should schedule an Orientation meeting for January 2019. She stated that the Orientation meeting will be approximately 5-6 hours long and a "Train-the-Trainers" session will be hosted by DDS in early November. Ms. April Lopez suggested an option for a Webinar for those people who are unable to attend the Orientation in person.

Mr. Jin noted that the Person Centered Plan (PCP) will be the most difficult part to implement since 151 people will need a PCP. Mr. Patrick Ruppe shared that the PCP process will evolve over time. He shared that RCOC continues to develop Person Centered Thinking practices that can be used in the SDP. Ms. Jacqueline Miller noted that most people will not use their Service Coordinators for their PCP and will elect to use an Independent Facilitator not affiliated with RCOC.

A member of the public asked if there is a level of commitment required from individuals picked for SDP. This will allow for individuals to be replaced if they are not using SDP properly. Ms. Burchill noted that people will opt out of SDP if it is too much work from them. Ms. Mark stated that she does not think people will drop out of SDP and that if people want to drop out of SDP, they should be provided with supports. She noted that the program will be evaluated to see if it works during this period.

A member of the public asked who is providing oversight of the SDP and it was noted that the SDPLAC provides oversight.

V. Discussion on Financial Management Services (FMS) Fees

Mr. Victor Lira of Premier provided an overview of the three FMS models (information available on DDS website). When asked how much the FMS agency is charging for worker's compensation, Mr. Lira stated that the Federal and State income tax is set. He

noted that worker's compensation would equal to five to nine percent of the total dollar. Mr. Lira stated that general liability costs are included in the FMS fee.

An advisory member asked if there are additional FMS fees if there is a change in caregiver. Mr. Lira stated there is no additional charge. He did state that the employer is responsible for paying for the background checks and that the background check needs to be completed specifically for SDP. The background checks will be routed from the Department of Justice to DDS.

Regarding health insurance coverage for employees, Mr. Lira stated that caregivers who are working 30 hours or more per week need to be offered subsidized health insurance. The amount that is subsidized for the staff would come from the individual budget. If the "co-employer" model is used, health insurance can be purchased through the FMS agency. Mr. Lira estimates that a "bronze level" insurance plan would cost \$400 to \$600 per person.

VI. Public Comments

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

VII. Agenda Items for the October 29, 2018 meeting

Ms. Mark suggested that the SDPLAC meet more frequently until the Orientation is scheduled. Mr. Miller gave a motion to schedule the next meeting for October 29, 2018 and all committee members were in favor. Ms. Miller suggested that the next SDPLAC meeting serve as an opportunity to welcome participants of SDP and an open forum for questions. The SDPLAC asked RCOC to send an invitation to those selected for SDP, inviting them to the next SDPLAC meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.