

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

March 5, 2018

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

Present

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, RCOC Peer Advocate

Cathy Furukawa, RCOC Training and Organizational Specialist

Tim Jin, Person Served

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 January 8, 2018 and February 5, 2018 Meeting

The committee reviewed the minutes from the January 8, 2018 and February 5, 2018 meeting. Ms. Jacqueline Miller requested an addendum to the January 8, 2018 minutes to reflect that Mr. Jin and Ms. Tolbert provided updates from the State Council on Developmental Services (SCDD). In addition, Ms. Miller requested an addendum to reflect that she requested assurance that the committee was doing outreach to the various

ethnic communities within Orange County. The addendum was agreed upon, and Mr. Michael Rillera gave a motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes. In regards to the minutes for the February 5, 2018 meeting, Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Jyusse Corey seconded the motion.

III. Committee adoption of Respect policy: Use of cell phones during meetings

There was a discussion regarding the use of cell phones and texting during the Local Advisory Committee Meeting. Ms. Burchill asked committee members for input regarding the use of phones during the meeting. The committee acknowledged that since some members are parents, it is important to have cell phones accessible in case of emergency phone calls and texts, however, the use of cell phones during the committee meetings is not consistent with the adopted Respect and Civility policy. Ms. Miller suggested that committee members refrain from using the phone during the meeting and that a reminder is given during the meeting “Welcome and Introductions.” Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen added that cell phone use should be discouraged unless there is an emergency. Mr. Tim Jin seconded the motion that a reminder be is given at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Von Thenen made a motion to amend the current Respect and Civility policy to include limited cell phone use during committee meetings and Mr. Corey seconded the motion.

There was a discussion on what type recourse there should be if cell phone use persists. Mr. Rillera suggested that a first warning and final warning be given, and then committee members can vote to have the person removed from the committee. Since there are already attendance issues with committee members, Ms. Miller suggested that the person be asked to step away from the meeting to use the phone. Mr. Jin also agreed that the person using the cell phone can be asked if they need to momentarily step away from the meeting. Since the use of a phone can be distracting during a meeting, Mr. Rillera asked when will there be recourse for a person who has been asked to step away from the meeting multiple times. Ms. Miller noted that she does not think the committee can ask someone to leave the committee after repeat instances. The person can be asked to leave the room to use the phone and hopefully this will solve the issue of cell phone use.

IV. Updates on Informational Meetings

Ms. Von Thenen reported that SCDD has an informational meeting scheduled for March in the afternoon. Mr. Jin noted that the informational meetings he has attended so far have gone well. Ms. Cathy Furukawa provided an update on the RCOC hosted Informational Meetings. To date, RCOC has hosted 12 informational meetings with five more scheduled for March. Interpretation has been available in Korean, and Spanish, and

Vietnamese at certain meetings. RCOC has sent email blasts to its mailing list in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese in December, January, and February informing people of these informational meetings. To date, there have been 332 people (that RCOC is aware of) that has signed up for the Self-Determination Program Lottery.

V. Report on State Self-Determination Meeting

Mr. Jin reported that he has not yet heard regarding where letters to CMS may be sent regarding waiver approval. The latest Mr. Jin has heard from the work group is that the waiver has not yet been submitted to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). Mrs. Burchill confirmed that the State Self-Determination meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2018 and Mr. Jin will be in attendance.

VI. Discussion on Waiver

Mr. Burchill commented that it is unclear what the waiver services will be and that a list of waiver services should be published so that people are aware of the different services. She added that parents and families do not know what services to ask for so it is important to help people understand the different possibilities. Ms. Miller had printed out the list of waiver services which is 290 pages. She noted that the type of services will depend on how it will apply to the individual and his/her Person Centered Plan (PCP). Mr. Corey echoed that services should come from the person served and the PCP team. Mr. Corey shared a draft of the possible waiver services he received from the DDS Self-Determination training held in October 2017 at San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. Ms. Von Thenen stated that the waiver services and the definition of services need to be written in simple language so that everyone can understand it. Mr. Corey noted that there are broad categories for services but not a specific list and Ms. Burchill asked if a list can be made available on the RCOC website. Mr. Larry Landauer noted that the list of Title 17 services is current available on the RCOC website ([link to Title 17 services](#)). The committee members asked to continue to add this discussion item to the next meeting agenda.

VII. Discussion on Presentations to Schedule for Future Meetings

Ms. Von Thenen shared that she spoke to someone at East Los Angeles Regional Center to get contacts for an Independent Facilitator as a potential presenter. She was given two names but one person is moving out of state and another person has a standing appointment on Mondays. This person is also reluctant to present at this Local Advisory Committee since this person is not from this area. Ms. Burchill asked if there is money from the state legislation that allows the committee to bring in guest speakers. Ms. Von

Thenen stated that SCDD pays for the costs associated with state meetings while RCOC pays for costs related to the Local Advisory Committee. Mr. Landauer and Ms. Miller clarified that Regional Center is responsible for hosting the Local Advisory Committee, not for paying for costs associated with the meetings. There have been presentations on Financial Management Services and Person Centered Planning so Ms. Miller asked what other topics can be presented. Ms. Burchill noted that Person Centered Planning is a key component to Self-Determination and asked if someone else can give another presentation on it. Ms. Von Thenen shared that Dr. Cristina Mercado will present on the Person Centered Planning at SCDD. Mr. Patrick Ruppe shared with the committee that the Individual Program Plan (IPP) will be updated to be more person centered so it may be beneficial to present on this new IPP in June.

VIII. Public Comments

Since there is limited attendance to the Local Advisory Committee meetings, Ms. Von Thenen made a motion that the committee not meet every month unless there is a presentation or an important topic to discuss. There was discussion regarding how often the committee should meet. A member of the public noted that he has been to the most of the Local Advisory Committee meetings and meetings are scheduled, yet there is still no waiver. He asked what will happen when there is a waiver and if there are details on what this waiver means. He said it is still unclear what the Self-Determination Program will look like as he does not want parents to be misled into thinking they will get whatever services they want. He also asked if the waiver talks about fiduciary responsibility and how the Self-Determination Program will work. Another member of the public made a comment that the informational meeting flyers should clarify that the Self-Determination Program addresses supports one “needs” and not supports one “wants.”

Ms. Von Thenen made a motion that the committee not meet in April since it is the week of spring break and that the committee reconvenes in May to discuss updates on the waiver. Mr. Corey seconded the motion and the voting committee members voted “yes” in support of this motion.

Finally, a member of the public noted that as a person served, it saddens her when people refer to individuals served as “consumers.”

IX. Agenda Items for the May 7, 2018

It was requested that the next agenda include an update on the Statewide Meeting, the waiver, and the new IPP. Discussion items to be included are presentations, waiver services, and Local Advisory Committee representation at the State meetings. Ms. Furukawa asked that an agenda item be added to discuss the edits to flyer for informational meetings.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.