

Alta California Regional Center  
 Self-Determination Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
 Minutes

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Lisa Cooley SA (via phone)	Nancy Libby FA
Joyce McNair FA	Lana Knyazev SP
Carole Watilo SP	Nina Iliff FA
Kimberly Terrell SA	Luis Rivera FA
Brittnee Gillespie DRC	Christian Griffith FA
Sonya Bingaman, SCDD	
Margaret Lamb FA	
Stacy Shaw SA	
<b>Others Present:</b>	
Phil Bonnet, ACRC	
Jason Lindo, ACRC	
Robin LeMay (Support Staff), ACRC	
Joseph Hernandez, SP	
Legend: SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider	

**1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair**

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

### **3. *Best Date/Times for SDAC Meetings – Joyce McNair***

- Joyce proposed changing when the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meets.
- Suggested dates/times: Tuesday or Thursday. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- Kimberly advised that she is available any day from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- Jason noted that the SDAC may want to meet every two months rather than quarterly due to upcoming activities.
- A Survey Monkey to vote on best date/time and frequency will be emailed to SDAC members.

### **4. *Outreach Efforts by Committee Members – Joyce McNair***

- Lisa conducted a presentation on the Able Act and Self-Determination in May and would like to provide more presentations beyond the Sacramento area.
- Sonya and Jason provided a Self-Determination presentation to 50 parents. Most of the parents' concerns were around Financial Management Services (FMS).
- Sonya and Jason provided a Self-Determination presentation to the Spanish speaking community (around 12-14 attended) at the UC Davis Mind Institute.
- Sonya and Lisa conducted a presentation during the Self-Advocacy Conference.

## 5. **DDS Updates – Jason**

- On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Jason received communication from Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that they would like to provide a two day training on Self-Determination at Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- The first day of training would be for regional center staff and the second would be a pre-enrollment meeting for consumers and families, followed by a train the trainer session for regional center staff and other organizations.
- The expectation is there will be 200+ for pre-enrollment and approximately 100 for regional center staff and organizations.
- Jason emailed questions/concerns to DDS around the following topics:
  - Previously ACRC was informed they would be one of five regional center hubs. Need clarification if the trainings would be for just ACRC or other regional centers as well.
  - Need direction on which other organizations would be involved in the training and the outreach that's expected for them.
  - Logistical concerns around the number of staff, clients and, families that would attend trainings. (ACRC has 2,194 clients on the Self-Determination Interest List).
  - Is pre-enrollment meeting a dry run or an actual enrollment for the Self-Determination Program?

- Via conference call with ACRC & DDS the following topics were discussed:
  - DDS confirmed that ACRC is still a part of the five regional center hubs.
  - DDS confirmed that other regional centers would be bringing clients with them.
  - ACRC informed DDS about the lack of room to accommodate 200 people (for the pre-enrollment training).
  - Travel expenses for other regional centers and their clients, could be an issue.
  - DDS offered changing the Self-Determination training dates to August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
  - ACRC provided DDS with three area hotels to accommodate large crowds and also suggested that lunch be provided.
  - ACRC requested the module trainings be uploaded to DDS's website. It was advised this cannot be done at this time.
  - For capacity concerns, ACRC requested to cap regional center staff from each regional center to 40.
  - ACRC suggested that the pre-enrollment meeting be a practice session that can be critiqued, with a small number of clients. DDS could not commit to this, but advised they would consider it.

- SDAC Self-Determination Training Discussion:
  - The regional center is looking for feedback from the SDAC surrounding the pre-enrollment training as it relates to the timeline, barriers, and challenges.
  - Carol thinks that providing the training is a good thing and that DDS will have to figure out the logistics.
  - Jason questions if there will be additional trainings beyond the initial ones and wants clarification around who will officially become trainers.
  - Joyce advised that a trial run of the training should occur first.
  - Sonya would like to know who would be offered training and is concerned that questions from families will not be addressed with a general overview training.
  - The general consensus of the committee is to scrap the idea of the pre-enrollment, and have it be an all-day training for people that want to be trainers.
  - Kimberly questions if DDS is looking at how big of a change this is going to be and how doing things so rapidly could be a bid deal for the clients, staff, and families. Need to base the training logistically off of who can attend. This is a large amount of information and can't expect for people to learn something in one sitting.

- Sonya is concerned about providing a training before the waiver is signed, but realizes that a lot of families are saying they want training now.
- Lisa noted that DDS should update their website as it relates to Self-Determination.
- Brittnee has concerns about asking organizations (such as Disability Rights California) to attend on such short notice.
- Jason said it would be a good idea for members of the SDAC to attend the trainings.

## **6. *Public Comment Period***

- No comments

## **7. *Open discussion on Self-Determination:***

- Kimberly noted that there should be oversight over IHSS workers around when they show up to assist clients.
- Jason stated that when the waiver is complete, the funding categories can be reviewed and possibly could fund someone to help coordinate staff. Because IHSS is a Medi-Cal function, it will not overlap with Self-Determination.
- Jason will provide a summary email to SDAC members of what he finds out in July from DDS.

## **8. *Dates for Future Meetings:***

- The Survey Monkey will be emailed to SDAC members to vote on the dates/times and frequency of meetings.

9. ***Identify agenda items for next meeting:***

- DDS or other updates on Self-Determination.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 A.M.