

SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 16, 2017

Members Present: Connie Boyar Cheryl Hewitt (chair)
David Forderer Martha Johanson
Wesley Moss Angélica Victoria
Lori McDonnal Stacy Melton

Members Absent: Doug Pascover Filomena Alomar

Staff: Jacqueline Aviles Lourdes González
Mike Keeley Irene De La Rosa

Community: Wayne Glusker Ramon M. Robles
Louise Sylvester

The Self Determination Advisory Committee commenced at 10:39 a.m. presided by Ms. Cheryl Hewitt Acting Chair beginning with introductions.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes for January 2017.

M/S/C Moved to approve the January minutes. (Hewitt/Johanson) No further discussions. Five members in favor. One Abstentions. Motion carries.

Member Present	Voted
David Forderer	Abstain
Cheryl Hewitt	Yes
Martha Johanson	Yes
Wes Moss	Yes
Doug Pascover	Yes
Angelica Victoria	Yes

2. Chair Person's Report

Ms. Hewitt reported that the Statewide Committee continues to wait for the approval of the waiver. They are doing outreach by doing PowerPoint presentations. They feel that the new presidency will delay the approval of the

waiver. Ms. Hewitt met with San Jose City Council members Sergio Jimenez and Ash Karla.

3. DDS Update (SARC)

Mr. Mike Keeley Director of Consumer Services gave a brief overview of the State Wide Self Determination Committee on February 28th 2017 via teleconference with Jim Knight.

Issues they're focusing on are:

1. DDS and CMS discussing which services should be approved to qualify for federal funding.
2. Fee's that families may have to pay for the financial management system. Is the cost going to be reduced from the total budget. DDS says it should come out of that budget.
3. CMS wants the state to explain the rate structure for the financial management system. DDS will explain that negotiation process and put the answers on the revised waiver application.
4. CMS request the state to provide the specific number of days a person has to be in a crisis facility before they no longer qualify for the waiver due to the settings rule. The state will do further research and respond once they have the answers.
5. CMS requested that the state provide information on the process of assessing providers to assure the Home and Community Based Services Final Rule.
 - a. The final rule is to help people have a good life and the programs that are funded meet that expectation they are community based and not set aside from everyone else.
 - b. If someone is already in the community in a job there does not need to be an assessment.
6. CMS asked the state to develop a document in the revised waiver application on how it plans on assuring that funded conferences, related to trainings and materials address identified specific needs.
7. CMS says in order for respite to be included as a reimbursable service, the clause "including day care" in the application must be removed due to CMS regulations. Jim says they the waiver will be revised.
8. CMS indicated that the waiver application request reimbursement for Specialized Therapeutic Services. They will revise to distinguish how these services differ from generic medical services. Jim Knight says they will revise the waiver and resubmit.

Mr. Keeley said that SARC is learning to address all disparity issues and other committee members made helpful suggestions:

- Families should know that we are here to help.
- Have background checks
- Providers hiring bilingual staff
- The goal is to reach out and educate them so that they can advocate for their loved ones.
- Mr. Grady shared that they have some very good PowerPoint presentations to negotiate in meetings called "Positive Planning"
- Vendors should be culturally sensitive.
- The authorities' responsibility is to be open, trusting, and be there to help.
- Committee agreed to have ongoing topics to discuss oversights.

4. Recruiting

There are two open positions in the committee that must be filled; the members should be from the San Benito County. One to represent SARC, and one to represent the State Council. The committee was encouraged to recruit people.

5. Member /Public Comment/Announcements

- Ms. Hewitt shared she is a member of the Board for IHSS (In Home Service Support) office now and she shared a calendar of classes that is given by the office.
- Ms. Hewitt shared information on the Voice Options by Apple for the IPAD that has 4 applications for a trial period for 30 days, this is equipped with speech for those individuals that need assistance. Demo sites are in San Jose 408-894-9041 SVILC.org and Salinas 831-757-2968
- Connie asked about an IHSS worker abusing a client, what would be the role of the regional center?
- June 13th Sacramento Capitol Action Day: Health Care is a right. The center for Independent Living will have a bus
- Call in day to ask senators and representatives to oppose block grants
- David Grady would like to get stories from individuals about how Medi-Cal has affected their life

6. Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

