

Regional Center of Orange County

Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee

June 29, 2015

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“Each regional center shall establish a local volunteer advisory committee to provide oversight of the Self-Determination Program. The regional center and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities shall each appoint one-half of the membership of the committee. The committee shall consist of the regional center clients’ rights advocate, consumers, family members, and other advocates, and community leaders. A majority of the committee shall be consumers and their family members. The committee shall reflect the multicultural diversity and geographic profile of the catchment area. The committee shall review the development and ongoing process of the Self-Determination Program, including whether the program advances the principles of self-determination and is operating consistent with the requirements of this section, and may make ongoing recommendations for improvement to the regional center and the department.”

Present

Rhys Burchill, Parent

Jyusse Corey, Consumer Advocate

Sam Durbin, Consumer

Susan Eastman, Orange County Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Daniel Harrington, Consumer

Tim Jin, Consumer

April Lopez, Parent

Sean Maluy, Supported Living Staff for Daniel Harrington

Michael Rillera, Parent

Liz Zuniga, Supported Living Staff for Tim Jin

Larry Landauer, RCOC Executive Director

Nicole Barrios, RCOC Training and Organizational Specialist

I. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Expectations of the Local Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) letter regarding Self-Determination Program (SDP) Implementation Update, dated June 5, 2015, that states that each regional center must establish a Local Volunteer Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is twofold: 1) to ensure the effective implementation of the SDP and 2) to facilitate the sharing of best practices and training materials. Committee members are appointed by the regional center and the Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). Members must include consumers, family members, the regional center clients' rights advocate, other advocates and community leaders.

III. Brief Overview of the Law

The committee reviewed the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Division 4.5, Chapter 6, Article 4, 4685.8, which outlines the implementation of the Self-Determination Program.

IV. Timeline

As required by law, federal funding is necessary to implement the SDP. As such, a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been submitted by DDS. The application is currently under review. Federal approval of the waiver is required prior to implementation of the SDP.

DDS will release an informational video that features consumers and families currently in the self-determination pilot project. The video, which will be available in multiple languages, is due to be released in the summer of 2015. The committee would like to schedule the next Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee meeting after the release of the video so that the video can be shared with those members of the public who attend the meeting.

V. Organizing for the Future

The committee elected Rhys Burchill to serve as Chairperson of the Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee.

VI. Next Steps

As consumers and families must be aware of self-determination as an option, a suggestion was made to include a brief description of the SDP in the next *Dialogue*, a quarterly publication by the Regional Center of Orange County. Once aware of SDP, consumers and families must be informed about the program's new opportunities and increased responsibilities. Interested consumers and families will be required to attend self-determination informational/pre-enrollment meetings prior to being considered for enrollment in the SDP.