

SELF- DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

JANUARY 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Ron Allan.

Rachel moved for the minutes to be approved and Reva seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Group.

Expenditure Data Review

Sidney Jackson gave an overview of CVRC's expenditure data to the Group. Group members were given an opportunity to view the data in detail with special attention to expenditures based on age, ethnicity, etc. Group members were able to comment. Notes were taken to record highlights and comments.

Self-Determination Update

Sidney Jackson walked the Group through a review of the letter from CMS. The letter outlines for the State the additional information needed and the edits made to the proposed waiver before it is approved. The Group each got a copy of the letter with highlighted areas to review closely. Rachel Hagans emphasized that the Feds will review application once again after questions are addressed by the State.

In order for the State to receive Federal funds for the Self-Determination Project, the State must address the questions. The Feds would like more consistency with the Waiver services in general.

Fear that Feds may be systematizing too much.

Reva commented that we need to stay focused. We NEED to keep working on being PERSON CENTERED. Keep our person centered mindset. Let's not lose momentum!

Rachel shared that the State level will be getting the Chairs of the Self-Determination Advisory Groups together and that funding has been provided to the State Council to cover travel costs. She will forward an e-mail to enter which dates are acceptable for a meeting, to Reva and Ron. The proposal is for the group to meet twice a year.

Outreach Follow-up

Sidney updated the Group on outreach efforts. An informational meeting was held in Merced on December 18 (both Spanish and English). There are currently 151 participants.

As mentioned before, the meetings scheduled in Lindsay and Dinuba for December 8th and 9th were cancelled due to issues with the venue. They were re-scheduled for January 28th in Lindsay and January 29 in Dinuba @ (9:30 English & 10:30 Spanish). Yolanda Cruz from the State Council will conduct the Spanish meetings.

Sidney will also speak on the Self Determination Project to the State Council on February 10 @ 10:00 am here at the CVRC Office.

Ron suggested that another way to get information out to clients is to do a skit that will show how Self Determination would work. Ron is concerned about the small number of attendees to the informational meetings and wants other ways to reach clients. The Group felt this was a good idea.

Reva asked Sidney how things went with the Vendor Advisory Meeting. Sidney shared that it was a quiet group and only a couple of questions were asked. One vendor asked for a copy of the slides.

Rachel shared that the Primary Advisory Committee is on the 1st Thursday in March and perhaps this is a good time to do an informational skit as suggested.

Sidney will check to see if the State is already preparing something on Self Determination.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016.