

SELF- DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

February 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Ronald Allan.

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

Self-Determination Update

The Group was informed that there has not been any updates from DDS regarding the application since the last meeting. In order for the State to receive Federal funds for the Self-Determination Project, the State must address questions asked by the state in January. The Feds would like more consistency with the Waiver services in general.

Ronald Allan informed the Group that he has made arrangements with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to attend the meeting scheduled for the Chairs of the Self-Determination Advisory Groups. The meeting will take place on March 3rd.

Meeting Frequency

The Group discussed the frequency of the meetings. The discussion focused on how often the groups should meet due to the project being on hold until the State has satisfactorily answered the questions of the Federal Government. Cindy Pickens asked Sidney Jackson if he feels the meetings provide him with the support he needs in order to perform his duties as the Manager of the program. Sidney responded that he definitely feels supported by the Group, however he does also recognize that he has a lack of information to provide to the Group until the State has answered all of the questions to the satisfaction of the Federal Government. Michelle Smith suggested that we wait to have this discussion until after the Self-Determination Conference scheduled for February 18th and 19th. Furthermore, Michelle stated that we will have more information about the other regional center Self-Determination Advisory Groups in order to make a better informed decision about the frequency in which we meet. Based on Michelle's comments, it was requested by the Group that the discussion be tabled until next month. The frequency in which we meet will again be discussed at the March meeting.

Outreach Follow-up

Sidney Jackson informed the Group that there are 163 individuals on the Interest List at this time. Informational Meetings were held at the Lindsay Library and also the Dinuba Library in January. The Group

was also informed that Sidney Jackson has presented on Self-Determination to the Vendor Advisory Group. Yolanda Cruz from the State Council conducted the sessions in Spanish.

Sidney also spoke on the Self Determination Project at the Clovis Unified Professional Development Meeting held on February 9, 2016.

Due to Ronald's concern that individuals may not be grasping the concept, he re-emphasized his desire to the Group to assist him in developing a "skit" in order to better inform the people receiving regional center services about Self-Determination. Michele Smith requested that we collectively spend time writing a skit at our next meeting. Michelle also indicated that she may know of at least 3 individuals receiving CVRC services that may be interested in participating in the skit. Bebe Perez of The Resource for Independence Central Valley suggested that the Group seek the assistance of the Media Department of Fresno State. Michelle also mentioned using the website known as "Prezi" in order to assist in the development of the skit.

Information Sharing

Michelle Smith asked if the Group is aware of any trainings taking place at the "schools". Rachel Hagans informed Michelle that Sidney will be presenting at the upcoming Transition Fairs and that he has already presented at the Clovis Unified School District's Professional Development Meeting. The Group discussed a tri-fold that provides information of Self-Determination when participating in community events.

The meeting was adjourned.

The date of the next meeting to be discussed at the March 15, 2016.