

## SELF- DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

March 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Ronald Allan at 5:15 pm on March 15, 2016.

Carolyn Tellalian moved for the minutes to be approved and Sidney Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Group.

### Self-Determination Update

Sidney Jackson gave an overview of the Autism Society of Los Angeles Conference he attended on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The conference was titled "It's A New Day". There were speakers from the Department of Developmental Services, and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services. The basic theme of the conference was Self-Determination law and how it will allow individuals with developmental disabilities fuller access to the community. The Department of Developmental Services did indicate that they hope to have answered the questions asked of them by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services by the end of March. The Department of Developmental Services also indicated that they hope to have the "training materials" completed and sent out to all of the regional centers by the end of the March as well.

Carolyn Tellalian spoke highly of the conference and how the 400 plus participants were so accepting. She stated that it was very inspiring.

Ronald Allan informed the Group that he attended the meeting scheduled for the Chairs of the Self-Determination Advisory Groups. The meeting took place at the Westside Regional Center on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. According to Ronald, each regional center is in a different place in terms of what they are doing when it comes to advisory group meetings and outreach. The group collectively agreed that they are in need of more guidance from the Department of Developmental Services. In fact the chairpersons requested that the Department of Developmental Services address a letter to the regional centers listing the expectations of the Department. The chairpersons would like for the letter to encourage all of the regional centers to increase the frequency of the advisory group meetings.

Ronald also stated that his idea about performing a "skit" was well received by the other chairpersons.

The group also requested a follow-up presentation from Premier Financial Management Service. Sidney Jackson will attempt to arrange for Premier to come to the April meeting.

#### Outreach Follow-up

Sidney updated the Group on outreach efforts. Two informational meetings were held in Fresno on March 11 in both Spanish and English. There are currently 174 individuals on the Interest List. Yolanda Cruz from the State Council conducted the meeting for our monolingual Spanish speaking participants.

Ronald suggested that another way to get information out to clients is to do a skit that will show how Self Determination works. Ronald requested that at the next meeting we discuss with Bebe Perez, of the Resource for Independence Central Valley, about requesting assistance from the Media Department of Fresno State in the recording of the skit. Ronald stated that he would like to have a "skit" done by June for the People's First Convention.

The group discussed ideas for the skit and how props can be used to better explain the responsibilities of the financial management service vendor.

#### Meeting Frequency

The group discussed if moving to bi-monthly meetings would be appropriate due to a decrease in attendance. The group determined that they would like to continue to meet on a monthly basis. The group requested that Sidney Jackson establish contact with members in order to determine if we need to do a new recruitment.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2016.