

SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP

APRIL 19, 2016

Minutes for the March 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Self-Determination Update

There are currently 178 individuals on the interest list.

Sidney shared that he participated in the Valley Childrens Hospital George Pass Fund Run event. One thousand people participated and \$20,000 was raised. Sidney talked to interested people about CVRC eligibility, if not already clients, and informed about Self-Determination.

On May 11, 2016 there will be a Disability Awareness Day at Mendota High School. CVRC will be among the agencies present to provide information.

Sidney shared an update on Self-Determination information meetings being planned. He is looking at Tulare County for next month. Sidney has also met individually with clients and their families being referred to him by CVRC caseworkers.

Person Centered Gathering

Sidney participated on a panel at the Person -Centered training in Petaluma in March. The progress of the Self-Determination program was discussed. Several important individuals in the developmental disabilities field were present. Sidney felt he learned a lot about person centered thinking. The audience was mainly composed of providers. The goal of DDS was to have had all the questions posed by the Feds answered by the end of March but apparently there were still problems related to questions having to do with the monitoring and auditing of Self-Determination as part of the HCBS waiver.

CVRC is considering person centered training for all the staff.

Sidney referred the group to the DDS Website to point out a program directive letter sent out in September 2015. It identifies the providers of services and supports who must obtain criminal background checks and clearly states they are responsible for the cost of fingerprinting.

A letter from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities was read stating that to ensure Self-Determination is realized in California the Chairs of the Local Advisory Committees will meet twice a year.

Premier Financial

Wes from Premier Financial could not be here tonight to present information but will be present at our May 17, 2016 meeting.

Outreach Followup

Sidney plans to participate in the Mendota event.

Information meetings are being planned for Tulare and Kings Counties.

Skit Workshop

Ron informed the group that Bebe Perez from the Resources for Independence Central Valley, helped him write out his ideas for a skit on Self Determination. She will come and speak to the group along with Ron to talk about the idea of a Skit Workshop, hopefully, in time for the People's /First Convention in June. The presentation could be a video or power point.

Ron also shared that he received a call from a gentleman calling to ask if he could receive traditional CVRC services and still participate in the Self-Determination Program. Sidney asked him to refer the call to him.

Also had a short discussion on Advisory committee members having busy schedules but most are still interested in being part of the group. Monthly meeting are still ok with the group.

Information Sharing

Yolanda Cruz from the State Council informed the group of the Project Development Grants . The focus this year is self- advocacy, formal and informal community supports and inclusion. The grants are due on May 31st @ 5:00 pm.

Hlee Vang shared an informational flyer being passed out as part of their recruitment for Head Start. Ten Percent of their recruits qualify as special needs.

Hlee invited Sidney to come to speak at a Head Start meeting.

Meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2016 @ 5:00.