

Self- Determination Local Advisory Group

July 19, 2016

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for June 21, 2016. Reva seconded and the minutes were approved.

Additional Agenda Items

Ron Allan urged anyone interested in adding agenda items to do so at this time. Sidney Jackson added discussion of November meeting date.

Self- Determination Update

Sidney informed the Group that we have 187 interested participants on the list. Sidney will be scheduling informational meetings in Tulare/Kings counties. CVRC has begun lateral transfers of caseworkers specializing in Self-Determination.

Self-Determination Symposium

Sidney attended the San Andreas Conference on Self-Determination . Jim McNight, Assistant Director of DDS, informed the attendees that the State is preparing to submit the “formal” response to the Federal Government’s questions. There were breakout sessions and panels discussing numerous aspects of Self-Determination.

Reva Guimont asked Sidney if he had an opportunity to visit client’ homes to provide information on Self-Determination as previously suggested.

Sidney responded and clarified for the Group that he had not made home visits but instead sent out letters to potential participants on the list emphasizing the importance of attending an information meeting. Sidney has also engaged the assistance of the CVRC case workers . He acknowledged that we may still have to make home visits. Some of the participants on the list were referred by case workers or parents. Sidney has received phone calls from some clients who received the letter.

Michelle Smith commented that there are still clients not aware of the existence of Self-Determination. Sidney emphasized the importance of training caseworkers who have direct contact with clients.

Rachel Hagans commented that some CVRC clients want opportunities to work or want something else different from what CVRC offers. Self-Determination would probably meet their needs.

Reva wondered if anymore clients can be added to the program once 140 clients are selected.

Sidney responded that this would not be possible for the first 3 years but perhaps it could be done if someone dropped out.

50th Lanterman Celebration

Rachel reported that the celebration was a success and all had a “great time”. There were many clients present. There were various activities, games and music.

Michelle stated it was people “hanging out together”. She noticed there were not as many families with younger children and questioned “how can we get them in?”

Reva wondered how the event was advertised. Rachel reminded the Group that it was on CVRC’s facebook page and case workers sent out flyers .

Michelle questioned if parents of young children would be upset to see what they may interpret as “non-inclusive” if they saw adult clients all wearing the same colored shirts. Programs often do this to signify program team spirit and identity.

Michelle questioned whether CVRC clients’/parents’ e-mail addresses are available to CVRC . This would be a good way to inform families of events such as this.

Rachel responded that some families/clients give this information to their case worker, however, it is not in the main system. She agreed to explore the possibility of adding this information to the main system.

Skit Casting

Ron introduced the cast of the Self-Determination Skit. They will be practicing the skit soon in order to be prepared to present at the CVRC Board meeting on August 23rd. They also hope to present it to the Regional Advisory Committee of the State Council. The final skit is being completed by Resources for Independence. We have not heard from the State Council on the Grant application.

Information Sharing

Reva requested more information on the CVRC Self-Determination conference on August 31 for staff and providers.

The conference “Understanding the CMS Rule: The Impact for Service Providers in California” is to be held at the Golden Palace in Fresno.

Public Comment

Sidney informed the Group of the upcoming Coffee Social and RAC meeting on August 10th at the CVRC office. There will be 300 backpack containing school supplies donated by Premier to be given to needy families. Reva commented that coffee socials offer a good place for families to get to know their case workers.

Meeting Calendar (Note changes for Nov and Dec).

8/16/2016

9/20/2016

10/18/2016

11/15/2016

12/20/2016