

## Self- Determination Local Advisory Group

August 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm

### Introductions

### Approval of Minutes

Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for July 19, 2016. Reva seconded and the minutes were approved.

### Additional Agenda Items

Ronald Allan urged anyone interested in adding agenda items to do so at this time. Ronald Allan requested an update from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities be added to the agenda.

### Self- Determination Update

Sidney informed the Group that we have 188 interested participants on the list. Informational meetings in Tulare/Kings counties were held last month. In regards to outreach conducted for the meetings covering Kings/Tulare Counties, there was special attention given to those individuals who have yet to attend an informational meeting but are on the interest list. A letter was sent out and the Case Managers were asked to reach out to these individuals personally. CVRC Management did conduct meetings with Case Managers that expressed interest in a lateral transfer to a position specializing in Self-Determination. However, Case Managers have not been reassigned at this time.

Sidney continues to participate in the local Vendor Advisory Committee meetings held on a bi-monthly basis.

The regional centers are awaiting the Self Determination training videos to arrive from the state. Once the videos are received, CVRC will implement trainings as instructed by the state.

### Skit Preparation

Ron introduced the revised Self-Determination Skit to the group. They will be practicing the skit soon in order to be prepared to present at the CVRC Board meeting in October. They also hope to present it to the Regional Advisory Committee of the State Council.

Michelle Smith commented that the skit may need to be revised to contain less information. Rachel asked that we use the title Case Manager instead of Counselor in order to be more consistent with the overall state regional center system. The skit will also be revised to incorporate language and figures that are more consistent with the state in general.

Yolanda Cruz of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities informed the group that the Resource for Independence Central Valley did not receive the recently applied for grant. It was anticipated that

the grant would assist the Self-Determination Advisory Group with funding the video production of the skit.

#### State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Yolanda Cruz of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities reported that the office will be conducting a training in collaboration with Children Services Network and the Kings County Office of Action called "Resources and Referrals." The focus of the training is to provide childcare providers information on accommodating children with special needs. Yolanda also stated that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities continues to provide trainings on Individualized Education Plans and Inclusion Trainings.

#### Information Sharing

Yolanda Cruz informed the group that CVRC and the State Council are collaborating on the development of a Service Equity Task Force. The two agencies are in the initial stages of recruitment for the task force.

#### Public Comment

Margie Oppel informed the group of Kay Spencer's recent passing. As a member of the Self-Determination Advisory Group, Kay Spencer attended meetings regularly and assisted the group in continuing to think "person centered" through her vast experience of working with people with developmental disabilities.

#### Meeting Calendar

9/20/2016

10/18/2016

11/8/2016