



Self Determination Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016, 10:30-12

Location: SARC Campbell, 300 Orchard City Drive, Suite 170

Accommodations: If you need any accommodations, please contact David Grady or Javier Zaldivar at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

	Items	Responsible	Comments
1.	CMS Letter Dated	Cheryl SARC rep	CMS sent a letter to the DHCS concerning the Self Determination Application. With DDS, DHCS will have to respond to the many questions. DDS has not formally responded to the letter.
2.	Person Centered Planning	Doug Pascover	Doug is the executive director of Imagine SLS and has been training on PCP.
3.	Member Comment , Future Topics, and Activities	All	Committee discussions
4.	Education	David/SARC rep	Share any updates regarding education materials/opportunities
5.	SDC Conference in LA		Another Self Determination Conference is scheduled for February in LA. Handout flyer.
6.	Public Comment		Open the floor for public comments.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 18th @ 10:30-12 @ SARC Campbell

**SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 17, 2015**

Members Present:	Filomena Alomar Rita Defilippis Cheryl Hewitt (chair) Stacy Melton Doug Pascover	Connie Boyar David Forderer Martha Johanson Wesley Moss Angelica Victoria
Members Absent:	Teresa Montes de Oca	Terry Rhode
Staff:	David Grady Javier Zaldivar	Lourdes Gonzalez
Community:	Lynn Bariteau	Lori McDonnal

Self Determination Committee commenced at 10:39 am - Issues Discussed:

1. SDAC Membership

Mr. Jacob Atteberry has resigned from the Committee and Mr. David Forderer has taken his place as a new committee member. The Committee still needs to recruit people from the San Benito County and they are working on it. Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director emphasized to the committee the importance of having good communication and working together as a team. It is important that everyone moves in synch for the benefit of all families. Mr. David Grady shared that in 2016 the goal is to bring all SDA committee chairs of the regional centers together for a meeting , State Council is working on the details.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Javier Zaldivar Executive Director passed out the updated Self Determination booklet and informed the committee that still the federal government has not approved the Self Determination application. Informally the department is discussing that the federal government will return the application with many questions that must be answered again before the program can go into effect. Presently all the progress for the program is dependent on the federal government's approval decision.

The Department of Developmental Disabilities is working without its two top positions, which impacts the work and decisions of the department, but they are working on filling the vacancies.

3. Judy Marks Presentation

Ms. Marks an advocate for people with disabilities made a presentation on the Self Determination program via video-conference. She informed that the program will give more control to families if they wish to participate in it.

- She gave a time line of events so far:
 - December 31, 2014 Apply for Medi-Cal
 - September 2015 submit application for approval
 - 2016 resubmit corrected application
- Ms. Marks explained that the program is not ready to be implemented yet, as soon as the federal government approves it, then DDS can begin rolling its instructions of:
 - Pre-enrollment classes
 - Random selection of participants
- The program must be based on the Person Center Planning and gets its core values from the CMS (Center for Medicare Services) regulations.
- The process must take into consideration the preferences of the individual such as:
 - Wants
 - Needs
 - Respect of choices
 - Respect of ideas
 - Values
 - Cultural diversity
 - Health
 - Safety
 - Individual must be present for all decisions made.
- Services through Self Determination still must be chosen from generic resources first, and must abide by all CMS rules.
- The individual budget will be based on the total expenditures of the previous 12 months, not the authorized amounts.
 - IPP can be changed to meet needs.
 - Budget will not be increased to cover Facilitation or Financial Managers.
 - The program must be cost neutral.
- Independent Facilitation must:

- Help with IPP
- Should know about services and “think outside the box”
- Should advocate for the individual
- Financial Management Service must
 - Manage the budget
 - Manage vendored and independent services
 - Advise on regulations and employee labor laws

Mr. Zaldivar informed that the Self Determination Advisory Committee must disseminate the information that DDS releases once it is ready. The Committee must also abide by SARC’s Policy and Procedure that is approved by DDS and our Board of Directors.

Once DDS releases concrete instructions:

- Outreach with flyers will be done
- Vendors will be contacted
- Informational meetings will be held
- Trainings of staff will be done
- Dates for pre-enrollment will be set

4. Next Committee Meeting Date/Time

January 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

5. Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.