

Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDC)

Friday, June 24, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Recorder: Dina Petterson

Timekeeper: None selected

AT&T/Video Connection

**Present:** Robert Miland Taylor, Pam Jensen, Cindy Lemas, Victoria Mayes-Webb, Sheila Keys, Kara Ponton, Sherry Erickson, Lynne Page, Dawn Morley, Dina Petterson

**Absent:** Mary Block, Donna Landry-Rehling

**Guest:** Joe Hernandez, Premier Healthcare Services

1. Community Input – None
2. Welcome, Roll Call, Select a Timekeeper – Welcome and roll call completed. A timekeeper was not assigned.

3. Review of 5-17-16 minutes

**Pam Jensen moves to accept the May 17, 2016, meeting minutes, Kara Ponton 2nd the approval of the minutes.**

Robert Miland Taylor – Yes

Cindy Lemas – Yes

Victoria Mayes-Webb – Yes

Lynne Page – Yes

Pam Jensen – Yes

Kara Ponton - Yes

4. Statewide Self-Determination Committee Update – Cindy Lemas shared that the meeting was a DDS phone conference and all Regional Center chairpersons were present. DDS has submitted their answers in a draft form. The final resubmission of the waiver to the Feds is forthcoming. The Feds are said to be enthusiastic and want to see this project implemented. Jim Knight, of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), is conducting follow-up with tech phone calls so that any further questions that may come up can be clarified. Once the draft has been approved, the final will be submitted to the Feds for review. It is hoped that this will be ready to roll out by January 1st. Dawn noted that, per Jim Knight, if all goes well it may be as early as November 2016. In the Trailer Bill language, Katherine Blakemore wanted to be very clear that working with the Self Determination Committees and the regional centers must be a collaborative environment in order to roll out the statewide process. The focus is to get this outreach information to underserved populations. Dawn also noted that the Autism Society received a grant to translate the Self Determination Manual into Spanish. Pam Jensen indicated that the intent of the Final Rule Medicaid HCBS waiver is to ensure that everyone who receives services are accessible and not living in segregated or isolated environments. Only one state of Tennessee has their waiver approved. Dawn handed out a copy of the Final Rule Medicaid HCBS for the team to review prior to the next SDC meeting. It was noted that all Self Determination Committee meeting minutes and agendas will now be posted to the respective regional center websites and on the State Council's website.

**ACTION: The topic "Final Rule Medicaid HCBS" will be added to the August 19, 2016, meeting agenda.**

5. Del Norte County Representation on the Advisory Committee – Cindy L. reported that an e-mail blast was conducted. No response was received. **ACTION: A mailing and additional phone calls to Del Norte County day services, residential services, etc., will be conducted in order to attract a representative.** Cindy L. suggested that a video presentation on Self Determination be created.

**ACTION: Pam Jensen and Kara Ponton will make some outreach phone calls to Del Norte County vendors. All RCRC vendors are listed on the RCRC website, [www.redwoodcoastrc.org](http://www.redwoodcoastrc.org).**

**ACTION: Donna Landry-Rehling will contact the new Del Norte client board member for more outreach ideas.**

6. State Council Meeting Report - Dawn asked whether any members were able to participate in the Person Centered Training (PCT) webinar presentation created by the State Council staff in cooperation with the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. Sheila Keys reported that, although there was not a big turnout, those who attended found it informative.

**ACTION: Dawn will check with the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities to see if the PCT webinar is available in their online library for viewing. If available, Dawn will send the link.**

**ACTION: Dawn will let the SDC know when the Council will convene the next Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee meeting date.**

7. Statewide SDP Workgroup Meeting: Recap – Cindy L. noted that the workgroup’s target date for developing the self determination training modules is July 31, 2016. The training modules are to be uniformly used by everyone. Once the modules are finalized, there is likely to be five training sites throughout the state. These would be staffed by regional centers in a “train-the-trainer” format. If there are revisions that need to be made after finalization and training begins, all trainers will be notified and the training will continue with the new revisions. The SDC may be participating in the trainings as well. The importance of a uniform, consistent, clear message throughout the entire State was emphasized.

8. SDP Training Subcommittee Report – Sheila K. reported that they are currently waiting for final content decisions. The next steps will be to find people willing to do the trainings and assignments. It would be ideal to have persons from the SDC workgroup be part of the trainings and to provide individual outreach to the communities. Anyone who wants to participate in self determination must participate in the two-part SD/PCT approval process. Once an individual has completed the pre-enrollment session and has been selected by DDS, they will then be required to participate in the orientation training. There was discussion about gathering video testimony from clients and families already involved in the Self-Determination pilot program. It was suggested that it may be possible to print an online certification or agreement of attendance for each session.

**ACTION: Sheila K. will email the proposed Self-Determination Program Training Subcommittee meeting dates to the team.**

9. Resource Sharing:

- **Joseph Hernandez** (Premier Healthcare Services) stated that he would like to provide Financial Management Services (FMS) training and could help “spread the word”. RCRC is located in his FMS region (out of Sacramento).
- **ACTION: Joseph H. will check with his boss prior to setting any FMS training dates for the Self-Determination Committee.**
- Donna Landry-Rehling has added Joseph Hernandez to her email list for the SDC. This action is approved by the SDC.
- Robert Miland Taylor noted that the next Self Advocates Advisory Committee meeting is set for July 21, 2016. The next State Council meeting is on July 22, 2016. He also reported that information about what the various agencies are doing throughout the State in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Lanterman Act can be found at the following website: [www.lanterman50th.org](http://www.lanterman50th.org).
- Dawn Morley reported that the RCRC board of directors is planning some activities to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She commented that the use of the AT&T dial-in conference call is exciting and allows more community members access to the meetings.
- Kara Ponton attended the DDS CAC in Sacramento. She noted the following: DDS is receiving more monies for regional centers; the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) is working on benefits; and, Disability Rights of California (DRC) will be providing voter training. Kara was elected Chairperson for

2016/2017, with Rick Hodgkins serving as Vice-Chair, and the Secretary is Matthew La Grand. She further reported that the National Core Indicator (NCI) questions are being updated.

- Pam Jensen noted that the Trailer Bill language in this year budget is going to include some clarifying language so that any service provider who helps a person get employment can get what they call an “incentive payment”. This may help get more people employed.
- Sheila Keys and Cindy Gillam-Sullivan will be participating in a Person Centered Training and will be working with the new Final Rule Medicaid HCBS waiver information.

10. Other – Actions noted in these notes were reviewed and accepted.

**11. Future Meeting Dates Confirmed**

On each of these dates, the Workgroup will meet from 9:20 a.m. until 10 a.m. and the Self Determination Advisory Committee will meet from 10:00 until 12 noon. AT&T dial-in phone conferencing and video connection will be used.

Fri., July 29, 2016 RCRC Ukiah/Eureka – Sequoia Room/4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Room

Fri., Aug. 19, 2016 RCRC Ukiah/Eureka – Sequoia Room/4<sup>th</sup> Floor Con. Room

12. Adjourn the Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is set for Friday, July 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon in the RCRC Ukiah Sequoia room and the Eureka 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. This will be by video & AT&T dial-in conference call.

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