



Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2016

Meeting convened at 1:30 pm

Members In Attendance: Karen Maier(SA); Christopher Lubinski (FA); Sandra Kanczuewski (FA); Eva Melendez (FA); Joyce Clark (FA); Megan Chambers-Lazet DRC, (A); Gabriella Ohmstede (A), SDRC

Members Absent: Michelle Bartick (SA); Suzanne Goh, (A); Chanae Jackson (FA); Mary Ellen Stives, SCDD (A); Chanae Jackson (A); Eva Melendez((A);

Guests Present: Andrew Lindhart (SA); Thomas Andrews (SA); Georgia Scheingross (A); Erik Weber(SA), Sandy Weber(A) SDRC (A); Yvette Torres, Premier Healthcare (A); Connie Strohbehn (FA) Paula Alvarez (A)

Welcome and Introductions: Self introductions by members and guests. Gabriella Ohmstede announced that she will serve as the SDRC liaison.

Update on LA Autism Self Determination Conference: Several members attended the conference in March. Overall the reviews were positive re: presentations. Joyce Clark shared positive feedback re: the key note presentation by speaker, Serena Lowe, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Dept. of Labor. Her message encouraged stakeholders to commit to implementing the law with integrity, in order to ensure programs and service delivery and options, genuinely support the spirit and intent of the legislation, and meet the needs of all consumers. Gabriella Ohmstede shared conference materials and expressed her concern about some of the training content presented may be premature since state regulations and direction are pending. The committee agreed that San Diego should initiate a training plan for our community over the next year. Topics and other details will be discussed at a future meeting.

Update on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities State-Wide Self Determination Advisory Committee: Joyce Clark and Mary Ellen Stives participated via conference call. It was the first formal meeting of the committee and much of the discussion focused on members sharing strategies on local initiatives. Several areas have moved forward with training on principles of Self Determination, while other areas have moved forward with specific workshops re: process. Also, several Regional Centers have elected to move forward with a service delivery model, which aligns with the principles of self-determination. Participants from the DDS advisory group reported training materials and a roll out plan are in the development stages. Members expressed interest in sharing training materials which could be archived on web-based repository. Materials may need to be modified to meet the unique needs of stakeholder groups and communities. The San Diego committee expressed agreement that training on person-centered planning may be beneficial for the San Diego community and an appropriate first step to pursue.

Update on Self Determination Application to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the CMS: There is no update available on the Self-Determination Application to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Future Meetings: The upcoming schedule for meetings will April 15, May 20 and June 17. Meetings will be held at SDRC in room 118.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.