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**Statewide Self-Determination Advocacy Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018**

Attending Members

April Lopez (FA)
Bruce Wasson (FA)
Charles Nutt (SA)
Claire Lazaro (FA)
Joyce Clark (FA)
Judy Mark (FA)
Lisa Cooley (SA)
Maia Pawooskar (FA)
Mariam Kang (FA)
Michelle Wolf (FA)
Peter Mendoza (SA)
Richard Dier (FA)
Rick Wood (FA)
Robert Taylor (SA)
Ron Allen (SA)
Sonia Jones (SA)
Tim Jin (SA)
Vi Ibarra (FA)
Virgilio Orlina (SA)

Members Absent

Cheryl Hewitt
Louise MacKenzie
Sherry Johnson

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Aeric Kugler
Amy Westling
Armando Villegas
Connie Lapin
Debra Newman
Gina Delao
Jana Chapman-Plon
Jennifer Parsons
Jim Knight
Joseph Hernandez
Laura Larson
Lisa Hooks
Maika O'Brien

Others Attending (continued)

Mary Ellen Stives
Nicole Patterson
Rihana Ahmad
Robin Maitino
Sarah May
Sarah Wasiak
Sharon Marcus
Sonja Bingaman
Susan Crow

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair April Lopez (FA) called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Allen [SA]/Lazaro [FA]) and carried to adopt the August 28, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. (see last page for voting record)

Amendment 1

Page 3 of the minutes, item 7, first paragraph, last sentence: remove the “a” to change the sentence to read “...the process would still be three months.”

Amendment 2

Page 3 of the minutes, item 7, fourth bullet: capitalize Their

Amendment 3

Page 3 of the minutes, item 7, fifth bullet: capitalize Using

Amendment 4

Page 3 of the minutes, item 9, fourth line: capitalize Self-Determination

Amendment 5

Page 4, item 9, second paragraph, third line: capitalize Region Center and Regional Office.

Amendment 6

Page 4, item 9, third paragraph, third line: capitalize Regional Centers

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public member Connie Lapin from Disability Voices United and requested that SSDAC meet in Southern California. Ms. Lapin also commented on the delay in getting the waiver submitted and is concerned because the infrastructure still isn't in place. Ms. Lapin requested that the Committee assist the local advisory committees once the waiver is signed.

6. **SELF-DETERMINATION – TRAINING BY SELF-ADVOCATES**

Committee members viewed the Central Valley Regional Center Self-Advocate training video on Self-Determination. The video was six minutes in length and provided information on how the Self-Determination Program the can assist clients in reaching their dreams. The video is located at <https://youtu.be/RmJGby6Fn2E>.

7. **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

DDS Assistant Deputy Director Jim Knight provided an update on the waiver stating that it is due to be submitted later that day. Later in the morning at approximately 11:20 AM, Assistant Deputy Director Knight announced that the waiver had been submitted and it would be approximately 90 days until it was signed.

Committee members asked whether or not the waiver document would be posted. According to Assistant Deputy Director Knight, the waiver document would be available on DDS' website. Members were also eager to receive timelines and next steps from DDS, requesting that DDS at least provide a timeline of when a rollout timeline would be announced. DDS was reluctant to commit to a specific timeframe.

8. **HOW DO WE MAKE IT WORK?**

Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Executive Director Amy Westling, and DDS staff Jennifer Parsons and Assistant Deputy Director Knight provided members the opportunity to start the dialogue between the Regional Centers and Department on how to make the rollout of the program work.

Executive Director Westling talked about the questions coming up surrounding how to put the program into practice, how will services be monitored, and what quality assurance will look like.

Deputy Director Knight and Ms. Parsons spoke about the current numbers and provided an update on the interested party list. They broke the numbers down by demographic area according to ethnicity, disability type, and gender and age. Members had questions regarding ethnicity and aging adult demographics and how to better capture accurate data and reach multi-ethnic groups.

Members provided other feedback as well stating that they wanted to ensure that translated material be made available as well as client based training in order to reach all. Other questions and feedback included, clarification on how the lottery will be conducted and the need to feature program success stories from either pilot or other states participants.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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10. **WHAT ANSWERS WILL HELP THE ROLLOUT? BREAKOUT SESSION**

Committee members broke out into 3 small groups to come up with questions that need answered in order to have a smooth roll-out. Group 1 focused on Budget Development and FMS; Group 2 focus on Enrollment and Person-Centered Planning; and Group 3 focus on Independent Facilitators and Vendor & Non-Vendored Providers.

11. **BREAKOUT SESSION REPORT OUT**

Committee Member Rick Wood reported the following feedback/questions that came up around Budget Development and Financial Management Services.

- Create a Plain Language Explanation on what the pot of money is used for.
- Budget Development should start with determining the client's needs
- Once needs are determined, then client ca allocate money accordingly
- Provide clients with instructions/process on how to increase a budget
- Remember that cost difference for services, etc., based on geographical location.
- Allocation/budget amounts could change based on the changing costs. Will that be addressed?
- The budget development process needs simplified.
- Potential FMS concerns:
 - Bonding requirements
 - Budget Cap
 - Paying in arrears

Committee Members Vi Ibarra and Charles Nutt reported the following feedback/questions that came up around Enrollment and Person-Centered Planning.

- Material should be client centered.
- Provide real life examples of SDP working
- Make sure clients understand that SD is a choice. They can change their mind at any time
- Provide an enrollment timeline
- Provide a Tip Sheet to clients identifying who their team is

- Explain the difference between Person-Centered Planning and an IPP
- What can clients do when told by RC's that an IPP is PCP

Committee Member Maia Pawooskar reported the following feedback/questions that came up around Independent Facilitator's and Vendor and Non-Vendored Providers.

- Guidelines for families and clients should be clear and easy to understand
- Provide clarification on what the local SDAC role is
- Provide a Provider Agreement Template (boiler plate language)
- Define the guiding principles behind SD and PCP
- Educate clients on choices when selecting an Independent Facilitator
- How will clients be protected from rate gouging

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Name	Action 1
Judy Mark	Abstain
Ron Allen	For
Joyce Clark	For
April Lopez	For
Sonia Jones	For
Vi Ibarra	For
Richard Dier	Oppose
Lisa Cooley	For
Claire Lazaro	For
Tim Jin	For
Bruce Wasson	For
Robert Taylor	Abstain
Virgilio Orlina	For
Maia Pawoskar	For
Rick Wood	For
Charles Nutt	Abstain
Michelle Wolf	For
Peter Mendoza	For
Mariam Kang	For