

Alta California Regional Center  
 Self-Determination Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
 Minutes

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>
Lisa Cooley SA	Nancy Libby FA
Joyce McNair FA	Lana Knyazev SP
Kimberly Terrell SA	Nina Iliff FA
Carole Watilo SP (via phone)	Luis Rivera FA
Stacy Shaw SA	Brittnee Gillespie DRC
Margaret Lamb FA	Christian Griffith FA
<b>Others Present:</b>	
Jason Lindo, ACRC	
Robin LeMay (Support Staff), ACRC	
Joseph Hernandez, SP	
Legend: SA – Self-Advocate, FA – Family Advocate, SP – Service Provider	

**1. Call to Order by Lisa Cooley, Chair**

- Welcome & Introductions (10:00 A.M.)

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

- It was moved/seconded and carried to approve the agenda and minutes. No Abstentions.

**3. SDAC Updates – Jason Lindo**

- The current client number on the SANDIS list is 2,314.

- Status of the Waiver
  - The submission of the waiver is still being worked on.
  - A lot of the focus is on making sure the new Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) rule setting is applied to providers once the waiver rolls out.
  - There is no grace period and the final rule standards must be met.
  - They have submitted some clarifications to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS's) questions and are waiting for Center for Medicaid Services (CMS's) responses on those.
  - Many of the clarifications were surrounding Financial Management Services (FMS).
  - DDS stated that the provider's workshop will collaborate with the FMS agencies in a sub-group to answer three areas:
    - Who is making the decision about the appropriateness of the setting?
    - How long does it take for the assessment process to be completed?
    - Is there a procedure in place to appeal the findings of the assessment?
  - Margaret questioned who is doing the assessment of the providers.
  - Jason advised that it looks like the FMS agencies in conjunction with DDS/the regional center's interpretation of the final rule will be doing the assessments.
  - Other areas of focus as it relates to the submission of the waiver:
    - If somebody is approved for the Self-Determination Program (SDP) waiver and goes into a crisis setting; when should they should be dis-enrolled from the waiver?
    - If additional funding is needed for a budget, how it will be operationalized by the regional center?

- CMS wants to be ensured that providers will be paid minimum wage.
- There is a workgroup occurring this evening and DDS will announce if they are going to submit the entire waiver on December 31<sup>st</sup> or not.
- Feedback from the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) on DDS held sessions.
  - Informational drafts for the orientation modules were passed around for review.
  - The SDAC will review and provide any concerns/feedback to the workgroups.
  - Once the 2,500 clients are selected, these are the modules the RC's will be using to provide training.
  - Jason is going to check with DDS to see if they can provide talking points to go along with the presentation.
  - Jason is going to ask DDS if clients that attended SDP presentations can have their names submitted to DDS or will they have to attend DDS trainings.
  - Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) will be sending out an informational blast regarding the informal meetings and will also be posting information on the website.
  - Lisa noted that on DDS's website there is an area to enter the client name and unique client identifier (UCI) to see if they are signed up through DDS.
  - Jason clarified that this is only going to show the names of the clients that have gone through the informational training. ACRC's internal SANDIS list is to keep track of clients that are interested in attending the meeting.
  - DDS stated that their attendance sheet must be used.
  - Jason would like to request that copies of any attendance sheets be sent to him so he can make sure it's being entered on the DDS list.
  - We don't have the ability to query the list or to add to the DDS master list.

- Due confidentiality issues, client information should be written on individual index cards and later transferred to DDS's attendance sheet.
- The attendance sheet can only be sent to DDS in three ways: via encrypted email, scanned in an encrypted file, or sent via regular mail.
- Any community organization group can hold the informational meetings now and the presentations can be found on DDS's website.
- DDS requests that the attendance sheet not be signed first. Family's should watch the presentation first and then decide if they are interested in participating.
- **Self-Determination Program Participant Selection Information**
  - The DDS algorithm to select clients to participate in the program will be broken down by disability, gender, age, and ethnicity.
  - Out of the 175 names chosen to ensure representation based on the law, it will be based on sub-categories.
  - Once this is operationalized because it's a waiver, there has to be Medi-Cal eligibility.
  - The 175 names have been assigned to ACRC and will not be augmented. The total amount chosen for the state is 2500 and we cannot increase our numbers because there are 20 other regional centers.
  - There are other states that do have this waiver, but California is the largest state that will be rolling it out.
  - As we move through the waiver process we will be updating the information on the website along with official information from DDS.
- **Statewide Workgroup**
  - Jason will be contacting DDS to see if members of the SDAC can participate in these discussions.
  - The following Statewide workgroup documents were reviewed: October Self-Determination Program

Workgroup Notes, Implementation Discussion Points SDP Selection Allocated Slots Full Work Group Excel sheet, and the SDP Department List Totals by Regional Center.

**4. Outreach Efforts by Committee Members – Joyce McNair**

- Joyce has not done an official outreach in a few months.
- Joyce advised she would be happy to collaborate with SDAC members to provide trainings.
- Jason would like for trainings held at ACRC to have members of the SDAC present with him.
- Jason is working on getting some training dates set up.
- Providers and members of advocacy groups should let Jason know of training dates they set up so he can add them to ACRC's website.

**5. Public Comment Period**

- N/A

**6. Open discussion on Self-Determination:**

- N/A

**7. Dates for Future Meetings:**

- The SDAC agreed to meeting quarterly in person and bi-monthly via conference call.
- In Person Meeting Dates:
  - March 14th 2018 (Redwood)
  - June 13th 2018 (Brenda Smith)
  - September 12th 2018 (Brenda Smith)
  - December 12th 2018 (Brenda Smith)

**8. Identify agenda items for next meeting:**

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- To be determined.

9. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am