



Far Northern

## Self Determination Advisory Committee

*All Interested Persons Are Welcome to Attend Our Meeting*

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When: Friday, December 1, 2017

Time: 10:00 am to noon

Where: Chico Far Northern Regional Center Office  
1377 East Lassen Avenue, Chico, CA

Phone: 895.8633

Refreshments will be served upon your arrival.

### Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Committee members in attendance were: Charles Nutt, Kimberlee Candela, Stephen Concklin, Ronda Dever, Jennifer Bowman, Al Skaggs, Glen Pollock

2. Public Input/Open Forum (*This section is for members of the public only; and is to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present information to the Board on any matter. **Each member of the public will be afforded up to five minutes to speak. If you have additional information you are encouraged to submit it in writing.***):

Members of the public attending were: Sarah May, (State Council on Developmental Disabilities, North State Office), Laura Larson, (Executive Director FNRC), Cynthia Presidio, Melissa Gruhler, Marlene McCollum, Melissa Gruhler, Joseph Hernandez, Premier Healthcare.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion to approve and second: Charles Nutt and Glen Pollock. No discussion, motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion made and seconded to approve September 29, 2017 minutes by Charles Nutt and Al Skaggs.

Corrections:

- a. Sara Carroll did not attend as a committee member.
- b. Correction of Self-Determination on page 2
- c. B1 – HCBS settings.
- d. Page 6 : Correction 2, 3, 4 > 1, 2, 3

Motion to amend minutes made and seconded by Charles Nutt and Al Skaggs.  
No further discussion, motion passed.

5. Report on October “Train the Trainer” Trainings sponsored by the Department of Developmental Services.
  - a. Report from Judy Kruse and Melissa Gruhler: Larry Withers, Melissa and Judy attended the DDS presentation. The budget topic: If the client starts mid-year, the client will receive an average of that budget with Self Determination services. Also, the parent can be the Independent Facilitator – without pay.
  - b. Report from Ronda Dever: Each person gave their thoughts and take-aways from the trainings. There were new questions and ideas that have appeared and need to be answered and implemented.
6. Status of Self-Determination Waiver Federal Application: There are very issues left to resolve.
  - The Self-Determination waiver must adhere to the Home and Community Based Services settings rule:
  - The rules state that all services must be integrated by 2022, with the opportunity to contribute to the community.
  - Crisis Services can last no longer than six months, so crisis services have been removed from the waiver application.
  - You cannot charge for conferences in Self-determination.
  - Special Incident report – SIR’s are required of all providers currently, but under Self-Determination there are no special incident reports. This raises the question, “How does the Regional Center know when or how an incident occurs”?
  - There are many liability questions still unresolved. The waiver may be approved within the next few months.
7. Department of Developmental Services is recommending community trainings – a quick review:
  - The local trainings will begin January 18, 2018.
  - Handouts will be available to distribute at the informational meetings.
  - People will be able to access the DDS website to verify their name.

- Each Person will be provided a form to be completed for DDS if they are interested in participating in the Self-Determination Project Pilot.
8. Local Outreach and Training Plan: There was a discussion regarding who will be presenting the local informational meetings.
- Hmong and Mien speakers need to be included in these informational meetings.
  - Committee members who want to attend the informational meetings will be provided a list of dates and locations.
  - A motion was made and seconded to accept the dates by Charles Nutt and Jennifer Bowman. No discussion, motion passed.
9. Quality Standards for Independent Facilitator: Laura discussed the available manuals regarding this topic.
- Person-Centered planning is critical, as well as Job descriptions, how to develop relationships, and community mapping.
  - Perhaps a process to link with other facilitators in the community to share ideas.
  - Laura would like to have two people to help her develop a document for standards.
  - The State has have not developed a training for the facilitators, however training is required. What kind of trainings need to happen? Who needs to be trained? Laura will form a workgroup to provide guidance. This committee will meet January 8, 2018 at 10:00 in Chico.
10. Independent Facilitator proposed training by DDS: Discussed previously.
11. Items for future meetings:
- a. Valley Mountain Regional Center produced a film on Self-Determination. Let's watch and have Mainsl's Theater in the Now watch with us. Perhaps they would be interested in producing a local film with local actors.
12. Adjourn: The next meeting will be February 2, 2018 in Chico. Motion and second to adjourn by Charles Nutt and Al Skaggs. No discussion, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted



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