



**San Bernardino  
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)**

**Minutes 05/03/2018**

**Location: SCDD, San Bernardino Regional Office  
685 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 125  
San Bernardino, CA 92408**

**Location: Coachella Valley Autism Society (CVASA)  
41550 Eclectic Street  
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

**Location: Inyo/Mono Meeting Site  
174B Iris Street  
Bishop, CA. 93514**

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<http://www.scdd.ca.gov/sanbernardino.htm>

**Members Present**

Douglas Perkins, **Chair**

Ernie Saldana

Jordan Wright

Chris Rogel

Maia Pawooskar, **Secretary**

Christina Christenson-Rockwell (satellite location Inyo/Mono)

**Members Absent**

Jilska Chandrasena

Cindy Cox

Julio Garnica

**SCDD Staff**

Tamica Footh-Rachal, SCDD Regional Manager

**Public**

Teresa Bui, Parent

Kelly Leimbeart (satellite location Inyo/Mono)

April Stewart, 24-HR Home Care

## Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm

- Quorum was established
- Welcome/Introductions

## Approval of Minutes


- **VOTE** - Voting on the minutes – February 10, 2018,
  - Maia Pawoskar motioned, Ernie Saldana second
  - Vote – 6 members, minutes approved

## Reports Provided to Committee

- RAC seats vacancies
  - Currently there are 13 seats total for the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). Previously 15 in 2014
- Re-aligning number of seats per County
  - Recommendation - Increase the RAC seats to the maximum 15 members.
    - 4 seats in San Bernardino
      - Pending application – Self-Advocate
    - 4 seats in Riverside County
      - Pending application – Family Advocate
    - 3 seats in Inyo County
    - 3 seats in Mono County.
    - 1 Member-at-Large
- RAC vacant seats and re-alignment:
  - Jordan Wright motioned, to add from RAC current 13 seats to 15 seats, Ernie Saldana second.
  - RAC member Maia Pawoskar question clarification on reduction of seats in 2014.
    - Seat reduction was due to establishing quorum, & lack of applicants in those counties.
  - Tamica Fouts-Rachal – SCDD is receiving more community recognition and with the approval of local satellite call-in sites SCDD is seeing more RAC interest due to providing a more accessible meeting areas.
  - **VOTE** 5 members – Motion approved to increase the RAC seats to 15.

## Report on RAC Officers

- Available Positions – Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary

- Responsibility of Officers –
  - Chair - Meets with regional manager to discuss the agenda, and Facilitate meeting.
  - Vice-Chair - Will act in Chair's place when Chair is not available and assist with any operational need for the committee. Attended meeting with SCDD Regional Manager to assist Chair with establishing agenda and/or trainings.
  - Secretary: Takes minutes, (to assist the secretary all meetings are recorded.) dictate voting (regional manager to provide motion, second, abstain, spreadsheet to assist with accountability and documentation of committee.)
- Attendance RAC Public information- copies provided to RAC
  - Attendance policy: Attend all meetings once you start missing 25% of the meetings, replacement candidates applicants may be reviewed.
-  Chair Doug Perkins, Vice-Chair Christine Christenson-Rockwell, Secretary Maia Pawooskar – Approved
- Attendance Policy - Approved

#### Report on Training Topics and Presentations

- Annual Face-to-Face
  - One annual meeting a year – **Approved**
  - Location, training topics – **Tabled for June 9, 2018.**  
Regional manager to provide technical assistance – with a spreadsheet breaking down cost and share information at the next meeting in June.

#### Public comments in Matters Not on the Agenda

- April Stewart from 24-hour home care: Will be one of the FMS's for self-determination w/ different Regional offices. Currently works with 14 regional centers we plan to provide FMS to all 21 regional centers.
- Wanted to provide an open offer to state counsel on training on the FMS services they provide a plain language presentation and have collaborated with Building Rights California.
  - Updated version will be available at the end of the month in May.
- Chris Rogel – Questioned if Self-Determination will be offered to those individuals in Mental Health Facilities. His concern is some Regional Centers take advantage of those self-advocates and/or abuse the custody of those individuals by keeping them there for extended periods.

- Maia Pawooskar – Chair of the SDAC stated people in an institution cannot participate and Self-Determination.
- Regional Manager suggested that Chris dictate his concerns in writing and SCDD staff can assist him for public comment at the Inland Regional Center Board Meeting.
- Ernie Saldana - Is there anything that State Council or the RAC can write/sign a letter in support with Chris Rogel's concern? This clearly can in fact be a systemic issue, to ensure that Regional Center has safeguards to protect these individuals' rights.
- Maia Pawooskar - Maybe the RAC can attend the Regional Center board meeting to request what safeguards Regional Center has in place.
- Tamica Fouts-Rachal Regional Manager - If the RAC is requesting to attend, the Regional Center board meeting as a SCDD representative it will have to be approved by SCDD headquarters. If they wish to attend as a family member or self-advocate that is more than encouraged.
  - Tamica – Will voice concerns of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) to State Council at next meeting.
- Kelly- behavioral analyst- A transition is occurring in July for Regional Center clients who are under the age of 21 with a developmental disability.
  - Current services that the Regional Centers provided will switch roles to services provided via healthcare plans.
    - Currently healthcare plans do not reimburse mileage. This transition moves forward; provide services to families will create economic hardships.
    - Regional Center states it is the medical healthcare provider responsibility to reimburse for travel mileage expenses and the medical healthcare provider is stating this is something they would never reimburse.
      - Tamika Regional Manager - Provided information received from Kern Regional Center to speak to the Director of Client Services.

## Announcements

- SCDD has collaborated with Fiesta de Educativa to help assist with Spanish translation for upcoming trainings.
- New partner support group had been established in Apple Valley at the Desert mountain SELPA
- If any RAC members are interested in attending any trainings/outreach events SCDD can provide you with all materials needed. Goal is to get more involved and the RAC
- Social Recreation back in Regional Center services is a huge push for support by SCDD as well as Disability voices United.
- Lastly review the DDS website on Self-Determination they have updated information.

## Next Meeting

- **Saturday, June 9, 2018**

## Meeting adjourn

- 6:20pm