



**San Bernardino**

**Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)**

**Minutes 06/30/2018**

**Location: SCDD, San Bernardino Regional Office**

**685 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 125**

**San Bernardino, CA 92408**

**Location: Inyo/Mono Meeting Site**

**174B Iris Street**

**Bishop, CA. 93514**

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**Members Present**

Douglas Perkins, **Chair**

Ernie Saldana

Julio Garnica

Jilska Chandrasena

Chris Rogel

Christina Christenson-Rockwell, **Vice-chair** (satellite location Inyo/Mono)

Cindy Cox (satellite location Inyo/Mono)

**Members Absent**

Jordan Wright

Maia Pawooskar, **Secretary**

**SCDD Staff**

Tamica Fouts-Rachal, Regional Manager

**Public**

Carmela Garnica, Parent

Judy Rogel, Parent

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

- Quorum was established
- Welcome/Introductions

Approval of Minutes

-  - Voting on the minutes – June 30, 2018, 6 approved

### Reports Provided to Committee

- Regional Office Report of Activities
  - 6 Self-Advocacy Training on average, for the month of June the Topic was “Bullying” & July will be Internet Safety.
  - Law enforcement trainings Regional Manager received a certificate of completion Intermediate Instructor from CHP allowing manager to train in multiple branches and locations of Law Enforcement entities.
    - Palm Desert Sheriff’s Station invited Regional Manager to train on” Disability Awareness” to Staff and Department Managers in the housing community in July and scheduled to come back in September.
  - SCDD Regional Manager provided a training to Crisis Intervention Team in Bishop on “Effective Communication” with Self-Advocates. Turnout of 46 participates (which included Law Enforcement, Social Services, & Behavioral Health).
    - Behavioral Health will be contacting Regional Manager to come back to Bishop in August to setup a collaboration meeting with Kern Regional Center Michi Gates. Topics to include :
      - Self-Determination
      - Person Center Planning
      - Disability Awareness
  - July Trainings will be on Safety & Housing.
    - CPR/AED/First Aid Certified - provided by PayItForward
    - Hands-on Fire Extinguisher - provided by PayItForward
    - Hands-on Evacuation Chair - provided by PayItForward
    - Living Options - provided by SCDD SB Regional Office
    - Housing Options – provided by Housing Authority San Bernardino County (HASBC)
  - Hands-on Emergency trainings to be offered in the Inyo/Mono Counties in the Future. Regional Manager will reach out to RAC members in Inyo/Mono to arrange.

### RAC Vacant Seat Report

- 2 pending – (1) Riverside County & (1) San Bernardino County. (Per last meeting vote, an additional seat was open for both San Bernardino & Riverside County).

- Currently the seat standings are as follows:
  - 3 seats in Inyo County
    - There are (2) vacancies in this County
  - 3 seats in Mono County
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#### Upcoming Trainings

- SCDD San Bernardino Regional Office - July & August “Upcoming Events” Flyers provided.
- Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SSDAC) will be held on - July 19, 2018 in Sacramento.
  - Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting (SDAC) will be held on - July 24, 2018
  - Self-Determination Wavier Approved June 7, 2018
- RAC member Jilska Chandrasena to follow-up with Palm Springs Police Department regarding the LD37 learning disability component.
- RAC members Chris Rogel (San Bernardino County) & Julio Garnica (Riverside County) will continue enhancing their self-advocacy & peer-to-peer skills. SCDD San Bernardino Regional Office is also looking for a Self-Advocate in the Bishop (Inyo/Mono County) area to participate and learn Self-Advocacy & Peer-to-Peer skills.

#### State Council Meeting Summary

- Provided State Council Meeting Summary for 05/31/2018
- State Council thanked the services of six expired term members and welcomed six new council members.
  - Kim Risser , SA is the new Council member appointee for SCDD San Bernardino Regional Office
- Council-Sponsored Bills – AB 2717 & SB 1274
- SCDD Update Council: Cycle 41 Grant \$20,000 for the SCDD SBRO information is posted on our website.

#### Systemic Issue Roundtable

- **Inyo County**
  - Self-Determination with it being approved how is that going to change services and benefit the community. It has been well received, but there is yet no set date as to when they will make selections of those who are interested in the Self-Determination program.
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- Shift in the school setting a new Superintendent for the Bishop School District, which is the largest School District in Inyo County.
  - Currently the Special Education team is incomplete as the School's previous Psychologist was released and the County will be taking over the School Psychologist portion, but have not offered them a contract yet.
- News of SELPA hiring a new Director for Inyo County, how will this affect families and children in the school setting?
- Regional manager spoke with Kern Regional Center regarding the Regional Office status of a mobile workforce as opposed to a physical site location. KRC was made aware by SCDD Regional Manager that it is not working.
- The school bus services in the area that transport Benton Community to school will no longer be receiving bus services this fall semester one of the concerns is that the students are not going to be able to access education. Currently 45 students utilize the transportation service six of which have special needs.
- **Mono County**
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- **Riverside County**
  - Transitioning Self-Advocate from the Canyon Springs Developmental Center, an issue emerging is a lack of Disability Awareness with the Property Managers. Mainly communication issues as they do not have enough experience with communicating with Self-Advocates.
  - Charles Bonnet syndrome is very common with persons with 1/20 vision loss. The condition causes vivid complex reoccurring visual hallucinations. Syndrome often mistaken for mental health.
  - Based on the changes that are occurring with Self-determination, person centered thinking, & WYOA a lot of agencies are putting space in which direction they should follow. Concerns remain the same, as the needs of the family/self -advocates do not change.
  - Over medicate Clients in the Developmental Centers. Instead of addressing the issue/behaviors of a developmental disability person, some facilities will overmedicate to resolve/correct an issue.
- **San Bernardino County**
  - Self-Determination program not to be offered to those clients in mental health facilities and this time. Suggestion of a clause be included with the Self-Determination program where it can be offered to those client with good behavior?

- Topic suggested to be mentioned in the upcoming Self-Determination Advisory Committee.

#### Regional Office Federal Fiscal Year Update

- 2017-2018 Federal Fiscal Year ends June 30, 2018.
- New Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to start July 1, 2018

#### Self-Determination Updates Face-to-Face meeting Update:

- Once a year have a Face-to-Face meeting
- Top two choices Coachella valley and Bishop Regional. Time of the year October 2018
  - Ernie Saldana motioned
  - Julio Garnica 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - RAC members All approved – Motion Granted

#### Self-Determination Updates

- CMS - Approved Wavier
  - Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Self Determination Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Public comment on Matters Not on the Agenda:

- There are many different programs offered to people on the autism spectrum under the age of 21. However, for anyone over the age of 21 there is a shortage of facilities opened for disabled adults place to live a place to care for them.

#### Future Presentation/Training Topics

- Autism Society future presentation

#### Announcements and Opportunities for RAC member's community outreach involvement:

- Events flyers of upcoming events attached in packet open to any member or public.
- County resource guide for Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino, Riverside.
- QR code one pager with multiple link to helpful Resource materials/programs/communication.

#### Meeting adjourn

- 11:59am

#### Next Meeting Date and Location

- Saturday, August 11, 2018