



North State Office



Far Northern Regional Center

## Self Determination Advisory Committee

*All Interested Persons Are Welcome to Attend Our Meeting*

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When: Friday, June 15, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: FNRC Chico Office Conference Room B4  
1367 East Lassen Avenue, Chico, CA

Phone: 895.8633

Refreshments will be served upon your arrival.

### Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions. Advisory Committee members present: Charles Nutt, Ronda Dever, Jennifer Bowman, Stephen Concklin, and Veronica Velazquez.  
FNRC Staff present: Cynthia Presidio, Kelly Jensen, Laura Larson, Melissa Gruhler, and Marlene McCollum.  
State Council Staff present: Sarah May
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 Committee 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.**)*. Public members present were: Steve Connors, Joe Hernandez, Lorie Atamian, and Natalie Valencia.
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion and second by Charles and Stephen. Addition of 7<sup>th</sup> Street Centre for the Arts Video regarding SD has been added. No discussion, motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion and second by Charles Nutt and Lori Atamian. No discussion, motion passed.

\*Addition to Agenda: Video created by 7<sup>th</sup> Street previewed for committee. Discussion after viewing regarding what changes and/or additions needed before finalizing. There was a discussion regarding another video after the program is underway that would show the before and after of people's lives on the Self-

Determination program. The committee would like to have the current video also prepared with Spanish sub-titles. Possible uses for the video are the Orientation and Informational meetings.

5. Where are we with the Waiver Application status?: The Waiver was granted Federal approval and there will be more information coming. This Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, a timeline will be distributed by DDS. There is a 60-day window to continue to add names. There will be two more informational meetings to be held July 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If there is enough interest, there is the possibility of a Spanish speaking meeting.
6. What is needed for implementation locally?: Melissa met with providers through the SPAC committee asking if they are prepared for the influx of phone calls that may be received from people asking about this program. Melissa is also reaching out to other businesses (non-vendors) who may also receive calls so they are aware of what is happening.
7. Independent Facilitator
  - a. Certification Opportunity and Draft Process: Melissa distributed the curriculum for the certification process, and gave a more detailed description. The only cost is for the Person-Centered training days of \$65.00. She is anticipating October for these classes to begin with the Person-Centered training days to be held in December. Marlene described to the committee what Community Mapping is. This is a process of talking with the consumer and exploring what resources are in their community to help with their future goals. Translation services and options are currently being explored for non-English speaking consumers and/or families. The Independent Facilitator will have a guideline and manual to keep and utilize. The committee agreed by consensus to move the training dates to October. The committee, also, agreed by consensus to have Melissa share the new video with the Statewide Training.
  - b. Can a service coordinator fulfill the promise of an Independent Facilitator?: There is, currently, a discussion statewide regarding this, and this has not yet been determined. Melissa is exploring options regarding this topic. In the beginning, service coordinators will have Self-Determination caseloads, only. There will be no blended caseloads. Laura would like to create a network of people who can help each other with the process and who are the available providers.
8. Financial Management Service: Joe Hernandez of Premier, said that the monthly rates presented were in the area Premier was anticipating. Computer programs are being modified in order to accommodate the changes.

9. Setting Assessments (attachment Federal Requirement Category): All services purchased with Self-Determination funds must be fully integrated just as you would find at or through a Regional Vendor. FNRC has integrated the five basics from John O'Brien and Beth Mount into a guideline to assist in determining the level of community inclusion in a person's life. All information that will be given to Independent Facilitators and Service Coordinators will be consistent.
10. Budget Development: Waiting for guidelines.
11. Orientation for Participants: The document presented to the committee is a draft, and the completed Orientation Guideline will be provided to the Regional Centers. This orientation is for everyone chosen for the program.
12. Administrative Implementation: This is still be discussed by FNRC's Executive Staff.
13. Drawing of Names: No discussion.
14. Set date for next meeting: The next statewide advisory meeting will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. The next local advisory committee meeting will be held in Chico on August 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
15. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and second by Jennifer Bowman and Stephen Concklin. No discussion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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