



San Bernardino

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Minutes

10/12/2019

Location:

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

Inyo/Mono Satellite Site
3627 Brookside Drive
Bishop, CA 93514

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

Members Present

Kim Risser
Carmela Garnica
Julio Garnica, **Councilmember**
Ernie Saldana
Violet Arellano, **Member-At-Large**
Douglas Perkins, **Chair**
Ronald Allan
Cindy Cox (satellite site)
Maia Pawooskar, **Secretary**

Members Absent

Lannette Hollowell
Cathy Rosas
Christina Christenson-Rockwell, **Vice Chair**

SCDD Staff

Tamica Fouts-Rachal, Regional Manager
Shannon Meehan, CPS II

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am

- Quorum established
- Welcome/Introductions

Approval of Minutes

- **VOTE** - Voting on the minutes – 08/10/2019, Carmela Garnica
Motion to Approve the Minutes, Kim Risser 2nd, Minutes approved.

Handouts Provided to Committee

- **Council Updates**

- **Executive Summary, September 17, 2019**

- New Members sworn in:
 - Julio Garnica Self-Advocate
San Bernardino/Inland Region
 - Karen Millender Family Advocate
Orange County Region
 - The Council reviewed the Public Charge Rule
 - The Governor's Office of Emergency Services & Pacific Gas and Electric discussed turning off electricity and gas during extreme weather to prevent fires.
 - The Council's 2019-2020 Policy Platform includes:
 - Self-Determination
 - Self-Advocacy
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Health Care
 - Education
 - Community Participation
 - Transition to Adult Life
 - Safety
 - Quality/Rates for Service and Supports
 - Updates on SCDD Budget, DS Task Force & State Plan.
 - 2020 Self-Advocates Advisory Committee & Council Meetings and Dates
 - List of SCDD 2019 Committees
 - Update on Program Development Grant
 - **CRA/VAS Update Report**
 - Fairview Developmental Center – December 2021 (unofficially October 2019)
 - Porterville Developmental Center – Closure December 2021 (General Treatment Area Only) unofficially September 2019
 - Canyon Springs Community Facility – No proposed Closure Date

- **QA Project Update Report**
 - After mailing out 71,234 survey's to families 10,866 Surveys received from families across California with children 3-18 years of age living at home and receiving at least one Regional Center funded service.
- **Bill Summary**
 - RAC received current list of Bills signed into Law on 9-5-2019
- **Inland Regional Center Executive Director's Report**
 - RAC received Board of Trustees Report in packet

Membership Committee Updates

- Currently SBRO has no applications
 - **Vacant Seats**
 - **1 seat** – Riverside County
 - **2 seats** - Mono County
- Recruitment Efforts
 - Advertisement to area to recruit.

Regional Town Halls

- SCDD setup locations throughout all Regional Offices area to:
 - Provide a State Council Overview Presentation - discussing the role of SCDD.
 - Gather community input for the development of the 2022-2026 State Plan.
- No appositions for photographs been taken during meeting.
- Town Hall PowerPoint Presentation:
 - 2022 – 2026 State Plan Development – Collected from the community.
 - Regional Advisory Committee members are welcome to attend Town Halls.
 - Message from Intern Council Chair Maria Marquez
 - Explanation/Topics on:
 - Advocacy
 - Systems Change
 - Capacity-Building
 - Message from Executive Director Aaron Carruthers
 - Overview 2022-2026 State Plan Development Survey
 - Put the following in Order of importance 1 to 11
 - Child Care
 - Early Intervention
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Formal & Informal Community Supports
 - Health

- Public Safety
- Housing
- Quality Assurance
- Recreation/Social Programs
- Transportation
- Other

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

- Teacher to student ratio is disproportionate in special education classes. Also concerning is the ages difference between students, special education classes, often classes consist of a mixture of grades combined.
- Lack of information being provided to families regarding I.E.P meetings such as the process and reading/understanding forms, how to request services. Parents need information on the Special Education rights and responsibilities, and information needs to be provided in native language. The amount of discrimination and retaliation received from the School District when advocating for our children.
- More support in Special Education classrooms, there is not enough teacher aids to help teachers with large classroom of students. Concerns regarding health, well-being and safety in Special Education classrooms.

Meeting adjourns

- Carmela Garnica motions Kim Risser 2nd's meeting adjourn (time not stated)

Next Meeting

- Saturday, December 14, 2019