San Bernardino Regional Office
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
Minutes
10/09/2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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**Members Present**
Carmela Garnica
Christina Christenson-Rockwell, Vice Chair
Dustlyne Beavers
Cindy Cox
Eric Aguilar
Kim Risser
Reginald Davis

**Members Absent**
Lanette Hollowell
Violet Arellano, Member-At-Large
Maia Pawooskar, Secretary
Ronald Allan
Ernie Saldana
Cathy Rosas

**SCDD Staff**
Yolanda Cruz, Sequoia Office Regional Manager
Alejandra River, Associate Government Program Analyst (AGPA)
Robbin Puccio, Community Program Specialist II (CPS II)
Valarie Macias, Office Technician (Typing) OT

**Public**
Meeting called to order at 10:16 am
Quorum established

Approval of Minutes

Voting on the minutes – 04/12/2021, Kim Risser Motion to Approve the minutes, Carmela Garnica 2nd’s Motion. Minutes approved.

Round Table Meet & Greet Introduction

- **Alejandra Rivera, SCDD SBRO Staff**
  - Associate Governmental Program Analyst, AGPA
  - Five months with SCDD SBRO.
  - Previously worked in the Non-profit section for 14 years serving families with loved ones with a variety of different disabilities. Provided community trainings to family members and professionals.
  - Worked with (2) access and equity projects funded by DDS.
    - First project targeted Hispanic and African American Families. Outreach & compacity building trainings and opportunities.
    - Second Project – was the Manager and co-writer of the Grant – focused on Hispanic regardless of language with Self-Advocates with a primary diagnosis of Autism. That was a navigator model of a one-to-one model. Families that were referred to the model had zero POS, zero services. Families upon completion of the Project data tracking showed that POS increased 48%. 78% of participants requested services but due to unknown reason whether lack of responses or follow-thru.
    - Family Advocate – Parent of Self-advocate

- **Valarie Macias, SCDD SBRO Staff**
  - Office Technician (Typing)
  - Over 7 years with SCDD SBRO.

- **Yolanda Cruz, SCDD Sequoia Office Regional Manager**
  - Assisting SBRO during transition until a new San Bernardino Regional Manager is hired.
  - Crisis Intervention Training 10/12 – 10/14 in San Bernardino for the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department and San Bernardino Mental Health.
    - A Partnership has been developed and scheduled trainings are projected to continue in 2022.

- **Carmela Garnica, RAC Member – Riverside County**
  - Two adult children with disabilities
- Julio Garnica – State Council Member representative for SCDD SBRO.
- **Cindy Cox, RAC Member – Inyo County**
  - Lives in Bishop, CA
  - Family Advocate, Parent of a Self-Advocate who was in the original Self-Determination Plot in 2001.
  - Independent Facilitator and Person Center Planner.
- **Dustlyne Beavers RAC Member – Mono County**
  - Currently, Mono County Planning Section Chief for COVID-Emergency.
  - Independent Facilitator and Person Center Planner.
  - Helps develop group programs and personal programs.
  - Over 20 years’ experience in Human Services Field.
  - Background in Law Enforcement.
  - Experience Developing Pilot Projects with Re-entry, AB109, Tobacco Education, Self-Determination.
  - Experience with working with the Bishop Office Self-Determination Program, Regional Center system as a Service Coordinator, and helping coordinate and oversee the Self-Determination Pilot Program based in Bishop.
- **Eric Aguilar RAC member – San Bernardino County**
  - Apprentice Program for CalOES
  - Self-Advocate and a Self-Advocate for individuals with Disabilities.
  - Instructor for Access and Functional Needs.
  - Program Manager for local CERT programs.
- **Robbin Puccio, SCDD SBRO Canyon Springs Staff**
  - Community Program Specialist II, CPS II
  - Clients Right Advocate
- **Kimberly Risser RAC Member – San Bernardino County**
  - Self-Advocate
- **Christina Christenson-Rockwell RAC Member – Inyo County**
  - Vice-Chair – Regional Advisory Community (RAC) acting Chair until a new appointed Chair is selected.
  - Professional Facilitator – Planner, Writer, Developer, and Advocate.
  - Working 12 years thru the Self-Determination pilot project.
  - Over 21-year background in Law Enforcement – Sworn Officer part-time with local agency.
  - Family Advocate to a child with a disability and additional family member.
- **Reggie Davis – RAC Member Riverside County**
  - Self-Advocate
● Works at Desert ARC

○ Magdalena Victoria Bejoky goes by Victoria – Public
  ○ Learned about Regional Advisory Committee through SCDD but learned about SCDD by attending Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative (IEDC).
  ○ CEO owner of a non-profit called “Fostering Kids for Life.”
    ■ Multiple types of outreach, inclusive of working with developmentally, physically, disabled or not.
  ○ Family advocate parent
  ○ Various programs depending on grant funding and collaborating partners.
    ■ Currently offering, Oral Health Care, At-Risk Youth Teen Pregnancies programs.
    ■ Connected with SID

Project SAFEE Update

● Project SAFEE Self-Advocates For Emergency Education
  ○ Project SAFEE inspiration was jump started by the Emergency Disaster preparedness (EDP) backpack training by State Council.
  ○ It was designed for Self-advocates to have a platform, a voice of their own and give their own lectures on Emergency Education.
  ○ In the past 2-years Project SAFEE has come a long way.

Legislative Report

● Self-Determination
  ○ Individuals with develop disabilities to select Self-determination, meaning more self-actualization. To achieve what they want if that is independent living or group home settings. Providing a less restrictive environment.

● Employment
  ○ Employment services for people with disabilities is an unmet need to educate people with various disabilities especially people with developmental disabilities. These individuals need to be educated on the Work Incentive Program through the Social Security and Medi-Cal Program.

● Any additional information on a bill can be located on the California Legislation Analysis Office website https://lao.ca.gov/.

BSG/QA/CRA/VAS Update

● Canyon Springs Community Facility Report
  ○ Canyon Springs currently has 44 clients – General population
  ○ Desert Star Crisis Facility currently has 9 individuals.
August 2021 – Successfully completed Annual Recertification & Title 22 Survey. Both Canyon Springs and Desert Star were surveyed.

Samantha Steel is currently the Canyon Springs Acting Facility Director.

Conducting weekly Covid-19 testing to Facility Staff and Residential Clients. 97% of Canyon Springs Clients have been vaccinated against Covid-19. 70% Canyon Springs Staff have been vaccinated against Covid-19. Presently, there are no Positive Covid-19 cases in Canyon Springs.

**Canyon Springs Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS) Report**

- Volunteers have been allowed back into the facility. To advocate for the individuals.
- Volunteers are allowed to attend meetings as long as they provided proof of Covid-19 vaccination or proof of Covid-19 testing.
- Daily Covid-19 testing prior to entering the job there at Canyon Springs and sign paperwork.

**Quality Assessment (QA) Project Report**

- Completed the In-Person Survey- AFS 2020-2021
  - The regional centers our office covers are Inland RC, Kern RC and Tri-Counties RC.
  - We successfully reached our goals for this project.
  - Shout out to all the self-advocates, families, and providers for participating in this survey.
  - This year was a bit more challenging in capturing the information for the survey due to COVID. This cycle is usually done in-person however, COVID changed our procedure where we had to capture the information via using Zoom. Many families were able to participate and just a few could not participate due to the lack of technology. Families/ self-advocates were happy to use this technology while others wished we could have conducted in person or just over the phone. HSRI has our input and will hopefully take into the consideration the family/consumer’s wishes and input.

- CFS and FGS surveys 2018-2019
  - Results of the CFS survey for the different regional center is available.
  - Those who are interested in knowing how each of the questions were answered per regional center. Please go to Survey Reports | National Core Indicators or www.nationalcoreindicators.org/survey-reports/2020/
Both reports for FGS and CFS are accessible on the website.
A break quick breakdown for the CFS survey 2018-2019 only are as follows (see Excel sheet) for the information.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda
● None currently.

Open Discussion
● Kim Risser
  ○ Encourages people to get their COVID-19 vaccination.
● Dustlyne Beavers
  ○ Self-Determination and the Regional Centers in our cover area and the difficulties individuals are having. Talk about how we can help to improve the Self-Determination response.
  ■ Experience with Inland Regional Center being difficult to work with. What options do we to help provide some guidance for the Regional Centers we work with?
● Kim Risser
  ○ Suggestion - Going to High Schools and providing a workshop for people with disabilities forcing on the individuals with developmental disabilities so they are informed as they are getting ready to graduate and moving into a more open world atmosphere.
● Alejandra Rivera
  ○ 10/21 is the next Independent Facilitator (IF) Braining Session 5:00pm-6:30pm.
    ■ At this session an Inland Regional Center representative will be made available to answer questions and take comments, or concerns.
    ■ They have agreed to attend one a quarterly basis to participate in these meetings.
  ○ Possible RAC day of the week change
    ■ Reached out to IRC to have a representative speak at today’s RAC meeting but due to it being on the weekend it is difficult to have someone confirm
      ● Office staff reached out to 6 different possible speakers and met the same response.
● Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ Having our meetings on Saturday maybe ideal for the population that we serve but in a lot of ways it limits us from those that are tied to their employment they way that they
represent. And their employer require that they only speak on Monday through Fridays during business hours.

- Circling back to Dustlyne’s concerns regarding the Regional Centers we have a great repour with Kern Regional Center the foundation of the pilot project. On the East side they have been easy to work with, there is a really supportive and enthusiastic team on the East side.
  -Received a mixed response with IRC personally, one Program Manager and CST team seems enthusiastic and committed and open to feedback and suggestions. While another team that is admittedly a bit obtuse to work with.
  -One of the biggest obstacles we are facing is a huge bottle neck. At the budget certification point were they’re only reviewing four cases one day a week. So, when they are going to certify only 12 cases, when they serve thousands of participants in Inland Regional Center.

- Dustlyne Beavers
  -The budget certification process is such a bottle neck Statewide.
    -Experience Belize system that is hard to move past. First exposure to the Leadership Belize system was when invited to co-facilitate for IRC with one of the FMS’s.
      -Comments in the chat approximately 50-60 parents all sharing negative responses they received from their Service Coordinator or Program Manager. Towards the end of the presentation an IRC Program Manager leading a lot of the Self-Determination Transitions spoke and it was very telling in term of the words he chose to use, phase like “We are on the hook for paying for stuff.” That their Service Coordinators and IRC have better judgement on what a client needs and what they want. And that they are incredibly skilled at flushing that out.

- Does not understand the Self-Determination waiver service code definitions. For example;
  -Registered certified service dog – Program Manager stated that an “Autism service dog is a want and they will not pay for it through Self-Determination.”
    -Community Living Supports has a specific line item that references service support animals.
- Lack of education and understanding with the leadership assigned to oversee this program.
- Recent interaction with service coordinator from IRC
  - Question asked “What dates/times are you have available to go over budget certification meeting?
    - Received a two-paragraph condescending email about the process and about unmet needs.
    - Participant did not have a purchases outside as small amount of respite. Therefore, they did not have any needs.
    - So why would we want to discuss unmet needs because here’s the budget already.
    - Missed that the individual was exiting out of school because they aged out of the system. Non-verbal, autistic individual.
  - Important to have these honest and open discussions in this forum because it is a systemic problem that is negatively impacting everybody at IRC.
  - Underperforming in transitions over to SD
  - What can we do to in the role that we have, that can help them improve in moving forward? Offer training? Meet with the board?
- Cindy Cox
  - We have not held the Regional Centers we represent, we as a committee have not held their feet to the fire. Understanding we are in transition.
    - Most effective Regional Centers have the most effective RAC groups.
    - It is a Systemic issue and they are going to continue to get away with it, if all they are hearing is parents complaining there has to be more pressure.
    - Agrees with Dustlyne education is important, but it is their brief system that they know better and they are not going to listen to anyone else.
    - When hearing “We should get a representative here, which in theory is great, but that representative is not going to do anything, and you can even get them here.
    - Would love for the people the gate keepers of the program to come before this committee and talk about the nuts and bolts of what’s going one.
• And let them know that we are going to take any active role to make sure that our clients who want to be in Self-determination are being served in the way that we are being charged to represent.

• Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ Aren’t we identified as an oversight committee overs theses Regional Centers? They jump when SDAC tells them and we are on the same level. So why are they not taking us as seriously?
    ■ Over the years being involved the group has been focused on trainings having amazing, very knowledgeable, well networked management in the past. But the focus was on training, like we needed the training. To maybe disseminate with our communities.
  ○ Every meeting we would have “Round-table discussions” about systemic issues and every Regional Center said the same thing and it was every single month, but we never really tackled the specific issues.
    ■ Feeling responsible being Vice-Chair for allowing that to happen.
    ■ This is really an opportunity to move in a different direction. By holding our role as RAC members as higher on the list of priorities.
  • As the oversight of the Regional Centers.
    ○ Need to be in a more active RAC role, needs some guidance in how that can be accomplished. Requesting assistance from Yolanda Cruz to provide some insight on since she oversees Sequoia and they have great oversight in their cover area.

• Yolanda Cruz
  ○ Submit a 4731 complaint form from the SCDD office.
    ■ RCOC 4731 complaint was filed on the Regional Center through the SCDD Orange County Office.

• Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ Issue with that is the Inland OCRA (office of client rights advocates) office is not staffed for several months now.
    • Clients are leaving messages, not responses are made.

• Yolanda Cruz
  ○ Sees Sequoia RAC as advisors as to what needs to happen in the community.
Example: Issue with local schools was failing to assess children in a timely manner. After hearing that it was happening to multiple kids, it becomes a system issue.

- RAC needs to provide these system issues, so we can work together and file 4731 complaints if not being heard.

- Example: Law Enforcement training in San Bernardino County Questions bought up during the training:
  - CIAT how come they do not have the crisis services are not being advertised for families within Regional Center?
  - What are Crisis services being offered?
  - They knew about Crisis intervention services existed, but the regional center is not providing that information. That’s a system’s issue and can have a very negative impact on them.

- We need to schedule a meeting, sit down and present what we want to see happen.
  - If we do not receive what is within the legal rights, then we need to move on the next level.

- If DRC is not available, the OCRA is not available they do not really look at systems. Where we SCDD look at systems, so we should be advocating at a systems level.

- Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  - Agrees, the Regional Center is getting little nit-picks and its annoying, but not enough to limit them from continuing to do what they want to do. We need to come in with a big shark bite and hold them accountable. To do what is necessary to do and understand the foundation of the program.
  - Provided the codes and description codes to a team at IRC, another team sat with the Program Manager, CSC, and previous CSC that oversaw that part of Self-Determination and transitioned five-cases.
    - Quick to mention how knowledgeable they are, but they didn’t know how to do their budget calculations worksheet. Assisted CSC by navigating and showing how to complete worksheet.
    - Frustrated with the Regional Center management hasn’t taken the time to ensure that staff knows how to use the tools that are necessary to make this program work.
    - These problems are coming from the top.

- Yolanda Cruz
  - The other piece is we do not have consistency throughout Regional Centers, and everyone is doing their own thing.

- Christina Christenson-Rockwell
When they told us five-years ago this was going to in into a statewide project and that we had a couple of years to prepared for that transition. At those meeting I made lots of noise at privately and publicly with local Regional Center Office and with SDAC that we need find a way to establish consistency.

- Forget to consider that clients move around, Inyo and Mono county they may move three miles and they are in a different county, and it is the same Regional Center but some of the stuff is a little different.
  - In February had a client move from Bishop down to Inland coming up to almost a year and they still have not fully transitioned and made that case work. Handed them a perfectly good case. Because their systems are so wildly different and their interpretations of things.

- Do not want to isolate from any positive contact we have with DDS, at that point kind of hold DDS responsible for that, because they are the ones that told Regional Centers statewide to go forth and prosper.

- DDS did not give them much direction, and even with the pilot program participants Summer of 2018, they were not giving the Program Manager, Facilitators, CSC’s, the participants a lot of direction.

- They had three years to plan that, and there is no direction given to them, with a lot of back and forth questions. Trying to figure out each plan meticulously one-by-one.

- What was the point in rolling out pilot project and not sharing all of the knowledge usurped from that group the things that worked and didn’t work to whole state.

- Yolanda Cruz
  - The State Council has a position that just posted we are having interviews for Self-Determination management position for State Council.
    - Perfect opportunity for RAC to advocate what would be beneficial skill for that person.
    - What qualities would be great for that person to have?
    - Person will be responsible for looking at curriculum that can change throughout the state.

- Additional training possibly, opportunity for RAC to move in a different direction.
  - RAC has been trained, would like to continue trainings to RAC?
  - Other than trainings to move these things along?
These problems need to be brought up with the new manager as well.
- Have open discussions about what is working and what is not working, we do not have to agree, but we need to come together for a solution.

- **Dustlyne Beavers**
  - What we can do as a RAC committee?
    - Request a meeting with Regional Center
      - Request to put that on the table to meet with IRC leadership and ask for a couple of things.
        - To describe what their process is in terms of moving a participant from start to finish in the Self-Determination program. Also, how you think their organization is doing.
    - How are you training your staff?
      - Anyone involved with Self-Determination how are you training them?
      - See “what are you using to train them?” Not only staff but how you are training participants and families.
  - Statistics or Data
    - How long it takes from the moment they request to enter the Self-Determination program, to the time that the purchase of services is in place, and they are able to access a service.
    - How long do participants sit in the budget certification process before they have a signed certified budget.

- **Yolanda Cruz**
  - In requesting for this meeting make it as a “How can we help you” setting.
    - You can only go into a meeting in that form if they are working with you. If they are not willing to working with you, something has got to give.
    - We cannot keep wasting more and more time. There is problem especially in being told these budgets are being reviewed once a week.
      - Some other Regionals Center can possibly do this because they have a small population served.

- **Cindy Cox**
  - We have to go in wanting an outcome, it cannot be “Well I hear this happen and my experience.”
- Has to be “Hear are the things we want to know, the process and what the outcomes have been.” And what you are doing to move things forward.
  - We are RAC members be going to their board meetings and under public comment letting them know we are loud and we are proud. You are going to hear our names in a variety of settings to make you uncomfortable enough that you are going to need to make some changes.
    - We are going to get “This is all new. We are doing the best that we can. We know that there are some problems we are working them through.
  - Where the bottle neck is not at the top necessary, although they don’t help. It’s really in the middle. I wanna know the beliefs system is. Because if those middle managers, program managers do not have a belief in the core principles of Self-Determination they are going to stop evening from happening.
  - When somebody is saying in public forms to parents look you have a choice you can either have horseback riding lessons or you can have community integration. You choose but you can’t have both. It’s not true.
  - Telling families “ok, you wanna do this” will certify your budget you sign for it, and these parents are signing these budgets without the person center plan even being written.
    - The person center plan drives Self-Determination
  - The RACs throughout the state the ones that are most successful, are the ones putting pressure on Regional Centers
- Dustlyne Beavers
  - Remembers with it was Area Boards. As a service coordinator it was a big deal for the Area boards to contact the office with an issue.
    - In the past we would respond and correct and make some changes.
- Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  - At what point did we lose sight the fact that we actually are on the same list as OCRA as far as oversight for the Regional Center?
  - Clearly there is this dystopia here what can we do to help? We are here to be a supportive organization to make it work for everybody involved.
  - People did not go through the hiring process to become a CSC or program manager to withholding services from clients.
○ Do we set up meeting to move forward with Alejandra, have a separate pow-wow to go over what to discuss prior to meeting with IRC?
○ Want to touch back with bottleneck situation with the budget calculation
  ■ One of the teams worked with had a sit-down meeting, did a budget calculation meeting that was representative of the person center plan and spending plan already established with family and participant. Getting to that point was a lengthy process. Once we got there, we were 2-3 weeks out from getting on the agenda for certification.
  ■ We have 40,000 families they were quick to tell me that that team had transitioned 5 families already. And that of office had transitioned 55.
  ■ The real bottle neck is not the budget certification meeting maybe they are only doing certification one day a week four of them at a time because they are not getting to that point.
• Alejandra Rivera
  ○ Problem with the bottleneck situation that with the soft rollout, there wasn’t a lot of interest up until Spring they had 20 participants in SDP. Know being available to more families, they weren’t prepared for a higher demand or interest in the program.
  ○ They are meeting once a week to discuss SDP and those are going to pile up.
• Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ That’s fair to a point, but what’s being said at the table that’s detouring families from wanting to do the transition.
    ■ Touch back with Dustlyne’s statement, we need to know
      • What’s being said at during the training
    ■ At the Kern Regional orientation meetings prior going into that lottery of selection. Statements made such as;
      • You do not need a facilitator your service coordinator can do everything. And at the end of the day we are going to still provide the same service to you for through traditional you just have to be able to see where we can make that work.
  ○ When you say there wasn’t a lot of interest, ok so the people that are a part of that system now I know that they have some new hires. They weren’t aware of those things that where said at the table those IPP meetings. 2-5 years ago, were families where being detoured, what happened behind those closed
doors. I've sat in those IPP meetings were both my two family members. I know what gets said as family advocate that do know what my role is in the Regional Center. I can tell you that there’s wizmiss information I’ll let the whole meeting go until the end and bring it back around and say let me show you what I know and why this differs and not in an accusatory or angry way more as a I respect the fact that you only know what you have been told and you don’t know what you don’t know.

○ Worked hard with brining around a couple of teams privately
  ○ I respect what Alejandra is saying that they didn’t have a lot of interest, what happened leading them not to have interest.
  ○ IRC represents extremely rural area with a huge lack of services is what exactly SDP was intended to help fill that void or gap.
    ▪ Some families it takes an hour to go to the court to in order to deal with conservatorship situations each direction. That tells me that they are isolated.
    ▪ Another family in a community in Palm Desert they don’t have ABA services on every corner like they do in Bakersfield for example.

● Alejandra Rivera
  ○ To clarify I am not excusing the bottleneck situation, I was reporting off of data that was shared at the local SDAC. Based on that data IRC had shared the numbers in the Spring was in the 20’s.
  ○ There’s a myth of SDP is so much work, feeling overwhelmed about the amount of work to take to take on. They barley are able manage their day to day.

● Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ That’s where it is being misrepresented the amount of work that falls upon the client, I think there’s a lot work the facilitator and CSC should be doing and make it and present it in a way to the client that it makes it seem like it’s almost an insurmountable amount of work, that it is not worth it.

● Dustlyne Beavers
  ○ Next steps,
    ▪ The leadership at KRC was very pro Self-Determination and encouraging the transition process. While we were experiencing boots on the ground wasn’t reflective of the leadership attitude.
    ▪ We provided form of communication to address the disconnect what leadership was expecting of staff and what was actually happening.
Seek first to understand before your understood. I don’t know how IRC has been held accountable and responsible for outcomes. But as the RAC we are entering in stage one. It’s kind of understanding or get a feel upward administration leaderships options and ideas of how they think its going and help them understand how it’s really going.

- Christina Christenson Rockwell
  - That’s where the first meeting comes into play, Alejandra I’m assuming you will help facilitate.

- Yolanda Cruz
  - If you need any help, I can be there. It’s important to take it out of the RAC and take it to the people that need to hear this.
  - Agree with suggestion, going to SDAC meetings and sharing what you are hearing during RAC meeting. Talk about the concerns we have and how can we help, so we can help the RAC navigating concerns.
    - Mention that it is documented in the minutes
    - We need to be sure that they are held accountable. Make sure that it is documented that this are issues that your hearing about that your seeing.

- Alejandra Rivera
  - Currently the IRC board of trustee’s meetings for public comment if you submit a public comment, they will read it at the next board meeting. They are still doing that at InlandRC.org/live on November 8th.

- Cindy Cox
  - So, if we ask to be put on the agenda for public comment, they won’t be able to comment back to us. But they can put us on the next meeting after that?

- Yolanda Cruz
  - Yes, the board would have to agree that this would have to on the agenda.
    - Go to the Advisory Committee and let them know what is going on. Because that advisory committee should be hearing this. Because if they are not hearing it they do not know there’s a bottleneck behind the scenes.
    - Then suggest if this is something they can address as a committee during your next session. They can say yes, no, or ignore it. But at least you know you presented the issues and talking to the committee.

- Christina Christenson-Rockwell
• IRC should have representative at the meeting hear what’s going on and address some of those concerns that can be addressed immediately.

• Alejandra Rivera
  • They usually have two directors on there as well as several program managers.
  • If some of you want to join the next SDAC meeting, I will be on the next SDAC meeting and I can share some of the concerns that I’m hearing from the RAC.
  • Also work with Yolanda to try and setup a meeting with the Self-Determination team with Inland as well.

• Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  • Dustlyne can send an email to Alejandra with bullet point questions that we want asked? That can give her something to start with, because she does have a place at the SDAC table. To be able to ask those questions during the meeting. Even if it just is brought up in public discussion.

• Yolanda Cruz
  • Alejandra when you do that, remember you are representing the State Council’s RAC. Give the points of what was discussed and if anyone from the RAC wants to come in and give more information, that would be great.
  • In general Alejandra will go up and say we had our RAC meeting and these are some concerns that we are hearing. We want make sure that we are able to assist the RAC if need to discuss further with staff at Inland Regional Center.
    ■ If you have more to add, cause you have personal experience because you are advocating, we are not advocating on a personal level.

• Alejandra Rivera
  • Want to be clear, do you want me to move forward with scheduling meeting between the RAC and IRC SDP director’s leadership or just address it through the local advisory committee?

• Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  • Hold off on the meeting after the SDAC to see or request the meeting now to get on their agenda. Not the SDAC agenda but the Management Agenda have it be after the November 8th meeting. To give an opportunity for some follow-up information were we wait until November 8th to even call them and schedule that meeting.

• Alejandra Rivera
- November 8th is the Board of Trustees meeting the SDAC is the fourth Thursday of the month.

- **Yolanda Cruz**
  - I would just bring it up at the SDAC, if this is something that they can basically further explore and let them know that in the meantime can reach out to the staff and see how we can resolve these issues.
  - This important part is letting the LAC know, because this maybe the first time they are hearing this or it might not be.

- **Cindy Cox**
  - To be clear from my input, I want it to be something that we are addressing now and not let’s do this and, in another month, let’s do this and in another month lets do this. This is something that clients hurt by this it needs to sort of a getting it from all angles.
  - It is frustrating to have a parent contact me asking if I provided IF services in Inland because they cannot find anyone to facilitate for me. Because Independent Facilitators are not going into Inland because it’s hard to do.

- **Alejandra Rivera**
  - I can start a meeting with the Directors that are involved in Self-Determination Program so can reach out in an email to see if we can at least start the conversation a soon as possible and continue through the LAC for follow-up.
  - We have a lot of people waiting to enter and transition into the program.

- **Christina Christenson-Rockwell**
  - Alejandra did you wanted to talk about considering other days for RAC days and times?

- **Alejandra Rivera**
  - We do not have quorum to make any decisions anymore, but yes we were going to discuss just because the meetings being on Saturday there’s a challenge with getting presenters/speakers on as people have commitments on the weekends. Raise of hands how would be interested in changing from a Saturday to a week night?
    - Dustlyne Beavers – I’m open
    - Christina Christenson-Rockwell – I’m open
  - Next RAC meeting that can be added to the agenda for a vote

- **Cindy Cox**
  - I think that we should have sort of clarity where we are moving forward with Self-Determination with IRC.
    - We will of had some meetings, we will have some input and we can come back to that.
Alejandra Rivera
  ○ Yes, I will contact the two Directors at are involved in the Local Advisory Committee.
    ■ Sharing the concerns hearing from the RAC
    ■ Discuss those in a meeting as soon as possible if not the was can all the majority of us who are available can join the Local Advisory Committee to present those concerns in the public comment period.

Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ What is the status of getting a new Regional Manager?

Yolanda Cruz
  ○ Interviewing people in the next few weeks. The State Council is has so many open positions. I will not be in the next month, but we are going to support the staff there, management has not been supportive of our staff over the last few months Scarlett ad myself have been helping with the San Bernardino office. We are trying to be more proactive because no one anticipated this would be this long.
  ○ I am glad to hear what you guys are taking about because I will be part of the interview panel. Knowing what you are looking for as far as the direction you want your office to go.
  ○ You are an active bunch I wish I had a RAC as involved in the community. Not that my RAC doesn’t tell me what to do, the level of let’s get down and fix these issues. Because sometimes you need to do that.
  ○ We know the history of Inland and we need to select a candidate be able to advocate for the community.
  ○ So maybe two months we might find someone by the end of the year.
    ■ If I’m not there Scarlett will.

Christina Christenson-Rockwell
  ○ I want to make sure that we making sure that Alejandra knows value everything she does and the same time she is juggling and doing things way above her pay grade.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda
  ● No comments

Meeting adjourns
  ● Christina Christenson-Rockwell motion to adjourn meeting, Eric Aguilar 2nd’s, Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm

Next Meeting
  ● Saturday, December 11, 2021