San Bernardino Regional Office
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes
06/14/2022

Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m.
Quorum established

Approval of Minutes
Voting on the minutes – 02/08/2022 minutes. Carmela Garnica Motions to Approve the minutes, Ryan Nelson 2nd’s Motion. Minutes approved.

RAC Membership – Terms & Recruitment
- **Current Active Members**
  - Kimberly Risser – San Bernardino County
  - Dustlyne Beavers – Mono County
  - Eric Hernandez-Aguilar – San Bernardino County
  - Maia Pawooskar – San Bernardino County
  - Cindy Cox – Inyo County
  - Carmela Garnica – Riverside County
  - Reggie Davis – Riverside County
- **New Members**
  - **Ryan Nelson** – Member-at-Large
    - Member of the Commission on Disabilities for City of Riverside as Vice Chair, DDS CAC as Chair, the Self-Determination Committee, and IRC CAC.
    - Works for Amazon and Part-Time DJ.
  - **Kelli Gullory**
    - 26 Years working in field of Special Needs, Developmental Disabilities, and Employment. Currently, employed by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)
    - Former Inland Regional Center CSC for 8-years
    - Experience in the School System providing behavior intervention and assessment.
    - Co-Chair San Bernardino County Disabilities Awareness Sub-Committee with the Department of Behavioral Health Culture Competency Committee.
    - Recent Certified Self-Determination Trainer and Social Skills Trainer.
  - **Brandi Halstead**
    - American Indian/Native Alaskan, Self-Advocate actively engaged within the Community.
    - Consumer Advisory Committee for Inland Regional Center
    - Member of the Self-Advocacy Council (SAC) 12 for SBRO.
    - Film-Maker – Made a Documentary about her Mom, through an Easter Seals Program.
Report from Regional Manager

- Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Terms – RAC member can serve up to (2) terms each term is three-years for a total of six-years.
  - Eric Aguilar – 1st Term / Final Term Date 8/28/2026
  - Maia Pawooskar – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 9/9/2022
  - Kimberly Risser – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 5/7/2025
  - Ron Allan – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 5/7/2025
  - Carmela Garnica – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 8/28/2024
  - Reggie Davis – 1st Term / Final Term Date 11/12/2025
  - Cathy Rosas – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 8/28/2024
  - Ernie Saldana – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 9/9/2022
  - Christina Christenson-Rockwell – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 3/3/2024
  - Cindy Cox – 2nd Term / Final Term Date 12/5/2023
  - Dustlyn Beaver – 1st Term / Final Term Date 4/27/2027
- (1) Vacant Seat in Mono County
- Vacancy – Statewide Self-Advocate Network (SSAN) Representative
- San Bernardino Regional Office Update
  - SBRO New AGPA Hire Esteban Ortiz
    - Mental Health Field Experience. Former Resource Developer at South Central Los Angeles Regional Center. Master of Science in Healthcare Administration. Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Biology. Proficient in Spanish Language
  - Self-Advisory Committee (SAC) 12 launched in February 2022
  - Recruited (3) New RAC Members
  - Hosted (2) COVID-19/PPE Drive through events 300 tote bags were handed out
  - Conducted Emergency Disaster Preparedness (EDP) trainings to 67 Self-Advocates and provide American Red Cross EDP Backpack
  - Formed collaborative partnership for expanding Affordable Housing I San Bernardino, Riverside and Bishop with California Housing Foundation and Lanterman Housing Alliance Statewide Group
  - Formed a partnership with DOR Demand Side Employment Initiative working with business and employment
  - Assisted Carmela Garnica town meeting with the closure of Sheltering Wings June 1, 2022 with 50-60 Self-Advocates and Family Members
    - Inland Regional Center found an organization called Calee in Coachella/Indio contact person Jesse Garcia to take over services in Blythe.
Next step is to transfer the trust over to the New Group. Meeting in July 2022
Attending the June 21, 2022 National Innovative Communities as an Exhibitor
Regional Center Navigation Training (45 parents) in Spanish.
Participating DDS SDP Orientation Train the Trainer for SDP Spanish trainings.

Legislation Report
- AB 1663 Probate Conservatorship Reform
- AB 1900 Medi-Cal Level Maintenance
- AB 2475 School of Origin
- AB 2598 Restorative Justice
- AB 2632 California Mandela Act on Solitary Confinement
- AB 2823 House Upkeep Allowance
- SB 281 California Community Transition Program
- SB 387 Pupil Health: School Employee & Pupil Training: Youth Mental & Behavioral Health
- SB 1092 Equitable Access to Services
- SB 1273 School Safety
- SB 1480 Electronic Ballot Return

Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) Update
- October 2013 SB 468 passed into law by Governor Brown. The Self-Determination Program (SDP).
  - SDP gives Self-Advocates of the Regional Center & their Family Members more freedom & control over services and supports.
  - Pilot Program - First three years 2,500 Self-Advocates were selected by random lottery.
  - June 2021 SDP was opened to All Self-Advocates with Regional Center Services.
  - DDS SDP website: https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/
    - FAQ’s, New Updates and Guidance.
  - Interested in SDP email SDP@dds.ca.gov
  - The Self-Determination Regional Advisory Committees (SDAC) was created for 21 Regional Centers statewide.
    - SDAC members review Systemic Issues and report to DDS.
    - SDAC can report findings to Regional Centers and advise to make changes.
Next Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

- SSDAC workgroup developed “Best Practices” which will be provided to DDS to offer to all Regional Centers.
  - Inland Regional Center has 4,200 Clients, only 40 or less have transitioned into the SDP.
  - In order to be eligible for SDP you must attend a Self-Determination Orientation.
- FMS is required for SDP
  - Issues – there are Limited FMS providers.
- Independent Facilitators (IF’s) – More available to provide services.
  - Issues – IF’s only cover certain Regions.
- The initial Person Center Plan (PCP) – Is a roadmap to your future goals, plans and services.
  - Does not come out of the Budget, $2,700 is available to develop PCP.

Systemic Issues Discussion

- Self-Determination, Employment, Affordable Housing, Health Disparities (limited clinicians in the Region), and Law Enforcement Trainings.

Inyo/Mono County

- Self-Determination is the solution that offers supports and resources for underserved and rural Regions.
  - Lack of rural remote representation at the State Level
  - DDS provides directives and further clarification SDP implementation the rural remote population is forgotten.
- Schools trouble with having IEP’s at the levels they were pre-COVID-19 level of taking responsibility for the education of their students and the supports they need.
  - DRC Website needing input from the community as section 504 is going to be reevaluated.
    https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html
- If we go the IHSS route their needs to be a discussion about appropriate use of generic resources.
- Social Equity Engagement geo-Data Scholars (SEEDS) Scholar Program US Davis.
  - Start of a fight about responsibility of payment of education services for those seeking secondary education.
  - College intern-programs – TAFF is it structured different and separate for students that qualify for those programs.
SEEDS Program – Is designed to be a four-year partnering with DOR part of that includes living on the dorms on campus integrated with other degrees university students.

- Regional Centers are interpreting this as Room and Board the living lab portion and they are denying it and they are winning.
- These programs are not setup for FASFA and students are not able to get a student loan to cover housing.
- Regional Centers are stating that it is the parents responsibility to pay for room and board in the dorm, because every other students parents are paying 47% of their students college learning.

San Bernardino County
- There are limited resources across the board not only with Self-Determination and the expectations of generic resources is not there.
- Employment – DOR is working with Inland Regional Center and Regional Center across the State to create opportunities for clients to get employment with the State of California.
  - Unemployment rate are high within the community.
- Issues with how the Regional Center System was formed under the Lanterman Act.
  - IHSS Regional Center Coordinators where not telling parents in 2000 an all-County letter directing the County Medi-Cal agencies to find these kids, to let the parents know that IHSS is available and I never happened.
  - DDS stated all Regional Centers are contracted and independent companies and they cannot mandate anything.
  - Providers quitting from Medi-Cal because they are not being paid.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda
- None of the Regional Centers are not on the same page
  - DDS and DHCS lack of ability to control them.

Meeting adjourns
- Ryan Nelson motion to adjourn meeting, Dustlyne Beavers 2nd’s, Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Next Meeting
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm