



# San Bernardino Regional Office (SBRO) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes

12/13/2022

4:00 pm to 5:00pm

(Time frame for the December 13, 2022 meeting was adjusted for the holiday season as voted by RAC members at the October 11, 2022 meeting)

***Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM as approved  
By the Bagley Keen COVID Guidelines***

Posted on <https://scdd.ca.gov/sanbernardino/>

## **Members Present**

Dustlyne Beavers  
Christina Christenson-Rockwell, **Chair**  
Cindy Cox  
Kelly Guillory  
Ryan Nelson  
Cathy Rosas

## **Members Absent**

Eric Aguilar, **Vice-Chair**  
Reginald Davis  
Brandi Halstead  
Kimberly Risser  
Ronald Allan

## **SCDD Staff**

Patricia Herrera, MS, Staff Services Manager II (SSMII)  
Esteban Ortiz, MHA, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA)

### **Guest Speaker Executive**

Kristianna Moralls, Executive Director Autism Support Community and Independent Facilitator

### **Public Attendees**

Mercedes Marleaux- Spanish Interpretar

Violet Arellano

Candi Cissel

Fetineiai Tafeaga

Figueroa Carcamo

Gladis Alvarez

Felipe Calzada

Maria Eugena Sanchez

Monica Salinas

### **Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.**

Welcome from Christina Rockwell, Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

No Quorum could not vote on the minutes of 10/11/2022 RAC meeting.

### **Presentation- Self-Determination Program – New DDS Directives for Independent Facilitator (IF) services. Guest Speaker, Kristianna Moralls, Executive Director Autism Support and Independent Facilitator**

- Guest speaker, Kristianna Moralls, provided an overview of the range of services provided by an Independent Facilitator (IF) in the Self-Determination Program and reviewed the new DDS directive requiring IFs to be vendored by their local Regional Center.
- Independent Facilitators provide person-centered planning services funded by the Regional Center throughout the transition process from traditional service coordination to the Self-Determination Program.
- The new DDS directive on IF services initially effective February 2023 is now effective July 2023. Effective date has been changed to provide Regional Centers time to set-up the vendorization process for IFs.

- Regional Centers to fund IF services under Self-Directed Supports (SD Supports) which service code 099. Here are the vendor rates: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/vendorization-process/vendor-rates/>
- Regional Centers fund up to 40 hours for the SDP transition. Hours are divided between the Financial Management Services provider and the IF.
- Here is the DDS SDP Directives: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/program-directives/>

### **Report from Regional Manager – Patricia Herrera, M.S.**

- Discussed election process of Chair in February 2023. Christina Rockwall will be completing her second term serving SCDD RAC March 2023. Dustlyne Beavers representing Mono County opened to being considered for the RAC Chair position.
- SCDD SBRO Regional Advisory Committee has the following vacant seats:
  - (1) San Bernardino County
  - (2) Riverside County
  - (1) Mono County
  - (1) Inyo County
  - RAC members support is needed in recruiting additional RAC members for vacant seats Assurance (QA) Project Associate
    - SCDD SBRO team continued to conduct monthly statewide SDP Orientations for families to obtain certificate and enroll self-advocates and family advocates into the SDP. Conducting outreach to Spanish speaking families in the Region.
    - Self-Advocacy Council (SAC) launched in February 2022 is going strong with RAC self-advocates and Esteban Ortiz's, AGPA CPS II facilitation. SAC 12 considering having a *People First Chapter for the Inland Empire*. Kim Risser and Jeremy Schmidt, SAC Self-Advocates have taken a leadership role in exploring becoming a *People First Chapter*.

- Held a Regional Employment Conference in recognition of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month designated in October. Conference was held on October 27<sup>th</sup> with Disability Rights California, Department of Rehabilitation, Inland Regional Center and Workforce Development on supports and services available for Employment options. Conference well attended and received.
- SBRO held monthly Self-Determination Program (SDP) workshop series on different components of the program. Monthly workshops are for self-advocates, parents who serve as IFs for their sons/daughters, new IFs and experienced IFs to share best practices. Kristianna Moralls has taken a lead role in preparing content for sessions with support from Christina Rockwell and Jan Opsvig all very experienced IFs. Lourdes Gomez, English/Spanish IF provides a lead role for the Spanish language workshop sessions with other IFs in the region. Esteban Ortiz facilitates and provides the support in planning and conducting the monthly SDP IF sessions,
- SBRO team attended December 7<sup>th</sup> the DDS START Program Model conference enhancing Crisis Intervention services at local Regional Centers to implement a START Program. 15 of the 21 Regional Centers have been funded to implement a START Program. SBRO working with Inland Empire stakeholders in supporting Inland Regional Center in enhancing their Crisis Intervention Services. Stakeholders include the San Bernardino County Behavioral CIT Program Coordinator, Autism Society of the Inland Empire and Spanish speaking groups in Riverside County. SCDD will be working with stakeholder groups and IRC to see how a START Program can be implemented.
- SBRO continues to attend the UC Riverside Public Health Equity and Justice Workforce to highlight the Health Disparities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. SBRO gathering information of the CalMed roll-out for the Region working with IEHP.

- SBRO conducted on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM Law Enforcement training on developmental disabilities that is a part of the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training spearheaded by San Bernardino County Behavioral Health CIT Team and the Sheriff's Department.
- A Housing Options presentation was conducted on November 14, 2022 for Building Bridges for Special Needs Families. Presentation was conducted by Daniel Schenkel, Executive Director of California Housing Foundation, Esteban Ortiz and Regional Manager.
- SBRO working with IRC on SDAC membership and maintaining quorum. SCDD is working actively on recruiting new appointed members and increasing the attendance of SDAC meetings by Self-Advocates and their families, especially the monolingual Spanish speaking community

### **Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda**

- RAC and SAC member Risser is interested in working on the People First chapter development once information on the training and process to develop a chapter is obtained and reviewed.
- Kelli Guillory, shared information on the Department of Rehabilitation Demand Side Initiative and the EmployAbility Grants for small and medium businesses. The Demand Side Initiative is focusing on enhancing employment opportunities among small and medium side business. RAC members expressed interest in the grants and learning more about the new initiative.
- RAC Chair will assist with recruitment of potential RAC members for Inyo County.
- Dustlyne Beavers motion to have next RAC meeting rescheduled from Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Day to another Tuesday of the month. SBRO Regional Manager to poll members on an alternative Tuesday to have the February RAC meeting. Kelli Guillory 2<sup>nd's</sup> motion. Motion passed.

### **Meeting Adjourn**

- Dustlyne Beavers motion to adjourn meeting, Ryan Nelson 2<sup>nd's</sup>, Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next meeting date to be determined.