



San Bernardino Regional Office

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes

4-26-2023

4:00 pm to 6:00pm

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

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

Members Present

Dustlyne Beavers, **Chair**
Eric Aguilar, **Vice-Chair**
Christina Christenson-Rockwell
Cindy Cox
Ryan Nelson
Cathy Rosas
Brandi Halstead
Kimberly Risser
Sofia Benitez
Michelle Burns

Members Absent

Reginald Davis
Kelly Guillory
Ronald Allan
Yazmin Villa Reyes

SCDD Staff

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

Guest Speakers

Andrew Burdick and Beth Crane, Employment Specialists from Inland Regional Center

Public Attendees

Monica Posada

Fanny Cisneros

Magdalena Rivera

Martha Diaz

Jeremy Schmidt, Self-Advocate, SBRO Self-Advocacy Council Volunteer

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

Quorum Confirmed. Welcome from Dustlyne Beavers, Chair. Introductions of new SCDD appointments conducted by SBRO Regional Manager. The following members were introduced:

1. Sofia Benitez, Family Advocate, San Bernardino County
2. Michelle Burns, Family Advocate, Riverside County
3. Yaszmin Villa Reyes, Family Advocate, Riverside

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Nelson motioned to approve minutes of the 2/28/2023 meeting. Motioned seconded by Cathy Rosas. Unanimously minutes were approved.

Presentation- The Paid Internship Program presented by Andrew Burdick and Beth Crane, Employment Specialists from Inland Regional Center

The Paid Internship Program is an incentive work program, funded by Inland Regional Center (IRC) to give employers the opportunity to place a pre-screened individual into their company, train, and assess with the hope to lead to full or part-time paid employment in the same job.

- The Paid Internship Program is available for individuals 18 years of age and above. This program is targeted to our adult population to allow them to develop job skills and training they may not have or have not been given the opportunity to achieve otherwise.

- The business provides a minimum wage, or better paying position to an intern and Inland Regional Center funds the costs of the wages, worker's compensation, and any additional expenses. These wages are paid directly through a Financial Management Service (FMS) that acts as the Employer on record. IRC reimburses the FMS for all expenses. Therefore, no cost to the business.

- There is no minimum or maximum hour requirement. However, the maximum funding for payment of an internship is up \$10,000 per year, per individual. The internship ends once the funds have been exhausted, or if the one year comes to an end, or if the intern or employer decide to terminate the internship. An employer can choose to and is encouraged to hire the intern directly prior to an internship ending.

Regional Center clients need to contact their assigned Consumer Service Coordinator for approval of funding and for internship to be added to their Individual Program Plan.

<https://www.inlandrc.org/2018/06/27/disability-and-employmentirc-employment-specialists/>

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

Discussed membership recruitment and appointment for the Local Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). SCDD in the process of appointing three members. Kim Risser, RAC Self-Advocate applied to become a member of the Local SDAC.

SBRO working with IRC on SDAC membership and maintaining quorum. SCDD is working actively on recruiting new appointed members and the attendance, especially by the monolingual Spanish speaking community. Local SDAC has \$165,000 funded by DDS for a project to promote SDP widely in the community. Shared highlights of SBRO activities as follows:

- Self-Advocacy Council (SAC) held a People First Leadership Training with the President of the California State organization, Kim Leeseman, Self-Advocate. Training was attended by 15 self-advocates.
- SBRO continues to hold Self-Determination Program workshop series on different components of the program for self-advocates. Weekly workshops are for self-advocates, parents who serve as IFs for their sons/daughters, new IFs and experienced IFs to share

best practices. Sessions are held by different IFs with Kristianna Moralls' leadership.

- SBRO team working with the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in conducting Developmental Disabilities training for a 40-hour CIT course on for the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. SBRO has been invited to conduct the 3-hour training on developmental disabilities once a month instead of quarterly trainings.
- SBRO partnered with Disability Rights California to offer a series of basic advocacy workshops on IHSS, Alternative Conservatorship, Housing Rights and SSI.
- SBRO worked closely with the Mexican Consulate and First Education on conference on Autism Throughout the Lifespan conducted in the Spanish language on April 26, 2023.
- SBRO working with Ryan Nelson, RAC self-advocate and with his father Keith Nelson on a Business Advisory Roundtable to bring together businesses that have successfully employed individuals with developmental disabilities to mentor potential and new businesses in the hiring of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

- RAC Chair will assist with recruitment of potential RAC members for Inyo County.
- Discussion was held on delays and complications with the Self-Determination Program and the Financial Management Services.

Meeting adjourns

- Dustlyne Beavers motion to adjourn meeting, Ryan Nelson seconded the motion. Motioned approved by RAC members. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2023