



San Bernardino Regional Office

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes

6-13-2023

4:00 pm to 6:00pm

Members Present

Dustlyne Beavers, **Chair**

Eric Aguilar, **Vice-Chair**

Cindy Cox

Ryan Nelson

Brandi Halstead

Kimberly Risser

Sofia Benitez

Michelle Burns

Kelli Guillory

Reggie Davis

Members Absent

Ronald Allan

Yazmin Villa Reyes

Cathy Rosas – Resigned representing Riverside County

SCDD Staff

Patricia Herrera, MS, Staff Services Manager II (SSMII)

Esteban Ortiz, MHA, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA)

Guest Speaker Executive

- Tarnia Stanley, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), Community Health Representative
- Health Plan Speaker from Inyo/Mono Counties invited by Dustlyne Beavers

Public Attendees

Stella Corbalan

Maria Gomez

Morningstar Willis Wagoner

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

Quorum Confirmed. Welcome from Dustlyne Beavers, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Ryan Nelson motioned to approve minutes of the 4/26/2023 meeting. Motioned seconded by Kim Risser. Unanimously minutes were approved.

Presentation- Tarnia Stanley, IEHP Community Health Representative, CalAim and the Inland Empire Health Plan IEHP

Medi-Cal is a no-cost or low-cost health coverage program. It provides health, dental and vision coverage to qualified low-income California residents. IEHP is the health plan for Medi-Cal recipients in San Bernardino County.

Currently, IEHP serves about 25,000 people with disabilities who voluntarily chose IEHP. As a result of the Senior and People with Disabilities mandatory enrollment, we expect to serve a total of 60,000 members in this category. Under DHCS's program requirements, IEHP has demonstrated the plan's readiness in providing medical services and coordinating behavioral benefits for this population. Furthermore, for our Medicare SNP members, IEHP is currently providing most of Medicare and Medi-Cal's medical and behavioral health benefits, except for LTSS, home and community-based services. The Full Duals receive both Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits with IEHP. IEHP coordinates the benefits between the two programs and pays the providers for the covered benefits accordingly. The IEHP Care Team (including a physician, nurse, social worker, behavioral health specialist, health educator, member service representative, etc.) provides health assessments, proactive care coordination and care management services as needed. In addition, IEHP partners with many key social and health services agencies such as Inland Regional Centers, county behavioral health clinics, CCS, etc. to coordinate the program carve-out benefits to our Members. In order to provide a full

spectrum of Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits including the LTSS, IEHP will integrate our existing model with a new LTSS provider network and its care management module. Tarnia offered hand-outs and links to IEHP medical services.

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

Local SDAC has \$165,000 funded by DDS for a project to promote SDP widely in the community. SCDD working on having Self-Advocates and Family Advocates attending the meetings and monitoring closely the attendance of SDAC appointed members to maintain a quorum for decision making and voting. Shared the highlights of SBRO activities as follows:

- 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. Dustlyne Beavers has joined the workshop series and supporting development of topics and discussions. All IFs are welcomed to the sessions to participate and to present.
- SBRO team continues to conduct monthly Law Enforcement Trainings for the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Team and the Sheriff's Department. SBRO conducts a 3-hour training on Developmental Disabilities as part of a 40-hour course for the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. Brian Herritt, Autism Cop is a training partner with the SCDD SBRO team.
- SBRO partnered with Disability Rights California to offer a series of basic advocacy workshops on Medi-Cal, Institutional Deeming and Medi-Cal Waivers and Tenants Rights.
- 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. The Business Roundtable is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 FROM 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held in-person at the Inland Regional Center and virtually with Microsoft TEAMS connection,

- SBRO working in partnership IRC Behavioral Health Department to offer Crisis Intervention stakeholders on-going in-service sessions with Kelly Krueger, PhD, BCBA and Sabrina Thakur, PhD, BCBA from Pacific Clinics in San Bernardino.
- SBRO conducted a presentation to mainstream affordable housing developers and funders on the housing vulnerability of people with developmental disabilities. Presentation was conducted for the Housing Justice Forum of Making Housing and Community happen a faith-based program working with churches on lease land to build affordable housing to include all vulnerable target groups. Senior Citizens and Veterans has been the target groups for this community development program.
- SBRO Self-Advocacy Council continues to meet monthly to develop education sessions for self-advocates and leadership development opportunities.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda

- Discussion was held on continued delays and complications with the Self-Determination Program and the Financial Management Services.
- Vendorization of IFs is progressing and moving forward with the Regional Centers.

Meeting adjourned

- Dustlyne Beavers motion to adjourn meeting, Ryan Nelson seconded the motion. Motioned approved by RAC members. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, August 29, 2023.