



San Bernardino Regional Office

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes

April 09, 2024

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Members Present

Dustlyne Beavers, **Chair**
Eric Aguilar, **Vice-Chair**
Cathy Rosas
Elizabeth Felix Discussion
Kelli Guillory
Lisa Williams
Sandra Diaz
Sofia Benitez

Members Absent

Cindy Cox
Julio Garnica
Kimberly Risser
Ryan Nelson
Reginald Davis

SCDD SBRO Staff

Patricia Herrera, MS, Staff Services Manager II (SSMII)
Matoya Terrell, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Jose Valle, Office Technician

Guest Speakers

- Hannah Dunham SCDD Staff in charge of Supported Decision Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP)

Public Attendees

N/A

English/Spanish Language Interpreter

N/A

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM

Quorum Established. Welcome from Dustlyne Beavers, Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Eric Aguilar motioned to approve minutes of the 02/13/2024 meeting. Motioned seconded by Kelli Guillory. Unanimously minutes were approved.

Presentation: Hannah Dunham, Program Manager for Supported Decision Making (SDM) that oversees the Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

Topic: Supported Decision-Making Technical Assistance Program (SDM-TAP) Grant and Contracts Update

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM: Hannah Dunham first starts off the presentation introducing her team which consists of herself, and two Grants Analysts, Hilary Baird, and Walker Woodard. Hannah then shows a video depicting what Supported Decision Making approach. Following the video, Hannah elaborates on what Supported Decision Making is and who it is for and who it benefits. Hannah reviews SCDD implementation grants for Supported Decision of a total of \$3,000,000.

There are 5 focus areas for the grant: Education, Medical, Legal, I/DD Services, and Financial. A goal with these grants is to help educate professionals so that they can educate/advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities. Hannah provided a sample of a Request for Proposal that is seeking a contractor for a Call-Center that people from the community can call and ask questions and get resources regarding Supported Decision Making. The application deadline for the grant is 11:59 PM April 22, 2024. SDM-TAP Contract Bid submission deadline 12 PM April 19, 2024.

Report from Regional Manager – Patricia Herrera, 5:00 PM – 5:41 PM

- Patricia Herrera underscored the importance of connecting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with local resources and services and highlighted the potential for collaboration. The Collaborative highlights of the SCDD Regional office include the following:
 - Law Enforcement Training with the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Department Crisis Intervention Team for the 40-hour training conducted for the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. SCDD conducts a 3 ½ hour training on Developmental Disabilities.
 - Inland Empire Business RoundTable with brings together businesses implementing inclusive workforce development and stakeholder organizations, DOR, IRC, Employment Vendors and Self-Advocates.
 - Affordable Housing Development working with statewide non-profit. Making Housing and Community Happen that works for faith-based institutions and private schools to lease land for the development of inclusive affordable housing.
 - Disability Rights California partnership in providing workshops on accessing crucial services like, SSI, IHSS, Medi-Cal, Alternative Conservatorship, and many other basic services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Training sessions are provided in English and separately in the Spanish language attorney and a team of training staff for very effective workshops.

- Patricia reviewed the Master Plan launched by the California Department of Health and Human Services (CalHHS):
 - In recognition that California's developmental disabilities system is deeply connected to other health and social systems, the Master Plan will seek to create and strengthen bridges that connect the developmental services system to other critical systems across CalHHS, and other systems and services including education, housing, employment, transportation, and safety. The goal of the Master Plan is to increase its ability to provide culturally responsive services and to strengthen the accountability and standardization of the system so that it is easier for individuals and their families to navigate no matter

where they live in California. CalHHS is open to attend community meetings.

Dustlyne asks if there is a motion for RAC to sponsor a local Master Plan meeting. Cathy motioned to support a local Master Plan meeting by the SBRO RAC. Motion seconded by Ryan Nelson. Vote is taken. Unanimously decided for RAC to sponsor the local meeting by DDS.

Patricia highlights the Policy Priorities for SCDD: 1. Protecting and enhancing Civil Rights. 2. Guaranteeing access to education and employment. 3. Identifying and prioritizing emerging issues in the I/DD community. 4. Promoting access to quality support in the community. 5. Ensuring safety in the community. 6. Improving housing and community living.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda 5:52 PM

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned

Dustlyne Beavers motions to adjourn meeting. Motion approved by RAC members. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.