

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017

Present: Victoria Berrey, Sandra Baker, Allison Cameron Gray, Mercedes Del Cid, Richard Dier, Michelle Heid, – Committee Members
Ruth Janka, Evelyn Chamorro, Jesse Weller – NLACRC Staff
Moira Giammatteo, Sonia Ojeda, – Guests

Absent: Ellen Jannol, Nicole Carter, Debra Newman, Bebo Saab – Committee Members
Julie Eby-McKenzie – State Council on Developmental Disabilities

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Richard Dier at 7:05p.m with an apology for scheduling this meeting on Rosh Hashana. A quorum was present. Introductions from the Committee were made. Guests introduced themselves.

2. Public Input & Comments

There was no public input from our guests. Julie Eby McKenzie gave a brief overview of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Victoria Berrey gave a brief overview of the Family Focus Resource Center, and shared information about the upcoming Special Needs Resource Fair.

3. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda as presented

M/S/A. (Heid, Baker)

Baker	Yes	Gray	Yes
Berrey	Yes	Heid	Yes
Carter	Absent	Jannol	Absent
Del Cid	Yes	Newman	Absent
Dier	Yes	Saab	Absent

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2017 Meeting:

Approval of Minutes as amended – change Julie to Ruth in Item 5

M/S/A. (Heid, Baker)

Baker	Yes	Gray	Yes
Berrey	Yes	Heid	Yes
Carter	Absent	Jannol	Absent
Del Cid	Yes	Newman	Absent
Dier	Yes	Saab	Absent

4. Committee Reports

A. Chair's Report –Richard gave a brief overview of our meeting schedule, and our cancellation of August's meeting. Because there was some recent activity with DDS and the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee, and because our next meeting would have been in October, he scheduled a meeting in September.

DDS announced that they were going to begin training Regional Centers on Self Determination, so the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee passed a motion that the local Advisory Committees should be able to attend these trainings, and to hold

meetings in our local area September. We can send one Committee member to the meeting at SCLARC on September 27, and Richard said he would like to attend if there are no objections. The Committee agreed that he should attend. Sandra Baker said she registered to attend the Training for SDP Informational Meetings on September 28, and Victoria Berrey said that she is registered to attend the Training on October 11 at San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center.

There was some controversy at the Statewide SD Advisory Committee meeting about the role of the SDP Advisory Committee at these trainings. Richard stated that he heard about a change at the August 28 meeting. Jim Knight said that anyone who is already on RC's interest list, they do not have to attend an Informational Meeting. Richard said he was under the impression that people would still need to attend an "official" informational meeting, and other members of this Committee agreed. The Statewide Committee suggested there should be a process to "recycle" the slots for people chosen in the lottery who opt not to enroll, such as if they have moved out of the area. The consumer's UCI number will be used as a unique identifier for them to be on the list.

One of our guests asked if interested persons who had not already been added to the Interest list were ineligible for selection. Richard explained that no, they can still be added to the Interest list.

Victoria asked if there was a date when DDS would start making the participation selections. He said that no, there was no date discussed. There are still some things to be worked out, such as the fees that FMS agencies can charge.

Ruth said that she hopes the concerns about Medicaid funding will not prevent people from signing up for SDP. However, she hopes families will be active and have their voice heard when we hear about repealing the ACA.

- B. Board Actions –In Debra's absence, Michelle reported that there were no Board actions related to self determination. There is an update on self determination at each Board meeting and the newsletters are included in the Board materials.

5. NLACRC/DDS/Update

- a. DDS Update – DDS is beginning to train Regional Center staff about Self Determination. They are also training community based organizations on how to conduct Informational Meetings. Ruth said she has heard that some Regional Centers are creating specialized caseloads where Service Coordinators will only work with SDP consumers, and other RCs will have mixed caseloads. Ruth thinks that specialized caseloads make sense, but we will need to look at the distribution of participants based on where they live. The waiver may be finished by DDS in October, then it goes to DHCS. Ruth said she heard that it may be submitted to CMS by December. The CMS has 90 days to do their review, and it could be approved by March 2018.
- b. Current interest list – an updated copy was provided. There are now 119 interested participants. We discussed reasons why consumers at some other Regional Centers may have

greater interest than at NLACRC (rural areas, for example). Sandra asked if there are numbers of people in each category that will be selected (by diagnosis, for example). Ruth said DDS is going to select a random sample by ethnicity, disability, region, age, etc. If they feel the random sample is not representative of the NLACRC catchment area, they may require that NLACRC does more outreach to identify more people. Julie suggests that the Committee make suggestions on how NLACRC is doing its outreach. Ruth suggested we compare our interest list to the NLACRC statistical information to get benchmark information.

- c. Outreach – Evelyn gave an outreach update. She has not gone back to existing groups because there is no news to report and also because groups do not meet over the summer. Once we have new information from DDS, we will schedule new meetings in the community. Michelle suggested putting info about SDP in the News You Can Use email blast.
- d. Review of outreach materials – a copy of our existing outreach presentation was provided.

6. **New Business**

- A. New Advisory Committee members – Julie said that the SCDD Membership Committee was scheduled to meet yesterday, and there were two new applicants for our Committee that were being considered. She should know if they were approved shortly. There is another opening on our Committee for a Spanish speaking member. Evelyn will put an announcement in the SDP Newsletter and SDP page on the website. Richard said that we should revisit the positions of Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary when we have our new members.
- B. Future agenda planning – at our next meeting on October 19 in Lancaster, we will discuss the DDS training meetings (Sept 27 & 28, Oct 10 & 11), and review the training materials for the Informational Meetings, and Board officers. Michelle suggested an attendance policy. We will likely meet in November 16 in Santa Clarita.

7. **Public Comment**

A guest asked if they get an announcement about what happened at a meeting. Evelyn said that she will send out the materials that were discussed tonight.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Richard at 8:42pm.

Submitted by Victoria Berrey, Secretary.