

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes

May 16, 2019
Chatsworth

Present: Sandra Baker, Victoria Berrey, Richard Dier, Cheryl Hendrickson, Jon Francis, Jordan Feinstock, Michelle Heid, Lillian Martinez, Bebo Saab, Lori Walker—Committee Members

Sheila Calove, Liz Chavez, Ruth Janka, Jesse Weller—NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Ken Curry, others

Absent: Ellen Jannol

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jordan Feinstock at 7:01 p.m. in the Chatsworth office. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. Public Input

A parent said she attended the Orientation and said it was informative but felt it raised more questions. She also said her child's CSC did not have a lot of information about SDP. Sheila said they are still incorporating SDP processes into their internal procedures and she will follow up with the CSC. Ruth said that DDS recently decided to allow Person Centered Planning to be paid out of Purchase of Service instead of the individual budget. Ken asked how the participants were notified about the Orientations, which will be addressed in the Implementation section.

3. Consent Items

a. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda as presented:

M/S/A. (Heid, Saab). All in favor.

Baker	Yes	Hendrickson	Yes
Berrey	Yes	Jannol	Absent
Dier	Yes	Martinez	Yes
Feinstock	Yes	Saab	Yes
Francis	Yes	Walker	Yes
Heid	Yes		

b. Approval of April 25 Meeting minutes

Approval of Minutes

M/S/A. (Heid, Saab). All in favor.

Baker	Yes	Hendrickson	Yes
Berrey	Abstain	Jannol	Absent
Dier	Yes	Martinez	Yes
Feinstock	Yes	Saab	Yes
Francis	Yes	Walker	Yes
Heid	Yes		

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. Chair's Report—Jordan did not have an update. He announced that there is an autism conference with Temple Grandin on May 24. Jordan said he cannot attend the Statewide Self Determination committee meeting on June 10-11. We will forward to Ellen to see if she can attend.
- b. Board Actions—Lillian did not have any Board actions to report.

5. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**

- a) DDS Implementation Update –
 - a. DDS has provided translations of the Orientation materials in various languages. They also published a plain language version of the Orientation which NLACRC had translated into Spanish. We felt it was clearer and simpler. Julie said she would email it to the Committee.
 - b. There is also a new Self Determination newsletter being published by DDS. There have been 3 issues published. They are available on the DDS website or are sent via email if you are on the DDS SDP list. Copies of some of the issues were provided.
 - c. Upcoming events – no DDS trainings are planned at this time.
 - d. Julie shared an update from the DDS website about Person Centered Planning.
- b) NLACRC Implementation Update—
 - a. Staff update - Sheila shared that she trained all CSCs on self determination in the last two weeks. Celina Tomlin is one of the Self Determination Specialists in Santa Clarita, and the Supervisor will be in the Chatsworth office.
 - b. Orientation – Participants were notified via email and a letter mailed to participant's address of record. We had our first Orientation on May 14. Sheila gave an update on how it went and what kind of questions were asked. NLACRC will type up all the questions and the answers, and send them out to the participants. Jordan suggested adding to the Q&A list as we go. Richard said he was excited about the size of the crowd and the enthusiasm. He thought the groups should not be any larger than this one (60). Bebo shared that the feedback he got was that concern that RC could override the spending plan at the IPP meeting. They were also hearing that RC would agree to the services and supports and they had to be linked to an IPP goal. Ruth said that the participant must purchase services are covered by CMS and that achieve an IPP outcome. Bebo said he feels that if it is an acceptable expense and there is an IPP goal attached to it, it should be funded. Sheila said that there needs to be an IPP to memorialize the plan. Ruth said that if there is disagreement between the CSC and the team, there are processes to review the IPP such as a supervisor. There are 3 additional Orientation sessions scheduled on May 22, May 28 and June 1. FMS update: Accredited Nursing has expressed interest in being the FMS. Premier Healthcare is being vendored by another Regional Center. There are 9 vendored FMS agencies in the state but Sheila said that DDS has not sent out a list yet.

6. **Committee Business**

- a. **Service code 024** – this is a reimbursement service code. The parent can pay for the Person Centered Plan up front and request reimbursement. The DDS guidance Julie provided had some further information on this. Ruth said proof of purchase must be submitted in order to get reimbursed. Some PCP providers are charging a flat fee, and some are charging an hourly fee. There are 5 agencies or individuals who are in process of being vendored to provide Person Centered Planning; Ruth is going to see if their applications can be expedited.

- b. Committee input on NLACRC Implementation – the Committee shared feedback on the Orientation. Richard said that he heard at Orientation that he would need to have all his vendored services carved out of his Individual Budget and wanted to know if that is true. Richard wanted to know if Committee members can sit in on provider trainings about SDP. Ruth said they have begun speaking with their vendors to let them know how SDP will work; they will have to have separate accounting to do that. RC billing is done electronically; under SDP, it is done through the FMS. There will need to be a services agreement between the participant and the vendor. The spending plan then goes to the FMS. Michelle shared some of the issues on the provider side when their funding sources change, e.g. need to bill multiple sources and not just Regional Center.
- c. Resource Fair – Westside RC Advisory Committee is having a resource fair. Should the Committee consider having an IF resource fair? Several members liked the idea. Richard plans to attend the Westside event this weekend and will report back.
- d. Future agendas – NLACRC procedures, Resource Fair, feedback on Orientations, report on participants attending Orientation or dropping out, provider trainings.

7. **Public Input & Comments**— there were no further comments.

8. **Adjournment** - meeting was adjourned at 8:58.

Next Meeting: June 20 in Lancaster