

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

June 20, 2019
Lancaster

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

Sheila Calove, Anthony Morones—NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Ken Curry, Diane Bernstein

Absent: Sandra Baker

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Jordan Feinstock at 7:05 p.m. in the Lancaster office. A quorum was present. Introductions were made. Anthony Morones, NLACRC's new Self Determination Specialist

2. Public Input

Julie announced the upcoming Independent Facilitator trainings in June and July.

3. Consent Items

a. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda as presented:

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

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

b. Approval of May Meeting minutes

Approval of Minutes

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4. Report on SDAC Meeting

Jon gave a report on the two day SDAC meeting in Sacramento. There was some frustration that things were not moving forward quickly enough. Liz Harrell gave a presentation that

identified five goals to be adopted by the local Advisory Committees. These are still in a draft form.

Priorities

1. Develop a subcommittee called a Coordinating Committee within 1 month. The Coordinating Committee shall implement SD to develop agendas, lists of proposed actions and workplans, collaboration with SCDD and DDS
2. Each Participants shall develop a Person Centered Plan within 6 months of their orientation
3. Communication Forum framework – within 90 days, the Committee shall develop a framework
4. Local Advisory Committee vacancies shall be filled by SCDD by December 2019
5. Implementation of the Self Determination – within 12 months, 2500 participants shall be active with self determination

Chairperson Maria Marquez, Aaron Carruthers and Liz Harrell were present as well as representatives from each area. There was a review of the roles of the Advisory Committee. A mission statement was discussed. Jon shared that our Regional Center had put on 4 Orientations, hired 2 Specialists and were planning a Self Determination fair this summer. He shared some concerns, availability of a budget tool that should be released by DDS soon. How soon after vendorization will the FMS be able to be operative? Should be fairly soon. Has Office of Administrative Hearings been trained on Self Determination? No, it has not but Liz is happy to train them if asked. A Facebook page will be developed soon (for SDAC?). A motion was made to add another SDAC meeting each year, 3 times instead of 2 times per year. They will meet in February, June and October.

Richard asked what his impressions were about going for the first time. Jon said that there were a lot of passionate people with information to share, Harvey Lapin was there. Jon said it seems that most RCs are in similar places with implementation..

5. Committee Reports

- a. Chair/Co-Chair's Report—Jordan said the Orientation he attended went well.
- b. Board Actions—Lillian did not have any Board actions to report.

6. NLACRC/DDS Implementation News

- a) DDS Implementation Update –
 - a. DDS is working on a budget tool for Self Determination. Julie said the Orientation will be put online for people who live in very rural areas. She is also developing a User's Guide to Self Determination.
 - b. Sheila said they had a phone call with DDS last week that provided a draft of the Budget Tool. It is about 8 pages in length and is close to being finalized. It gives info to RC staff on how to authorize services under Self Determination. For example, one time services are backed out. There is also a baseline budget amount for individuals who have not had a budget. They requested guidance on average cost for people who don't have a budget, which will be median rate.
- 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, Anthony Morones in AV and the Supervisor will be in the Chatsworth office in early July.

- b. Orientation – four have been held so far, serving 108 participants. Additional Orientation dates have been set for June 29 from 9am-2pm and July 2 in Chatsworth from 4-9pm and July 10 from 9-2.
- c. Withdrawals - 14 participants have withdrawn primarily saying they are too busy, etc. Julie said that 250 have withdrawn statewide.
- d. FMS update: Accredited Nursing is in process of being vendored to be the FMS. Premier Healthcare is being vendored by another Regional Center and NLACRC’s community services dept reached out to them. There are 9 vendored FMS agencies in the state but Sheila said that DDS has not sent out a list yet. Once they are vendored statewide, any participant can use them
- e. PCP vendorizations – there are four entities that have approached NLACRC to be vendored. Lori asked how the expedited process is working. Sheila said the process can take a while and if the individual has not completed a program design before, it can take some time.
- f. Provider training – this was offered in June and 31 providers attended. Richard attended and felt it was ‘wanting’. He will share more feedback with Sheila. Sheila said that Jim Knight said that providers under Self Determination are not bound by Title 17 and can charge anything they want, even less. Need clarification on this. Julie said she would follow up with Liz.
- g. Internal procedures – Sheila distributed the Self Determination Program Phase In Processes and Procedures. The Committee is asked to take it with them and review it.

7. Committee Business

- a. Self Determination Independent Facilitator resource fair – Richard suggests having it in October. Locations were discussed. Logistics will be discussed before the next meeting.
- b. Schedule for FY 2019-20 – our meetings for the rest of the year are in August, Sept, October and November.
- c. Officer Nominations/Elections – We did not have enough time for elections. .

Elections in August 2019.

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- d. Future Meeting planning – discuss Internal Processes and Procedures, resource fair, transportation stipend

8. Public Input & Comments— Diane Bernstein said that she has a client tomorrow for person centered planning who is from the Lanterman area. For her own son, she has tried to get reimbursement for person centered planning services with someone who has moved out of state. However, she is having trouble getting reimbursed because the facilitator does not have a certificate and is now out of state.

9. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Next Meeting: August 15 in Santa Clarita