North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

September 19, 2019

Chatsworth

Present: Sandra Baker, Richard Dier, Jon Francis, Jordan Feinstock, Lillian Martinez, Bebo Saab, Lori Walker—Committee Members

Sheila Calove, Doris Longmire, Jesse Weller—NLACRC staff

Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Ken Curry, Diane Bernstein, Joe Martinez

Absent: Victoria Berrey, Michelle Heid, Cheryl Hendrickson, Ellen Jannol

1. Call to Order & Introductions

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

2. Public Input

Richard shared of a monitoring system he learned about: electronic remote monitoring, one person monitoring more than one person. A crew to watch, 5 or 6 cellphones into a combined walkie talkie/video option, that can transmit to police or paramedics if needed. Don’t know how HCBS rules would apply.

3. Consent Items

a. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Agenda as presented: M/S/A. (Dier, Saab). All in favor.

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b. Approval of August Meeting minutes

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4. Committee Reports
   a. Chair’s Report—Jon shared that the following FMS agencies are approved:
      Premier Healthcare services, Acumen, GT Independence, Accredited. Manis is pending. A list is on the DDS website.
   b. Board Actions—Lillian did not have any Board actions to report.

5. SDP Internal Procedures – the Committee had comments about the internal procedures that were distributed last month, including whether or not the 12 month prior expenditures will include services that were authorized but not delivered. These could be considered unmet needs. Doris says an assessment may be needed for unmet needs which may delay process for budget certifications. Bebo asked how long will it take to certify budget and why an “assessment” for unmet needs; he says there is nothing in the statute that says this is required. Jon suggested that anything memorialized in the IPP could be an unmet need. Jesse said he will get with the team and give an update. Several Committee members expressed desire for a partnership with NLACRC rather than NLACRC deciding how the process will work.

6. NLACRC/DDS Implementation News
   a. DDS update –
      i. SDP Newsletters continue to be posted on the DDS website
      ii. Initial PCP Planning - DDS issued guidance for Regional Centers in order to implement POS/ payment for the Person Centered Planning services. Participants may utilize service code 024 service before starting the SDP program. No vendorization of the individual or agency is required; the Service Provider can invoice the regional center directly. They will need to submit documentation of their qualifications/training, resume, etc. The service provider should the invoice to the participant’s CSC, then it will be processed for payment. If parents will use mechanism, make sure you don’t fail to inform your CSC. DDS set a maximum charge $2500 but it was voiced that no one should be charging that kind of money. Some may charge $300, for example. IF over $2500 must be approved by DDS. Preplanning is required, meeting, notes, reports, 10 hours at least, observations, etc. We do not know what the criteria will be for filling the statewide vacancies. Westside said it will be for individuals over the age of 42.
      iii. Flowchart – the flowchart was distributed by SCDD.
b. NLACRC Implementation Update
   i. Orientations are scheduled once a month; the next is Sept 25th 9am-2pm.
      82% of participants have gone through Orientation; 21 still not been
      orientated. All AV cases have been orientated.
   ii. Number of participants - Doris reported that there are 183 potential and 157
       active cases. 30 participants dropped out.
   iii. Report on FMS – see above.
   iv. Report on vendorizations – see above

c. Participant Successes & Challenges – one guest asked how to tell if the program her
   son is participating in is ‘integrated’, and if it will be funded. Another guest said it
   will be a challenge to bring staff over to SDP if they won’t have benefits. Jordan said
   he asked his CSC for support and was turned down.

7. Committee Business
   a. Resource Fair – Our NLACRC resource fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 28.
      Participants received a letter and an email. Michelle attended the Westside fair to
      distribute flyers as well.
   b. Future agendas – review of resource fair; develop document to help vet Independent
      Facilitators; review 2020 meeting schedule

8. Public Input & Comments— there were no further comments.

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

Next Meeting: October 17 in Lancaster