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

September 17, 2020 Via ZOOM

Present: Victoria Berrey, Jordan Feinstock, Jon Francis, Cheryl Hendrickson, Ellen Jannol, Rachel Leach, Lori Walker —Committee Members

Jesse Weller, Silvia Haro, Liz Chavez —NLACRC staff
Julie Eby-McKenzie—State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Guests: Ken Currie, Tamra Pauly, Jacqueline Gaytan, Alma Morales, Terrasel Jones, Richard Esquivel, Guadalupe, Claudia Wenger, Nea Hascombe, Joe Martinez, Joe Hernandez, Diane Bernstein

Absent: Sandra Baker, Michelle Heid
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1. **Call to Order & Introductions**
   The meeting was called to order by Jon Francis, Vice Chair, at 7:03p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. **Public Input**
   Julie Eby-McKenzie discussed the role of the SCDD during SDP Advisory Committee meetings. She explained it is in a support role to the Committee and for technical assistance.

3. **Consent Items**
   a. Approval of Agenda
   Approval of Agenda:
   M/S/A. (Feinstock, Walker). Approved.

Baker	Yes	**Hendrickson**	Yes
Berrey	Yes	**Jannol**	Yes
Dier	Yes	**Cannarella**	Absent (for vote)
Feinstock	Yes	**Leach**	Yes
Francis	Yes	**Walker**	Yes
Heid	Absent		

   b. Approval of August Meeting minutes
   Approval of Minutes
   M/S/A. (Feinstock, Jannol). Approved.

Baker	Yes	**Hendrickson**	Yes
Berrey	Yes	**Jannol**	Yes
Dier	Yes	**Cannarella**	Absent (for vote)
Feinstock	Yes	**Leach**	Yes
Francis	Yes	**Walker**	Abstain
Heid	Absent		

4. **Officer Elections**
   a. Chair – Jon Francis
   b. Vice Chair – Jordan Feinstock
   c. Secretary – Victoria Berrey

5. **Committee Reports**
   a. **Chair's Report**— Jon shared a report by the SSDAC about the barriers and recommendations by the SSDAC. The Committee will discuss it during Committee Business.

   b. **Board Report**
   In Christina's absence, Victoria reported that there were no Board actions related to SDP at the September Board of Directors meeting.

6. **NLACRC/DDS Implementation News**
   a. DDS Implementation Update – Silvia Haro
        i. DDS Implementation Funding update-no news since last month.
        ii. SDP Newsletter & DDS directives – none reported
   b. NLACRC Implementation update – Jesse Weller
        i. NLACRC Communication procedures- The newsletter is ready to go out to participants.
        ii. NLACRC Orientation meetings for new participants – Orientations were held in September and are scheduled in October in both English and Spanish. Informational meetings have been very well attended.
        iii. NLACRC Data Update

Participants SDP eligible	159
Participants deciding not to continue	73
Participants completing orientation	142
Participants who need to complete orientation	17
Number of budgets certified	13*
Number of budgets in certification process	31
Number of spending plans approved	11*
Number of spending plans in progress	2
Number of Person Centered Plans completed	34*
Number of active SDP participants	11*

7. Participant Successes and Challenges – Tamra Pauly, who is an independent facilitator, reported that her clients are still "stuck" in the budget process. She received communication yesterday that there has been some movement. Claudia Wenger reported that she has 4 clients in process. A couple of them are in action; two of them are not progressing. She is not clear on what NLACRC needs from them before moving forward. Silvia said she would reach out to both of them. Richard Dier shared that his son has almost 6 months in SDP. He said that initially they were with Premier as FMS but it was not economically viable for Premier because his son's program is very involved and Premier was taking on a lot of risk. He moved to sole employer model with GT Independence. He feels that this new framework will be very successful for his son. He has not been able to find an insurance company to cover his son as an employer. He wanted to hire someone who is very qualified but the statute requires that he gets an FBI clearance but he can't get it.

8. **Committee Business**
   a. Update on Self Determination Resource Fair – Jon reported that the current plan is to hold a simple resource fair with 4 breakout rooms. Possible breakout topics include FMS, Person Centered planning, what an IF does, what an FMS does. A tentative date in October was discussed, possibly October 30 or 31, or Nov 1 at 11:00am. Various dates and times were discussed. Christina and Jordan also volunteered.
   b. Implementation Funding and report – Dr. Weller discussed the implementation funding. This will be a topic at our next meeting as well.

c. HCBA Waiver – Home and Community Based Alternatives Waiver – aka nursing waiver for people who require nursing services. Christina described it for us. A consumer can only be on one Federal waiver at a time. Under HCBA waiver, how can we fund nursing services for them? Christina has gotten a few different answers. Nursing is a generic service so SDP cannot pay for nursing until generic services are exhausted. If the nurse becomes an independent nurse provider under Medi-Cal, rather than nursing through an agency, they can be paid under SDP. Dr. Weller said participants can stay in SDP and HCBA waiver. Silvia shared a link in the chat that provides more info: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-(HCB)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx

d. Agenda planning-review implementation funding plan and work on prioritizing these items and outlining the training. Dr. Weller will share some plans that other RCs or Committees are doing. Review delays in implementing SDP including timely payment to IFs.

9. **Public Input & Comments—** Christina recommended the Disability Voices SDP Connect webinars. They are all recorded so that you can watch them later. One discussion topic was that there is no timeline for approving spending plans, for example. Ken Currie said he is concerned that some Independent Facilitators have not been paid and he is concerned that they won't be able to continue.

10. **Adjournment -** meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next Meeting: October 15 via Zoom