



Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Minutes
Online Meeting Through Zoom due to COVID-19

March 9, 2022

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Minutes are not approved.

Present:	Absent:	Public in attendance:
Sherry Johnson – SD-LAC Co-Chair Jenice Turner – Director of Children Services Adriana Colon, Program Manager Odulia Juarez – Program Manager Erika Anguiano – Enhance CM & Disp. Supervisor Rocio Rodriguez- Interim Participant Choice Spec. Cynthia Rivera- Interim Participant Choice Spec. Eduardo Kogan – English/Spanish Interpreter Shelly Hash- English/Spanish Interpreter Sofia Cervantes – State Council Representative Alnita Dunn – SD-LAC Member Armida Ochoa – SD-LAC Member Sangita Prasad – FRC Representative Raul Muñoz – SD-LAC Member	Terrence Payne – SD-LAC Co-Chair Luz Hernandez – SD-LAC Member Guadalupe Barrera – SD-LAC Member Bhumit Shah – OCRA Representative Diana Ugalde – SD-LAC Member Antwan Jones – SD-LAC Member Perla Zuniga – DDS Representative	Araceli Cabrera Bhumit Shah Bryan Lobos Carla Lehmann Christine Kantor Claudia Torres Connie Legaspi Daisy Villalobos Elena Llanto Elizabeth Galdamez Fefe Ford Fayle Gordon Helen Reese And more

Meeting Start Time: 6:06pm

- **Welcome/ Introductions**
 - The instructions for the Spanish interpretation on Zoom were presented so users could select their choice of language
 - The Co-Chair, Sherry Johnson, welcomed the public.
 - This meeting was to discuss SDP updates, SDP Coaching updates, and have a discussion and vote on SDP Implementation funds for 2020 to 2021.
- **SDP Updates**
 - Cynthia Rivera presented and explained the SDP Participant Status data for the month of February of 2022 and March of 2022 shown below:

SCLARC SDP PARTICIPANT STATUS DATA- FEBRUARY 2022		SCLARC SDP PARTICIPANT STATUS DATA- MARCH 2022	
Completed Orientation	200	Completed Orientation	208
Completed Person Centered Plan	83	Completed Person Centered Plan	91
Budget Certified	68	Budget Certified	70
Spending Plan Completed/Agreed Upon	56	Spending Plan Completed/Agreed Upon	58
Received Services Under SDP Program	51	Received Services Under SDP Program	58
Scheduled To Begin Services 03/01/2022	4	Scheduled To Begin Services 03/01/2022	0
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- Cynthia Rivera explained that FMS agencies have not been able to process workers due to not having enough workers available.
- Cynthia Rivera is also asking the parents and families to ensure that they followed all the protocols that FMS agencies require at this time.
- Jenice Turner would like to encourage families that if they have identified a FMS agency that is not able to accept your case or the start date that you're selecting, they do have the option to select other FMS that may be available to start sooner, if the family needs it.
- Jenice Turner added if a family has questions or want information in regards FMS; they can reach out to their Service Coordinator. The Service Coordinator could provide the family with a list to ensure that there are other options for FMS due to the waitlist of a month to three month wait for some FMS agencies.
- Cynthia Rivera presented the upcoming SDP orientation dates and encourages anyone that would like to participate.
- Armida Ochoa asked how the committee can support the families with FMS due to the waitlist.
- Jenice Turner answered by stating that she highly recommends the families to explore other options if there is a waitlist for FMS agencies.
- Jenice Turner shared that SCLARC has an upcoming meeting with a FMS agency to discuss how SCLARC could support them.
- The committee asked if SCLARC could provide training in regards to: how families could have more in depth information in regards to at home support services, FMS implementation of services, and other topics in regards to Self Determination.
- Jenice Turner shared it could be something that we could do. SCLARC could come up with some items that we can provide additional information on upcoming meetings and have brief training sessions to review a topic and if additional information is needed we will brainstorm from there for the future meetings/trainings.
- Jenice Turner asked if it could be discussed in our next meeting so we could gather a list of what the committee and public would like to have trainings on.
- **Public Comment**
 - Sherry Johnson advised the public, if they have any questions to raise their hand in Zoom so they can be unmuted.
 - Rubi Saldana asked if all SDPLAC meetings have Spanish Interpretation.
 - Sherry Johnson answered Rubi Saldana's question by saying yes, all SDPLAC meetings have Spanish Translations. The person would have to select their option of language in the Zoom settings.
 - Rubi Saldana also asked how SDPLAC meeting is being promoted.

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- Jenice Turner answered that SCLARC updates their website under the Self Determination page with the upcoming agenda and previous minutes are posted in our website. Also, posts in regards to SDPLAC are also posted in Facebook and if a person is in our e-mail group an e-mail will be sent with the agenda.
- Bryan Lobos shared his experience now that he is part of the Self Determination program. He expressed how of a great experience it has been and encourages others to join since it has truly benefited for him and that it is never too late to join.
- Santiago Villalobos also shared his experience by being in the Self Determination program. He would like others to join the Self Determination program and in his experience, he feels more relaxed and has more of a voice by being part of the program.
- Timonth Howell shared his concern in regards to the FMS agencies. For instance, he asked how someone becomes a FMS or is there a procedure for FMS due to the delay.
- Sherry Johnson shared that FMS is a statewide program and DDS is aware of the delays. But hopes that soon it will be easy for all regional centers.
- Dennise Carpio expressed the concern that some agencies need payment first before they can start services for the individual. For instance, payment needs to be submitted before a vendor starts services. Also added that who is the owner of the items that the individual purchases under the Self Determination budget.
- Jenice Turner answered that items that are purchased under the Self Determination, it is the property of the individual, not property of the FMS agency. However, specific details in regards different activities will be consulted in a private meeting due to the large amount of details that goes into different certain activities and requirements.
- The public had questions in regards social rec.
- Jenice Turner answered that our Social Rec documents are posted in our website for anyone that would like to review the document.
- **SDP Coaching Updates**
 - Sherry Johnson asked the SDP coaches for any updates.
 - Linda Andron presented Helen Reese to discuss the issues they had encountered.
 - Helen Reese shared that she participated in a budget meeting but was presented a budget of zero dollars.
 - Armida Ochoa recommended that if communication about be done to assist the families. For instance, knowing what is the issue, how long is the transition, and how to better support a family when it comes to their budget.
 - Jenice Turner shared it is difficult to adhere timelines because each case is different and depending on the services they are requesting, we do need to request additional information that the family may not have on hand.

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- Sherry Johnson presented the idea if possible, if training could be presented to better assist what laws and policies go into the Self Determination program.
- Sofia Cervantes shared that that is something that could be done to assist families but clarifying which topics to talk about would be the first step.

- **Discussion/Voting on SDP Implementation Funds Year 2020-2021**
 - Sherry Johnson mentioned it will not be a good time to discuss or vote on any implementation funds tonight. It will be discussed in the next SDPLAC meeting. She also asked if it could be flexible on the deadline.
 - Jenice Turner answered by saying yes.

- **Announcements**
 - Sofia Cervantes shares that the State Council continues to have Monday trainings at 10:00 am by via Zoom. The upcoming topic is in regards public testimony.

- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.
 - The next meeting is on April 13, 2022

NOT APPROVED