

WRC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 9, 2023

Introductions

- Carla Lehmann
 - o Welcome
 - o House Keeping: Translations Instruction
- Regional Center
 - o Cesar Garcia, Client Services Director
 - o Alex Marquez, Participant Choice Specialist
 - o Sanaz Nasiri, Participant Choice Specialist
 - o Randall Smith, Participant Choice Specialist
- Chris Arroyo - SCDD

Establishment of Quorum

- Felicia Ford – Present
- Fan Goldfarb – Present
- Matt Alivio – Present
- Elizabeth Gomez – Present
- Harvey Lapin – Present
- Nilo Chaudry – Present
- Nathalie Lichtenthaler – Present
- Madeline Schneider – Absent
- Joseph (Joey) Juarez – Present
- Ereida Galda – Absent
- Brett – Absent
- David Wyles – Absent

Public Comment

- C.A.
 - o Reminder, Bagley Keen to expire June 30th. As of July 1, all meetings that are under Bagley Keen will need to be conducted in person. Please see SB544 for additional information.
- M.H.
 - o Q: I completed the SDP Orientation. Do I need to complete the Orientation again for my second child who also has a developmental disability?
 - o A: The orientation does not need to be completed again if the individual is a minor. However, if the prospective SDP candidate is an adult, participation in an SDP orientation is required.

Regional Center Report

- Orientations
 - o Minimum two Orientations per Month with Additional Orientations scheduled as needed. Spanish Orientations scheduled as well.
 - o Average of 10 – 12 orientation attendees.
 - o More data to be developed and shared with committee at next committee meeting.
- Transition Numbers
 - o April – 17 individuals transitioned.
 - o May – 11 individuals transitioned.
- FMS FEE Directive – April 26th
 - o FMS Fees have received rate increases effective May 1, 2023. Rates will vary by preferred language and number of providers and employees, one-time purchases not included. Some participants may need to update their spending plans to reflect number of providers and employees.
 - o WRC will be collaborating with FMS community to coordinate efforts and address rate changes.
- 099 – Self-Directed Support Services
 - o WRC currently has no 099 providers; however, WRC aims to vendor providers in the next months. WRC hosts a Monthly Independent Facilitator Round Table where 099 is discussed. Interested persons are encouraged to connect with WRC staff – Participant Choice Specialists, Client Services Director, and Community Services Dept Staff.
- SDP Data
 - o Enrollment Numbers
 - 213
 - o Breakdown by Ethnicity
 - White – 104
 - Spanish / Latin – 32
 - Other – 30
 - Black-African American - 20
 - o Breakdown by Language
 - English – 197
 - Spanish – 15
 - Japanese – 1
 - o Breakdown by Age
 - 13-22 – 82
 - 3-12 – 68
 - 23+ – 63
 - o Sex
 - Male – 150
 - Female – 63

DVU & Claudia Cares RFP

- Claudia Cares
 - o Provides Coaching and Office Hours. Approximately 10 individuals have received coaching. Office hours have not been successful across 2 opportunities. Additional office

hours will be scheduled. To increase numbers Claudia Care is collaborating with WRC FRC. Claudia Cares is working on outreach and will be attending WRC orientations + support groups.

- Disability Voices United – Webinar Trainings, Committee Centered Plan, Resource Fair
 - DVU provided a Spanish Language Training April 29th. Video Recording will be available online.
 - Last Committee Center Plan Training was provided May 8th. A final plan will be present to committee next committee meeting.
 - WRC LVAC SDP Resource Fair is scheduled for June 10th. Microenterprises are encouraged to register. Committee and Community members are encouraged to connect DVU with potential service providers.

Public Comment

- L.C.
 - Q: Are the FMS Rate changes discriminatory? If you don't speak English, why do you have you have to pay more? I am concerned that now families have to pay more.
 - A: FMS Fees will not be paid out of the participant budget. Rate increases will support FMS in providing services to all individuals by addressing staffing issues. FMS are also eligible to become vendored under 099 to receive additional funding in support of individuals transitioning into SDP.
- M.A.
 - Q: Have any FMS completed vendorship for 099? What should Spending Plans look like following the FMS rate increases?
 - A: FMS's have started process to complete vendorship. However, FMS must complete vendorship with their home Regional Center. Once completed, WRC may provide courtesy vendorship. Participant Spending Plans should identify and itemize each employee, service, resource, etc. WRC will collaborate with FMS community to reduce any negative impact on participant experience.

Chairpersons' Report – Carla Lehmann

- Information regarding SDP Implementation funds, what areas of need funds can be spent and who determines how funds are spent.
- WRC SDP Implementation Funds - \$76,008.34 to be expended by March 2025.
- Open Discussion regarding ideas to use SDP Implementation Funds
 - Videos of SD success stories
 - Support individuals in finding employees.
 - Support individuals in developing employment.

Future Agenda Items

- N/A

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Chairperson, Carla Lehman, at 7:41pm