

## **WRC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee Minutes**

**August 8, 2023**

### **Introductions**

- Carla Lehmann
  - o Welcome
  - o House Keeping: Translation Instruction
- Regional Center
  - o Cesar Garcia, Client Services Director
  - o Alex Marquez, Self-Determination Program Manager
  - o Sanaz Nasiri, Participant Choice Specialist

### **Establishment of Quorum**

- Fran Golfarb
- David Wyles
- Elizabeth Gomez
- Matt Alivio
- Harvey Lapin
- Nilo Chaudry
- Joey Juarez
- Felicia Ford
- Carla Lehman
- Madeline Schneider – Absent
- Brett Gordon – Absent

### **Discussion / Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to Approve – Nilo Chaudry
- Second – David Wyles
- Passed Unanimously
  - o Fran Golfarb – Yay
  - o David Wyles – Yay
  - o Elizabeth Gomez – Yay
  - o Matt Alivio – Yay
  - o Harvey Lapin – Yay
  - o Nilo Chaudry – Yay
  - o Joey Juarez – Yay
  - o Felicia Ford – Yay
  - o Carla Lehman – Yay

## **Public Comment**

- Bravo – Trouble with flow with SDP. Small changes are taking a very long time. The FMS is requesting an updated spending plan. Is seeking solutions to make the process more efficient.
- Moralls – Informed committee of SDP DVU Conference – “Our Future, Our Fight, Our right to Self Determination”
- Arroyo – Informed committee of and discussed DDS Directive regarding Bagley Keen
- Cheong – Informed committee FMS GT Independence is charging a new 1% non-payroll burden fees. Cheong is seeking guidance regarding the new non-payroll burden fees.
- Melissa – Is seeking guidance regarding the new non-payroll burden fees put forth by FMS GT Independence.

## **WRC Update**

- Employer Burden Fee 1% non payroll burden fee
  - It is WRC understanding that GT has agreed not to move forward with the 1%, however, there is nothing in writing yet. Once additional information is available, it will be shared with the community. WRC is committed to making sure that individuals continue to have the supports and services need to implement their IPP.
- New FMS Agencies
  - FMS Pay
- 099 – Self Directed Services and Supports
  - Final Extension to SDP Pre enrollment and transition supports. \$1000 to remain available via service code 024, Purchase Reimbursement. WRC interprets extension as a means to allow additional time for 099 providers to complete vendorization with regional center. Providers who complete vendorization with WRC will be expected to utilize 099 service delivery from point of vendorization onward. WRC to host public Independent Facilitator meeting outlining the vendor process.
- Transition numbers
  - 264 Participants transitioned
  - 2 participants withdrawing
    - WRC SDP team to follow-up with individuals exiting program
  - Orientations
    - WRC continue to provide orientations
- Bagley Keen DDS Directive
  - Overview
- WRC SDP Unit updates
  - WRC has hired Alex Marquez as Self-Determination Program Manager. WRC is working on hiring Service Coordinators.

## **Chair Person Report**

- Conflict of interest
  - Chairperson Carla Lehmann invited Attorney Alan Erenbaum to comment on conflict of interest in regarding to an Independent Facilitator participating as committee chair. Per

Erenbaum, there is no conflict of interest; the committee it is an advisory board that advises, but is not a decision maker.

- Statewide Council
  - o Report from Fran Golfarb including highlights from the Statewide Council
- Request for Proposals
  - o Discussion on Ideas to use SDP Implementation funds
    - Idea: Promotional Outreach
  - o Small Workgroup
    - Chairperson to develop reach out to committee to scheduled small workgroup to discuss RFPs.
- Proposal to use rate increases as a means to support FMS fees (non-payroll burden and payroll burden) increases
  - o Chairperson proposed to WRC that rate increases be utilized as means to offset FMS fee increases.
- What is needed for clinical progress reports?
  - o WRC to provide written guidance regarding clinical progress reports in SDP.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm.**