

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

**September 12, 2023**

### **Introductions**

- Felicia Ford (filled in for Carla Lehman)
  - Welcome
- Regional Center
  - Cesar Garcia, Client Services Director
  - Jane Borochoff, Executive Director
  - Alex Marquez, Self-Determination Program Manager
  - Sanaz Nasiri, Participant Choice Specialist
  - Randall Smith, Participant Choice Specialist
- Introduction of new Committee Member
  - Lulu Cheong

### **Establishment of Quorum**

- Fran Golfarb
- Ereida Galda
- Nathalie Lichtenthaeler
- David Wyles
- Elizabeth Gomez
- Matt Alivio
- Harvey Lapin
- Nilo Chaudry
- Lulu Cheong
- Felicia Ford
- Joey Juarez (absent)
- Carla Lehman (absent)
- Madeline Schneider (absent)
- Brett Gordon (absent)

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

- Motion to Approve – Nilo C.
- Second – Fran G.
- Passed Unanimously
  - Fran Golfarb Yay
  - Ereida Galda Yay
  - Nathalie Lichtenthaeler Yay
  - David Wyles Yay
  - Elizabeth Gomez Yay
  - Matt Alivio Yay
  - Harvey Lapin Yay

- Nilo Chaudry Yay
- Lulu Cheong Yay
- Felicia Ford Yay

### **Public Comment**

- K.- NLACRC Resource Fair 9/23 10am-1pm & DVU Virtual SDP Conference 11/3 8:30-4:30pm
- C.- SCDD collecting ideas from people about laws they want passed. Trainings every Monday about state budget.
- G.-Told self determination success story.
- L.-Spoke about her experiences in the community.

### **WRC Update**

Alex M.

- WRC transitioned 15 people into SDP in September.
- Total of 270 transitioned into SDP, though some have transferred to other RC's or withdrawn from program.
- WRC SDP Orientations. Two parts. (module & Zoom) 15 completed part 1 in August. 22 completed part 2 in August. 9 part 1 completions in September so far.
- Established small work group 9/7 to discuss ideas of RFP funds. One of the topics was gathering of data.
- Reminder that WRC continues to vendor 099 providers. Public Meeting 9/28 5-6pm to walk IF's and public through vendorization steps and process.
- Looking for input for Bagley Keane.

Cesar G.

- Spoke about DDS guidance regarding Bagley Keane. Cesar showed the directive to the committee. DDS would like feedback by 9/30. Hybrid meetings have been discussed.

### **Small Work Group/RFP Discussion**

Fran G.

- The 9/7 small work group met to discuss how to utilize RFP funds. Coaching RFP in recent years had a tough time getting people to sign up. Needs assessment was discussed to see what community has interest in. Discussed idea of an Ambassador program. Much interest in this. Some unanswered questions about what would be allowed. Idea of plain language orientation came up during work group. Developing plain language outreach materials was also discussed.

Nathalie L.

- Discussion at small work group of seeing if families would be comfortable being reached out to to have discussions about what's needed.

Felicia F.

- Focus groups done by her agency have been very successful to find out the needs of the African American community in regards to SDP.

Fran G.

-Suggests getting an answer if an RFP is required. That answer will help broaden or narrow options.

Cesar G.

-RFP is about \$75k. Money can be utilized in various ways to address needs.

Nathalie L.

-Inquired if SC's at WRC inform their participants about SDP.

Cesar G.

-Informed the committee that SC's do have the conversations with participants and families about these topics.

Lulu C.

-Shared idea of putting some success stories on video for others to be able to view and learn about the program.

### **ASLA Presentation**

Dr. Laura Espinoza

-Works with Autism Society of LA

-Launching new training this month. Cross cultural advance training for Independent Facilitators

-16 hour PCT training/8 hour Lanterman Act/8 hour SDP legislation

-Networking opportunities

### **Chair Person Report**

-Chairperson absent/no report given

### **Future Agenda Items**

-How RFP funds can be spent/should be spent

-Clarity of when LVAC postings are required

-Data of how long it's taking people to transition into SDP

-Update on SDP clinical process

### **Public Comments**

K.-Committee can recommend changes to DDS for SDP

V.-Discussed her personal SDP case issue. Issue with lack of transparency and decisions made by WRC that make meeting a cut-off date difficult.

C.-Coaching takes time to build up to the point to see effect of it.

L.-Concerns with HCBS with specific WRC vendor

### **Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm**