

WRC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee Minutes

January 9, 2024

Introductions

- David Wyles (Chairperson)
-Welcome
- Joseph Juarez (Co-Chairperson)
- Regional Center
 - Cesar Garcia, Client Services Director
 - Alex Marquez, Self-Determination Program Manager
 - Sanaz Nasiri, Participant Choice Specialist
 - Randall Smith, Participant Choice Specialist

Establishment of Quorum

- Fran Goldfarb
- Ereida Galda
- Nathalie Lichtenthaeler
- David Wyles
- Elizabeth Gomez
- Matt Alivio
- Harvey Lapin
- Nilo Chaudry
- Lulu Cheong
- Felicia Ford
- Joseph Juarez
- Madeline Schneider (absent)

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Pass Minutes-Harvey Lapin
- Second – Fran Goldfarb
- Motion Passed-Passed unanimously

Public Comment

K.S.-Shared developments about ASLA IF trainings

J.M.-Shared information about DVU monthly meetings for Committee members from around the state.

WRC Update

-305 transitioned into SDP with WRC (14 people in January)

-Discussion about new DDS Directives

Harvey L- Feels a letter should be written to DDS expressing the Committee's feelings about the new DDS directives.

David W.-In agreement that a letter should be written to DDS expressing the Committee's feelings about the new DDS directives.

Cesar G-WRC will participate in the upcoming meetings with DDS to discuss the new directives to voice concern. Wants to make sure that participants are able to get the support they need in the SDP transition process.

Felicia F-Feels that people should come together to let DDS know that this directive is not going to help.

Fran G-In favor of a letter, but suggests doing it after the DDS meeting, so the Committee knows the best way to approach it.

Harvey L-Disagrees with how FMS' are charging for employee burden.

Public Comment

J.M.-Has some great concerns with the new DDS directive. One being that DDS seems to be trying to redefine the role of the IF.

J.A.-Knows many vendors who still aren't able to get paid by FMS'

SDP Implementation Funds/Small Work Group

Alex M-Began discussion by informing the Committee of the recent history around this subject.

Fran G-Feels that RFP's have been done a couple of times and coaching has been offered. Has not been successful in finding those to receive coaching. It may be more productive to ask the community what they would like help with. At last meeting there was discussion, but no landing on what course to take with the next RFP.

Alex M-Another idea was to reach out to local advocates and create an event with them where they provide support to the community. Another idea was a pamphlet to the community about SDP.

Lulu C-Shared that the meeting with DVU for LVAC members could be a good opportunity to discuss RFP ideas with others.

Elizabeth G-Asked for clarity for the idea about the needs assessment with the community. Thinks coaching is still important to consider for RFP.

Fran G-Idea would be to contract with someone who can do a survey or needs assessment.

Nathalie L-Voiced that another small work group seems appropriate so that decisions on the RFP can be made quickly.

Harvey L-Focus on getting people into SDP. Surveys are great, but shouldn't be the main focus. Getting people in the program should be.

Ereida G-Does WRC track who attends orientations or people who initially showed interest in SDP and then fell off of it?

Cesar G-Provided details on things that WRC is tracking about SDP and where people are in the process.

Harvey L-New DDS directives will be another barrier for participants to face. Feels Committee should make a motion to officially oppose the directives.

Chairperson Report

No new information

Scheduling of Special LVAC Meeting

1/23 6pm LVAC Meeting to discuss DDS Directive course of action for Committee and RFP.

Last Public Comments

M.A.-Voiced concerns about the billing requirements involved with SDP.

V.G.-Spoke of experience from when attending a recent resource fair that had a panel and it was a great experience. Feels what isn't being discussed are the IF's not doing their work as they should, which is why DDS had to step in and do something.

C.L.-Feels purchase reimbursement should be more of a consideration in SDP.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm