

Self Determination Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27th, 2024

Welcome / Introductions

- David Wyles, Chairperson
- Joseph Juarez, CO-Chair Person
- Regional Center
 - Andy Ponce, Community Service Director, Interim Client Services Director
 - Alex Marquez, Self-Determination Program Manager
 - Sanaz Nasiri, Participant Choice Specialist
 - Randall Smith, Participant Choice Specialist

Establishment of Quorum

1. Lulu Cheong
2. David Wyles
3. Fran Goldfarb
4. Harvey Lapin
5. Joseph (Joey) Juarez
6. Ereida Galda
7. Nathalie Lichtenthaeler
8. Felicia Ford
9. Nilo Chaudry
10. Matt Alivio

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

- N/A – Not a regularly scheduled LVAC meeting.

Public Input

- N/A – No public input provided.

Regional Center Update

- N/A – Not a regularly scheduled LVAC meeting.

SDP Implementation Funds / RFP Development

- Harvey Lapin recommends that RFP Funds be utilized towards purchasing the Disability Voice United “Think Outside the Box” book. The books would be provided to individuals who complete an orientation. Harvey also discussed concerns that the WRC SDP unit does not have sufficient case managers.

- Felicia Ford – Agrees the book can be a resource for families who complete the orientation and can further be utilized as an incentive.
- David Wyles – Recommends that funding be utilized to fund for a new set of orientation sessions, for everyone who is presently in SDP. David shares that SDP has changed significantly and individuals currently in SDP can benefit from receiving updated information. David also agreed that the DVU book would be a valuable resource and believes that everyone who doesn't have a copy, should have a copy, including those who are considering a transition into SDP.
- Felicia Ford – Added that Marketing and Promoting provided by industry experts. Felicia understands these potential providers may need to receive a brief training in SDP, however, their expertise may be needed to develop infographics and or other promotional material that is reader friendly and compelling.
- Lulu Cheong – Agrees promotional material is a great approach to increase participation in the program. However, is concerned for bottle necks.
- Nathalie Lichtenthaeler – Agrees reducing bottle necks is important. If we did great marketing, do we have the capacity to help everyone?
- Harvey Lapin – what are the bottle necks. What are the solutions?
 - Alex Marquez – Identified FMS availability and shortage of Independent Facilitators as potential bottle necks. Solutions identified included training for New Independent Facilitators.
- Ereida Galda – Shared person centered planning training for independent facilitators and families would be of great benefit to the planning process that may support success in the program.
- Felicia Ford – Shared that an SDP support Group / drop in office hours may also be a great idea.
- Alex Marquez – Advised the committee to send their ideas to Alex Marquez to compile and organize the ideas into general themes that can be voted on.

Public Input

- N/A – No public input provided.

Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm