



## North Bay Regional Center

# Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting

January 10, 2022

12:30 – 2 pm

## MINUTES

<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>A. Introductions B. Establish Quorum</p>	<p>12:32 p.m. by Jerry Corradi A quorum was established</p> <p><u>Committee</u> Jerry Corradi, UCPNB, Co-Chair Candice Chia, Parent Gail Thompson, Parent Ross Long Marylou Hillberg Debby Hight, Parent, Co-Chair Yulahlia Hernandez, DRC</p> <p><u>Community</u> Gabriel Rogin, Exec. Director Beth DeWitt, Dir. Client Svs. Valerie Bane, SDP Spec. Carrie Schweizer, Admin. Spec. Lisa Hooks, SCDD Tobias Weare, SCDD Christina, Aveanna Healthcare Joe Hernandez, SCDD</p>
<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p>	<p>M/S – Hillberg/Chia - approved</p>



**d. DDS Update: SDP Ombudsperson** - DDS has created a new position called SDP ombudsperson and the interim person in that role is Katie Hornberger. She is a good resource for all regional center clients who are working through the enrollment process. Katie's phone number and email are on the website and clients can reach out and chat with her. Valerie suggested inviting Katie to a committee meeting.

**e. 2022 Meeting Topics** – Valerie suggested to the committee that it would be helpful to have speakers come and talk about subjects related to the SDP so it's more welcoming to the general community. Valerie noted she is recreating the SDP portion of the website to help the client community understand that this program is here to stay and that they are open to exploring the process and can walk through the enrollment process step by step. So trying to make it so that the website provides a lot of information specific to our regional center. And as well as contact us information throughout which goes to that SDP NBRC email that I checked several times of it.

Gail Thompson inquired about the website and if it's possible to get an audio component.

Gabriel Rogin mentioned that NBRC is in the process of contracting with a company to re-due the entire website and he will inquire about the audio component.

Lisa Hooks noted the reader is part of the accessibility checker and since people don't know it's there this could be a training about accessibility and how to navigate any of the state sites which are required to have the reader.

Gabriel Rogin suggested inviting Katie Hornberger to come speak at a future SDAC meeting.

Valerie Bane noted possibly inviting one of the FMS providers or the person centered planners or independent facilitators to explain the person centered planning process.

Lisa Hooks noted that due to the short amount of time to spend the money that the committee could schedule an additional meeting and invite Cathy Gott to talk more about the company.

Gabriel Rogin noted it might be useful to see what the deliverables are for \$39,000.00. What specifically do we get? How many trainings and what exactly are they going to translate? It would be useful to get a proposal in writing.

Debby Hight suggested it may be a good idea to get a reference from San Gabriel Pomona regarding Education Spectrum since they have been working together.

<p>C. SCDD Report: Lisa Hooks</p>	<p>Beth DeWitt noted we have our original RFP that was posted and many of the deliverables we wanted were identified when we create the RFP. We may want to look at that because the team did set up some basic parameters about what we expect from somebody who might respond to the funds.</p> <p>Ross Long inquired if the trainings would include ASL interpretation.</p> <p>Beth DeWitt noted that she and Valerie will outline some specific goals wanted and give it to the group a week before the meeting with Cathy Gott on February 14, 2022.</p> <p><b>C. SCDD Report by Lisa Hooks:</b> Lisa noted that Ross is officially on the record. The SCDD membership committee did recognize that NBRC appointed Ross to the SDAC and he is a voting member on the roster. It will go to the state committee as well to let them know and Ross you should be receiving a letter from the State Council just letting you know that you were recognized on the record. Congratulations and welcome.</p> <p>Joe Hernandez, SCDD introduced himself and stated that he previously worked with a statewide financial management service and he is very familiar with self-determination. He just recently moved into his new role with state council as a self-determination program manager. Joe was a direct care provider and also worked with the day and work programs. He was involved with self-determination during the pilot years and now in the full rollout years. He helped DDS with some financial management service training. DDS and state council have been working together on developing a statewide orientation that is supposed to be plain language and it's going to be in multiple languages as well addressing more accessibility to the orientation and breaking down the information itself. It was originally intended to be a day long orientation, which a lot of people cannot commit to. They are trying to break it down to an hour and a half to two max for each module of the process. And there will be different modules for the orientation to focus on the specific information and create a pathway through the process. There are all different processes along the way and some of those processes happen at the same time as well. And then also be able to answer questions for the specific topics as well. These orientations are supposed to be multiple language, and they will be recorded so that people could go back to them and refer to them. This is not to take the place of any other orientations at the regional centers themselves, it's working in collaboration with the orientations that already exists. People can choose to go to the regional centers orientation, or they could choose to go to the statewide orientation, and it will still count as an orientation and regional centers will decide how they want to do that themselves. The orientations are going to be tools to help break down some of the barriers, help with the onboarding process, and answer questions. As things change in the law, through policies, procedures, and barriers the training can be adjusted to help circumvent or help get that information out. The objective is to be that collaborator connector,</p>
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	<p>talking to the regional centers internally about their processes and how they're addressing these barriers and other things that are coming up.</p> <p>Gabriel Rogin asked if Joe is also a resource for individual people we serve and families if they are stuck in the process. Could NBRC connect people with him?</p> <p>Joe Hernandez responded that it depends on what it is, but he is always available if people need answers and help that he can push it to the right place. Joe encourages the use of Katie the ombudsperson for certain topics. But when it comes to general questions he could always enter that conversation.</p> <p>Lisa Hooks noted that if it is an individual issue, because state council does deal with systemic issues, but it's also about prevention. If we see that it's leaning towards that you can always direct them to the regional offices because the role of our SDP manager and the local advisory committee is to get to a common core of training and information and so if we can see that it's something about the systems or the processes that people are having a hard time understanding.</p> <p>Joe Hernandez noted that the main focus is the systemic issues that are being seen throughout the state. We're seeing them in other regional centers, making sure that is all being collected from our perspective, and we are putting efforts forward to negate that and really break down those issues so we can really move this program forward.</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	None
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Set-up meeting with Cathy Gott and get information to the committee regarding specific goals wanted.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	<p>Lisa Hooks noted that she has some COVID tests for individuals who need them for their caretakers. There is also hand sanitizer and blue surgical masks available.</p> <p>Debby Hight noted that disability voices unlimited has a book out called Think Outside the Box and Tri Counties RC said they had bought the book as their implementation manual because it gives step by step instructions and it comes in Spanish. And that they were giving it out to all of their SDP people that were just doing orientations and going through the process.</p>

	Beth DeWitt noted that NBRC bought the book and gave a copy to the self-determination specialists. Beth will check with Isabel Calder to see if there are more.
<b>AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	<p>Jerry Corradi noted scheduling Katie Hornberger to come speak and a SDAC meeting.</p> <p>Yulahlia Hernandez suggested continuing to have enrollment on the Agenda to recruit folks to the committee and that folks can attend the meeting.</p>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Additional meeting February 14, 2022 at 12:30. Regular meeting March 14, 2022.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	1:49 pm