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**North Bay Regional Center**

**Special Self-Determination   
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**January 8th, 2024**

**12:30 – 2 pm**

**MINUTES**

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| **CALL TO ORDER**   1. Introductions 2. Establish Quorum 12:35 pm | Introductions:  Committee  Debby Hight, Parent, Co-Chair  Theresa Scripps, Parent  ileim Moss New Committee Member  Lilia V New Committee Member  Community  Beth DeWitt, Dir. Client Services.  Ellisa Reiff Supervisor SDP  Janelle Santana Executive Assistant  Paula Garcia, PCC NBRC  Shonetrice Smith, PCC NBRC  Stephany Chavez, PCC NBRC  Jesus Rosales, PCC NBRC  Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation  Julie LaRose, Path-Forward Facilitation  Lisa Hooks, SCDD  Heather Crocker Independent Facilitator with Alift  Michael Howards Family  Kim Sinclair Autism Society of L.A  Rhiannan Marsh Independent Facilitator  Chris Acquire DDS  Annie Brewer Orca filling in for Yulahlia Hernandez  R @ A Lopez  Gina ASL Interpreter  Amber Lopez ASL Interpreter  Jessica ASL Interpreter |
| **Public Comments** | Kim Sinclair- offering advanced training for Independent Facilitators. Training for participants is available in several different languages which makes them unique- offering Spanish, Korean and English. Right now, they are doing module 3 which is learning about SDP Law and Directives. They have participants from the Northbay Region in these trainings, hopeful some of them will get 099 vendored and be available for NBRC participants.  Debby asks if the IF’s that Kim is training are statewide?  Kim replied with” Yes “because of zoom they have had about 133 people inside of the advanced program across all 21 Regional centers some are doing basic training for about 71/2 hours while others are adding additional modules which provides more insight to being an Independent Facilitator. They are trying to help build the portfolio of the Independent Facilitators, also helping those who don’t have English as the Primary languages so we could help them out more, while also trying to improve the relationship between the Independent Facilitator and the Regional centers.  Debby asked: What is the cost and do you advertise.  Kim replied. Yes, the cost of the Advanced Training is 0 to the participants due to grants. The advertisements are through LVAC, email, Facebook and through the advisory committee.  Debby: responded with I haven’t seen any ads for the trainings and suggested that they join the Facebook group page for Self Determination.  Lilia had a question about the issues she has with her Budgets and Spending Plan from last year and going through DDS for help.  Debby asked Ellisa to reach out to Lila about the problems she has.  Ellisa reached out to Lilia and gave her the information to contact her. |
| **Chair** Debby Hight | Nothing to report currently. |
| **NBRC Update: Jesus**  **Outreach event update:**  **Update on SDAC Fund:** | .   |  | | --- | | Jesus shared updated statistics on the SDP enrollments, noting that the number has doubled since they started at North Bay in May 2020. Jesus mentioned that 46 clients were enrolled, with six in the process of being transitioned into the program. Jesus also highlighted that the time for each client in these transition phases depends on the clients' cases, and efforts were being made to expedite and communicate the process to families. Additionally, they mentioned that they have started to see more clients within the autism spectrum.  Jesus provided an overview of the gender and language distribution among the enrollees, noting that there were individuals who identified as male and female, as well as those who declined to state their gender. They also mentioned that there were individuals who spoke English, Hindi, Russian, and French. Debby inquired about the availability of interpreters for non-English speakers, to which Jesus confirmed that interpreters were available, including for Russian-speaking individuals like Lilia. Lilia clarified that she could understand and participate in sessions without an interpreter.  Kim asked how the language distribution matched the regional center population, to which Beth responded that Spanish was the primary language, followed by a small group that speaks Tagalog. The team also discussed the distinction between pilot and non-pilot participants in the program. Beth clarified that the program was initially offered to a select group of individuals who expressed interest in self-determination and then opened to anyone interested in 2021. | | Ellisa will be meeting with Beth to discuss planning outreach events in Solano County, Napa, and Santa Rosa  Debby: let them know that the last ones were held at Solano Arc and the Regional Center in Santa Rosa.  Lisa: emphasized the importance of considering various communities' unique characteristics, language, and dialect when planning outreach. Lisa suggested establishing locations in Fairfield, Vacaville, Napa, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Vallejo.  Lisa has concerns about the idea of grouping Solano and Napa together for outreach, as the individuals in Napa are significantly different from those in Solano County. Lisa explained why they shouldn’t group all of Solano County together.  Ellisa discussed the expenditure of SDP funds, particularly the use of a C one amendment from the 21 and 22 fiscal year allocation. The approval of fiscal years 21/22 funds was affirmed, and the decision to retain Phoenix for the next 6 months was agreed upon by NBRC SDP.  Ellisa confirmed that we do have the 2023 allocation with $51,856 remaining, Ellisa said she would need to get the exact amount for this fiscal year allocation of the E one amendment from Isabel.  Debby asked if we need to allocate any right of way.  Ellisa responded and said no.  Beth said we agreed at another meeting to use the funds to keep Phoenix Facilitation on and it would Help Ellisa who just stepped into this new position. | |
| **SCDD Update:** | Lisa shared updates about the statewide self-determination meeting that will be coming up sometime in April. She will make sure that the NBRC Advisory and Chair are updated before she moves into her new position.  Lisa let us know that they still have vacancies on the SDP committee that can be appointed through the State Council. Lisa explained the process to everyone, also saying they are trying to find a way to shorten the process to join the committee.  Lisa discussed the new public meeting rule information that was supposed to start on 1/1/24 and the role of the self-determination advisory committee within the state council. Lastly, Lisa emphasized the importance of meeting notice requirements, the content of the agenda, and the accessibility and location of meetings.  Lisa, let everyone know if they would like to do an Emergency State Preparation training. To reach out to them so they could get the free emergency kits out and tell people how to prepare and be safe for local and statewide emergencies.  Beth let Lisa Know how much support she has given her and NBRC with all the feed back and guidance over the years regarding the SDP Program. |
| **Phoenix Facilitation –** Naomi Hagel & Julia LaRose | Naomi and Julie are excited to have the contract extended for 6 months, and not only are they doing job coaching, but they will also be helping with outreach events, vendor supports in person supports, staff supports and helping develop training materials for NBRC Staff.  Debby asked what kind of Vendor supports are they doing?  Naomi responded and said Self-Determination training and perhaps talking to vendors about becoming 099 providers.  Debby asked what is 099?  Naomi explained that they are traditional supporters to help people get into SDP. While explaining the steps to SDP and how it all ties into Vendored 099 self-directed. How some of the traditional vendors do not want anything to do with SDP because they do not understand it.  Rhiannon asking about being a part of the training and asking about push back on getting paid. |
| **Old Business** |  |
| **New Business** | Welcome Ellisa Reiff as the Supervisor for SDP for NBRC. |
| **Public Comments** |  |
| **Agenda Items for future meetings** | NBRC will look for a place to do the Outreach for SDP. |
| **Announcements** | Next meeting is March 11th |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | Meeting ended at 1:56pm |