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**North Bay Regional Center**

**Special Self-Determination   
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**May 13, 2023**

**12:30 – 2 pm**

**MINUTES**

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| **CALL TO ORDER**   1. Introductions 2. Establish Quorum | Quorum established 12:38 P.M.  Introductions:  Committee:   * Lilia Valitova, Parent * Yulahlia Hernandez * Teresa Scripps, Parent Advocate * Ileim moss – Self-Advocate * Ross Long – Self-Advocate   Community:   * Beth DeWitt, Director of Client Services * Ellisa Reiff, Associate Director of Client Services * Amber Lopez- Interpreter * Shonetrice Smith, Participant Choice Coordinator * Rene Howard, Parent Advocate * Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director * Paula Garcia, Participant Choice Coordinator * Jesus Rosales, Participant Choice Coordinator * Nicole – Interpreter * Beth - Interpreter * Rhiannon Morsch – Life Leap * Janelle Santana, Assistant Executive Director * Julia LaRose, Phoenix Facilitation * Lisa Hooks - * Hideko – Parent Advocate * Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation * Tanya Hernandez, GTI Representative * Heather Crocker - Alift * Carin Hewitt – Alift * Sydney Ross – Aveanna * Sara Vella – Parent Advocate * Huda Abdullah – Parent Advocate * Debra Jorgensen * Yesenia Oceguera – * Karelia Barton – Independent Facilitaor Wine Country * Venita Parrish – Aveanna * Rosie Lasca – Independent Facilitator Training Cenyer * Chris Agurie - DDS   Motion to approve minutes:   * Yulahlia motions to approve and Theresa seconds. |
| **Consideration of Agenda: Additions or Modifications** |  |
| **Public Comments** | Lilia: Asked regarding emergency preparedness trainings for clients/families. Lisa will follow up and email Lilia and Ellisa the information.  Kim Autism Society: Giving update that Independent Facilitators from North Bay are working on finishing their first-year training. |
| **Co-Chair** Debby Hight | No report. |
| **SCDD** Lisa Hooks | Now Manager for the Sacramento Area and a member at the LVAC at Alta brought up that FMSs are requiring folks to be vendored by them to provide services. FMS representative at the meeting stated that is not true for all FMSs. Some are required but not all and SCDD is aware of this issue. SCDD is working on reducing barriers and providing support. Lisa stated there has been an increase in the number of people receiving services; however, the program’s participation rate is still low. Lisa addressed concerns on delayed payments from FMSs, inconsistent processes, waitlists, and strained relationships with the RCs. Lisa stated there needs to be better outreach to transition-age youth and underserved communities. She highlighted the need for diverse representation on the committee. |
| **NBRC Update:** | Enrollment Report/Update on numbers, process for enrollment  Shonetrice reported the recent SDP numbers. As of June 2024, NBRC will have 54 consumers enrolled.  Ellisa:   * Outreach event June 5th. vendors will be joining, ranging from Independent Facilitators, FMSs, and businesses accepting SDP. There will be a presentation regarding SDP and interpreters available. The event will be in Napa. Next outreach events will be in Solano and in Sonoma Counties. Whisper machines will also be available for families needing interpretation.   + Theresa: Asking which FMSs will be attending event.     - Ellisa: 3 have confirmed but will need to look at her notes to confirm which FMSs they are. All have been invited. * Training: NBRC SDP team have been conducting trainings to NBRC staff in their unit meetings. Referrals have increased since establishing the trainings. Two big staff trainings will be conducted one on June 4th and another on June 6th. Training to Matrix will be done as well to speak with families regarding Self-Determination. |
| **Phoenix Facilitation –** Naomi Hagel & Julia LaRose | Naomi: The focus of the past month has been the outreach event. They have been working on the staff training, family training, and flyers. |
| **Autism Society** |  |
| **Old Business** |  |
| **New Business** |  |
| **Public Comments** | Rosie Lasca: She provides YouTube videos for families to better understand SDP and they have been approved by Alta Advisory Committee. Available in different languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Hmong, and Punjabi.  Renee: Asking if DDS will provide funding for providers wanting to start their own community integration in SDP. Gabriel responded they don’t need to be a vendor and they need to advertise themselves to SDP clients. If a business is willing to take SDP money, then they need to connect with SDP families and the FMS. They don’t need to be vendored by the RC. |
| **Agenda Items for future meetings** |  |
| **Announcements** | Next Meeting July 8th |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 1:33pm. |