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**North Bay Regional Center**

**Special Self-Determination   
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Month Date, Year**

**12:30 – 2 pm**

**MINUTES**

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| **CALL TO ORDER**   1. Introductions 2. Establish Quorum | 12:37pm quorum was established.  Introductions:  Committee:   * Debbie Hight, Chair * Donald Ross Long, Self-Advocate * Lilia Valitova, Parent * YulahlNia Hernandez * Christian Nava, Committee Member * Teresa Scripps, Parent Advocate * Ileim Committee Member   Community:   * Elissa Reiff, SDP Supervisor * Martha Eble * Chris Aguire DDS * Claire Morel, Seytoux * Shonetrice Smith, Participant Choice Coordinator * Stephany Chavez, Participant Choice Coordinator * Paula Garcia, Participant Choice Coordinator * Jesus Rosales, Participant Choice Coordinator * Gabriel Rogin, Executive Director * Patricia * Janelle Santana, Assistant Executive Director * Julia LaRose, Phoenix Facilitation * Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation * Lisa Hooks, State Council of Developmental Disabilities * Naomi Hagel, Phoenix Facilitation * Heather Crocker – Alift   Danielle Isola DDS  Diana Sandoval AST. Chief training and outreach  Katie Dempsey DDS Branch Manager SDP  Maria Lopez-Zaparoll DDS  Rhiannon Morsch  Linda Plourde  Carin Hewitt Alift  Terri Beckett  Michael Bowers- First Choice Solution  Huda  Jane Schoenfeld  Veronica Lopez  Meul Bhavsar  Kristianna Moralls Disability Voices united  Virgilie Upront  Tanya Hernandez GTI  Areta Gulthrey  Jill and John Paveza  Gina ASL  Alisha Anglade  Lisa  Leora Johnson  Natasha  Sweta  Debra Jorgensen Guiding Light Group  Medjina Outcome  IF (Independent Facilitator Training Academy)  Yvette Torres  Kenya Martinez SCDD  Renee (Michael’s Mother)  Christine Kantor  Karelia  Upfront LLC  Motion to approve minutes:  All in favor – Donald Ross Long and Yulahlia Hernandez |
| **Public Comments** | N/A |
| **Chair** Debby Hight | Making sure everyone received the Minutes from the previous meeting. |
| **NBRC Update:** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Stephany discussed the NBRC updates and enrollment report numbers. Stephany reported an increase in SDP clients to 64 as of August 1st, with 13 in the budget phase, 11 in the spending plan, and 9 seeking enrollment. The team reviewed client demographics and requested more detailed data in the future. There was a clarification about the DDS team's statistics being slightly behind their own due to a delay and a discussion about the categorization of people in the enrollment process.  Debby emphasized the close monitoring of the numbers to identify any potential issues.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | The team discussed the NBRC updates, enrollment report numbers, and client demographics, with a focus on improving awareness and accessibility for clients. They also reviewed recent outreach events, ongoing equity efforts, and the roles of the North Bay and Self Determination Program offices. Lastly, they analyzed statewide enrollment data, discussed the establishment of the right team and processes for increased enrollment, and addressed concerns related to equity, accessibility, and user-friendliness of their programs. | | | | |  |  | |
| **SCDD Update:** | |  | | --- | | Lisa Hooks is moving her position to the State Council in Sacramento. This is her last meeting holding this position for the North Bay office.  Kenya Martinez is the New Manager of the North Bay office. She has served on her SDAC for the last 5 years at the Alta Regional Center. She has experience with working with Clients with disabilities and is very excited to take on her new position. | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| **Phoenix Facilitation –** Naomi Hagel & Julia LaRose | Naomi from Phoenix Facilitation then reported on their recent activities, including a renewal of their partnership with North Bay Regional Center for the next six months, following a successful staff training and outreach event. They are still doing individual coaching as well. |
| **Old Business** | N/A |
| **New Business** | Katie, the branch manager of the Self Determination Program, introduced her team, clarifying their roles and experiences.  Katie presented recent department updates and upcoming initiatives. She emphasized the department's role in supporting local communities, the launch of a quarterly demographic data program, and the implementation of new directives. She also previewed upcoming projects.   |  | | --- | | • Katie will work with the State Council to develop additional modules for the orientation to improve accessibility and understanding of the program.  The team discussed various issues related to equity, accessibility, and user-friendliness of their programs. Katie agreed with Terri on the need to improve the SDP program's accessibility and sustainability, including the use of peer support and re-releasing work with the State Council on additional orientation modules. Concerns were raised about the change in payment for fingerprinting services, the lack of representation of underserved communities in data collection, and challenges faced by FMS in the co-employer model. The team acknowledged these issues and agreed to address them in future meetings, with a particular focus on exploring solutions for underserved communities and ensuring equitable access to services. | | • Katie will reach out to local communities to collect data on socio-economic factors and use this information to advance the program in underserved communities.   |  | | --- | | Diana shared a visual comparison of enrollment trends for the state and NBRC from November 2022 to May 2024, noting NBRC s' higher incline compared to the statewide average. She also provided a detailed breakdown of statewide enrollment by regional centers, with NBRC s being one of the smaller centers. Diana further analyzed enrollment trends from fiscal year 2020 to 2023, highlighting the varying enrollment numbers for each regional center. She presented a detailed comparison of statewide enrollment versus the NBRC enrollment, broken down by age and disability, with the highest enrollment for SDP participants being in the 0 to 3 age group. Diana also noted discrepancies in the distribution of ethnicities and primary language spoken by SDP participants compared to the overall state population. | | |
| **Public Comments** | Carin Hewitt IF said we are seeing a lot of FMS’s pulling out of the Co-Employer and was wondering if there are efforts that are being put into place to maybe enhance the Sole Employer Model. Making clients feel more comforable into hire their own people. |
| **Agenda Items for future meetings** | FMS Issue that Carin was talking about. |
| **Announcements** | Next Meeting September 9th, 2024 |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 2:02 PM |