

Self Determination Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Recorder: Donna Landry-Rehling

AT&T Telephone Conference

Present: Pam Jensen, Kara Ponton, Robert Miland Taylor, Donna Landry-Rehling, Victoria Mayes-Webb, Cindy Lemas, Lynne Page, Mary Block, Sheila Keys, Dawn Morley, David Folkenberg

Guests/Public: David Weafer, Ozzie Pomeroy

1. Community input – None
2. Welcome, Roll Call
3. Review of August 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes. It was noted that all actions are to be conducted using a roll call vote. **Action: Approval of the August 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes:**
  - P. Jensen – Abstain
  - V. Mayes-Webb – Abstain
  - R. Miland Taylor – Abstain
  - L. Page – Yes
  - D. Folkenberg – Yes
  - K. Ponton – Yes
  - C. Lemas – Yes

**The August 21, 2015, minutes are approved.**

The protocol for the review of future meeting minutes will be as follows: D. Landry-Rehling will distribute the minutes to Committee members in draft form; Committee members will provide their input to D. Landry-Rehling; a revised draft of the minutes will be sent with the meeting packet; once the meeting minutes are accepted by the Committee, they will be posted to the RCRC website.

4. D. Morley referenced the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act handout that was previously distributed and provided information about it. This Act gives the public the ability to monitor and participate in the decision-making process. It mandates public access to meetings, documents and communication because all Committee meeting must be open to the public. The Committee must notice (post) the agenda for the public ten (10) days before the meeting. The agenda needs to have all the information on it, such as where the meeting will be, what time it starts, what will be talked about and what will be voted on. Members of the public can speak about items not on the agenda, speak regarding any item on the agenda, record the meeting, and can obtain any documents that were distributed at the meeting or talked about at the meeting. Any 'regular' meeting is one in which a quorum of the body convenes to vote or receive information. Committee members cannot meet outside of a meeting to talk about Committee items. Calling, emailing or texting one member to talk about an agenda item before, during or after a meeting does not let the public know what is going on and is therefore not allowed. Committee members may interact with staff regarding the meetings but are not to have related conversations with other members (referred to as a 'serial' meeting). Teleconference meetings are permitted so long as each site from which a member is calling is fully accessible to the public, and is noted on the meeting notice. If a Committee member indicates they will be participating from a site other than the agreed upon site, they must contact D. Landry-Rehling and provide that specific information. If a member indicates that they will be at a specific site, they must be present at that site for the meeting. The public can call into a telephone conference meeting from anywhere. The public is

not required to sign-in at any meeting. All actions of the Committee are open for public review. Should a violation of the Bagley-Keene Act occur during a meeting, any actions taken at that meeting would be null and void and would need to be re-done.

Note: The following members requested that packets and information be 3-hole punched and sent to them via postal mail: R. Miland Taylor, D. Folkenberg, V. Mayes-Webb, and K. Ponton.

5. Elect Chair and Vice-chair of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee – The purpose of the Chair is to facilitate this Committee and to attend state wide meetings and bring information back to this Committee. The Vice-chair will serve in that capacity in the absence of the Chair.

The candidates for the position of Chair are: C. Lemas, K. Ponton, and R. Miland Taylor. The candidates for the position of Vice-chair are: K. Ponton and R. Miland Taylor

Roll call vote for the position of Chair:

- P. Jensen – C. Lemas
- V. Mayes-Webb – C. Lemas
- R. Miland Taylor – R. Miland Taylor
- L. Page – Abstain
- D. Folkenberg – R. Miland Taylor
- K. Ponton – C. Lemas
- C. Lemas – C. Lemas

**C. Lemas is the Chair of the Self Determination Advisory Committee.**

Roll call vote for Vice-chair:

- P. Jensen – K. Ponton
- V. Mayes-Webb – R. Miland Taylor
- R. Miland Taylor – R. Miland Taylor
- L. Page – Abstain
- D. Folkenberg – R. Miland Taylor
- K. Ponton – K. Ponton
- C. Lemas – K. Ponton

The vote is tied, three to three. It was noted that the Chair is a tie-breaker vote for future voting.

A second vote for Vice-chair was taken as follows:

- P. Jensen – K. Ponton
- V. Mayes-Webb – R. Miland Taylor
- R. Miland Taylor – R. Miland Taylor
- L. Page – Abstain
- D. Folkenberg – R. Miland Taylor
- K. Ponton – K. Ponton
- C. Lemas – (will vote only in the event of a tie)

**R. Miland Taylor is the Vice-chair of the Self Determination Advisory Committee**

6. Review any updates to Self Determination Program rollout. M. Block noted that she will be participating in a statewide meeting that is set for December 10, 2015. The most recent update she is aware of is that the waiver plan has been submitted to the federal government. DDS has reportedly received word that a formal written response will be forthcoming. There are some questions regarding the plan that still need to be addressed. This local Committee is at a standstill until the plan is approved, but members may provide input to the plan at any public meeting.

The training component of the Self Determination Program is being developed and local Committee members can give their input to M. Block. She will soon be vigorously seeking the local Committee's input.

7. Set the next meeting – Future meetings of this Committee are set for the following dates in 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) offices in Ukiah, Eureka, and Crescent City (addresses below):
  - Friday, February 26 (agenda to be created early in this month);
  - Friday, June 3;
  - Friday, August 26

In addition to video connection between the two RCRC offices, AT&T dial-in telephone conferencing will be offered as well.

8. Other – O. Pomeroy (public) inquired about learning of any outcomes from the DDS work group. M. Block suggested that he go to the DDS website to learn whether or not the public can call in to the meeting to listen to the proceedings. With regard to possible membership at a health club that might be paid through an individual's Self Determination Program budget, M. Block noted that she does not know what items might be considered appropriate in the individual participants' budget.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

RCRC Office locations: 525 Second St, Ste. 300, Eureka  
1116 Airport Park Blvd, Ukiah  
1301-A Northcrest Drive, Crescent City  
270 Chestnut, Ste A, Fort Bragg

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