

Self Determination Advisory Committee
Friday, Feb. 26, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Recorder: Donna Landry-Rehling
Timekeeper: None selected.

AT&T Connections

Present: Pam Jensen, Robert Miland Taylor, Cindy Lemas, Lynne Page, Mary Block, Dawn Morley,
Donna Landry-Rehling, Sheila Keys

Absent: Kara Ponton, Victoria Mayes-Webb, David Folkenberg

Guests/Public: Brian Ward

1. Welcome, role call, select a timekeeper.
2. Review of Dec. 9, 2015, meeting minutes. Materials that are postal mailed to the members of the Committee will be 3-hole punched prior to mailing.
M/S/C - P. Jensen (seconded by L. Page) moves to accept the Dec. 9, 2015, minutes. Roll call vote:

Pam Jensen – Yes	Robert Miland Taylor – Yes
Cindy Lemas – Yes	Lynne Page – Yes
3. Statewide Self Determination Program Workgroup Update – M. Block reported that the Workgroup met on Feb. 10, 2016, and had an in-depth discussion about the tasks ahead throughout the state. The group was hopeful that the training plan would have been completed by now, but that has not occurred. The curriculum is still being worked on and input to the training plan is still being accepted. Currently, the focus is on developing training in the area of staff competency. In their discussions, the Workgroup felt that it would be helpful to have a representative of the long term care section address the waiver application process. There was also discussion about who might be conducting the training - volunteers, DDS, or a partnership between both groups – and whether or not the training would take place via webinars or at various locations throughout the state. M. Block commented that face-to-face training might be the most viable. Due to RCRC's large geographic area, a greater number of trainers and trainings might be needed. It was commented that all RCRC service coordinators should receive, at a minimum, an overview of the Self Determination Program. It might also be helpful to consider cross-training the members of the training team to include staff who are highly engaged in the principles of Self Determination. This might allow for one to two trained staff at RCRC's smaller offices and the possibility of two trained staff in each RCRC department. For now, until the program application and plan is approved, nothing can move forward. All home and community based waiver requirements must be in alignment and in compliance. The target date for DDS to respond to questions posed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is Monday, Feb. 29, 2016.
4. March 3, 2016 Statewide Meeting - C. Lemas requested questions, ideas, and concerns from this Self-Determination Advisory Committee in order to bring them to the statewide meeting. In addition, she requested specific information about RCRC's history with the program to share at the meeting. The information to share will include the date of the inception of the Self-Determination Program, the number of clients in the Self-Determination Program, the number

of clients who dropped the Self-Determination Program , and why clients dropped the Self-Determination Program .

ACTION: S. Keys will provide C. Lemas the answers to the questions about RCRC history with the Self-Determination Program . S. Keys and M. Block will consolidate the information and provide it to C. Lemas by close of business on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016. D. Landry-Rehling will also distribute the information to the entire Self-Determination Advisory Committee.

Topics and comments that might be presented or shared at the statewide meeting include:

- The Self-Determination Advisory Committee is a well represented group. It is meeting and is working well. It is ready to go.
- When a final draft training plan is available, the Self-Determination Advisory Committee would like to receive a copy.
- It was suggested that we find out whether or not anyone has surveyed those who went through the pilot program to learn if there are additional topics that they might want included in the initial training. It addition, it might be helpful to ask about any changes that have occurred for them from start to the present and to describe the circumstances that created the need for those changes.
- The Self-Determination Advisory Committee would like to know what tasks it can engage in while awaiting final approval of the plan.
- A concern was expressed about legal requirements with regard to Self-Determination Program expectations.
- It was felt to be important that there is parent and client representation on the training team.

D. Morley commented that the public can call into the Statewide meeting to listen to the proceedings. The meeting is set for March 3, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Dial 1-800-839-9416 – enter Participant Code 2982825.

ACTION: D. Morley will contact the members of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee who are absent today to receive their input.

5. Resource/Information Sharing

- D. Landry-Rehling reported that RCRC’s mileage reimbursement rate has changed. Updated forms have been mailed to the Committee members.
- M. Block invited the Committee to review a book titled *The Art of Impact: A Handbook for Self-Determination Living* by Scott Michael Robertson, PhD. R. Miland Taylor initially brought this publication to the Committee’s attention.
- M. Block reported that she had been contacted by a service provider who was willing to make a presentation on financial management services. Consensus of the group was to pursue this type of training later.

ACTION: M. Block will contact the service provider to decline the offer at this time.

- Voting clarification: when abstaining on a role call vote it is not necessary to explain or justify an abstention.

6. Community Input

- B. Ward suggested that the Self-Determination Program money be sent directly to the clients/families rather than going through various agencies.
- R. Miland Taylor reminded the Committee members to contact their legislators before Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, to encourage them to support the bills before them that would enact a needed rate increase for some service providers.

7. Review action items and acknowledge the next meeting.

The highlighted action items were reviewed and the June 3, 2016, meeting was acknowledged.

ACTION: Following the March 3, 2016, Statewide meeting, C. Lemas may poll the Self-Determination Advisory Committee with regard to the need to have more frequent Committee meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next meeting is set for Friday, June 3, 2016.

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