**Self Determination Local Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, August 16, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Recorder: Sedona B. Crescent City/ Eureka/Lakeport/Ukiah/Ft. Bragg Video

Timekeeper: Mary B.

**Present:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*\*=Appointed By)*: Pam Jensen (SCDD\*), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC\*), Priscilla Ankrah (At Large)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Mary Block (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Denise Gorny (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Valerie Johnson (Community), Sherri Desoto (RCRC), Valerie Adams (RCRC), Jennifer Huddle (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community), Debbie Trivette (Community), Delores (Community)

**Absent Committee Members:** Kara Ponton (RCRC\*), Ronald Piazza (RCRC\*)

**Common Abbreviations:**

**SDP** (Self-Determination Program), **SDAC** (Self-Determination Advisory Committee), **RCRC** (Redwood Coast Regional Center), **DDS** (Department of Developmental Services), **SSDAC** (Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee), **SCDD** (State Council on Developmental Disabilities), **RC** (Regional Center), **SC** (Service Coordinator), **FMS** (Financial Management Services), **IF** (Independent Facilitator), **PCT** (Person Centered Training)

**Minutes:**

1. Welcome, roll call, and select timekeeper – Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
2. Review of 07/19/19 Minutes

Motion: Pam J. moves to accept the 07/19/19 minutes with corrections.

Second: Robert T.

Roll call vote:

Pam Jensen (Yes) Robert Miland Taylor (yes) Priscilla Ankrah (yes)

Motion PASSED

1. Community Input – Participants introduced themselves.
2. SCDD Recruitment for SDAC Vacancies (Denise): There are two applicants, both in Mendocino-Coastal region. One has been voted in by SCDD and the other is pending the next meeting.

**ACTION: Denise will notify Sedona which is confirmed and contact information for both.**

1. DDS & RCRC SDP Newsletters (Mary):
   1. DDS (7/19)
      1. Self-Determination is not new. It’s been in the US for 25 years.
      2. Question of the Day – Clients will have the same rights in SDP as in current services.
   2. DDS (8/2)
      1. Vendored FMS Providers Available - RCRC has 4 FMSs vendored, although one is not commonly utilized.
      2. Question of the Day – Community care homes and Adult Family Agency residents are eligible but will require assessments to ensure site compliance. Individuals residing in an ICF or skilled nursing do not qualify unless planning to move within 90 days.
   3. RCRC Newsletter not available.
   4. Valerie Johnson requested newsletters to be mailed to all SDP participants. DDS will send electronic newsletters if you sign up for them on their website. Mary will determine how RCRC may accommodate mailing newsletters to participants only.

**ACTION: Mary to work with Sedona and Sheila to determine how newsletters may be mailed to participants while remaining fiscally responsible.**

1. State Council Report (Denise): There is an SCDD Open House on Aug 22nd from 3-5pm. Come and meet Laura Larson.
2. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Mary):
   1. DDS is requesting all pilot participants be enrolled prior to new participants and to be done by Sept 1st. All of RCRC pilot participants are expected to meet that deadline except possibly 2 due to special circumstances.
   2. SSI/SSP recipients (income/supplement) are experiencing some system issues with the transition affecting their SSP checks. DDS is working on a fix.
   3. New participants can start developing budgets and having discussions while waiting for DDS to post a budget tool to be made available that “talk to” our system in order to share information. FYI, budgets include authorized but unused amounts.
   4. Question by Valerie J – Can we request a report of the prior 12 months of used funds?
      1. Sheila – This is a work in progress as DDS is finalizing its budget calculation tool for RCs. Mary and Sheila reminded the team of the importance to focus first on the person centered plan (IPP), needs, and desires and then for the IPP team to assess how those needs/desires/goals can be obtained.
   5. Pam – Are the SSP funds not included in the SSI checks?
      1. Sheila – No, they are separate checks.
   6. Priscilla – Do the SSP checks affect the SSI amount?
      1. Valerie J – No, it doesn’t count as income; it is just extra money to help restore a person’s SSI benefits to a higher level for community living purposes.
3. Resource sharing –
   1. Sheila – The Independent Facilitator Roundtable starts today. Orientations are being worked on now, but waiting for IFs to be established in North counties first. South counties are in good shape.
   2. Robert – In the next 60 days the Federal Government is making changes to public benefits that will negatively affect RCRC clients. Please contact your Government Officials to protest this action.
   3. Robert will not be at the October meeting. Kara will be presiding.
4. Meeting Recap (Action Items below) –
   1. **ACTION: Denise will notify Sedona which SDAC applicant is confirmed and contact information for both applicants.**
   2. **ACTION: Mary to work with Sedona and Sheila to determine how newsletters will be mailed to participants.**
5. Adjourn the meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 11:01.
6. **The next meeting is set for Sept 20th.**

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