**Self Determination Local Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

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

Recorder: Sedona B. AT&T Conference Call

**Present:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*\*=Appointed By)*: Pam Jensen (SCDD\*), Kara Ponton (RCRC\*), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC\*), Clifford Black (CRA)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Sheila Keys (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Laura Larson (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Breeanne Burris (Community), Erin Moynihan (RCRC), Kim Burks (RCRC), Nicole Hugelshofer (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community), Valerie Adams (RCRC), Valerie Johnson (Community)

**Absent Committee Members:** Ronald Piazza (RCRC\*), Frank Van Curen (SCDD)

**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), **LCRA** (Local Client Rights Advocate)

**Minutes:**

1. Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call, and Select a Timekeeper (Robert):
   1. Participants introduced themselves.
   2. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
   3. Erin M. was selected as Timekeeper.
   4. Clifford Black, CRA, introduced himself and gave some background on himself. Business cards are on order but will send some out when received.
2. Review, Discussion and Approval of 02/21/2020 Minutes (Robert):

Motion Pam J. moves to accept the 02/21/2020 minutes with corrections.

Second: Clifford B.

Roll call vote:

Pam Jensen (Yes) Kara Ponton (Yes)

Robert Miland Taylor (Yes) Clifford Black (Yes)

Motion PASSED

1. Chairperson’s Term Ends 07/2020 (Robert):
   1. Robert gave a brief description of what being Chairperson is like and what duties they have such as working with committee members and the public, representing SDAC at the State Council meetings and reporting back.

**ACTION: Sedona to send out a description of the Chairperson duties.**

* 1. Pam – Thank you, Robert, for your wonderful job as Chairperson. I encourage Kara to consider the position. Let’s make sure we also reach out to Ronald and Frank regarding positions.
     1. Kara – Being Chairperson would not be a good idea for me.

**ACTION: Sedona to make sure Ronald and Frank are aware the Chairperson position is up for vote in June.**

1. Vacant SDAC Position by SCDD (Laura):
   1. The selected applicant, Jaimi Parsons, has left the area and is no longer an applicant.
   2. A new applicant was chosen; Kristy Tanguay. She works at Family & Friends and is a really good applicant with a lot of experience and excitement.
2. Recruitment of Independent Facilitators (Sheila): Recruitment is done mostly by word of mouth. Sheila is working on a flyer. There are four active IFs and 3 more that are trained or interested. The four active are Valerie Johnson, Sherry Erickson, Jennifer Pittam and Jennifer Huddle. Currently participants and IFs have been getting matched up. Most of the progress stopped when C-19 isolations began. IFs are trying to do some planning with participants outside with 6’ distance.
3. RCRC Work Group Update (Sheila): Work Groups (previously known as Meet and Greets) are opportunities for newly oriented participants to meet and talk with existing participants, providers, IFs and SDAC members. The last Work Group was just before the shelter-in-place was set. We could look at doing a virtual group but it is hard to do with social distancing and lack of technological access.
   1. Pam – SDP might be very valuable after C-19, maybe leaving participants in a better place.
4. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Sheila): There are a few participants that are almost ready or have recently enrolled.
   1. Sedona – DDS has not been requiring monthly updates therefore she has not been getting updates from Service Coordinators.

**ACTION: Sedona to contact Service Coordinators and get an update to the participant enrollment status and report at the next meeting.**

1. State Council Report (Laura): The State Council meeting was held via Zoom. They didn’t talk about SDP this last time. The focus is to move quickly to seal budget deals. So far the biggest cut appears to be to IHSS by 7%.
2. COVID-19 Impacts, DDS Directives and Communication with SDP Participants (Sheila/Laura): Postponed to June meeting.
3. Additional Participant-Directed Services, per DDS Directive on March 30th (Laura/Sheila):
   1. Laura - This Directive dovetails beautifully with SDP. We should be sure to share with our Native Communities.
   2. Sheila - The Directive was only for 30 days from March 30th, but was extended to June 28th, 2020. Sheila will check at the end of June to see if it is extended again. The Directives are sent out to the Service Coordinators when they come out so they can be shared with their clients.
   3. Pam – Should the committee write a letter requesting this to be extended?
      1. Laura – That would be a great idea.
4. Funding to Support Implementation of the SDP (Laura): Referencing DDS March 2, 2020 memo: Funding to Support Implementation for the Self-Determination Program.
   1. Laura – Does the committee have any thoughts on where this SDAC sees the need for funding?
      1. Orientation materials and meetings.
      2. Transportation to and from orientations or trainings.
   2. Robert – Will there be an increase in funding?
      1. Sheila – Probably not due to the Statewide funding cuts.
   3. Pam – Can we apply it to the areas of greatest need?
      1. Sheila – Mary would probably be a better resource, but we will look at where the needs are.

**ACTION: Sheila will ask Mary to specify implementation monies.**

* 1. Sherry – It would be nice to prepare graphic novels for participants.
     1. Sheila – That would be great to do after Orientation.
     2. Sherry – Broad concepts would be helpful.
  2. This topic will be added to the June meeting.

1. SDP Training Needs for the General Public (Laura): Postponed to June meeting.
2. Resource sharing (Community):
   1. Pam – DDS is seeing a $300 million impact, which will make it hard for providers to stay in business. RCs are seeing a $30 million cut. We need to advocate at the federal level to reduce the impact on budget cuts.
   2. Robert – How are we doing on supplies of masks? The “Breathe Pure” program is a resource but they are on back order.
   3. Robert – Today is my one-year anniversary!
   4. Breanne – CalFresh is experiencing cuts. We need to call Legislators and Senators to advocate against these cuts.
   5. Sherri – Some of the payees are not receiving the stimulus checks. Does anybody know what the status on that is?
      1. Nicole – the IRS website has a FAQ section. It mentions that although SSI recipients are eligible for the check the payout is going really slow. One payee said mid-May there is supposed to be another round of payments.
      2. Valerie – Some payees are not receiving the checks but the checks are being mailed directly to the clients. IRS typically uses direct deposit for SSI recipients.
3. Meeting Recap (Action Items below):
   1. **ACTION: Sedona will send out a description of the Chairperson duties.**
   2. **ACTION: Sedona to make sure Ronald and Frank are aware the Chairperson position is up for vote in June.**
   3. **ACTION: Sedona will contact Service Coordinators and get an update to the participant enrollment status and report at the next meeting.**
   4. **ACTION: Sheila will ask Mary to specify on the implementation of SDP monies.**
   5. **ACTION: Sedona/Laura will invite Kristy Tanguay to attend the next meeting.**
4. Adjourn the meeting (Robert): Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

**The next meeting is set for June 19, 2020.**

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