

Determination Local Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 21, 2017  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Recorder: D. Landry-Rehling  
Timekeeper: S. Keys

Crescent City/Ukiah/Eureka Video

Present: Robert Miland Taylor, Lynne Page, Victoria Webb, Sarah May, Mary Block, Karen Satern, Donna Landry-Rehling, Sheila Keys, Rick Blumberg, Denise Gorney, Mayra Ochoa, Joseph Hernandez.

Absent: Cindy Lemas, Kara Ponton, Pam Jensen.

1. Welcome, roll call, and select timekeeper – Today’s timekeeper is S. Keys. Roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.
2. Community Input – Participants Introduced themselves.
3. Review of February 10, 2017, Minutes  
**ACTION: Review and approval of the minutes was tabled due to the lack of a quorum. The February minutes will be presented for approval at the June meeting.**
4. Del Norte County Representation on the Local Advisory Committee - Statewide Self-Determination Committee – K. Satern reported that she has been working with M. Block and D. Landry-Rehling in the recruitment process. Flyers have been posted and emailed to service coordinators, providers and several families. No family or client has come forward.  
**ACTION: S. May was asked to work with T. Ladao at the North Coast Office to update the Del Norte flyer in English and Spanish. Once updated, the flyer and the brochure will be sent to M. Block for copying and distribution in the Crescent City area. A table at the upcoming Disability Pride event is being considered.**
5. State Council Report – S. May noted the following:
  - There are two statewide self-determination advisory committees, one for DDS and one for the State Council. State Council is beginning the scheduling process. They are required to have two meetings per year. S. May and M. Block will discuss RCRC’s and North Coast Office’s representation at these meetings.
  - State Council appointments for local self-determination advisory committee process – Individuals must submit an application to the State Council Membership Committee for review and potential appointment. **ACTION: S. May and M. Block will follow up with C. Lemas regarding whether or not she plans to continue participating on the Local Advisory Committee.**
6. Statewide SDP Workgroup Update - S. Keys noted that there are no current updates. M. Block is not an active member of the Statewide DDS workgroup, however, she receives notices of the meetings and listens in by phone. Meeting frequency is about every two months, and at least quarterly, with the last one taking place on Oct. 26, 2016. There seems to be disagreement between DDS and the federal level with regard to process. **ACTION: M. Block will follow up with DDS regarding any upcoming workgroup meeting and will be regarded as the “owner” of this topic on future agendas.**

7. SDP Training Workgroup meeting report – S. Keys commented that the brochure wording is close to being finalized. **ACTION: T. Ladao will be asked to add the date and photos to the brochure.**
  - With regard to the proposed meeting with existing Self-Determination participants, it is in process. There are about 25 participants expected to be invited. The plan is to meet in Ukiah and enjoy a potluck meal. Local Advisory Committee members would be welcome to attend this event.
  - R. Blumberg reported that he and M. Ochoa attended a statewide cultural specialists' meeting. RCRC will be submitting information and a request for additional funding for outreach. R. Blumberg will be talking with RCRC's Director team regarding M. Ochoa's travel.
  - L. Page, Clients' Rights Advocate serving on the Local Committee, reported that she is retiring at the end of April. She was thanked for her many years of service. David Weafer, Clients' Rights Advocate, will be serving the SDP Local Advisory Committee after Ms. Page's retirement.
  
8. Resource Sharing –
  - R. Miland Taylor expressed concerns about the budgeting process at the federal level with regard to Medicare/Medi-Cal.
  - M. Block commented that SB 2X1 is special funding that is designated for specific positions and adds some money to regional center core staffing. Specific positions include the Diversity Outreach Specialist, a Home and Community Based Waiver Transition Specialist, and an Employment Specialist. RCRC has combined these last two positions and hired two people. A Request For Proposal to provide funding in order to address diversity related initiatives to serve under served populations in RCRC communities is being submitted. RCRC is also funded to update its website (Spanish/English) as well as current resource materials (Spanish/English).
  
9. Meeting Recap – D. Landry-Rehling reviewed the action items noted in these minutes.
  
10. Adjourn the meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. The next meeting is set for June 16, 2017.