**Self Determination Local Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, January 17, 2020**

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

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

**Present:**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (*\*=Appointed By)*: Pam Jensen (SCDD\*), Robert Miland Taylor (RCRC\*), Frank Van Curen (SCDD)

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE: Mary Block (RCRC), Sedona Bowser (RCRC), Laura Larson (SCDD)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Christine Niceley (RCRC), Lisa Keller (RCRC), Mayra Ochoa (RCRC), Sheila Keys (RCRC), Sherri Desoto (RCRC), Sherry Erickson (Community), Tracy Fenyoe (Facilitator), Valerie Johnson (Community)

**Absent Committee Members:** Kara Ponton (RCRC\*), Ronald Piazza (RCRC\*), Mariana Molina Nava (LCRA Designee)

**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. Mayra O. was selected as Timekeeper.
2. Review, Discussion and Approval of 11/15/19 Minutes (Robert):

Motion Pam J. moves to accept the 11/15/19 minutes with corrections.

Second: Robert T.

Roll call vote:

Pam Jensen (Yes) Frank Van Curen (Yes)

Robert Miland Taylor (Yes)

Motion PASSED

1. SCDD Recruitment for SDAC Vacancy (Laura):
   1. An application was received from Ft. Bragg, a person who works with a local vendor. Committee agreed to have Laura process this applicant.
   2. An application was also received from someone in Crescent City that is interested in being involved with advocacy.
   3. SCDD is continuing to recruit to fill the final vacancy.
2. DDS & RCRC SDP Newsletters (Mary):
   1. DDS (11/22)
      1. Background Checks Update – People who provide direct personal care services and any other provider of services for whom a criminal background check is requested by a participant or the FMS is required to obtain a criminal background check from the DOJ.
         1. Sheila – Most SLS use DOJ background checks within the last 3 years.
         2. Sheila – Is inquiring to see if an employer can sign a statement that an individual has received a clear DOJ background check within the last 3 years and that will suffice.
            1. Mary – If a provider changes employers they will need a new background check.
         3. Pam – There is a Mendocino County program called “Print Your Mitts” that can provide quicker returns on background checks. www.printyourmitts.com
      2. Question of the Day – A DDS “directive” is a written explanation to the RCs that provides guidance on a specific aspect, process, or role in SDP intended to help all RC communities understand and implement the SDP program as intended in statute.
   2. DDS (12/06)
      1. Second Selection Notice – A second selection of participants was made to fill vacancies from the initial implementation. Selection was based on the relative percentage of total consumers, age 42 and older, siblings of current participants, SDAC members, and ethnic diversity per RC catchment area. The selection made was over the 2500 to allow for a quicker process to fill future openings.
      2. Question of the Day – More information about FMS’s can be found on the DDS website at [www.dd.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm](http://www.dd.ca.gov/SDP/faq.cfm).
         1. Sheila – There will be an orientation for participants on Feb 7th in the Eureka office.
         2. Are those previously selected that did not complete their orientation by the deadline still included in the participant numbers?

**ACTION: Sedona will confirm with Jennifer at DDS.** (Done… participants will stay on the active list unless the RCs request removal.)

* + 1. Valerie – Can camping be paid for with the budget money?
       1. Sheila & Mary – Camping can be paid with the budget money but the budget cannot be increased to pay for camping. The budget has to follow the services identified in the IPP. If there is a way to save money to pay for the IPP services and have money left over that can pay the camping costs then it can be used.

1. State Council Report (Laura):
   1. State Council is pushing to gather information for the new 5-year State Plan. Laura is handing out surveys everywhere she goes.
      1. Robert – Thinks this is the best survey he has seen.
      2. Laura will come to Clearlake, as requested.
   2. There is a grant for California Supported Living Network to determine “What does a good life look like?”
      1. When Frank was asked this question he said, “My life is great! I have a good support person nearby and I can make my own choices.”
   3. Laura is planning to open her office up in Ukiah to include a “Discovery Café” where drinks and snacks will be available and people can come and do some deep listening, receive compassion and advice and support, do artwork on the walls, etc. It will be a place to discuss ideas and SDP and be a center of support for people. Dr. Rick has also agreed to help out after his retirement.
   4. Robert – Robert may be going to another Statewide Advisory Meeting in February. He is waiting for the details and will let the team know when he finds out.
2. DDS/RCRC Update on SDP Participation Transition (Mary):
   1. Team looked at graphs provided showing participant stats as of 12/10/19.

**ACTION: Sedona will update stats to reflect 1) Pilot vs New participants, 2) if first selected participants that missed orientation deadline are still included, 3) add Budget Cert status and FMS Selected status and SDP on IPP status, and 4) break out Coastal participants from the Mendocino numbers.** (Done)

**ACTION: Sedona will send Valerie Johnson all attachments in PDF.** (Ongoing)

1. Recruitment of Independent Facilitators (Sheila): There will be an IF training in February in Eureka and March in Lakeport. A flyer will go out soon. It is hard to determine how many IFs are secured because many participants are stalled on the budget portion.
2. RCRC Meet & Greet Planning (Mary): RCRC is planning to hold Meet & Greets starting with one in Eureka. There will be at least one SDAC member present and sharing their story and experience with the attendees.
   1. Sheila – We will need to figure something out for participants who want to help but need transportation and don’t want to use their budget for this expense.
      1. RCs will be receiving a small pot of money delegated to SDP, so this may be an option.
   2. Tracy F. – Compass in Ft. Bragg can host a Meet & Greet. Pam is willing to carpool to attend in Ft. Bragg.

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1. Resource sharing (Community):
   1. Robert – Nov 2020 Rent Control and Housing issues are still being addressed.
   2. Valerie – There is a Celebration of Life for Beverly Hudson, a long time RC client and active member of UVARC.
   3. Robert – Happy Martin Luther King Jr Day, Happy Chinese New Year and Happy Valentines Day!
2. Meeting Recap (Action Items below) –
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3. Adjourn the meeting (Robert): Meeting was adjourned at 11:52.

**The next meeting is set for Feb 21, 2020.**

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*Prepared by: S. Bowser (01/28/2020)*