



**San Bernardino
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Minutes**

DATE: Saturday, August 6, 2016
TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30p.m.
LOCATION: **State Council on Developmental Disabilities
(SCDD)
San Bernardino Regional Office 12
650 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 280
San Bernardino, CA 92408
(909) 890-1259**

Members Present

D. Perkins, President
J. Garnica, Member
C. Rogel, Member
J. Wright, Member
E. Saldana, Member
J. Chandrasena, Member
M. Pawooskar, At-Large Member

Members Absent

C. Korpi, Member
T. Ramos, Member

Council Members Present

C.Garnica, San Bernardino Regional Office Council Member

Staff

T. Fouts-Rachal, Regional Manager

Public

B. Tyler
J. Perkins
L. Bui

AGENDA

1. D. Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.
2. A quorum was establish as (7) of the (9) members were present.

Introductions

3. C. Garnica spoke to the group as the Council member for the San Bernardino



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4. Regional office, and introduced herself. She also explained her role to the group as one of the (31) Council members for SCDD in Sacramento.
5. D. Perkins, a family advocate and President of the RAC, welcomed all of the new members and introductions were provided. He provided his background as a family member and parent advocate to the group. Mr. Perkins also spoke to the group about self-determination, and informed them on the importance of the RAC, and how the RAC input will be heard by SCDD and the Council.
6. J. Chandresena, a new community member, provided information on her background as a Counselor at the Braille Institute, as an agent of transformation for change at Chapman University, her work with the City of Palm springs Human Rights Commission, on the board of the Girl Scouts, and as a mother of a child who was a Regional Center consumer in the past. She spoke on her current involvement with Regional Center consumers who attend Braille, her work at Loma Linda Hospital, and her experience with the Department of Behavioral Health with Mental Health consumers.
7. B. Tyler, family advocate/professional and a member of the public, introduced herself. She is retired with LA unified school district, and has experience working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH). She has a brother who is deaf and a client of Inland Regional Center. She wants to learn and explore more about his options for independence and equality in the community.
8. C. Rogel, a self-advocate and member, explained that he has been a part of the board for (3) years. He expressed his extensive experience in working with SCDD at the regional office and as part of the State-wide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) in the past in Sacramento. He also expressed that he is concerned with the rights of persons in “lock down” facilities, as he has a friend who is impacted and feels his rights were violated. He expressed that the “client should be in control” of their rights and that services should be person centered.
9. M. Pawooskar, a family advocate and At-Large member, provided detailed updates regarding self-determination as she is the Chair of the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC). She expressed to the group that she is a parent of a child with Autism, and she shared the challenges of getting an appropriate diagnosis, services, and supports from Inland Regional Center.
10. J. Garnica, a self-advocate provided background on himself and serving on the Regional advisory committee. He expressed his involvement in the community and involvement with the SCDD regional office and its activities.
11. E. Saldana, a family advocate/self-advocate, introduced himself to the group. He expressed the need for schools and the community to receive more services and supports regarding persons with a disability. He does work in the community and is part of the Riverside County Advisory Board for the 5th district, and has served



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for (5) years. He also works with the Community Action Partnership to provide services in his underserved community. He also expressed some of the challenges he has faced in terms of services for his son.

12. J. Wright, a family advocate and member, of a son with a “profound” disability. He spoke to the group about the challenges of being a young parent of a child with a disability, and the lack of appropriate supports for parents and families. He stated that one of his challenges in the beginning was learning the system. He currently works for the County Board of Supervisors for the area. He is advocating for intermediate/moderate/severe programs within the Etiwanda school district and the need for more inclusion.
13. A member of the public expressed her concerns with the similar challenges presented by the committee that she has also faced regarding her son with Autism. She stated that she also had difficulties in getting a diagnosis as mentioned by member M. Pawooskar above. She is in agreement that more services, trainings, and improvements are needed within the school districts and Regional Center.
14. A self-advocate and member of the public expressed his challenges in growing up and being placed with others younger than himself in school. He expressed that he was a victim of bullying and isolation as a result of being misplaced by the school district. He states that his teacher was instrumental in his learning and encouraged him in being stronger. He states that he has cognitive challenges due to his disability.

Minutes Approval

15. D. Perkins tabled the Approval of Minutes for Saturday, November 7, 2015, as they were not available.

Reports

16. D. Perkins stated that the Chairperson’s Report would include the updates to Self-Determination and HCBS that will be discussed later on the agenda, and the vacant seats would also be discussed in the presentation on the RAC Roles and Responsibilities.
17. C. Garnica provided an update for the State Council and a handout was provided that outlined the summary of actions taken, consolidation of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay and Coastal Regions into one region called the “Central Coast Region”, HCBS final rule information, state plan information and updates and legislative information.

Elections

18. Election of Secretary was presented to the RAC and if one was needed. A group



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discussion occurred regarding the need for a secretary and it was decided to appoint an interim secretary at the discretion of the President until all of the seats were filled for the RAC. C. Rogel motioned to appoint an interim secretary at the

19. discretion of the President, D. Perkins for the RAC, and E. Saldana seconded. It was unanimously approved by the committee that an interim secretary would be decided by D. Perkins. D. Perkins appointed Maia Pawoskar as an interim secretary to the RAC.

Updates

20. Self Determination updates were provided to the group by M. Pawoskar as the chair of the SDAC. Information was provided regarding the seats for this catchment area, Inland Regional Center Informational Trainings, and collaborations with the San Bernardino Regional office.
21. Home and Community Base Settings Discussion and updates were provided regarding the Final Rule. SCDD staff provided information on the regional forum that occurred at San Bernardino Valley College on July 28th, and provided handouts on the questions and concerns from the community regarding these services. SCDD staff also informed the group that another forum is to take place in September, and that their participation is encouraged. SCDD staff also informed the group on the need for Community Outreach and information in the community.

Trainings

22. SCDD staff provided a presentation RAC Roles and Responsibilities and Bagley-Keene requirements. The presentation outlined the current RAC composition, vacant seats, disparity information, and the need for recruitment in Inyo and Mono counties. The training also discussed what constitutes a meeting, public meeting places, and posting requirements.(see PowerPoint attached)

Comments

23. There was a public comment on the lack of services for a member of the public who has a brother who has the disability of Cerebral Palsy and deafness. She shared that there is a need for sensitivity training at the Inland Regional Center (IRC) and a great need for IRC to develop more resources for the deaf community.
24. There was a public comment regarding the need for Assistive Technology (AT) resources in the schools, as there are not enough services. Some of the committee had questions on assistive technology and wanted to know more about this service. SCDD staff mentioned that maybe at a future meeting, a vendor or AT service provider can present training to the group, so that they can have a better understanding and advocate for this service.



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Voting Items

25. Future Meeting Locations were discussed by the RAC. A group discussion occurred regarding how often to meet, and where to meet. It was suggested that the group meet bi-monthly so that they could discuss more often all of the changes that are affecting the region (i.e... HCBS, Self-Determination, etc.) Jordan W. motioned that the group meet bi-monthly, meet one time a year. Maia seconded the motion. **The committee voted and it was approved unanimously.**
26. The next meeting date was discussed and presented by the President, D. Perkins that with the approval of meeting bi-monthly, the next meeting would be October 8, 2016 at 9:30 am. Group discussion commenced regarding the future scheduling of all future meetings, so that it will be available for the next meeting. It was discussed that the schedule be developed by the San Bernardino Regional Office at the discretion of the President, D. Perkins. The group voted to allow the San Bernardino Office the discretion of creating a schedule for the future meetings at the discretion of the President. Chris. R. motioned to approve and E. Saldana seconded. **It was voted on and approved by the committee unanimously** that the San Bernardino office will develop the future meeting schedule to be presented at the meeting on October 8, 2016. **It will be ratified at that time after review.**

Announcements

27. There were no announcements

Adjourn

28. D. Perkins went to adjourn the meeting. J. Wright motioned. J. Chandresena, seconded, **all voted unanimously to adjourn.**

Next Meeting October 8, 2016 at 9:30 am.