

Valley Mountain Regional Center
Self Determination Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes

August 30, 2016 at VMRC Stockton Office

Present in Attendance: Jayme Florez, Consumer; Claire Lazaro, Parent and Chair; Gia McElroy, Parent; Alphonse and Bethany Mickahail, Parents; Liz Zastrow, Community Member; David Simerely, facilitator; Joe Hernandez, Vendor; George Lewis, SCDD-North Valley Hills office; Paul Billodeau, VMRC; Cindy Mix, VMRC; and Angelique Shear, VMRC. Christine Hager by phone.

Note Taker: Angelique Shear

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by Chair Claire Lazaro.

Minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed. There were no changes to the minutes noted.

No Public Comment

SCDD Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee: Bethany Mickahail reported that there is an updated version of the Self Determination regulations that are being reviewed. She discussed that there has been discussion about having the regional centers provide training to the public about self-determination and that webinars are being developed. Ms. Mickahail also discussed that there will be Person Centered Planning Thinking Training focused for parents in San Jose. She has a flyer if anyone is interested. Finally she indicated that Clients Rights has some questions and answers about self-determination if anyone is interested.

VMRC SDAC Next Steps: Claire Lazaro discussed that there will be an initial 3 year time frame when Self Determination happens. She said that there are more trainings being developed by the State SDAC and that these trainings will be used by all of the regional centers. Specifically the VMRC SDAC will go to some of the different consumer groups to present about self-determination. There was discussion about attending the Self Advocacy meeting in November, a SELIT meeting at SJCOE, Choices Conference and Tuolumne County People First Group. There was discussion about using the DDS Self Determination trainings to start training about the service as well. Bethany Mickahail and Liz Zastrow will develop a flyer by September 15, 2016 regarding self-determination. This flyer will be handed out at IPP meetings and posted on the VMRC website with a link to the DDS video about self-determination. There was also discussion about sending the flyer out via e-mail to people. The flyer will be sent out to everyone on the committee for review and feedback when a draft has been completed. Christine Hager talked about a FMS presentation that she attended and thought it may be good for this group. She indicated that the people that did the presentation are willing to do it for other agencies.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Self Determination Waiver Update: Paul Billodeau indicated that at this time there is not really much to report. DDS is still working on answers to the questions asked for the waiver.

Other Items: The next Self Advocacy meeting is on November 4, 2016. The committee hopes to have flyers there about self-determination to hand out.

There was further discussion on the Bagley-Keene Act. It was reported that the courts have determined that the committee is to follow the Bagley-Keene Act.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Bring information about Person Centered Planning for discussion. There was also discussion about having Joe Hernandez from Premier do a presentation about FMS.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM

Next Meeting-November 30, 2016 from 3-4 PM at VMRC Stockton Office