

Regional Center of Orange County
Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee Meeting
October 28, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Virtual Public Meeting

Present

April Lopez, Parent/Committee Chair

Crystal Chavez, RCOC SDP Coordinator

Evelyn Pinto, RCOC Participant Choice Specialist

Gihong (Collin) Kwon, RCOC Participant Choice Specialist

Jennifer Montanez, Director of Case Management

Kaitlynn Truong, Comfort Connection Family Resource Center

Renu Moon, Parent

Scarlett Von Thenen, Orange County Office on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities
(SCDD)

Tina Blabagno, RCOC Participant Choice Specialist

Tina Stang, Parent

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. April Lopez, committee member, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Ms. Lopez welcomed all attendees of the Self-Determination Program Local Advisory Committee (SDPLAC) Meeting.

II. Approval of September 30, 2024 Meeting Summary

The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 30, 2024 meeting. Ms. Kaitlynn Truong made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 30, 2024. Ms. Renu seconded the motion. Committee members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

III. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

a. Review submitted RFP for PCP Training to develop More Independent Facilitators (IF) - IF training

Ms. Crystal Chavez noted the committee was in the process of deciding which applicant to award the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Person Centered Planning (PCP) Training to Develop More Independent Facilitator (IF) at the end of the last meeting. The committee continued this discussion. Ms. Scarlett Von Thenen reminded the committee that the purpose of the RFP was to provide PCP Training to develop more Independent Facilitators (IF) and not the complete package of IF training. Committee members were asked to consider RFP prompt while deciding on which applicant to award the RFP.

Ms. Renu Moon asked Guidelight Group to provide more information about the supplemental trainings they can provide. Ms. Sonni Charness of Guidelight Group shared they will partner with Ally Comprehensive Services ("Ally") to provide targeted coaching and mentoring for Spanish-speaking scholarship recipients. In addition, Ally will provide supplemental training and coaching sessions in Spanish to support participants as they go through Guidelight Group's training. These sessions will address comprehension and skill mastery, as well as cultural considerations for serving Hispanic and Latino communities.

Ms. Von Thenen asked the applicants to speak to their ability to provide the training in Spanish and Vietnamese, as per the RFP. Ms. Charness noted their training is in English, and they have partnered with Ally to provide support in Spanish, to Spanish-speakers.

Ms. Kim Sinclair of ASLA noted their training are in English "Core language" and Spanish "Core language." For Vietnamese, ASLA will use an RCOC-preferred interpreter who sit with attendees and provide interpretation during the English sessions. She also noted that in the project proposal, ASLA noted how they can provide translation of materials into Vietnamese for an addition cost.

A member of the community noted in the chat that interpretation during trainings is confusing so they are asking for trainings in Spanish by community partners who understand their culture.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm due to issues with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish. The meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.