

# TCRC SELF DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## 2017 CALENDAR

### JANUARY 24, 2017

Santa Barbara Office Annex Room

5:30 p.m. Light Dinner

6:00 p.m. Self Determination Committee Meeting

### ~~JUNE 27, 2017~~ **CANCELLED**

~~Santa Barbara Office Annex Room~~

~~5:30 p.m. Light Dinner~~

~~6:00 p.m. Self Determination Committee Meeting~~

### JULY 25, 2017

Santa Barbara Office Annex Room

5:30 p.m. Light Dinner

6:00 p.m. Self Determination Committee Meeting

### OCTOBER 24, 2017

Santa Barbara Office Annex Room

5:30 p.m. Light Dinner

6:00 p.m. Self Determination Committee Meeting

# Self-Determination

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To: TCRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee: Laura Diaz, Ramon Hernandez, Mara Rupert, Ruth Vasconcellos, Louise MacKenzie, Christopher Benedict, Marcia Eichelberger, Sandra Waterbury, Gina Gheno, Jennifer Lucas, Omar Noorzad, Pamela Crabaugh, Diva Johnson, Cheryl Wenderoth, Lilliana Castillo, Uvence Garcia,

From: Louise MacKenzie, Chairperson TCRC's Self-Determination Advisory Committee

## **TCRC's Next Self-Determination Committee Meeting will be on JULY 25, 2017:**

Thank you for your patience in the recent rescheduling of our meetings over the past few months. There has been little to no information coming from either the State Council or DDS on Self-Determination over the past six months, leaving us with no action items to work on and it is important to honor your time and have meaningful information to share at these meetings. However, by August, the Self-Determination program at the state level promises to give a green light to begin outreach to our wider community. So, our next SD Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 in Santa Barbara. This meeting should be full of information and the need for us to make specific plans for our outreach. Your knowledge and input and your contribution in helping our wider community learn about Self-Determination is critical. So, come prepared to work and invite some guests. As usual, we will have a light dinner and then our business meeting.

## **Progress on Self-Determination from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS):**

### **Federal Government Questions on California's Self-Determination Waiver Application:**

1) DDS is close to answering all of the Federal government's questions regarding the Self-Determination program. Once the state (DDS) finalizes the responses to the remaining questions, the application will be formally submitted to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

### **DDS Trainings on Self-Determination is being scheduled for Regional Centers:**

2) DDS has announced they will begin training Regional Center staff on their role in the Self-Determination program in late-July through early August. In addition, they will also train on the information we will provide to our community during the Pre-Enrollment Information nights. We have been informed this training will be for both RC staff and members of our community. DDS is expecting to notify regional centers by mid-June as to when their training will be held and we will notify you as soon as we hear more.

### **Community Outreach**

3) At the July meeting, we will share updated information about Self-Determination at the state and federal levels. As we wait for the go ahead from DDS, we must review what we can and will do to generate interest about Self-Determination in our community beyond our Self-Determination Advisory Committee. We will develop our plan to partner with our parent/family run organizations. So, be ready to share your outreach ideas.

Answer the questions: Where in my community can/should we go for our outreach phase? It will take all our combined efforts and ideas, both large and small, to get the word out. Be ready to define how you can help spread the information in your communities.

### **SD Advisory Committee:**

4) Let us recognize and thank the following people for their past participation on the TCRC Self-Determination Advisory Committee. Recently, two members stepped down from the committee. Each of these individuals offered their time, their energy, and their ideas to guide us in launching the Self-Determination opportunity in our community. We will miss both their presence and their leadership. Thank you to: Michele Carbone and Myesha Thomas.

We now need your help in finding other individuals to participate on TCRC's Self-Determination Advisory Committee, as we have four vacancies. Although the law does not state how many people should be on the committee, it does state that the cultural diversity of the community we serve must be represented. Our committee needs additional input from members of our Hispanic and African American communities served by TCRC, and/or their family members who may be interested in participating on the committee. Please email Cheryl Wenderoth @ [Cherylw@tri-counties.org](mailto:Cherylw@tri-counties.org) and Jennifer Lucas @ [Jennifer.Lucas@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lucas@scdd.ca.gov) who have all current information and will contact the people you find.

### **Self-Determination Advisory Committee meetings**

We have heard from some of you that evening meetings in Santa Barbara are difficult to attend. As these meetings need to be accessible for everyone, is there a better day, time to meet? We are open to moving these as needed to meet the committee's needs. Let us hear from you!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Self-Determination Advisory Committee Meeting on **July 25, 2017** in the Santa Barbara Annex.