

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)
Regional Advisory Meeting
Tri-Counties Regional Center
Covering Ventura, Santa Barbara, and SLO counties
November 10, 21

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions

- Service Hub Representatives-Janet Sloan, Margo Perkins, Renae Dominici, Terri Nelson, and Tamerla Prince assisted with questions
- Regional Center Representatives-Tracy Jackson, Jeff Edler, Mark O'Keefe, Miguel Magana,
- Regional Center Vendor Community Care Facility Provider Representatives- Leticia Villarreal, Betsy Insular, Trace Hollinger, Jolly Padayao, Ayobami Temiloluwa, Joji Junio, Carolina Gallardo Magana, Luz Magana, Veronica Arenas, and Francine Rubio
- CDE-Tara Neilson/SBCSS and DDS – Michelle Masner SBCSS, Tina Silva SBCSS, Vicki Baylus SBCSS, and Raymond Usac DDS, and Cindy Prentice, Catherine Knight DDS

Purpose of DSPT Advisory Committee Meeting-

- To ensure that the Challenge Testing and Training are sufficiently scheduled to meet the needs of eligible DSPs within the Service Hub's regional center catchment area
- Provide updates from DDS and CDE on DSPT program issues
- Address and resolve issues related to the DSPT program within the local regional center catchment area
- Provide Training and Testing aggregate results

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- Program updates: As of October 31, 21
 1. Release 2021-2022 Procedure Manual
 2. Released 2021-2022 Student and Trainer Resource Guides
 3. Released New Set of Exams for Year 1 and Year 2
 4. Offered a Challenge Test under another Hub, no one passed last month
 5. Introduced new scoring template for DSPT medications skill check
 6. Provided "recommended" instructional hours per DSPT sessions to trainers
 7. DDS is working with San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools in developing a Video for zoom tutorial for DSPs
 8. Enrollment numbers as of October 2021- Classes offered 65, Enrolled total is 1,365, Tested 755, Passed 710, and average passing rate is 96%

- Legislation:
 1. Bill AB1417 Community Colleges offering community care. Not in direct competition to DSP trainings. May be additional training for continued learning units.
- Program quality management system:
 - Conducted 8 trainer observations for 2021

California Department of Education Report

- Materials and supply issues:
 1. Survey results were displayed. Positive response from surveys.
There were 83% who took the virtual platform, 11.7% were able to test in person.
- Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):
 1. 2021 recertification took place on Aug 2, 3, and 4th virtually for all DSP Trainers.
 2. Trainings must be in system 35 days prior to class starting.

San Bernardino County Office of Education Report

- The Helpdesk is available from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday. Advise staff and administrators to not create account for their DSPs. Please have DSPs call the helpdesk to get assistance to register at 1-800-910-4604.
- Registration fills so quickly now that the platform is online. Helpdesk advises to have DSP call prior to registration opening to assist in getting registered.
- In-Person and Virtual Trainings are now both being offered. DSPs need to pay attention to which platform they are registering for.
- Testing results are available immediately for virtual trainings as soon as testing is submitted.
- Attendance should be able to be viewed up to 10 business days after the training ends. The administrator and DSPs can view their attendance up until those 10 days.
- Tina Silva went through a PowerPoint highlighting how to locate trainings and registration dates
- Virtual Trainings materials to download

Service Hub Report

- Only In-Person training is in Stockton at the San Joaquin County Office of Education.
- Challenge Tests are not being offered at this point in the Tri-County area.

Regional Center Report

- Regional Center asked if there is a new facility, who would the administrator contact regarding the vendor ID. Tina Silva with the DSPT Helpdesk responded that the administrator would contact the helpdesk.

Provider Representative(s) Input – Can administrators be notified of when their staff registers for a DSP training and any training information? Tina Silva with the DSPT Helpdesk responded by noting that when the DSP creates their account, they can put the vendor email so that their administrator will be notified.

Vendor asked if the class should be taken again due to new information being taught. Raymond Usac, DDS stated that trainings can not be taken twice but that updated materials are posted on the DSPT site as well as the DDS site.

Can ICFs take the DSP trainings? Raymond said ICFs are not in the statute to take DSP trainings.

Will there be a challenge test in the Tri-County area soon? Janet Sloan responded that there is no challenge test scheduled right now. Our Hub will keep the Regional Center and vendors updated if that changes in the spring 2022.

Francine asked if the accessibility of when the DSPs can take a e-learning self-paced environment, will there be flexibility. Raymond repeated that the self-paced learning is part of the discussions with DDS but as for virtual trainings there is a variety of evening, weekends, and day trainings.

Raymond reminded everyone that DSPs can take a class from any instructor throughout the state of California to better meet their needs for specific training times. This is the advantage of virtual trainings.

DSP Trainer Input – Instructors are requesting that administrators assist their staff in knowing how to log onto zoom. Terri Nelson, instructor for Tri-Counties area asked to please let the DSPs create their own accounts so that the DSP know how to log into their personal portal on testing day.

Next Meeting – Virtual Platform

Recap and Closure- Input from vendors/administrators are always appreciated in helping improve the DSP program. Working with a virtual platform is something that will continue along with getting back to offering some in-person trainings.