

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)
Regional Advisory Meeting
Golden Gate Regional Center
February 2, 2022

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions:

- Service Hub Representatives-Janet Sloan, Margo Perkins, Renae Dominici
- Regional Center Representatives-Sean Galvin
- Regional Center Vendor Community Care Facility Provider Representatives-Andrew (Andy) Frisch, Dorreen Roth
- CDE-SBCSS and DDS –Tara Neilson CDE, Michelle Masner SBCSS, Tina Silva SBCSS, and Raymond Usac 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.

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.
- When taking a virtual training, DSPs can now check their results immediately after the training ends. In-person trainings will still wait the 20 business days to check their results.
- 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.

California Department of Education Report

- Materials and supply issues:
 1. Most trainings are virtual but there are 2 locations, Stockton and Tulare that are now teaching in person. These two areas are in the Fresno DSP Hub catchment area.
 2. Updated Student Guides are available for download and on DSPT site and DDS site.
- Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):
 1. 2022 recertification conference for all instructors will be in August virtually. This will include med skills, behavioral issues, and discussions regarding instruction online.
 2. Trainings must be in system 35 days prior to class starting.

California Department of Developmental Services Report

- Program updates:
 1. Videos are being updated and should be in next year's instruction.
 2. Challenge Test is not on-line. The integrity of the test needs to be secure before moving forward. 7 Rights is now part of the curriculum.
 3. DSPT Enrollment January 1-31, 2022, is 1, 226 enrollments including all Hubs.
 4. Compared to 2021 at 717 enrollments for both Yr. 1 & Yr. 2.
 5. Passing rate is at 96% for both Yr. 1 & Yr. 2.
- Legislation:
 1. Bill AB1417 Community Colleges offering community care. Not in direct competition to DSP trainings. May be additional training for continued education units.
- Program quality management system:
 1. Classroom observations are taking place by DDS and by the Hubs.

Service Hub Report

- When trainings in the Golden Gate area are in-person, the Hub will contact them directly to let them know when those trainings will be in session. Renae Dominici will reach out to Sean Bush with Butte County Office of Education to communicate if Sean is still able to teach the trainings at Cedars of Marin. Dorreen Roth HR Director of The Cedars of Marin would like to start having trainings at the site as soon as possible. Their site is opening the following week February 7, 22. Janet Sloan Executive Director FCSS, stated that either Sean or one of our instructors will try to schedule something in the Marin County for those that have technical issues with taking the online platform.

Regional Center Report

- Sean Galvin stated that some DSPs are having some delays in taking the DSP trainings due to coverage with staffing due to COVID. Sean said the regional center are taking all delays into consideration due to the pandemic.

Provider Representative(s) Input- Andy Frisch Executive Director at Kainos Facility, asked Raymond with DDS a question. If he could explain the pay differential with the training that has been discussed within DSP. Raymond explained that as for the DSP trainings that are currently in process, there will be no changes with pay. There is a DSP Academy that will hopefully start in 2 years that will be offered separately from the DSP trainings and will be optional. Once a DSP completes each level, there will be a pay differential per level. Raymond said there are 3 levels to the academy.

DSP Trainer Input – Abraham Hill with Eden Area ROP who covers South San Francisco and works with GGRC is out on a work-related sabbatical and was unable to make the meeting.

Ellen Faryna also was out due to a medical reason.

Next Meeting – Virtual Platform

Recap and Closure- Working with a virtual platform is something that will continue along with getting back to offering some in-person trainings. Golden Gate and the Fresno Hub will be in contact over the next few months to assist with their needs in their area.