

Direct Support Professional Training (DSPT)
Regional Advisory Meeting
Tri-Counties Regional Center
covering Ventura, Santa Barbara, and SLO counties
& San Andreas Regional Center covering San Jose area
March 13, 2023

Minutes

Welcome, Introductions

- Service Hub Representatives-Janet Sloan, Margo Perkins, Renae Dominici, Terri Nelson, and Jamie Rivera-Vallesterio
- Regional Center Representatives- Tri-Counties RC: Tracy Jackson, Jeff Edler, Miguel Magana, Vince Figueroa, and Liz Aced-Arnett. San Andreas RC: Ann Sieber, Ruby Hernandez, Gabriela Alvarez, and Savanna Hartman
- Regional Center Vendor Community Care Facility Provider Representatives- Veronica Arenas Soto, Luz Magana, Kai Reade, Jolly Padayao, Joji Junio, and Ebony Brown
- CDE/SBCSS/DDS – Tina Silva SBCSS, Raymond Usac DDS, Stephanie McNay DDS, Melissa Devlin DDS, and Tara Neilson CDE.

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.

California Department of Developmental Services Report

- Program updates:
 1. DSPs may **not** miss more than **3 hours** of classroom instruction.
 2. 7 Rights Video has been updated, available on YouTube and Vimeo. Links below.
 3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9t-Hy69ZEY>
 4. <http://edit.mov/>
 5. Enrollment numbers as of January 2023- Enrolled total is 1,379, Tested 883, Passed 840. Retention Rate 61.19% Year 1, 69.32% Year 2
 6. The quizzes are now in Spanish for the trainings.
 7. Raymond showed PowerPoint. Went over expectations during trainings.

- Legislation:
No updates currently
- Program quality management system:
Conducted 8 trainer observations for 2022/2023

California Department of Education Report

- Materials and supply issues:
 1. Materials will have 2023 on student guides by this October.
- Local coverage (issues, development of formal agreements, etc.):
 1. Curriculum updates 18-month project. Getting the contract in place.

San Bernardino County Office of Education Report

- The Helpdesk is available from 8:30 AM to 3:30 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.
- Vendors have access to view testing results. Must have correct information to view records.
- 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.

Service Hub Report

- Fresno Hub inquired using the regional centers as a resource to hold Challenge Test for both Tri-Counites and San Andreas. Tracy responded that Tri-Counties should be able to host the test at their RC. Ann Sieber with San Andreas RC said she would have some space downstairs by June 2023. Jamie will test for San Andreas.

Regional Center Report

- Tracy Jackson with Tri-Counties asked Raymond to please give an example of when the RC would give out their vendor number to be used? DDS has a template that Raymond is going to email to Tracy that will be helpful.
- Ann Sieber, SARC asked in terms of the DSP curriculum, how much of the HCBS are incorporated into what is taught for DSP? Tara Neilson responded that CDE can look at implanting more information into the curriculum. Ann stated that DDS is imposing sanctions and one of the challenges are that providers need their staff to have more knowledge and training regarding HCBS and person center training. The San Andreas RC is reaching out to their local administrators to see how they would like their staff to get more person-center training through them. They are working with CCL as well.
- Tracy agreed that having the HCBS included in the DSP trainings would help with consistency. Liz Aced-Arnett, Tri-Counties RC would like to see HCBS implemented in DSP trainings to have a more cohesive communication with DSPs across the state.
- Ann Sieber with San Andreas RC mentioned that the RC offers Person Centered Trainings for any providers and DSPs. Instructors would have access to those trainings as well. Tara mentioned that the August Conference for all DSP instructors included a workshop for person-centered training and will do so again this August.

Provider Representative(s) Input – Veronica Arenas-Soto asked if the DSPs would continue online classes even after the CA COVID emergency ended? Tara responded yes; the online platform will continue as well as In-Person trainings.

DSP Trainer Input – Jamie Rivera-Vallestero was mentored and teaches the person-centered trainings, although at this moment she is focusing on her facilities. She is excited to see the curriculum include more person-centered content for DSPs in upcoming updates.

Next Meeting – Virtual Platform

Recap and Closure- Input from vendors/administrators are always appreciated in helping improve the DSP program.