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ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee April 3, 2018 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Jocabed Garcia, Cathay Liu, Carola Maranon, Virgilio Orlina, Josefina Nieves, Yougeng Sun, Mei Ye, Carl Blum, Marlene Ramirez

Members Absent:

ELARC Staff: David Castaneda, Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas (Gloria Wong was unable to attend this meeting)

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles Office Staff: Julie Eby-McKenzie

Guests: Refer to Sign-In Sheet, guests signed in

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Presentation: Liz presented on ELARC's Informational Sessions and Enrollment, integrating in the report on the update of the statewide program status. The Self Determination Program will launch once the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) obtains federal approval of application for Medicaid Waiver for the program. DDS sent the application to the federal office of Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS) on March 13, 2018. Once launched, for the first three years only 2500 individuals statewide will be allowed in the program. DDS will be randomly picking the 2,500 participants based on diversity factors by regional center, such as gender, ethnicity, disability, and age. To be part of that random selection, you must have attended an information meeting about the Self-Determination Program. ELARC has held 3 sessions with 4 more scheduled through July. Sessions are offered in English with interpretation, as well as in Spanish and in Cantonese. More sessions will be scheduled later in the year. So far, over 220 names have been submitted. It may take a few weeks for DDS to put the names in. Individuals can verify that their name has been submitted by going to the DDS website at <http://www.dds.ca.gov/SDPverification/index.cfm> The Unique Client Identifier (UCI number) is needed for this. Every regional center consumer has a UCI number. Individuals can find it on their IPP or IFSP, or can call their service coordinator to get their UCI number.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and minutes approved.

Community Input

- Virgilio did ask for community input:
 - Jeff Rickle, a parent, noted that there will be an Autism Walk on April 28 and to check the internet for more information
 - Armando Villegas stated that more training on Self Determination is needed for vendors

Updates

- **Statewide Self Determination Project Update and Outreach/Information Planning**
 - Virgilio reported that Statewide SD Advisory Committee met on March 13 in Sacramento. It was announced the waiver application had been submitted that day. Discussion included the process for the rollout of the 2500 participants. DDS shared documents regarding the number of and demographics of current individuals whose names have been submitted for potential participation in the SD program. Members discussed how to ensure that education about SDP is provided to a variety of populations and how best to share information amongst themselves. There were subgroups that worked on various program areas.

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- Liz shared that
 - All ELARC Service Coordination Management staff received full day training from DDS in late 2017
 - All Service Coordination and Community Services staff received Self Determination Training in January and February in anticipation of implementation later this year
 - A Training Module on Self Determination has been added to the New Staff Training Program, so all new Service Coordination and Community Services staff will receive training within six months of hire date
 - David Castaneda and Liz Ornelas are participating in a state test of internal processes for processing SDP payments
 - Initial planning regarding roles and responsibilities of ELARC Departments is beginning, including ideas on caseload development, role of community services, and training for administration
- Liz asked the members to consider how best to approach outreach to insure all individuals are learning about SD and its opportunities.
- Carl also shared the importance of keeping the information simple as we proceed, the need for FMS options and the need to explain to parents the responsibilities and work involved in Self Determination.

Next Meeting

- After some discussion, as to if to continue to meet every other month, monthly, or quarterly; the members decided to keep with their scheduled **June 5, 2018 meeting** but not plan further. The members agreed to meet earlier if the waiver is approved between now and the meeting date. The thought was that by June the group may wish to begin meeting monthly as the waiver will likely be approved by that time.
- Carl advised that for the next meeting, Liz should prepare a list of issues as well as the options to address them, thus providing structure to the decision making for the members. Members liked this option.
- The June meeting will focus on updates on the program status as well as a review of how ELARC is proceeding with implementation.

Meeting dates and topics are subject to change, depending on the status of the waiver approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.