



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee November 6, 2018 Meeting Notes

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

Members Absent: Carola Maranon,

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell, David Castañeda, Liz Ornelas

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

Guests: Refer to Sign-In Sheet, 29 guests signed in

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

The meeting was attended by many individuals who had been selected/had family selected on 10/01/2018 as participants in the soft roll out. Though there was no formal community input, there was much discussion during the updates regarding implementation timelines and the upcoming orientation sessions.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and minutes were approved.

Updates

- As of October 1, 2018, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) made the stratified random selection of the initial 2500 Self Determination Program (SDP) participants for the first three years of the program. ELARC has 110 participants that have been identified, 24 of whom were our pilot participants. After three years, the program rolls out to everyone. DDS sent letters to those chosen, ELARC then sent our own letter, followed by a phone call or email. (copies of letters provided)
- The implementation status at ELARC was reviewed:
 - **ELARC Cases Selected:** The case will remain with the individual's Service Coordinator for now and they will continue to receive traditional services. New participants have been contacted by an ELARC Representative regarding the steps we will be taking together to transition the individual to Self Determination. The first step will be a required Orientation Class. The DDS has announced that the Orientation curriculum will be available for use after January, 2019. After completion of Orientation, the case may be transferred to a different Service Coordinator who has been assigned Self Determination cases. Work to begin planning, budget development, and the set-up of services will begin. It is anticipated this process will take several months.
 - **ELARC Pilot Participants:** Their Service Coordinator will be working with them to review the steps they will be taking together to transition to the new program. This process is anticipated to take a few months. The first step will be a required Orientation Class just for Pilot Participants. After that, at the time of their next IPP and Budget Renewal, their case will be transitioned to the new program.
 - **Cases Not Selected:** If not selected initially, individuals will remain on the interest list for future enrollment opportunities. In three years, the program will be open to all. **Withdrawals:** Five individuals originally selected at ELARC have stated or the SC has stated that they have chosen to withdraw their names. We will still invite these individuals to the Orientation sessions, only after the Orientation sessions will formal withdrawals be formally tracked. Statute requires tracking of all withdrawals with

reporting to the State Council. That said, we are tracking the reasons stated for these initial “withdrawals” as well as informational session dates for internal purposes. DDS is still developing the process for replacement from their waiting list and will be notifying all the Regional Centers once it is in place.

- **Rights:** Fair Hearing and Complaint rights are intact in Self Determination.
- Liz reviewed a flow chart of initial SDP rollout at ELARC, from notification to person centered planning to orientation, case assignment, budget development/certification, IPP, and service delivery.
- Service Coordinator Unit Liaisons will continue to meet regularly to receive more in depth training to develop expertise to support their units as well as to provide feedback on implementation process
- ELARC will host a “Self Determination for Service Providers” training on November 28 and a “Train the Trainer for Independent Facilitators” on December 4 (see flyers.)
- Regarding Independent Facilitators (IF) Training:
 - ELARC will not directly provide IF training but will be working to build capacity with service providers, family groups, and community based organizations to become trainers for IF as well as to consider building pools of IFs
 - WRC is hosting a IF training November 30 and December 3, please see flyer
 - Julie announced that the State Council LA Office will be providing IF training in 2019 and it was decided that ELARC would provide space for that training that will be in English and Spanish
- ELARC will be providing Person Centered Planning workshops for parents in 2019, dates to be announced.
- ARCA, DDS, the State Council and stakeholders presented to Legislative aides on Self Determination in a panel pulled together by the Legislative Analysts Office, Liz participated on that panel.

2019 Meeting Dates:

- January 29, 2019
- April 2, 2019
- June 4, 2019
- September 3, 2019
- November 5, 2019

Meeting dates and topics are subject to change.

Next Meeting: January 29, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.