



**ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee
April 2, 2019 Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Carl Blum, Cathay Liu, Mei Ye

Members Absent: Jocabed Garcia, Josefina Nieves, Marlene Ramirez, Carola Maranon

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, David Castañeda, Liz Ornelas

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

Guests: Refer to Sign-In Sheet

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

Julie Eby-McKenzie, State Council provided information regarding a project to develop a “Simple Language Orientation” for Self Determination Participants. It was suggested by LAC members to have the orientation tested on individuals with no previous SD knowledge to test for understanding by the average individual. It was also mentioned that there is a simplified version by Disability Rights California on the Lanterman Act.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and minutes were approved.

Updates

- Special Announcement: Gloria shared with the Committee that Liz Harrell will be leaving ELARC and transitioning to a new position with DDS to assist in the Self Determination development. We are sad to see her go but look forward to continuing a working relationship with her. Liz Ornelas will be interim Supervisor until further notice.

Statewide:

- State wide efforts; ARCA continues to work with DDS stakeholders work group. We are now on third year of advisory committee.
- Information in packets;
 - FMS guidelines – DDs rule out advanced payments.
 - Independent Facilitator – State Council to provide additional training at the local level.
 - “Train the Trainer” For Participant Orientation Sessions: last March 15, 2019
Liz Harrell will present to LAC on June 4, 2019.

ELARC Implementation

- Train-the-Trainer: (Flowchart)
 - DDS has conducted a series of “Train-the-Trainer” sessions for regional center staff and SDP local advisory committee members.
 - LAC members who attended provided input / comments
 - Regional Centers are expected to conduct at least one Orientation within 60 days of the last session on March 15th.
 - After completion of Orientation, the current service coordinator along with unit SD liaison will work together with the family to create the IPP, Budget and Spending Plan.
 - Once the budget is to be certified by the Service Coordinator the case may then be transferred to the SD unit liaison.
 - It is anticipated this process will take several months.

- Orientation:
 - Due to the amount of information – DDS recommended half day sessions; these are being identified in the month of May
 - Notification letters will be sent out to the selected participants as well as Pilot participants (hopes by end of this week).
 - We are looking to conducting one Orientation in Spanish (pending offsite community location).
 - We have begun Staff Training – March 21st / April 11th
- Person Center Planning:
 - Selected participants may request person-centered planning services
 - Person Center Skills handout -
 - Liz Rodgers, Autism Specialist & PCT Trainer: Providing a 2 day Training in June as well as a workshop specifically geared for SD selected participants.
- Independent Facilitators:
 - ELARC will be looking to Community Based Organizations to conduct I. F. training
 - State Council (March 14th & 15th) – provided an informative/ detailed Training.
 - Partnering with Family Resource Center - Will have a section identified for Independent Facilitators/ Resources. (RC to stay away from providing “lists”).
- Financial Management Service : FMS
 - RC’s are utilizing the December guidelines to vendor
 - RC’s are currently in process; unfortunately, none vendored as of yet
 - Payment with quick turnaround (no advancements).

Questions / Comments:

- Parent shared her concerns, she is feeling discouraged to hear that the process may take some time. She is a parent of a son with Autism and has been selected to participate. ELARC understands her frustration and Gloria asked to speak in more detail after the meeting to explore additional supports until Self Determination is in place.

2019 Meeting Dates:

- June 4, 2019
- September 3, 2019
- November 5, 2019

Meeting dates and topics are subject to change.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.