



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: September 18, 2018

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: Marisol Guerrero

Members Present: Amanda Guerrero, Anthony Reyes

Guests present: Gisel Robles, Josefina Nieves, Bernadette Brown, Kristen Padilla, Rachel Utar, Sunthorn Utar, Nestor Nieves, Vanessa Tiscareno, susan Tennant, Elan Sigari, Nadia H., Joshua Ortiz, Justin Dickey, Allystair Picodo

Guest Speaker: Liz Harrell

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Gerard Torres

Welcome/Opening

- Introductions were conducted
- Opening Round – Share your dream goal
- Marisol read the Mission Statement
- Jesse Provided the Groundrules
- Virgilio provided the Facilitation Statement
- The notes from July 17th were reviewed

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

VAC

I attended the VAC and a few of the main topics were minimum wage, the HCBS finalrule on how service providers (especially for Residential Services) will need to more person centered. This means the consumer will be able to make their own choices without a third party choosing for them. There are 3 key points for this new HCBS final rule:

- Choices
- Rights
- Opportunity

Employment Committee

I presented at our Employment Committee and I showed the “Bottom Dollars” video. After the last CAC meeting I spoke with the George De La Loza, our lead employment specialist, and he asked me to present the documentary and explain why it’s such a great resource for consumers and their families.

ARCA CAC

The ARCA CAC had a conference call where we chose some of the priorities for 2019. So far they are: Affordable Housing, Emergency Management/Preparation, Employment, and Legislative Action. Our next meeting is in October and the main topic will be abuse and awareness.

Access Services

Recently I attended the Access meeting and there were concerns about the eligibility process and how many considered the eligibility form not consumer friendly. Also: Metro did a study on bus patterns by looking at the number of frequent riders, occasional riders, and non-riders in order to improve the transit system as a whole.

Directors Report – Gloria Wong

- ELARC will be taking an aggressive campaign for the budget. New governor will not have much to do with this new budget. Our budget is currently dealing with current administration
- Nestor asked what are we supposed to ask our legislators? Gloria said to wait for the talking points.
- Anthony asked why are there funds being put aside? Gloria explained that the governor always puts money aside for “a rainy day.” He is being cautious, but there is enough money in California for regional centers and that is why we must be aggressive.
- Virgilio asked, what can we do as consumers to move the budget the way it’s supposed to go. Gloria answered that hopefully everyone present is registered to vote. Make your voice heard. Visit your local legislators. Liz suggested that Roxy come out to the CAC to provide a workshop. She also suggested that Carmen or the SC’s on the specialized caseloads to come out and share the project and explain.

Self Determination Presentation – Elizabeth Harrell

- Elizabeth Harrell, ELARC Information and Training Unit Supervisor, gave a basic overview on the self-determination program. She went over the difference between regular regional center services and the self-determination program. If you would like copies of these presentations, please contact Jesse Padilla at (626) 299-4854.

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on “*What is Self-Determination*”.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	January 15, 2019	4:00pm-6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	November 13, 2018	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	November 15, 2018	10:00am - 11:30am	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ARCA:	Association of Regional Center Agencies
ASA:	Autism Society of America
BOD:	Board of Directors
CAC:	Consumer Advisory Committee
CPAD:	Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled
CMSD:	ELARC Community Services Department (Resource Development and Quality Assurance)
CSD:	ELARC Consumer Services Department (Service Coordination)
DDS:	Department of Developmental Services
ELARC:	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
FAC:	Family Advisory Committee
FRC:	Family Resource Center
GHL:	Guide to Healthy Living
I & T:	ELARC Information and Training Unit
OPS:	Regional Center Operating Budget
PICI:	Partners in Community Inclusion
POS:	Regional Center Purchase of Service Budget
SD:	Self-Determination
TASK:	Team of Special Advocates for Kids
VAC:	Vendor Advisory Committee
VLF:	Vendor Leadership Forum