



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2018

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: Marisol Guerro

Members Present: Amanda Guerro, Anthony Reyes

Guests present: Gisel Robles, Ronnie & Marlene Beltran, Angel Velasco, Maria Guerrero, Amanda Guerro, Ana Reed, Jesse Perez, Steven Gazela, Maryanne G, Rocio, Thomas, Brian S. Geroge G., Theresa Peters, George H., Calvin Cervantes, Delfine Martinez, Allystair Picado, Nadia A. Maryjane B.

Guest Speaker: George De La Loza

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Mary Hosokawa, Gerard Torres

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

- **Outreaches:**

I continue to do Outreaches and my most recent have been with SVS and Ability First. My next upcoming Outreach will be with MERCI.

- **Consultations:**

I am now available for Consultations and my specialty is Peer Advocacy, Transportation and Access Services so please lease talk with your Service Coordinator and he or she will send me the referral form and set something up if you are in need.

- **CSD Meeting:**

I attended the CSD meeting and I made an announcement for my Consultations. During The CSD meeting there was a speaker from a generic agency called Club 21 gave a presentation on what they are and what they do. There was also a Person Centered Planning update. During that same meeting we had a presentation on the NCI (National Core Indicator) and a graph of how each Regional Center was doing Statewide in terms of quality of services and Regional Center Staff calling people back was shown. This National Core Indicator Survey is countrywide. ELARC had one of the highest numbers in the state out of all the other regional centers. We also had a presentation on Employment and showed a couple of videos on Consumer success stories on how they found employment and they spoke about the people that had helped them accomplish their goals.

- **Access Services:**

I'm part of the Paratransit Coalition and the purpose of that group is to collaborate and improve the quality of Paratransit Service in Los Angeles County during the PRC we discussed the current issues such as "No Shows" and other software issues. I also attended the ASI for the month of May and there were just a couple of updates on the On-Time performance explaining how they have new software that has improved on time performance. Finally, Access will be starting a pilot project for making reservations online.

Presentation – Employment Presentation – George De La Loza

“How do I find a job?”

- George shared about success stories for consumers that have been successful in finding employment
- The process begins with talking to your Service Coordinator
- You can talk to your counselor at school about employment opportunities during the Individualized Education/ Transition Plan
- George is regularly meeting with potential employers to develop new and meaningful employment opportunities
- He encouraged consumers to think very clearly about what they want and the types of employment they desire
- Paid Internship (PIP):
 - They have minimal requirements
 - Have an idea and think big

Questions (Q & A):

1. *Will I have to pay taxes with a Paid Internship?*
 - Yes- The planner will tell you exactly what to do
2. *What about SSI? Isn't it always better to work than get SSI?*
 - Don't lose your benefits
 - You can make an additional \$500 per month while maintaining your benefits
 - Can't make more than \$2000/ per month
3. *Is it better to work at companies where you know someone?*
 - You don't have to know someone
4. *Do you have to go to school if you want to work at Goodwill or the Salvation Army?*
 - You need to speak to your Service Coordinator

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on “*What is Self-Advocacy*”, we will be showing a video *Bottom Dollars*.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	July 17, 2018	4:00pm-6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	July 10, 2018	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	July 26, 2017	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