



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: January 15, 2019

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: Marisol Guerrero

Members Present: Amanda Guerrero, Anthony Reyes, Nestor Nieves, Thomas Sandoval, David Rivas

Guests present: Maryanne Guerrero, Theresa Gevara, Gerard Guerro, Calvin Cervantes, Justin dickey, Ellie, Sigari, Vanessa Tisoreno, Susant Tennant, Calvin Ybarra, Nadia H.

Guest Speaker: Roxy Ortiz, I&T Specialist

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Gerard Torres

Welcome/Opening

- Introductions were conducted
- Opening Round – What do you like to do on a rainy day?
- Marisol read the Mission Statement
- Jesse Provided the Groundrules
- Virgilio provided the Facilitation Statement
- The notes from January 15th were reviewed

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

VAC

I attend the VAC every month to give the Service Providers an update on our group here at the CAC. During the last VAC meeting I gave an update about the CAC and there was a HCBS update which is a ruling that promotes flexibility, rights, and choices. I would like to report that ELARC is holding three info session updates regarding Purchase of Services data relating to age, race, and ethnicity in term of how funding is done. These info sessions will be held in March of 2019. You can look up the POS data in our website for more information.

What HCBS means for You

It means that you may have different options to choose from regarding services and service providers. There will be a focus on individuals being involved in the community; for example, shopping, attending church, dining out, employment, etc. If anyone wants more information about this feel free to send me an email or call me and I can give you some resources.

Access Services

Who here rides Access? Is there anything you'd like me to ask about at the next Access meeting? There is a new and updated No-Show policy that states there needs to be six months before a rider gets suspended so this new policy actually works in the rider's favor.

The Access Board wants customer service to be reviewed and enhanced and there is a newly revised Access eligibility application.

ARCA CAC

I attended the ARCA CAC meeting last week and the main topic of this meeting was on bullying. As a committee we developed a PowerPoint presentation with resources for help with bullying. We also embedded a skit and I was one of the actors in a bullying scenario at a workplace. Once the presentation and the skit are compiled it will be emailed to all the ARCA CAC members and my counterparts for us to give a presentation with our CAC member. I will share this presentation at one of our next CAC meetings under my report as it becomes available.

Consultations

I continue to be available for consultations in three areas:

Peer Advocacy

Transportation

And Access Services

If you feel that you may need consultations in any of those areas please contact your Service Coordinator and he/she will send me a referral form.

Directors Report – Gloria Wong

There are no cuts. Disappointed there isn't more in the budget. We are disappointed that the holiday schedule will stay on. There will be a lot of activity legislative wise; informational meetings, hearings, from now until end of March. Lots of testimonies during this time. May 19 the budget will be reissued and governor Newsom will have a larger role to play. We'll get a better sense then. We're trying to restore cuts to our system. Rate study being done for service providers. Newsom is aware of our system. There is talk of a recession. Newsom wants to be very cautious. Gloria understands, but at who's expense?

Play a role by visiting your representatives.

Self-determination: Train the trainer. Sending teams to 21 RC's to train staff. DDS will do this training. Gloria announced that Liz is leaving. By the end of February train the trainers should be done.

Virgilio: What can consumers do to influence the new governor?

Talking points are being worked on, Sending letters. Calls, Emails

Nestor: Have any of the services cut since 2009 have been restored? No.

Anthony: Got a letter from DDS. Wants to know why he wasn't selected for self-determination. Gloria explained.

Additional Questions:

Doing Vanessa's recap: Nestor asked what is holiday schedule? Jesse explained and Roxy added to the explanation.

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Presentation – Writing To Legislators – Roxy Ortiz

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 “POS Disparity”.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	May 21, 2019	4:00pm-6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	April 9, 2019	6:00 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	April 25, 2019	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