



# ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

**Date of Meeting: March 19, 2019**

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## **In Attendance**

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**CAC Chair:** Virgilio Orlina

**CAC Vice Chair:** Marisol Guerrero

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

**Guests present:** Maricela B., Rickey Flores, Gisel Robles, Amanda Guerrero, Maria Guerrero, Maryanne G. Kimberly De La Torre, Monzehret C., Delilah Lucas, Adriana P., Margaret R., Lupe De La Torre, Patricia Beltran, Alex Garcia, Elias F., S. Garcia, Carlos G., Nadia A., Robert Bonilla

**Guest Speaker:** Julie & Rigo Gaona

**ELARC Staff:** Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Gerard Torres

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## **Welcome/Opening**

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- Introductions were conducted
- Opening Round – What did you do for St. Patrick's day?
- Marisol read the Mission Statement
- Jesse Provided the Groundrules
- Virgilio provided the Facilitation Statement
- The notes were reviewed

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## **Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla**

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Did you know that LA County is changing their voting system?

LA County's current voting experience is outdated and in critical need of new changes. Voters should be able to vote when, where and how they want. The new voting system under Voting Solutions for All People or VSAP is an important step to accomplishing these goals.

Here are some of the changes with the new voting system you will experience at March 2020 primary election;

- No more pre-printed paper roster, instead an electronic roster will be used to access data in real time at all voting centers. This will also make same day voter registration easier
- No more paper ballots, instead the system will allow voters to vote digitally
- In person voting available for 11 days instead of one- on election day
- Any voter can vote at any voting center on LA County instead of at their assigned precinct

These are some of the main highlights of the new voting experience all voters will go through at the next election. Please check out our website and social media for more information, I also have some fact sheets that will explain this new process. If you have more questions about the new process please contact Roxy Ortiz at 626/299-4817. I am also available to answer any questions.

## **(DDS - Department of Developmental Services)**

The department has released a rate study as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to address sustainability, transparency, and equality to community based services for people with disabilities. You can submit your public comment about the rate study until April 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. Also ELARC is having 3 POS info sessions on Disparity on:

- March 23, 2019 with CPAD at the Asian Youth Center
- March 25, 2019 Fiesta Educative at the MAOF in Montebello
- March 26<sup>th</sup> here at ELARC

There are flyers at the sign in table for more info.

## **DDS CAC: Employment Blueprint**

The Department of Developmental Services created a 5 year plan to better assist people with disabilities preparing to work earning at least minimum wage or more achieve their career dreams in the community. The goals of the Blueprint are to work together with California Department of Education, Department of Rehab, and DDS for people who want a CIE job and help individuals make their own choices with more resources.

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## **Questions For ELARC Director Gloria Wong**

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What do you want Gloria to talk about? The budget

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## **Additional Questions:**

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None

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## **Announcements/ Burning Issues**

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No announcements or burning issues.

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## **Presentation – Relationships/Advocating – Julie & Rigo Gaona**

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What is the key to a good relationship?

- You have to communicate well and you have to accept each other the way that you are.

How was your mom able to get you in a regular high school?

- I was blessed with living next door to a retired school teacher. She knew I was bright and was able to get me to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade level in 3 months. Once the school system saw that I was at the same level, they had no choice to accept me. I had a mom who fought for me and she's my best advocate.

How are you able to make your relationship work with your disabilities?

- When we first started dating we spent every day together. This may not be possible for others, or the norm. But we did. We also worked on communicating. We have help all time, so you have to be very honest with your support staff and let them know when they have to stay out of your life and when they could help.

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on *“POS Disparity”*.

### OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	July 16, 2019	4:00pm-6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	June 11, 2019	6:00 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	June 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