



## ***EASTERN LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER***

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### **ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee June 4, 2019 Meeting Notes**

**Members Present:** Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Carl Blum, Jocabed Garcia , Mei Ye, Marlene Ramirez

**Members Absent:** Cathay Liu, Josefina Nieves, Carola Maranon

**ELARC Staff:** David Castañeda, Brendali Maldonado, Liz Ornelas

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

**Guests:** Liz Harrell, DDS – all others please refer to Sign-In Sheet

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

#### **Community Input**

Jacobed Garcia, LAC member provided information for a free Mental Health Clinic on June 24<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon at Fiesta Educativa.

Julie Eby-McKenzie provided information on the upcoming Independent Facilitator Training by State Council. Dates include June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (SGPRC) and July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (Miller Children's Hospital) English and Spanish respectively.

#### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

- Agenda and minutes were approved.

#### **ELARC Implementation**

- Orientation:
  - Selected participant orientations have been scheduled through May and June. Both half day and full day schedules were made available in order to accommodate various work schedules. Last scheduled Orientation is scheduled for June 12th at the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation- Montebello. We will be scheduling additional orientations to capture the pending participants.
  - Participant current status: 38 participants have completed Orientation; 19 scheduled to attend June 12th; 10 requested to be removed; 2 contemplating removal; 16 pending registration.
- Person Center Planning:
  - Liz Rodgers, Autism Specialist & PCT Trainer: Providing a 2 day Training in August as well as a Workshop specifically geared for SD selected participants July 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Selected participants may request person-centered planning services
  - Service Coordinators can conduct One Page profile PCP with families.
- Independent Facilitators:
  - State Council (June and July) – Provide Training both in English and Spanish.
  - Partnering with Family Resource Center - Will have a section identified for Independent Facilitators/ PCP Resources.
- Financial Management Service : FMS
  - Premier has been vendored with vendoring Regional Center; pending vendorization into our system.
  - Accredited and Community Interface pending vendorization (on the cusp)
  - Payment with quick turnaround (no advancements).

### **Presentation: Liz Harrell, DDS:**

- State wide efforts; ARCA continues to work with DDS stakeholders work group. SD Pilot participants are in the process of transitioning. Funds will be made available once Pilot participants are transitioned. Decisions will need to be made regarding the funds with Local Advisory Committee input.
- Soft-Roll out: Guidance's by Department on the DDS website
- FMS: Vendors may choose 1 or 3 models and area to serve.
- Concern of Roll out - transparency for all families and not just that are tech savvy.
- All materials available on the DDS website in all different language
- Orientations have been conducted in simple language -550 participants have completed an Orientation in variety of half day or full day delivery as well as a variety of languages.
  - SD Participants may only attend Orientation at their regional center
  - If an individual moves after attending an Orientation, there is no need to attend another at new RC.
- Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting next week on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Strategic plan – what will SD look like in two years/ ideas for the future
- Vendor Concerns: View it as a business opportunity rather than a mechanism to put you out of business.
- Outreach and Training Activities:
  - Online version of Information and Orientation in development by DDS
  - Monthly Newsletter
  - Development of a handbook in development to assist participants with SD process
- DDS supports to RC's:
  - Spending Plan tool: DDS has developed a tool for Service Coordinators and participants to utilize, should be release in the next couple of weeks.
  - FAQ's on DDS website
  - Handbook project – Liz Harrell
- Participant Status:

As of March 15, 2019 each RC will be reporting to DDS by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month on participant status and transition progress. It includes benchmarks and captures barriers to participation.

  - 240 statewide participants opting out of SD
  - 550 attended Orientation

DDS will utilize data to report to State holders
- DDS will conduct a second stratified random select, targeted for end of summer
- At this time 100% of Pilot families are looking to transition to new SD program

### **Questions / Comments:**

- Parent shared concern of Service Coordinator's reaction to SD. She had heard that Whittier Service Coordinators are not on board and discouraging individuals from participating in the program. ELARC understands her frustration; ensured her that Service Coordinators are being trained in the process and that ELARC will address this with the Chief of Consumer Services.
- Concern shared by board member; focus should be on those individuals ready to start. Smaller numbers give us better outcomes.
- Will there be deadlines imposed on selected participants to make a decision and/or begin SD?
- When can a participant start SD? They can currently begin to work on certifying the budget.

### **2019 Meeting Dates:**

- November 5, 2019

*Meeting dates and topics are subject to change.*

**Next Meeting:** November 5, 2019.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**