



Date of Meeting: May 21, 2019

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: Marisol Guerrero

Members Present: Amanda Guerrero, Anthony Reyes, Nestor Nieves

Guests present: Pael Armente, Margaret R., Lupe De La Torre, Armen Luna

Guest Speaker: Carmen Castro Luna

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Lisette Duarte, Gerard Torres

Welcome/Opening

- Introductions were conducted
- Opening Round – What are your plans for the Memorial Day weekend?
- Jesse Provided the Groundrules
- Virgilio provided the Facilitation Statement
- The notes were reviewed

POS Disparity – Carmen Castro Luna

Question for Carmen:

Do I have to pay back services? Answer is: no...our services are free and you will never have to pay for services back.

Is there a vendor that could help me with raising a family if I ever want to get married? Answer: yes, we have parenting. You could also receive SLS services

If there are a lot of families in unstable situations, how will they eventually go back to their original SC? This doesn't seem to be sustainable program. Answer, yes, you are correct. If every single sc had a reduced caseload, you would see a huge difference in the amount of time sc's spend with their families.

If the state wanted to continue to provide this, could the program grow? Answer: we actually asked the department for this. In 2019 we applied for an expansion to have more sc's that could provide this level of case management. The department said no. They just gave enough for the current 5 sc's.

If we're not going to get enough for reduced caseloads, could we reach out to community organizations. Answer: that's exactly what's happening right now. At fist the department only funded for regional centers, but in the last 2 years, the department also provided funds to community organizations. Regional centers can't do it alone. I takes a lot of work and collaboration to be able to work with families in such an intense way.

How often does the regional center give information to the consumer about service coordination? Answer, unfortunately the intake process doesn't provide this type of information. The PCPC's are working with those families coming in through the intake process. We know that it is very effective to provide this information as early as possible. The more aware they will be and how to take advantage of the services.

Most of the time it happens during the IPP. And throughout the year we have some trainings. By in large, its provided by the sc during the IPP.

Additional comment by CAC member: I think it should be continuous the information giving. The lessons we are learning in the project, we're trying to provide this info to other staff. We share stories, video, sharing other information as well.

How can I find out about the names of the deed of our house? Answer: Im not an expert at all, but I'm thinking you would need to contact an attorney to figure out about the property. There are some attorneys that may be free of charge or low cost. Your sc can help you or the client's rights advocate. You may need a legal advice.

My previous sc wanted to put me in a home. Carmen...I'm glad that you spoke up for yourself. Nobody can tell you what to do. And if you don't want to move, nobody can make you. Even disability rights California can help.

Could an sc helps us find services like housing, food pantries, and other generic resources? Answer, yes, they can.

Can you explain more about understanding of our purchase of service guideline? Answer: we are teaching our consumers and families how to access information. The services that we can provide, we do have guidelines for them.

Suggestion from CAC member: We need a comprehensive handbook of every guideline. Answer: some of those can be found on our website.

Gloria's System Update

Gloria's systems update: the budget will most likely be approved on July 1st. We've been trying really hard to get restoration to our system. Budget: the governor presented his budget, the assembly and the senate are reacting to his proposal. There are hearings up in Sacramento. There are 2 major budget hearings. The assembly is much more liberal, they are promoting an 8% increase across the board. The governor said only limited services codes for 2 years. The assembly is saying no, we need to do this for everyone. The senate is being more conservative, they are following the governor more. They will both vote for their positions and then it will go to a conference committee. They are supposed to resolve the difference. They have the final say. Anything that comes out of that meeting and if the governor doesn't agree. He has a veto power. He could redline it and say "I won't fund this." By June 15 the senate and the assembly have to send the budget to the governor. It probably will be signed on time. Please keep track of your legislators, follow what their position is. We are promoting an 8% increase. Visit our website. You don't have to go to Sacramento, but your voice makes a difference. Maybe visit a local office. Hopefully you can all vote. The assembly has promoted social rec and camp.

Question: Will this mean that I could get back my gym membership? Answer: if that's what you need and if that's what you were getting, I'm sure you could. It's back on the books, but we'll have to see if it passes. Calling your legislator is very important.

Self determination: names have been selected 2,500 for all of California.

State council has posted about the principles of SD on their website. User friendly guide.

Brendali provided debriefing for Carmen and Gloria's presentation. Went over keywords and answered questions.

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

Questions: could Jesse ask ACCESS about their navigation system?

Additional Questions:

None

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

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