



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: January 21, 2020

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: Nicole Patterson, Jena Chapman Plan, Anthony Reyes, Gisel Robles, Julie Eby-DMackenzie, Margaret R., Pearl Acevedo, Lupe De La Torre, Maurice Soto, William Ballea, Amanda Gutierrez

Guest Speaker: Yael Hagen Community Outreach Specialist

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Gerard Torres

Welcome/Opening

- Introductions were conducted
- Opening Round – Where would you like to travel (anywhere in the world)?
- Marisol read the Mission Statement
- Jesse Provided the Groundrules
- Virgilio provided the Facilitation Statement
- The notes from January 15th were reviewed

Announcements

Nicole Patterson provided her presentation on the Statewide CAC recruitment:

- Nestor asked where he could find additional duties for CAC members.

Raul Munoz ambassador for fiesta educativa:

- Provided information on VSAP (Vibrant Self Advocates Program). Teaches self-advocacy skills as well as other topics like how to interact with law enforcement, how to navigate friendships, etc. Overall goal is to be empowering for self-advocates. He helped develop this program. Invited the CAC members to come to a mini conference where they will explain the program in detail.
 - Question: Why hasn't fiesta educativa not called him to sing for the events anymore? Answer – he will provide his information to someone at fiesta educativa.

Directors Report – Gloria Wong

Budget 2020/2021 fiscal year in July 1st – governor releasing his preliminary budget. He has proposed his ideas. The following date the budget hearing will be starting. More will be taking place in February and March. It looks very positive. There are not cuts. No surplus. Governor is very cautious. He wants to make sure to save money for a “rainy day.” He’s a little more liberal in the funding system for us. We’re looking at 6.3 billion. We’re at 7.2 billion as being proposed. DDS has looked at the growth factor in the POS. DDS has showed concern in rate of growth. A task force has been set up in expenditure trends...a committee has been in a place for 4 years. Set up by DDS. They expanded this year, they included work groups, rate study, final closures of development centers, HCBS final rule, self-determination, POS disparity, headquarter restructure. Headquarters is in Sacramento. Each regional center will have a liaison team. Regional centers have always had a representative. That is changing. They will be monitoring regional centers. Manager: Mary Hernandez. 2 members of the liaison were present at the BOD meeting in Jan. we are looking at some deficits for 10 of 21 regional centers. As the months go by we’ll have a better way to project our expenditures. She does not feel we’ve had any cuts, but we’re asked to explain the growth. Gloria suggests to keep an eye on legislators. Check out the legislative workshops. 4 talking points: 3 year rate study, rate increase, 400 million from general fund for our providers, regional center operation fund for a necessary case load ration funds. In April we will be going to Sacramento (grassroots) ARCA. We are involved in the POS data (ethnicity) that info was posted on our website. We’ll be having public meetings in March. Regional centers receive 45% of federal funds. There is an agreement between DDS and the Feds in Washington. This will be the first year that Feds insisted that regional centers be medi-cal providers.

Additional Questions:

- I’d like to go up to grassroots, how do I get my name on the list?
 - Answer: Jesse will notify Roxy of his interest. But it is not guaranteed he will go.
- Will there be changes in services now that we are medi-cal providers?
 - Answer: No, it will not change anything.

Brendali provided recap of Gloria’s report

Julie Eby-DMackenszie - Speaker on IHSS questions:

- Do the social workers that visit us yearly have a right to come into our room? My worker wanted to look at my room and I felt that it was invasion of privacy.
 - Answer – these workers are not social workers, they are eligibility workers. Having said that, some are a little more curious than others. I don’t know if they are not allowed or not, but it’s a delicate balance. You want them to know who you really are, but you may not want them to be too intrusive. Sometimes it may be necessary to have them see your room, other times it may not. She provided examples.
- If you move out of your house, can you qualify for more hours?
 - Answer – Absolutely; yes you can qualify for more hours.

Julie provided a survey to self-advocates

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

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	July 21, 2020	4:00pm-6:00pm	ADAPTED
ELARC Board	June 9, 2020	6:00 pm	ADAPTED
VAC	May 28, 2020	10:00am - 11:30am	ADAPTED

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