



ELARC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
January 19, 202 Meeting Notes

Due to the State and local health orders, the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting was held by remote participation only

Members Present: Alex Scarlis, Carl Blum, Carola Maranon, Cathay Liu, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougene Sun

Members Absent: Maria Castillo

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell, Roxy Ortiz, Elizabeth Ornelas, Araceli Aguiano, Lonetta Johns-Yarlque, Edith Hernandez, Judy Perez, Brendali Maldonado, Lily Ortega, Veronica Valenzuela, Ursula Cerezo, David Castaneda

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles Regional Office: Julie Eby-McEnzy

DDS Liaison: Jacqueline Gaytan

Guests: (not a complete list) Araceli Lizarraga, Adriane Mota, Kimberly Bermudes, Olivia (no last name), Eduardo Iniguez, Lizette Duarte, Connie Legaspi, Yvette Torres

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

- Josefina Nieves announced Fiesta Educativa conference on January 28, 2021 with Temple Grandin

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Correction to minutes on Page 2, change from 800k to \$8,000

M/S/C (C. Blum/J. Nieves) To approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of November 17, 2020 with correction. Unanimous.

Updates

- DDS Updates
 - DDS Update- SDP slated to start at the beginning of the fiscal year. There will be discussions during the budget process. Regional Centers produced a report that speaks to the systemic issues. It will be submitted in April to prepare for hearings.
 - 11/19/2020 Directive re FMS Fees- This directive waived the FMS fee requirement. It went into effect October 1st and it's renewed every 30 days. We are making contact about this directive with our participants.
 - FAQ- DDS updated the FAQ around Person center Plans and spending plan.

- SSDAC
 - The statewide group has not met and there is no date set for next meeting. They usually send emails to chairs on implementation. They sent Disabilities Voices United proposal which will be discussed later.
- ELARC Implementation
 - Monthly report- monthly stats report was reviewed and explained. The agency is doing a very thorough review of our numbers. Some people choose not to have a PCP or use their SC to do a one-page profile.
 - Case Managements/Liaisons- units are focusing on having specialized assignments, focusing on training plus SDP assignments. Looking at strengthening our implementation team. We have support from the department and the statewide group.
 - ~ Reviewed the graphs for participants who completed orientations- we are at 94% statewide average is 85%, participants who have an individual budget, we are at 32%, statewide average is 27%, participants who have spending plan, we are at 28%, statewide average is 18%, participants who have obtained an FMS , we are at 34%, statewide average is 18%

Question- Are the obstacles due to staff limitations or participants?

COVID has been a big challenge, however with in the last 3-4 months we are starting to see movement. Participants are at different stages, and they have shared that they want to wait a little more and they continue to think about this

It takes practice, we are encouraging families to join and learn the process and move forward.

We are identifying Consumers Services supervisors to develop the expertise and strengthening the team.

Are you having difficulties reaching the DDS team?

They have been very receptive, and now we are meeting with them once a month.

Comment from parent- She is a big supporter of the program and has been involved at various levels. She has not experienced a smooth roll out. She can understand why parents are hesitant in moving forward, we are falling a little short, would like to get together with agency to give some feedback on how to improve the process. We have not given parents all the information to push forward right now.

Question- Can someone confirm if it's only 14 families who have transitioned?

We have about 30 families and about 18 are pilot participants. There are key people who have this training and expertise who can mentor the SC and other family members.

- Staff Training
 - ~ Launching Learning Marketplace for liaisons, plus anyone else with SD cases and other SCs, to learn more about SDP. Staff can drop in and ask question or just come in to listen. The SDP Implementation team will be available at the Learning Marketplace to answer questions. They will be held once a month starting in February.
 - ~ Our Information & Training Specialist is gathering questions that have and are coming in about SDP and compiling them into an FAQ list that will be available for staff.
- Info Session/Orientations

- ~ Next info session will be on Jan 21st, flyer was posted last week and it has filled up to capacity. These are also planned info sessions in Spanish and with Chinese interpretation for the remainder of the year.
- ~ Orientations are being scheduled for the participants that are on the interest list as well as open to staff and community
- PCP Workshops
 - ~ Currently being scheduled for 2021 as there will be two additional certified trainers that will expand the workshops to include having them done in Spanish as well

Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program

- Fiscal Year 2019/2020-
 - The allocated funds were \$65,674 to work on three areas of implementation.
 - Rolling out the first part of the plan/proposal developing the workbook
 - The SD liaisons have already been confirmed, now working on gathering the IFs to develop the focus group and begin the 6-series trainings
 - The last part of the proposal is still being finalized, small group of LVAC members volunteering to fine tune their vision in developing learning communities with our contractor Mary Beth.
 - Correction made to the fiscal year where the allocated \$3000 are to be drawn from. There has been no progress as the statewide group has not met and provided updates on how many centers have committed.
- Fiscal Year 2020/2021
 - There's another allocation of \$89,760 to support implementation. There were some areas to focus on training Independent facilitators, some fiscal areas, having a guided training for the participants, the small workgroup that is being pulled together- the same areas of focus for this fiscal year funds. What we would like to do is what we did last time, provide structure and the LVAC reworks it as to what they would like to see. This can be ready for the April meeting. This year is a little different as the local advisory committees are being courted and presented with proposals on some ideas to help with those areas.
 - Received three proposal for consideration for the use of funds for this fiscal year:
 - ~ One proposal is from Disability Voices United to provide training to LVAC members and community as well as availability of materials, cost range from \$12 per booklet to \$3000 for trainings.
 - ~ The other proposal is from Education Spectrum proposing to develop a website for participants, resource providers, and IFs. Intention is to get as many regional centers to commit and split the cost for developing site at a total cost of \$400,000.
 - ~ Last proposal from Lanterman Regional center for possible collaboration in the development of 4-5 informational videos in Chinese.

Questions/Comments:

- Need input from staff as to what value these proposal bring to the progression of the program.
 - A brief table description will be developed with information on where things are and how much value these proposals bring, as well as what has been developed already.

- What legal authority do we have to syphoned the money to these groups? The State Council has already started this type of work, why don't we give them the money and they can develop something that would be of benefit to everyone.
 - Funds are very specific and it is written in statute under Lanterman Act, they must be used to enhance the implementation and the decision must be made by the LVAC.
- It is important to encourage parents who are on the call to review the documents for parent input. Concern with huge booklets that can be overwhelming for parents.
- The current proposal that includes training with IF, PCP, FMS to act as a guide will be the best bet for greasing the wheels on this process. Putting all the responsibility on the parent is already causing parents to be overwhelmed. Clearing house items is good for the tech savvy people, but not the mono-lingual parents.
- Some families have gone through so many trainings and there is still a lot of confusion. At some point you just have to get started.
- Give a little historical perspective, when SD started 20 years ago as a pilot we saw the same things about hesitation, the timing, the budget, and commitment. This is not unique to this RC is not unique to the roll out with the participants.
- Parent shared that she is taking her time with the process due in part to fear of the unknown, and things getting too busy with assessment and work, and now it's the pandemic. She would find it useful to hear from parent that have already gone through the process.
- Concept of parent mentors, have a pool of parents mentors under this year's funding.
- Invite these groups proposal to the next advisory committee. I like the idea of the parent mentor.

Next meeting- April 20th

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm
M/S/C (Y. Sun/A. Scarlis) To adjourn meeting