



ELARC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
November 17, 2020 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 Marona, 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

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

DDS Liaison: Jacqueline Gaytan

Featured Presenter: Helen Sanderson and Associates, Mary Beth Lepkowsky

Guests: (not a complete list) Mabel Lopez, Sherry, Damaris Ruiz, Yvette Torres, Alma Morales, Rosa

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

- No Community input

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

M/S/C (C. Blum/Y. Sun) To approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of September 22, 2020 as recorded. Unanimous.

Updates

- Statewide Efforts
 - DDS Update- Program will be expanded in July 1st 2021. To learn more about the program go to the DDS website, they have a frequently asked questions (FAQ) posted for interested individuals.
 - SSDAC Report- the statewide committee last met on Sept. 25th. Implementation update was discussed, the progress made on recommendations as well as \$3,000 funds request to meet more frequently that our local advisory committee approved.
- ELARC Implementation
 - Case Managements/Liaisons- Liz Ornelas reviewed the graph and went over the stats. Fourteen units have two liaisons to truly have a specialist

- Training- Roxy Ortiz shared that staff are developing micro learning modules. Completed two in sessions, one in English on 10/06 which got full, and one in Spanish 10/15. Staff conducted an Orientation on Saturday to meet the participant's schedule. Orientations are made available to staff as well to serve as refreshers. Person Center Practices workshops was offered on 10/08, in addition on-going Person center Thinking training have been offered to the community in October two sessions were held on 10/20 and 10/21.
- A refresher SDP training was provided to the members that focuses on Person center planning done by Liz Harrell on 10/27 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

2019/2020 Funding to Support Implementation of the Self Determination Program Update

- Heles Sanderson and Associates- Mary Beth Lepkowsky provided an update. She provide a little about her back ground.
- There are three main areas of focus:
 - Customized workbook, review workbook to identify what we want and don't want. For TCRC she worked with Bridging Voices in the Central Coast for translation. Work book divided into 6 sections, it's about 100 pages or more and it cost \$8,000 to translate into 1 language. May want to look at next year's for other languages. It will be an electronic pdf document access
 - The second area is to build relationships and partnerships
 - The last are is a road map along the pathway. Bring in different players together, build communities of practice, what's working not working, it can be organic.
All of these areas involve staff, committee and participants.
- Come up with a "design team" to work together on this.
Some question from the members:
 - Where do you find IF? Looking at ELARC, the community/SCDD to get the word out. Look at people who have worked in the fourteen PCPC (get the participants from the graph)
 - Original number of participants, people who dropped out- get those folks and ask what went wrong. The department has that data we can obtain it from them. We can find out where in the process people dropped out.
 - Will FMS, IF, advocates get paid? They will be compensated.
 - Need to have a workgroup around the last area.
 - SCDD will send link to group on Training on Demand style.
 - One member expressed frustration in budget certification process and delay in getting paid.
 - Staff need to take extra lead in doing things, ELARC will reach out to committee members to help flush this out a little more.

2021 Meeting dates

- Schedule meetings with some milestones
- M/S/C (J. Nieves/Y. Sun) To approve the months of January, April, June, July, September, and November for the 2021 meetings. Unanimous.

The day will be the third Tuesday of the scheduled month.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm