



ELARC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee
July 20, 2021 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

Members Absent: Yougen Sun (excused)

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

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles Regional Office: Chris Arroyo

DDS Liaison: Jason Francisco

Guests: (not a complete list) Kimberly Bermudez, Nancy, Lucy, Alex Saccone

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

- Compliments was given for hosting the Greet & Meet

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

M/S/C (C. Blum/J. Nieves) To approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of July 20, 2021 with corrections noted by Mr. Scarlis. Unanimous

Updates

- Statewide
 - July 1st roll out opening it up to any interested party. Conducting sessions to recruit through greet and meet. Get word out to community.
 - Passage of budget included participant choice specialist, guidance needed from department; maybe get it next month
- SSDAC Update
 - Last meeting was June 22nd, more than 100 people joined. The main event was panel discussion by regional center.
- ELARC Update
 - Case Management
 - As of June 15 numbers there are 86 active cases, 40 transitioned

- 96 families have gone through orientations through June. The Info session are averaging about 20 families or so a month; approximate 300 families.
 - Do Meet & Greet more often.
 - Information and Training
 - We continue to do info sessions and orientations as well as Person-Centered Planning workshops.
 - We had about 90 participants for the English Meet and Greet and about 40 for the Spanish Meet & Greet.
 - Ursula will be doing provider self-determination forum.
 - Funding to Support Implementation and the Self Determination Program
 - Fiscal Year 19/20 Project Status
 - ~ The \$1500 was on the condition that all 21 RC were on board. Ms. Harrell spoke with Aaron Caruthers from State Council, he said 12 Local Advisory Committees have approved funds so far. Some of the LVAC wanted at least half of the regional centers to commit.
 - Discussion in going forward with 50% committing because Chair has been very active with SSDAC
 - M/S/C () To approve \$1500 provided that at least the majority of other centers commit
 - Fiscal year 20/21 Project Status
 - Ms. Nieves recused herself for this agenda item
 - ~ We are in contract with NestDan, kick-off meeting will be held tomorrow.
 - ~ The DVU booklets need revisions regarding the soft roll out and will be available in September.
 - ~ DVU training will only be one because it is customized at \$1000. Get some dates for either Sept. 27th or 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The first hour will be presentation based and the second will be Q&A. Interpretation will be available. Useful to go through scenarios, questions can be themed by staff without having people asking questions that take up bulk of the time. Members decided to go with Tuesday, Sept. 28th.
 - Ms. Nieves rejoined the meeting.
 - LVAC Chair: Terms and Elections
 - Mr. Orlina has been chair for a long time
 - Reviewed LVAC Chair responsibilities plus terms of the Chair. Some questions to consider- think about the chair term limits, how are we going to do elections, nominations. No term limit can also be selected it can be an open option.
 - Mr. Scarlis suggested a three-year term. Mr. Blum suggested a two-year term for a maximum of three terms, and have a vice-chair also. Ms. Maranon suggested a two-year term with a co-chair.
 - Mr. Orlina shared that the position needs three things- Commitment, discipline and responsibility.
 - Chair asked for motion:

M/S/C (C. Blum/J. Nieves) To approve Chair position to a two-year term with a limit of three terms, with vice-chair serving as back up.

- Floor was opened for nomination of candidates. Ms. Nieves and Ms. Liu interested.
- Vote can take place in September. Ms. Harrell will follow up with an email to the members with candidate statements. Bagley-Keene requires an open roll call voting.
- Future Planning
 - Determine Local Priorities (to guide use of funds)
 - ~ Survey- put a survey through Survey Monkey, mail it in various different languages and distribute through website, paper through SC. Priority is getting SDP to people who don't have access to technology- getting out by mail
 - Overview of Role of LVAC: Oversight and Guidance
 - ~ Look at training on Bagley-Keene for roles.

Announcement- Ms. Valenzuela requested quotes from SDP participants to be included in the workbook

Next meeting- September 21, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Chair, Mr. Orlina asked to have draft of the 2022 LVAC proposed meeting dates at the next meeting.

Ms. Nieves thanked Chair, Mr. Orlina for serving as Chair

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm
M/S/C (C. Blum/C. Maranon) To adjourn meeting. Unanimous