



ELARC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

November 16, 2021 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting- How to Join:

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

Members Present: Josefina Nieves, Virgilio Orlina, Cathay Liu, Carl Blum, Yougeng Sun, Mei Ye, and Alexander Scarlis, Carola Maranon

Members Absent: Edith Espiritu

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Roxy Ortiz, Elizabeth Harrell, Edith Hernandez, Lonetta Johns-Yarleque, Veronica Valenzuela, Lilia Ortega, Karena Perez, Ursula Cerezo, Stephanie Gonzalez, Brendali Maldonado

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

DDS Liaison: Jason Francisco

Guests: (not a complete list) Jackie Brown, Lisa Chen, Ashle Hsiamz, Jacobeb Garcia, Lucila Saccone

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Cathay Liu, Chair.

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Ms. Saccone asked the following questions: How long is the process? Parent has been told to get the PCP, but she doesn't have the budget. They finished the PCP in Nov. She asked her SC to have a meeting. When can they get the SLS assessment done? What about a person who does not have family. How can they get into Self Determination?

Ms. Hernandez replied that it depends on the case and the process and she would like to talk with Ms. Saccone and to the supervisor. Ms. Hernandez provided her information in the chat.

Ms. Ortega and Ms. Saccone already have a scheduled meeting.

III. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes (ATT#1)

M/S/C (J. Nieves/V. Orlina) To approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of September 21, 2021. Unanimous

IV. Updates

a. Statewide

i. Approved Trailer Bill Language re: SDP

1. Ombudsperson- Some ELARC staff met with her on Nov. 1st. She is going to different regional centers and other organizations such as Disability Voices United to do presentations. Information on DDS website was shared and provided in the chat. Mr. Scarlis asked if we should vote to have Ms. Katy Hornberger to come to the LVAC to present?

M/S /C (A. Scarlis/J. Nieves) To invite Ms. Hornnerger to present at the next LVAC meeting.

Ms. Ortiz to coordinate with Chair on invitation.

2. Participant Choice Specialist- Ms. Wong shared that part of Trailer Bill Language is designating funds for regional centers to fund two positions. In January, ELARC will have more information. Ms. Hernandez mentioned that a big portion of this is training. Portion of accessing generic resources-helping families access these resources
3. FRC Representative- LMs. Harrell shared that the decision of who will be the representative from the Family Resource center will be made by the Executive Director, Yvette Baptist.

- ii. SSDAC- Chair, Ms. Liu shared hat the statewide committee met on November 10th. They started with sharing success stories. The ombudsperson was in attendance and introduce as well as the Department presented on SD. They shared that they have updated the FAQ section. Next meeting will be in February 2022.

b. ELARC

- i. Case management- Ms. Valenzuela provided the progress reports status. Ms. Hernandez stated that centralizing the cases has been beneficial and other regional centers are wanting to emulate
- ii. Information & Training- Ms. Ortiz shared that the orientations started in February and have been on-going throughout the year as well as the info session. These sessions will be provided online as well as instructor-led in English and Spanish for 2022. SD liaisons have been provided the opportunities to attend the orientations, as well as the learning marketplace. We will continue to do this next year. PCP workshops will resume again in January in English and Spanish.

Vendor focus group very enthusiastic, wants to meet every mother month. Also focus group with FMS's will be coming soon. Ms. Cerezo, Community Services Specialist will take the lead on this.

c. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination

i. Fiscal Year r 19/20 and Fiscal Year 20/21 Projects Status

Ms. Ortiz provided a synopsis outlining the Part C work. Mr. Scarlis asked if all the participants will be notified of these conversations? Ms. Ortiz shared that a flyer will be developed shared with participants as well as will notify consumer services.

Workbook is close to completion just working on final edits as well as translations.

Ms. Nieves was respectfully asked to step out. Update was provided to the committee for the NestDan contract.

DVU booklets have been delivered. There is a small workgroup that will be meeting next week to develop an action plan on the distribution of these booklets.

ii. Fiscal Year 21/22 Funding Update- have not received any word from DDS.

d. Future Planning

i. Determining Local Priorities (to guide use of funds)

1. Survey- Future planning – survey out. Only about a dozen people have responded. Training in languages other than English (the FMS and the spending plan). Growing a pool of IF in other languages. Will continue to monitor the survey

V. 2022 meetings- Chair, Ms. Liu announced the approved 2022 meeting dates. Next meeting will be January 18, 2022.

Mr. Arroyo from SCDD announced that Ms. Sofia Cervantes will now be the primary contact for ELARC.

VI. Close

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm M/S/C (V. Orlina/Y. Sun) To adjourn meeting. Unanimous