



ELARC Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

January 18, 2022 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting- How to Join:

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Meeting ID: 864 2439 6829

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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, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Edith Espiritu

Guest Speaker: Katie Hornberger, SDP Ombudsperson

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

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

DDS Liaison: Perla Zuniga

Guests: (not a complete list) Kimberly Bermudez, E, iPhone

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Cathay Liu, Chair.

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

No community comments submitted

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

M/S/C (C. Blum/V. Orlina) To approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of November 16, 2021 as corrected. Unanimous

IV. Presentation: Self Determination Ombudsperson, Katie Hornberger

Katie Hornberger: shared the website and ways to get in contact with her. The focus is on improving the program. She works on complaints. Mr. Castaneda asked, what are the most common topics submitted. Ms. Hornberger responded that it's on the budget. Such questions as "how can I get the RC to agree to the budget I want?" Another question asked was if Ms. Hornberger is keeping a record of ethnicities of individuals that make calls and if she can guess the percentage of those who call you if they are they in the Hispanic/Latino community.

V. Updates

a. Statewide

- i. Trailer Bill Language update- Ms. Ortiz shared there have not been major updates on the SDP TBL, with the exception of the Department continuing to have stakeholders meetings.
- ii. DDS Directives – Ms. Ortiz shared that the FMS directive has been extended to February 12th, this information can be found on page 5 of the directive.
- iii. SSDAC- Chair, Ms. Liu shared that there has been no updates.

b. ELARC

- i. Case management- Ms. Perez provided updates on the enrollment numbers . Participants who have transitioned. Questions: Ms. Baptiste asked if the data is collected on a monthly basis. Ms. Ortiz replied yes, the department requests this data monthly.

Mr. Scarlis asked if they can get the report to include the new participants. Ms. Hernandez replied that we can provide that information.

Mr. Scarlis also inquired that back in April an excel sheet was provided that showed each family's status and where they were. Can the new people be included in the excel sheet? Ms. Hernandez responded that we don't have all families because DDS is tracking only those. But we can definitely provide the information requested. Mr. Scarlis requested to include IF's info as well. Ms. Hernandez indicated that can be available as well.

Ms. Baptiste asked if age range of those in SD can be provided. Ms. Hernandez shared that we can run those numbers.

- ii. Information & Training- Ms. Ortiz shared that the orientations, info sessions as well as Person Centered Planning workshops are offered monthly with alternating languages.

iii. Community Services- Ms. Harrell reported that the FMS focus group is led by one of the Community Services Specialist, Ms. Ursula Cerezo. Ms. Ortega and Ms. Ursula are part of the VAC, they will have a forum for the traditionally vendored providers. Regarding the FMS, there are not enough agencies and some are not that great quality. Ms. Liu brought up an issue with FMS and the flat rates, they don't have incentives to work with families with higher needs.

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 an update on the various projects. Including the distribution plan of the DVU booklets. Ms. Baptiste inquired if the FRC can obtain copies of the booklets. Ms. Ortiz will provided a box for distribution.

Mr. Scarlis inquired about the community conversations, are people encouraged to bring questions. Ms. Ortiz resided that people are encourage to ask questions as this is meant to be a conversation with their team. Mr. Scarlis inquired if we can add this to the flyer, Ms. Harrell responded that we can add this to the flyer.

ii. Fiscal Year 21/22 Funding Update- Ms. Harrell shared that we have not received any update from DDS.

VI. 2022 meetings-. Meeting schedule for this year: April 19, June 21, Sept 20, Nov 15. Additional meetings or trainings may be proposed if there is a need.

Mr. Joe Hernandez introduced himself from SCDD – SD manager. He is working with DDS to develop the statewide SDP orientation in plain language and broken down into 5 modules.

VII. Close

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm
M/S/C (V. Orlina/Y. Baptiste) To adjourn meeting. Unanimous