



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

September 20, 2022 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting information:

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(669) 900-9128 or (346) 248-7799

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The Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting was held by remote participation.

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

Members Absent: Maria Campos

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Judy Perez, Lily Ortega, Roxy Ortiz, Liz Ornelas, Lizette Villa, Veronica Valenzuela

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

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Liaison: Jason Francisco

Guests: (not a complete list) Rosario's iPad, iPhone (2), Kimberly Bermudez, Elsa F. (E Flores), Leo, Taleen Khatchadourian, Lisette Duarte, Pat Gomez, Lidia Reveles, Felicia Ford, Jen, G8 ThinQ, Patricia Rasconi, iPhone, June L, Lourdes Gomez

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Cathay Liu, Chair.

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Sofia Cervantes from SCDD announced that they held an Independent Facilitator training last month in Spanish about 62 participants attended.

A couple parents shared comments regarding non-payments and other issues from their FMS. Executive Director shared FMS payment schedule for agency processed three times a month. Associate Chief will follow up with parents.

Another parent shared comments regarding timeliness of starting services and challenges in communication with staff. Executive Director shared challenges with FMS statewide. Associate Chief and Consumer Services supervisor will follow up with parent.

Another parent inquired about the timeline for the PCP, Consumer Services supervisor shared that the agency tries to expedite the reimbursement for the PCP, depending on when invoice is submitted and the rest of paperwork it may be two weeks or a month.

Another parent shared comments on the self-determination program.

LVAC member, Ms. Baptiste shared about addressing issues early on.

- III. Approval of Draft Minutes for June 21, 2022 (ATT #1) and July 6, 2022 (ATT #2)
M/S/C (Y. Baptiste/J. Nieves) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of June 21, 2022 and July 6, 2022. Unanimous

IV. Updates

A. Statewide

1. Statewide FMS workgroup

Roxy provided update that the last statewide workgroup meeting was held on July 20, 2022. The department is finding solutions to the issues facing FMS providers. The most recent directive allows for the FMS fees to be paid by regional center instead of from the participant's budget.

LVAC member, Ms. Baptistes inquired about any efforts being done about increasing FMS. Supervisor responded that we have received interest from smaller organization in becoming FMS agencies.

IF shared a recommendation to analyze what's working and not working when working with FMS, especially if they are out of state. Information will be passed on to the Manager of Community Services. She also mentioned the need to have expertise in accounting and someone who knows numbers.

LVAC member, Mr. Sun suggested to have a training for staff to address the issues being brought up. Executive Director agreed and shared to work closely to identify the issues that need to be addressed as a form of training.

Chair, Ms. Liu suggested to allot time at end of meeting to continue with public comments.

2. DDS Directives-

a. Meetings of the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee for Self-Determination Program (ATT #3)

Roxy reported that this directive allows for the LVAC meeting to continue to meet remotely until July 2023.

b. Self-Determination program (SDP): Regional Center Payment of Financial Management Services for SDP Participants (ATT #4)

Roxy reported that this directive allows for the FMS fees to come off as POS instead of the individual's budget.

- c. Self-Determination program: Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports Guidance (ATT #5)
Lily reported that this directive allows for two options for the transitional services. One option is to continue under the current manner and the other option will now be available and will have transitional services included FMS services as well as a separate category for the PCP.

Executive Director, Ms. Wong made reference to a comment in the chat and shared that a sister regional center, FDLRC has developed a support group for individuals that are entering self-determination. We need to find another way of having an on-going dialogue outside of the LVAC, but this is a good starting point, something for David and Brendali to explore with sister regional center and what they have set up.

LVAC member, Ms. Baptiste mentioned support groups are more for emotional support. She suggested developing a community of practice. There are a lot of family members that would be a good partner to what they are doing at the FRC.

3. Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee- Cathay shared the statewide committee has not met.

B. ELARC

1. Case Management (ATT #6)- Supervisor, Ms. Ortega shared that there are 77 participants that are somewhere in different milestones. The process is very individualized and it can be a lengthy process for some individuals and a swifter process for others. The current total number of transitioned participants are 102 as of end of August.
2. Information and Training- Ms. Ortiz shared that we continue to provide monthly orientations broken down into two parts. Since our last report 53 individuals have gone through the trainings. We also continue to host info sessions, these do not require trainings to enter into self-determination, we have on-line modules for the info session in both Spanish and English as well. We are also working with our service providers and will be developing training materials for them.

Autism Society of LA shared an announcement that they are also doing Independent Facilitator training.

3. Community Services- Ms. Ortiz also shared that an SDP Electronic Visit Verification training will be offered later this year for the LVAC members and the community.

C. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (ATT #7)

1. Fiscal Year 19/20- Ms. Ortiz shared that these projects have been completed and the Spanish and English copies have been shipped and we'll be developing distribution plan.
 2. Fiscal Year 20/21 Projects Status- Ms. Ortiz asked LVAC member, Ms. Nieves to recuse herself as this agenda item will be discussing her contract. The contractor has worked with seven families, and those seven have declined to transition to SDP. The contract needs to be fulfilled by March 2023, there is still a large balance left. There are some options to explore, with the least desirable to return the funds back to the Department
 3. Fiscal Year 21/22- Ms. Ortiz shared contracts have been completed by both contractors. The Autism Society of LA to provide IF training in Spanish and Cantonese with an estimated 36 Spanish speaking IF and 24 Cantonese. Ochoa Consulting Form will be coaching and transitioning a total of 30 Spanish speaking families into SDP.
- V. 2023 Proposed dates (motion required): January 17, April 18, June 20, September 19, November 21- Motion required- Chair, Ms. Liu asked for a motion to approve the 2023 LVAC schedule. She also indicated that there may be times where special meetings may be called. M/S/C (J. Nieves/Y. Baptiste) to approve the 2-23 LVAC schedule for 2023. Unanimous
- VI. 2022 meeting date- Chair Ms. Liu announce the next meeting for November 15, 2022.
- Ms. Ortiz requested to add additional information to one of the agenda items. For the HAS project the report with recommendations have been submitted and volunteers for the LVAC is being requested to go over the plan of implementation. LVAC member, Ms. Baptiste volunteered.
- VII. Close- With there be no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourn at 8:04