



## Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

### November 15, 2022 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Zoom Meeting information:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189724494?pwd=ak9rdjRjdGV0enpXbngwaklRT2EvUT09>

You can also dial in using your phone

(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, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

**Members Absent:** Cathay Liu, Josefina Nieves, Maria Campos

**ELARC Staff:** Liz Harrell, Judy Perez, Liz Ornelas, Edith Hernandez, Maria Canas

**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) Pat Gomez, Anna, Iris Baker, Jacobeb Garcia, Elsa Flores

I. Welcome

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Sofia Cervantes w/ State Council- State Council is resuming SDP Orientations (added calendar to chat). Stats: Total of 25 SDP Orientations completed in Sept & Oct; total of 305 participants that attended and received certificate of completion. ---State Council will also continue to hold Monday trainings virtually at 10am

-Training series for Self-Advocates: Building Supportive Relationships & Dating. 2 training left for the year- one on 11/17 and one more date by end of yr (flyer added to chat). The training booklet has been developed by self-advocates and the presentation is conducted by self-advocates

Carol Camacho: What is ELARC's approach to change to 099 service code? There is a lot of hesitation from IFs to take on cases from ELARC

Liz H reviewed DDS Directive dated 7/28/22 re: Transition Supports

-Option A is still available (\$2500 cap)

-Option B: General Supports and FMS Supports

-cap of \$1000 for PCP/General supports

- cap of 40 hrs total
- will be only option available as of 02/01/23
- option A can still be chosen now and paid out past 02/01/23
- if IFs do not want to be vendored, there is still the option of purchase reimbursement
- for option B, planning team is responsible for deciding how 40 hrs will be divided between general supports and FMS supports
- Liz. H has sent out notice to SDP community/IFs
- Community Services Directors across the state have agreed to streamline 099 vendorization. Documents required will be very minimal, just the basics. Program Designs will not be required.
- Q: Iris Baker: is ELARC requiring a letter of interest? She is been asked for a letter of interest. Liz H to connect with her individually

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 20, 2022  
M/S/C to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of September 20, 2022.

IV. Updates

A. Statewide

DDS Directive released on 9/27/22 regarding Funding to Support Implementation of SDP allocated \$94,613.00 to ELARC. Discussion later in agenda will focus on how LVAC will decide to spend the funds.

No updates on SSDAC for now. Updates will be sent via email

Update on FMS: Statewide issues with one FMS provider resulted in DDS taking quick action to terminate vendorization. Termination impacted almost all regional centers statewide. At ELARC, there were 17 participants impacted. Another FMS provider was vendored very quickly to take on all participants that were served by other FMS. This new FMS agreed to retro pay funds that were owed to employees of the participants that had not been paid.

ELARC is currently working on the vendorization process with another 3 FMS vendors. They will start with just the Bill Payer model for now.

B. Case Management

➤ Graph presented by Liz O. w/ stats

-Out of 77 participants in preselected list, 55 have completely transitioned to SDP. Remainder of list remain active in different milestones of SDP process. However, there are some that are not sure if they want to move forward with process  
-Every yr there are more participants transitioning to SDP. 2019 there were 7 participants that transitioned over, 2020 there were 24, 2021 there were 28, 2022 there were 46.

- Centralization of SDP at ELARC has really helped to grow numbers of transitioned cases
- Traditional SCs are not being trained and supported by Participant Choice Specialists
- ELARC continues to offer SDP Orientations and PCT trainings
- ELARC is accepting State Council Orientations
- As of now, a total of 105 participants are enrolled/completely transition to SDP
- Q: Can clients that go into SDP remain with traditional SCs? Some were not given option
- When ELARC started centralization, the push was for transfer to SDSC. However, things have changed the last few months- families are given the option.
- How is ELARC helping families that might not want to do SDP but want more choices?
- Participant Choice Specialists at ELARC are started to provide info on PDS
- TDS regs have been revised to make it more flexible
- Family Coordinated Services pilot across the state
- Suggestions: would be great for ELARC to track data on how they choices affect SDP choice. Is ELARC tracking what other families are choosing other than SDP. Some families don't have the time for SDP.
- How many participants from pre-selected list and how many from open enrollment have transitioned to SDP?
- 55 from preselected list
- 50 from open enrollment
- Can ELARC track the active participants from the open enrollment, similar to tracking of preselected list? Would like to see where in the process the participants are that have completed the SDP orientation since open enrollment (Names, milestones reached, average time that the process takes).
- would like to also see what milestone is taking longer, what part of process has the most delays. (ELARC is tracking time in each milestone for preselected list, not open enrollment)
- some delays are cause because of lack of resources (ie. Waitlists with FMS vendors and lfs)
- Does ELARC track ethnicity? Yes, we do. Numbers can be presented to LVAC again

## 2. Information & Training

- ELARC continues to hold SDP Orientations, PCP Workshops (calendar on website). Also continue to accept certificates of completion of State Council SDP Orientations
- Community Services Dept is working on resource development to bring on more FMSs
- VAC SDP Forum as a learning community for our vendored providers. Next meeting scheduled for 11/22. Brendali created simple Road Map for vendors

## C. Funding to Support Implementation of SDP

- Fiscal Year 19/20- projects have closed
  - Helen Sanderson Associates Recommendations- some input came from Learning Communities/Community Conversations project
  
- Fiscal Year 20/21: Projects are still active
  - NestDan project (Josefina Nieves): out of 46 identified to participate, only completed 7
  - funds need to be expended by 06/2023 but DDS needs report by 03/2023
  - if funds are not spent Liz H. would like to bring it back to LVAC at later time to discuss how to reallocate
  - suggestions: Look at would didn't work w/NestDan to make sure it doesn't happen with Ochoa Consulting. Bring in an outside consultant to look at whole process (like a data analyst)
  - Liz H. to look into how much monies are left and will bring back to LVAC so that suggestions can be discussed
  
- Fiscal Year 22/23
  - Liz H. to provide Working Notes document to group to review some suggestions
  - propose to meet again 12/6/22 to focus on how to use these funds
  - RFP vs. voting by LVAC group
  - Some suggestions
    - FMS start-up
    - Research analyst
    - Connect parents with experience, like parent mentor program
    - Add to projects that are already working such as the Autism Society
    - Address what is not working such as the FMS
    - Instead of creating new venues for people to have to go to, meet them where they already are
    - Motion for 12/6/22 meeting approved (Yvette 1<sup>st</sup> motion, Carl 2<sup>nd</sup> motion)
    - Liz H. and Roxy will put out notice for meeting
    - DDS needs to know by 03/23 how funds will be spent. Funds need to be expended by 2025

V. 2023 Meeting dates: January 17, April 18, June 20, September 19, November 21-

Motion to end meeting approved (1<sup>st</sup> motion Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Carola)