



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

September 20, 2022 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting information:

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

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

Meeting ID: 851 8972 4494

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

Members Present: Alexander Scarlis, Carola Maranon, Josefina Nieves, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Carl Blum (excused), Cathay Liu (excused), Maria Campos, Mei Ye

ELARC Staff: Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas, Lonetta Johns-Yarleque, Roxy Ortiz

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

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Liaison: Perla Zuniga

Guests: (not a complete list) Alex Poet, Elsa F., Carla Leham, Lisette Duarte

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Josefina Nieves, Vice-Chair.

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Ms. Sofia Cervantes from SCDD announced that they have been conducting training every Monday at 10:00 am, this past Monday was the last one.

Ms. Elsa Flores shared being thankful for the SDP program

Ms. Yvette Batiste invited everyone to the annual Partnership Breakfast on December 13, 2022 from 9:30-11:30.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes

M/S/C (N. Orlina/Y. Baptiste) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of November 15, 2022. Unanimous

IV. 2022/2023 Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program

Review of the local priorities was conducted.

Mr. Yougen Sun shared a sentiment that this issue is bigger than the LVAC and it should be at the DDS level to tackle this. He suggested working with Fiesta Educativa, CPAD, FRC to get all population segments covered.

Ms. Josefina Nieves mentioned to try something different, stipend sounds good, but it's the outreach that needs to be more direct because a lot of families are left behind.

Ms. Yvette Baptiste mentioned the focus needs to be other families, SDP is a lot of work and that cuts out a large percentage of the population.

Vote for the top local priorities was conducted via a zoom poll during a zoom breakout session with LVAC members only.

The LVAC members voted for the top three from the local priorities list. (It was later suggested to identify four).

When LVAC members joined the main zoom room results were shared, with the top four being:

- Funds to support ELARC and FRC with development of on-going Community of Practice for participants.
- Fund for three to four "Meet & Greet" sessions throughout ELARC's service area for participants to mingle invite IFs and FMS and other resources
- Fund LVAC Speaker Series for Community
- Fund for development of cohort of adult individuals (self-advocates) to complete a Train the Trainer on SDP.

A suggestion WAS made was to combine three of these projects into one- Funds to support ELARC and FRC with development of on-going Community of Practice, the "Meet & Greet" sessions, and the speaker series. The development of cohort of adult individuals (self-advocates) to complete a Train the Trainer on SDP will be a separate contract.

Ms. Liz Harrell shared that she will put this together by the next meeting in January. The next piece is to identify how much funds will be spent on each.

Mr. Yougen Sun mentioned that he does not want to impose on Elsa, and suggested to have her three children be speakers. We can reach out with that idea, Ms. Josefina Nieves also volunteered.

Mr. Alex Scarlis shared that we need to figure out what will be going to each Meet & Greet, speakers' series and create these groups in their native language, fold in the outreach and start with existing participants. They are the ones who know and are the best source.

Ms. Elsa Flores son share his art work with the community.

Mr. Yougen Sun made an announcement that CPAD is offering a lot of webinars.

Ms. Carola Maranon shared her concern that she though the vendorization for 099 was going to be complex but it turn out that it did not seem complex.

V. Close- With there be no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourn at 7:22 pm.