



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

January 17, 2023 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting information:

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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, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Cathay Liu, Maria Campos

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Edith Hernandez, Lily Ortega, Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas, Roxy Ortiz, Veronica Valenzuela

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) Suzanne Gallegos, Kim Sinclair

- I. Welcome
Vice-Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 and welcome everyone
- II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)
Sofia Cervantes w/ State Council- State Council is continuing to provide SD orientations as well as offer trainings every Monday at 10:00 am. First training will be on Regional Center services.

Suzanne Galindo thanked Edith for her support offered in September on SDP, which sped up the process.
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes for December 6, 2022
Correction date should be December 6 not September 20.
Correction- page 2 add question if Community of Practice will be on participants native language M/S/C (Y. Sun/V. Orlina) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of December 6, 2022 as corrected.
- IV. Updates
 - A. Statewide

1. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directives

a. Self-Determination Program: Extensions and Development of Standardized Vendorization Packet

Roxy reviewed the directive extending the timeline for the transitional services for both option A and B. Liz added that there's workgroup reviewing one standardized packet that should be completed by March 1st

b. Self-Determination Program: Continuing the Individual Budget and Spending Plan

Lily reviewed and explained the options when the budget calculation goes over the date when w new budget needs to be in place.

2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC)

Vice-Chair Josefina shared that she was not able to attend the last SSDAC in December.

B. ELARC

1. Case Management

Lily reported on the progress report for both selected participants as well as open enrollment. She also reviewed the orientation sessions. Lily shared the role of the Participant Choice Specialist (PCS) being the main point of contact. The PCS working with community based organization to have meet & greet opportunities with FMS/IFs. Lily also shared that there is an sdp@elarc.org email address.

Question- Only two PCS? Do we need more? We got 3 PCS and Department allotted three per center. Currently there are two PCS in case management and one on Administration. It may not be enough as numbers grow.

Member Alex asked who is that email address available to? Everyone, PCS plus supervisors managing that email address. Is there an order people need to go through for example their SC first? This is a new email the next two months the info will go out.

Member Alex asked if 56 successfully transitioned. Two participants choosing to exit program, they're in the process of exiting. There's 50 spending plan completed, should there be 54? Participants may still be working on plan.

Member Yvette shared that when looking at chart you can't' compare the milestones, they're independent of each other.

3. Community Services

FMS crisis still continues, this Thursday the Statewide group will be meeting. At the local level we are moving to more FMS. We continue to monitor with concerns and work with those providers, issues of recruiting and QA complaints- we have to resolve these complaints. We have an FMS focus group as well as a VAC SDP Forum.

C. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (ATT #5)

1. Fiscal Year 20/21

- a. Suggested Motion to Approve: Reallocate \$19,000 from the 20/21 NestDan contract into a contract with Helen Sanderson Associates for printing of the orientation booklets in English and Spanish for a total of F 150-200 more guides.

Vice-Chair Josefina recused herself during this portion of the agenda. Roxy shared concerns as discussed previously and requested motion.

M/S/C (C. Blum/Y. Baptiste) to approved the reallocation of \$19,000 from the 20/21 NestDan contract into a contract with Helen Sanderson Associates for printing of the orientation booklets in English and Spanish for a total of F 150-200 more guides

2. Fiscal Year 21/22

- a. Autism Society of Los Angeles- IF Training

Contractor Kim Sinclair provided a brief overview of project. She shared that the flyer has been developed and is ready to be shared. There will be four trainings classes with simultaneous Spanish/Cantonese interpretation. The link is open to share with interested people. She will have pre/post test. Kim is requesting it promoting it in the community.

Member Mie inquired that Cantonese is the dialogue not the written language. She also shared about including Mandarin. Cantonese is the predominant language spoken in our community, Roxy to follow up with data.

Member Yvette inquired if there was a needs assessment? Yes there was. She would like to help with the outreach with parent leaders.

- b. Ochoa's Consulting- Parent Coaching Project

Roxy provided update for this project, they are at beginning stages of doing outreach. Just finalized flyer, PowerPoint and evaluation tools.

3. Fiscal Year 22/23

- a. Suggested Motion to Approve: Allocate \$60,600.13 to the Family Resource Center to implement Community of Practice/Meet&Greet/speaker series project and allocate \$34,000.00 to Tammy Evrard for the development of the cohort of adult self-advocates to complete a Train the Trainer on SDP in order to do outreach to ELARC adult population.

Liz presented update on contracts.

Suzanne shared that her son is an impact trainer and works with Tammy, and did first training at SGPRC.

Vice-Chair asked how many consumers? 6-10

Member Alex asked that in the past they have looked at proposals. Can they review proposals and work with smaller group. Liz shared that would entail another meeting, the membership is ok with another meeting.

The members who have presented proposals will need to recuse themselves. Would Mei also need to recuse herself since she works for the FRC? Sofia from SCDD replied that yes she would have to recuse herself.

Members would like to have another meeting and get proposals ahead of time to review. Special meeting set for Feb. 28 from 6:00-7:00 to make final determination. Roxy to get proposals to group.

- V. 2023 meeting dates: Special meeting February 28 and next meetings- April 18, June 20, September 19, November 21
- VI. Close- There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm