



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

February 28, 2023 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 7:00 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, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Cathay Liu (excused), Josefina Nieves, Monica Campos, Mei Ye

ELARC Staff: Liz Harrell, Roxy Ortiz, Laiza Valdovinos

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) Hanny, Maria T. Saavedra, Suzanne Gallegos and Ramon

- I. Welcome
Yougeng Sun (Acting as Chair) called meeting to order at 6:14pm and welcomed everyone
- II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)
An audience member shared a Mental Health training she attended at LRC. We will follow up and get information.
- III. Approval of Draft Minutes for January 17, 2023
Correction date should be January 17 not December
M/S/C (C. Blum/C. Maranon) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of January 17, 2023
- IV. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program 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.

It was suggested to start on the Tammy Evrard proposal.

Member Carl B. inquired if we have addressed the issue of the FMS, he's concerned that we do not have the fundamentals in place. Liz replied that FMS is bigger than what the LVAC funds can fix. Last week the FMS workgroup had meeting, they are moving already with some remedies such as changes to database, restructuring rate, and capacity building support.

This proposal is to empower individuals to empower other individuals.

Out of all client we have how many are at the level/point? He wants to know where the best place to put our money at this time is.

Member Yvette B. commented broad approach, role of LVAC is to encourage people to understand SD on issues that are important and underrepresented.

She also inquired how many people contractor is targeting. Liz replied between eight and ten.

Member Carola M. shared when the Latino community starts learning about Self Determination program, they are very hesitant. If we have Latino/Korean leaders in might pull the families in.

Member Carl B. shared he would vote to support this.

M/S/C (C. Blum/Y. Baptiste) to approve the allocation of \$34,000 for Tammy Evrard Consulting 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.

Member Alex S. shared that it does not have to be SDP participants, but priority should be going to SDP participants

Sofia Cervantes with State Council announced they are continuing to do their Monday Orientations. Starting in March, one Monday will be held in Spanish and one Monday in English.

Member Yvette B. recused herself as discussion of FRC proposal was going to be discussed.

Member Alex S. shared concern being raised with the cost, asking for \$60,000.00 for 3 meet and greets, that is about \$20,000.00 per meet and greet. 75% of the budget is for staff salaries, would DDS approve funds? Liz replied yes it would be part of contract. She provided example for provider contract 15% goes to administrative cost.

He mentioned that two of the members are part of the contract, we need to ask hard questions, HSA had Community Conversation with about \$40,000. Can we get a break down of each salary? Do it similar to Josefina contract with milestones.

Member Yougeng S. shared Mei has a support group of all Chinese parents (200 members). Perhaps Fiesta Educativa plays a crucial role with reaching out to ethnic groups with help form FRC, not entirely sure of their capability in Self Determination.

Maybe reach out to Fiesta, CPAD and HSA to also submit proposals. Liz will reach out to these organizations and have a conversation with FRC. And by the April meeting a decision can be made.

Member Carola M. suggested that when these organizations are being contact to make available different modalities (i.e. in person, or other).

- V. Close – Yougeng S. thanked everyone for taking the time and interest to meet. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

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