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**ELARC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022
Approved as Recorded on February 14, 2023**

Board Members Present:

Yougeng Sun, Vice-Chair
Richard Helgeson, Treasurer
Devora Reed, Secretary
Joe Utar, Parent
Marisol Guerrero, Consumer
Terry Munoz, Parent
Alex Wu, Consumer
Dalia Mendoza, Consumer
Kimberly Bermudez, VAC Representative

Staff Present:

Gloria Wong, Executive Director
Edith Hernandez-Daniels,
Chief of Consumer Services
Judy Perez,
Associate Chief of Consumer Services
Elizabeth Harrell,
Community Services Division Manager
Roxy Ortiz,
Information & Training Supervisor
Angie Salas, Executive Secretary

Absent:

Pat Gomez, Parent
Dr. Linda Lopez, President

Guests: Refer to Sign in Sheet

DUE TO THE CURRENT HEALTH CRISIS THE BOARD MEETING WAS HELD BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

I. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Richard Helgeson, Treasurer, as Board President, Dr. Linda Lopez, was unable to attend. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board meeting was held remotely. The arrangement consisted of a Zoom Conference/Teleconference line and material was displayed on agency website and available to all visitor participants with a link from the agency website. Mr. Helgeson welcomed all to the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Zoom Board of Directors Meeting.

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established in order to conduct necessary business.

II. Community Introductions/Opening Round:

The Board members and guests were asked to introduce themselves and were noted on the “Sign-In” sheet.

III. Community Input:

Comments from the community were addressed.

IV.

**Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Motion Required - Attachment #1**

M/S/C (Terry Muñoz/Youngeng Sun) To approve the BOD Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022 as recorded. Unanimous.

V. Executive Director’s Report

**1. National Core Indicators (NCI)
Attachment #2**

Gloria Wong, Executive Director, provided brief background information on the special community presentation of the “National Core Indicators (NCI)”. Ms. Wong noted all Regional Centers are required to present to the community the results of the most recent NCI survey results. A survey is conducted every two (2) years alternating the focus: “Family/Guardian (FGS)” and “Adult Family (AFS)” surveys. Presentation is based on the most recent survey results, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-’20 “Family/Guardian” and the “Adult Family”. The full 56 page report is posted on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and ELARC’s website.

Ms. Wong introduced the presenter, Judy Perez, Associate Chief of Consumer Services, utilized a power point format to review and highlight survey results.

Mrs. Perez began the presentation by citing Welfare & Institution (W&I) Code 4571 which requires the implementation of a statewide quality assessment survey in an effort to measure family satisfaction. Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. The State Council on

Developmental Disabilities conducts the surveys and the data is analyzed by the Human Services Research Institutes.

Mrs. Perez shared the criteria for survey participation as follows:

- 1) FGS: sent to families who have an adult family member who does not live with respondent and receives at least one service, other than case management.
- 2) AFS: sent to families who have an adult family member who lives with respondent and receives at least one service, other than case management.

The presentation opened up with a demographic analysis of ELARC survey participants which included information on:

- Demographics
- Information and Planning
- Access and Delivery of Services and Supports
- Choice, Decision Making and Control
- Involvement in the Community
- Satisfaction with Services and Supports

Mrs. Perez reported the 2019-'20 collection cycle began July 1, 2019 and ended Jun 30, 2020. Data collection continued through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first part of the presentation focused on the 2019/2020 "Family/Guardian Survey" (FGS). The following represents the areas of focus for the presentation. It was noted that the survey response are compared to:

- 1) ELARC family/respondent responses
- 2) "California" representing the 21 Regional Center responses
- 3) Nationwide response of administered "NCI" surveys

2019/'20 Family/Guardian Survey (FGS)

This survey focuses on families who have an adult family member who does not live with respondent and receives at least one service, other than case management.

DEMOGRAPHICS (FGS)

Survey Demographic Profiles Reviewed:

**Table 1
Family Member's Residence**

	Specialized Facility for People with ID	Group Home or Agency-Operated Apartment	Independent Home or Apartment	Adult Foster Care or Host Family Home	Nursing Home	Homeless	Other	N
ELARC	16%	42%	35%	2%	3%	0%	3%	120
CA	14%	43%	35%	2%	1%	0%	6%	5,198
NCI	12%	59%	19%	8%	1%	0%	2%	9,233

**Table 2
Family Member's Residential Designation**

	Urban or Suburban	Rural	N
ELARC	100%	0%	119
CA	94%	6%	5, 120
NCI	84%	16%	9, 121

**Table 3
Family Member's Age**

	Yes	No
ELARC	45.9	121
CA	42.8	5,146
NCI	45.4	9,163

**Table 4
Family Member's Gender**

	Male	Female	Other	N
ELARC	62%	38%	0%	123
CA	61%	39%	0%	5,269
NCI	60%	40%	n/a	9,353

**Table 5
Family Member's Race and Ethnicity**

	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African America	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic or Latino	Other
ELARC	7%	31%	28%	1%	7%	38%	11%
CA	13%	38%	32%	1%	5%	24%	13%
NCI	22%	39%	31%	12%	14%	54%	24%

Table 6
Family Member's Disabilities (not mutually exclusive)

	Intellectual Disability	Mood Illness or Psychiatric Disorder	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Cerebral Palsy	Limited or No Vision	Severe or Profound Hearing Loss
ELARC	58%	34%	40%	17%	9%	3%
CA	67%	28%	33%	17%	7%	6%
NCI	75%	36%	28%	16%	8%	6%

Table 7
Family Member's Disabilities

	Brain Injury	Seizure Disorder Neurological Problem	Chemical Dependency	Down Syndrome	Prader-Willi Syndrome	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Other
ELARC	8%	26%	1%	9%	1%	1%	8%
CA	10%	25%	1%	8%	1%	1%	13%
NCI	10%	27%	1%	10%	1%	2%	13%

Table 11
Family Member's Preferred Language

	English	Spanish	Mandarin	Tagalog	Vietnamese	N
ELARC	83%	8%	3%	1%	0%	122
CA	94%	2%	0%	0%	0%	5,221
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 12
Family Member's Preferred Language (continued)

	Arabic	Armenian	Farsi	Khomg	Korean	N
ELARC	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	122
CA	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5, 221
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 13
Family Member's Preferred Language (continued)

	Khmer	Lao	Russian	ASL	Other	N
ELARC	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	122
CA	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	5,221
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 14
Family Member Has Legal Court Appointed Guardian or Conservator

	None	Limited	Full	Has Guardianship but Level is Unknown	N
ELARC	41%	59%	n/a	n/a	109
CA	45%	55%	n/a	n/a	4,754
NCI	26%	25%	44%	4%	8,649

**Table 32
Respondents Age**

	Under 35	35-54	55-74	75 and Older	N
ELARC	0%	9%	58%	33%	121
CA	1%	8%	59%	32%	5,214
NCI	2%	13%	62%	24%	9,270

**Table 33
Respondent's Health**

	Excellent	Very Good	Fairly Good	Poor	N
ELARC	16%	34%	39%	11%	122
CA	18%	44%	32%	6%	5,213
NCI	18%	46%	32%	5%	9,280

**Table 34
Respondent's Relationship to Family Member**

	Parent	Sibling	Spouse	Grandparent	Public Guardian	Private Guardian	Other	N
ELARC	68%	23%	0%	0%	1%	1%	7%	123
CA	89%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5,218
NCI	66%	19%	0%	1%	3%	3%	7%	9,280

**Table 35
Respondent's Frequency of Visits with Family Member in the Past Year**

	Did Not Visit	1 - 3 Times	4 – 6 Times	7 – 12 Times	More Than 12 Times	N
ELARC	5%	11%	11%	11%	61%	122
CA	5%	9%	8%	10%	68%	5,194
NCI	3%	9%	11%	12%	65%	9,242

Summary: following is the demographics respondents of the majority responses:

- 1) Group Home Placement for consumer results largest respondent
- 2) Respondent age group, gender & ethnicity: 45.9 / Male/ Hispanic
- 3) Consumer Rx representation: Intellectual Disability
- 4) Preferred language: English
- 5) Court Appointed: Limited
- 6) Respondent age: 55-74
- 7) Respondents Relationship: Parent (68%)
- 8) Results last year: More than 12x a year

The following five (5) sections represent a highlight of select questions from the completed “Family/Guardian Surveys” (FGS) intended to measure satisfaction of service delivery by ELARC.

I. INFORMATION & PLANNING

- 1) Is information from the Regional Center offered in your preferred language?

	Yes	No
ELARC	92%	8%
CA	98%	2%
NCI	n/a	n/a

2) Is the information you get about services and supports easy to understand?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	37%	44%	16%	4%
CA	49%	41%	9%	2%
NCI	42%	46%	10%	2%

3) Does the case manager/service coordinator respect your family's choices and opinions?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	56%	36%	6%	5%
CA	59%	28%	7%	6%
NCI	65%	28%	5%	3%

4) Does your family member get all the services listed in the IPP?

	Yes	No
ELARC	87%	13%
CA	91%	9%
NCI	93%	7%

II. ACCESS AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT

1) Are you or your family member able to contact his/her workers when you want to?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	55%	35%	7%	3%
CA	53%	34%	8%	5%
NCI	59%	33%	6%	2%

2) Do support workers come and go when they are supposed to?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	57%	34%	9%	n/a
CA	51%	40%	6%	2%
NCI	54%	39%	5%	1%

3) Can your family member see health professionals when needed?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	60%	32%	6%	2%
CA	67%	27%	5%	1%
NCI	74%	23%	3%	1%

4) Does your family get the supports and services it needs?

	Yes	No
ELARC	85%	15%
CA	86%	14%
NCI	90%	10%

III. CHOICE, DECISION MAKING AND CONTROL

1) Can your family choose or change the individual staff that provides services to your family member?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	43%	13%	10%	34%
CA	33%	24%	14%	29%
NCI	32%	21%	14%	33%

2) Do service providers for your family member work together to provide support?

	Yes	No
ELARC	90%	10%
CA	91%	9%
NCI	93%	7%

IV. INVOLEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

1) For your family member, what makes it hard to take part in activities in the community?

	Lack of Transportation	Cost	Lack of Support Staff	Stigma	Other
ELARC	16%	18%	17%	8%	28%
CA	21%	20%	17%	10%	25%
NCI	15%	15%	22%	8%	24%

2) In your community, are there resources that your family can use that are not provided by the regional center?

	Yes	No
ELARC	83%	17%
CA	82%	18%
NCI	82%	18%

V. SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

1) Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	41%	44%	12%	3%
CA	41%	46%	10%	3%
NCI	43%	46%	9%	2%

2) Do you feel that services and supports have made a positive difference in the life of your family member?

	Yes	No
ELARC	96%	4%
CA	95%	5%
NCI	96%	4%

- 3) Have the services or supports that your family member received during the past year been reduced, suspended, or terminated?

	Yes	No
ELARC	10%	90%
CA	11%	89%
NCI	11%	89%

- 4) Have the services or supports that your family member received been increased in the past year?

	Yes	No
ELARC	20%	80%
CA	20%	80%
NCI	19%	81%

- 5) Are services and supports helping your family member to live a good life?

	Yes	No
ELARC	96%	4%
CA	96%	4%
NCI	97%	3%

Comments from the community were addressed.

2019/2020 Adult Family Survey (AFS)

This survey focuses on families who have an adult family member served by ELARC who *lives with* the respondent and receives at least one service other than case management.

The following sixteen (16) sections were reviewed as part of the presentation.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Survey Demographic Profiles Reviewed:

Table 4

I. Family Member's Race and Ethnicity

	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African America	Pacific Islander	White	Hispanic or Latino	Other
ELARC	1%	22%	1%	1%	17%	64%	1%
CA	2%	16%	9%	1%	43%	37%	2%
NCI	2%	9%	13%	1%	59%	22%	1%

Table 5

II. Family Member's Disabilities (not mutually exclusive)

	Intellectual Disability	Mood Illness or Psychiatric Disorder	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Cerebral Palsy	Limited or No Vision	Severe or Profound Hearing Loss
ELARC	53%	21%	42%	14%	8%	4%
CA	59%	20%	38%	17%	9%	6%
NCI	65%	23%	36%	18%	9%	7%

Table 6
III. Family Member's Disabilities (continued)

	Brain Injury	Seizure Disorder Neurological Problem	Chemical Dependency	Down Syndrome	Prader-Willi Syndrome	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	Other
ELARC	10%	22%	1%	14%	1%	0%	11%
CA	10%	22%	1%	15%	1%	1%	14%
NCI	10%	26%	1%	16%	1%	1%	17%

Table 10
IV. Family Member's Preferred Language

	English	Spanish	Mandarin	Tagalog	Vietnamese	N
ELARC	63%	21%	3%	0%	1%	589
CA	74%	14%	1%	1%	1%	14,464
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 11
V. Family Member's Preferred Language (continued)

	Korean	Arabic	Armenian	Farsi	Hmong	N
ELARC	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	589
CA	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14,464
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 12
VI. Family Member's Preferred Language (continued)

	Khmer	Laos	Russian	ASL	Other	N
ELARC	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	589
CA	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	14,464
NCI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Table 13
VII. Family Member Has Legal Court Appointed Guardian or Conservator

	No Guardianship	Limited	Full	Has Guardianship but Level is Unknown	N
ELARC	42%	58%	n/a	n/a	554
CA	42%	58%	n/a	n/a	13,477
NCI	37%	33%	28%	2%	17,813

Table 14
VII. Guardian or Conservator Relationship to Family Member

	Family	Friend	State Employee or Guardianship Agency	Other	N
ELARC	97%	2%	1%	1%	545
CA	96%	1%	0%	1%	7,433
NCI	96%	1%	1%	3%	10,330

Table 25**IX. Family Member's Support Needs for Self-Injurious, Disruptive, and/or Destructive Behaviors**

	No Support Needed	Some Support Needed	Extensive Support Needed	N
ELARC	52%	30%	18%	576
CA	51%	30%	19%	14,151
NCI	52%	31%	18%	18,570

Table 26**X. Family Member's Level of Help Needed With Personal Care Activities (e.g., bathing, dressing, eating)**

	No Support Needed	Some Support Needed	Extensive Support Needed	N
ELARC	31%	35%	34%	584
CA	29%	35%	36%	14,380
NCI	26%	36%	38%	18,893

Table 27**XI. Family Member's Need for Help With Other Daily Activities (e.g., scheduling, managing money, or shopping)**

	No Support Needed	Some Support Needed	Extensive Support Needed	N
ELARC	10%	31%	59%	576
CA	9%	26%	65%	14,241
NCI	7%	21%	72%	18,740

XII. INFORMATION & PLANNING

1) Is the information you get about services and supports easy to understand?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	51%	34%	13%	2%
CA	46%	39%	13%	2%
NCI	38%	43%	16%	3%

2) Does the case manager/service coordinator respect your family's choices and opinions?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	71%	21%	7%	1%
CA	69%	22%	6%	2%
NCI	73%	21%	5%	1%

3) Do you have enough information about other public services for which your family is eligible?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	42%	29%	18%	11%
CA	32%	31%	19%	17%
NCI	33%	34%	18%	15%

4) Does your family member get all the services listed in the IPP?

	Yes	No
ELARC	91%	9%
CA	88%	12%
NCI	88%	12%

XIII. ACCESS AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT

1) Are you or your family member able to contact his/her workers when you want to?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	57%	28%	12%	3%
CA	51%	33%	11%	5%
NCI	56%	33%	8%	3%

2) Are services delivered in a way that is respectful of your family's culture?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	77%	18%	4%	1%
CA	78%	19%	3%	1%
NCI	80%	17%	2%	1%

3) Does your family member's primary care doctor understand your family member's needs related to his/her disability?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	62%	28%	8%	2%
CA	61%	29%	8%	2%
NCI	63%	28%	7%	2%

4) Does your family get the supports and services it needs?

	Yes	No
ELARC	81%	19%
CA	77%	23%
NCI	78%	22%

- 5) If your family does not get the support and services needed, what additional services does your family need?

	Counseling	Family-to-Family Networks	Support/Training To Use Family Member's Assistive Technology	Other
ELARC	36%	16%	16%	31%
CA	26%	15%	16%	39%
NCI	22%	15%	15%	37%

XIV. CHOICE, DECISION MAKING AND CONTROL

- 1) Can your family choose or change the agency that provides services to your family member's services?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	52%	26%	9%	13%
CA	49%	29%	9%	13%
NCI	62%	24%	6%	8%

- 2) Do service providers for your family member work together to provide support?

	Yes	No
ELARC	79%	21%
CA	79%	21%
NCI	81%	19%

XV. INVOLEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1) Does your family member take part in activities in the community?

	Yes	No
ELARC	79%	21%
CA	79%	21%
NCI	83%	17%

2) For your family member, what makes it hard to take part in activities in the community?

	Lack of Transportation	Cost	Lack of Support Staff	Stigma	Other
ELARC	14%	16%	16%	10%	21%
CA	17%	16%	15%	13%	23%
NCI	16%	15%	16%	12%	25%

XVI. SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

1) Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom/Never
ELARC	50%	35%	13%	3%
CA	41%	40%	14%	3%
NCI	40%	43%	13%	4%

2) Do you feel that services and supports have made a positive difference in the life of your family member?

	Yes	No
ELARC	95%	5%
CA	93%	7%
NCI	94%	6%

3) Have services helped keep your family member in your home?

	Yes	No
ELARC	91%	9%
CA	85%	15%
NCI	n/a	n/a

4) Have the services or supports that your family member received been reduced, suspended, or terminated?

	Yes	No
ELARC	12%	88%
CA	12%	88%
NCI	13%	87%

5) Have the services and supports helping your family member been increased in the past year?

	Yes	No
ELARC	24%	76%
CA	23%	77%
NCI	21%	79%

6) Are services and supports helping your family member to live a good life?

	Yes	No
ELARC	94%	6%
CA	92%	8%
NCI	93%	7%

Comments from the community were addressed.

In summary Mrs. Perez presented the above selected questions and responses from the AFS.

The final step is to submit a report to DDS, within 60 days following the annual community presentation. The report will include:

- Copies of Presentation
- Minutes from the Community Meeting
- Attendees Comments
- Regional Center recommendations and plans

- Areas of Focus

Comments from the community were addressed.

**2. Assembly Bill (AB) 637 Public Hearing - Motion Required
ATT #3, Handout #3 and ATT #4**

Gloria Wong, Executive Director, reported on two (2) Assembly Bill (AB) 637 requests to be submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for rate exception approval. Ms. Wong provided brief background information on AB 637.

**Proposed New Rate Model for Licensed Psychologists
ATT #3 and Handout #3**

Elizabeth Harrell, Consumer Services Manager, presented on AB 637 (ATT #3). Mrs. Harrell noted AB 637 is a proposal to establish a new rate model for licensed psychologists. The shortage of licensed psychologists has resulted in unmet timelines for assessments and evaluations which are to be completed within 45 days for the Early Start age group. The rate support is needed to establish a competitive rate for this service above the statewide median rate. This will allow for a network of providers to comply with the time sensitive deadlines. It was noted that same minor changes to "Attachment #3" were reflected in a revised version "Handout #3". The minor distinctions were reviewed.

Comments from the community were addressed.

M/S/C (Devora Reed/Terry Muñoz) To approve Assembly Bill (AB) 637/1543/1106 Proposal for Proposed New Rate Model for Licensed Psychologists as recorded. Unanimous.

**Innovative means to Gain Access to Newly Restored Services
ATT #4**

Mrs. Harrell presented on AB 637-1543 Proposal Innovative Means to Gain Access to Newly Restored Services. This waiver is presented to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as a request to have the newly restored services social recreation and camp fall under what is

considered “participant directed services” which will allow the Regional Center to be able to use and fund a Fiscal Management Services (FMS).

Edith Hernandez-Daniels, Chief of Consumer Services, shared the flexibility of Regional Center being able to fund for these services through the FMS which will be helpful to families.

M/S/C (Yougeng Sun/Terry Muñoz) To approve Assembly Bill (AB) 637/1543 Proposal Innovative Means to Gain Access to Newly Restored Services as recorded. Unanimous.

**3. DDS Response: 2022 Board Composition Survey
ATT #5**

Gloria Wong, Executive Director, provided background information on the Board Composition Survey. Ms. Wong reported the Board Composition Survey is submitted to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) every August on an annual basis by each Regional Center. Correspondence from DDS dated 10/25/22 indicated that ELARC has met all of the requirement under the Lanterman Act specifically on W&I Code 4622, which defines the requirements for the composition of the Board of Directors.

No comments from the Community.

**4. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directive
Extension of Waivers & Modifications due to COVID-19
Attachment #6**

Attachment #6

Ms. Wong reviewed DDS newest directive issued October 24, 2022, which extends previously issued waivers.

**5. Self-Determination (SDP) Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC)
Handout #1**

Gloria Wong, Executive Director, provided background information on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee (LVAC).

Judy Perez, Associate Chief of Consumer Services, reported on the current number of consumers in the Self-Determination Program and the various stages of the SD process:

- 77 Individuals that are currently active in the Self-Determination Program
- 55 Successfully transitioned over to SDP
- 33 Completed Person Center Plan
- 54 Obtained Fiscal Management Service (FMS)
- 54 Completed and signed IPP's
- 50 Spending plans completed
- 53 Individual budgets certified
- 74 SD Participants completed orientation for SDP

Mrs. Perez reported as of September 2022 there are 105 SD participants who have successfully transitioned to the SDP since the open enrollment began in July 2021.

Mrs. Perez shared that ELARC orientations continue to be well attended. The orientations are also offered by the State Council.

Next SD LVAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00pm on Zoom. Information is available on ELARC's website.

Ms. Wong provided background information on the statewide problem on the shortage of vendored Financial Management Services (FMS) service agencies. DDS is aware of this dilemma and is working with Regional Centers to find a solution to this pressing matter.

No comments from the community.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) - (Marisol Guerrero)

Patrick Schattilly, ELARC Consumer Advocate, and the CAC Leadership team met in October and discussed the upcoming CAC elections that will take place in March of 2023.

Guest speaker, Gina Esparza, Emergency Management Officer, will be presenting on Emergency Preparedness at the next CAC meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022.

On the Consumers Advocate’s desk:

1. The 2023 CAC meeting schedule is complete and will be posted after November 15.
2. Patrick Schattilly and his unit have updated the CAC webpage and CAC brochure. The brochure is available in English, Spanish and Chinese.
3. Patrick Schattilly is also working to make sure all consumers of ELARC who are eligible to vote register and case a ballot in the 2022 election.

B. Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) - (Kimberly Bermudez)

Kimberly Bermudez, VAC Vice-Chair, reported on the Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) activities. Updates noted from the meeting and discussions included:

- Continue to encourage vendors to participate and join the VAC Self-Determination forum
- Information provided regarding the ending of “Alternative Services”
- Pending update on “Financial Management Services” (FMS)
- Information provided on tailored “Day Services”
- Service Provider check-in’s continue
- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023

C. Finance/Personnel Committee (Joe Utar/Richard Helgeson)

There was no meeting of the Board Finance/Personnel Committee.

VII. Miscellaneous Announcements

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00pm.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the motion was made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 7:50pm - Unanimous.

M/S/C (Dahlia Mendoza/Kimberly Bermudez). Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Devora Reed,
Secretary, ELARC Board of Directors

Recorded by: Angie Salas,
Executive Secretary