



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

April 18, 2023 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting information:

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(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, Alejandra Cardenas, Carl Blum, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Carola Maranon (excused), Cathay Liu (excused), Mei, Ye (excused), Josefina Nieves

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell, Edith Hernandez, Roxy Ortiz, Laiza Valdovinos, Lizette Villa, Lily Ortega, Liz Ornelas, Judy Perez,

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): Kim Sinclair, Sonia Valdez, Suzanne Gallegos and Ramon, Elsa Flores, Alex De Anda, Trina Morell

I. Welcome

Yougeng Sun (Acting as Chair) called meeting to order at 6:03 pm and welcomed everyone

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Sofia Cervantes shared that SCDD continues to do trainings every Monday on Regional Center. SCDD SDP Committee met in early February to review the professional conduct for members that covers encourages civility, conflict of interest. Request was made to share conduct policy.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for February 28, 2023

Correction: Page 2, second to last paragraph community conversations should read community conversations, plural.

M/S/C (Y. Baptiste/C. Blum) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of February 28, 2023

IV. Updates

A. Statewide

1. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directives
 - a. Self-Determination Program: Financial Management Services Payment- Roxy Ortiz reviewed directive
 - b. Self-Determination Program: Updates to Billing Processes- Roxy Ortiz Reviewed directive
 - c. Self-Determination Program: Self-Determination Program: Standardized Vendorization Packet for Pre-Enrollment Support- Roxy Ortiz reviewed directive. Liz Harrell added that there were trainings on the standardized packet.
2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC)- no report provided

B. ELARC

1. Case Management- Lizette Villa provided presentation on most recent data and demographics as it relates to self-determination

There were concerns with the average timeline and members wanted to see a comparison of the ethnicities next to it. People should not wait a year to start. Next time bring those more specific numbers.

Carl Blum would like to see 90% of the people processed by six months.

Alex Scarlis would like to see language breakdown and wants to know who is not being transitioned- people who dropped out, where they are in the process (to look at bottleneck)

2. Community Services- no updates, there was a scheduled meeting today but it got cancelled. We have added a quality assurance unit got them going with FMS issues.

Elsa Flores had a questions when there is a QA issue with provider outside ELARC area, who does QA? We reach out to that vendoring regional center and we are part of that meeting, sometimes we loop in DDS.

Virgilio Orlina- waiting for transition, if there is a crisis with FMS how long is the wait, and should he go with participant directed services or self-determination.

Liz Harrell shared that state is assuring they're working on it.

Carl Blum suggested putting a crisis team until they get things figured out.

Gloria Wong mentioned top person is really aware of the situation, suggested to exert pressure to DDS as an LVAC member or on behalf of all LVAC members.

Carl Blum suggested drafting a letter as a committee to DDS to develop a crisis team.

Roxy Ortiz to draft out letter before next committee meeting and have it reviewed.

Perla Zuniga will go back and elevate the issue along with the letter.

Yvette Baptiste inquired to ask DDS what issues are that are preventing from increasing rates. Liz Harrell replied that next time will meet with DDS and report back.

Carl Blum asked if we can take action on their own. Gloria Wong replied that we can't do that, as we can't set rates. It took a while to get it off the ground, for us to be independent, we can't jeopardize it.

Alex Scarlis suggested for Cathay Liu to bring it up to state level and get all 21 LVACs to sign letter. He inquired if there are limitations for LVAC for lobbying. SCDD will follow up.

Youngeng Sun asked if ARCA has a role in lobbying on behalf of LVAC. Gloria Wong responded that they are involved in discussion.

C. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program

1. Fiscal Year 20/21

a. Helen Sanderson Associates- English/Spanish guides. Roxy Ortiz provided update that all guides have been received and are being distributed.

2. Fiscal Year 21/22

a. Autism Society of Los Angeles- IF Training. Roxy Ortiz provided update on current IF trainings completed as well as number of participants attending. Kim Sinclair added

b. Ochoa's Consulting- Parent Coaching Project- Roxy Ortiz provided update that first part of contract has been completed.

3. Fiscal Year 22/23

a. Community Engagement and Training Project Proposals (Motion Required)- Yvette Baptiste and Alejandra Cardenas recused themselves

Liz Harrell updated the members she reached out to HAS, CPAD, and Fiesta Educativa as the members had requested to do a comparison proposal. She mentioned that HAS is not doing in person trainings, and CPAD also declined as they had been awarded other grants. Fiesta Educativa submitted a proposal. There were concerns with the Fiesta Educativa proposal that it did not meet or identified the needs requested.

Alex Scarlis had some concerns about the FRC proposal with only having three meet and greet versus HSA who had about 8 eight community conversations. Would like to see more of a milestone contract over one year and cut cost. Inquired if primary reason why people moving forward because of FMS issue.

Suggested motion- approve proposal for the Family Resource Center/Heluna Health for fiscal year 2022/2023 community engagement and training project with the understanding that we will develop a milestone contract with set deliverables including but not limited to a specific number of the Community of Practice, meet and greet, speaker series.

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Roxy Ortiz to inquire if motion can be approved without having a quorum.

Addendum: Sofia Cervantes from SCDD consulted with Roxy Ortiz and clarified that once a quorum is established and later in the meeting quorum is not met (or is lost), motions can still be approved.

Yvette Baptiste and Alejandra Cardenas were contacted to join the meeting.

- V. 2023 LVAC Chair & Vice-Chair Elections- Roxy Ortiz shared that current Chair and Vice Chair's terms will be ending this year and begin thinking if they want to run for these positions. At next meeting we will begin taking nominations for a September election and installed new officers in November.
- VI. 2023 meeting dates: June 20, September 19, November 21
- VII. Close- No need to have motion to end meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:37