



## Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

### November 21, 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, Carl Blum, Carola Maranon, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

**Members Absent:** Alejandra Caldera, Cathay Liu, Josefina Nieves (excused)

**ELARC Staff:** Adriana Villasana, Edith Hernandez, Gloria Wong, Lily Ortega, Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas, Maria Colon, Roxy Ortiz

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

**Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Liaison:**

**Guests:** Azucena Bustillos (interpreter), Carla Lehmann, Juan, Olivia Hinojosa, Stella Ramirez, A.C.

I. Welcome

Yougeng Sun called meeting to order at 6:02pm and welcome everyone

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Carla Lehmann (Independent Facilitator) shared she is assisting one of her clients in transitioning to Self-Determination and is having some issues with the process, asked who else in ELARC could assist her and her client. Edith let her know she would work with her and the family to get more information to assist them with this matter.

Stella Ramirez shared a similar matter, her client's case is a standstill. There has been no communication or involvement from the Service Coordinator. Edith and Maria Colon both let her know they would assist her with the matter.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for September 19, 2023

M/S/C (C. Blum/Y. Baptiste) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of September 19, 2023.

IV. Updates

A. Statewide

1. Roxy provided updates on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directives:

- a. Self-Determination Program: Financial Management Services Payments has extended this requirement through December 31, 2024
- b. Self-Determination Program: Service Provider Background Checks provided clarification as to the two (2) groups who will require background checks and the individuals not required by the department.

Yvette asked for clarification on the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the statement, she asked if this regional center has any contradicting rules about it. Liz provided clarification and answered her question.

- c. Self-Determination Program: Meetings of the Local Volunteer Advisory Committee provided clarification on conducting meetings of LVAC.

2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC)

SSDDAC had a meeting on September 28, 2023, ELARC did not receive notice of the meeting, and no ELARC LVAC members were present in the meeting. Mr. Sun shared he will be receiving an email notification about the SSDAC, once he receives the notification he will be in contact with Roxy to talk about who will be attending.

B. ELARC

1. Community Services

Liz shared Fiscal Management Services (FMS). There is a statewide effort amongst the 21 Regional Centers, there is an opportunity for regional centers to put in proposals for what is called startup funds for extraordinary circumstances. The regional centers are looking at putting a proposal to DDS of about 2 million dollars per regional center to develop at least one, if not more statewide FMS's. All the regional centers will have the same Request for proposal (RFP). They anticipate the proposal going out around late January 2024 or early February, with RFP going out immediately right after.

Liz gave some updates to provide clarification to questions brought to her attention in regards to the 099 vendorization.

- Service Code 099 will be requiring liability insurance. Gloria provided additional background as to the practices of liability insurance.
- ELARC has a total of five (5) Independent Facilitators serviced under 099 (Ms. Cao, Resilience Facilitation, Neuro Diversity, Ochoa's Consulting and Iris Barker)
- In order to honor option A, Independent Facilitators need to have developed the Person Centered Plan for the families they've been supporting prior to December 31, 2023 to honor Option A.

Liz shared the newly released directive around the funding to support implementation of the SD program. The 2023-2024 funds are available, ELARC have about \$92,000 in which a decision needs to be on how to spend it. A suggestion is to have a fund startup funds available for insurance coverage for these 099 general supports and independent facilitators to help them launch.

## 2. Case Management

Maria Colon provided an update on the most recent date and demographics on the Self-Determination Program Participant's Progress as it relates to Self-Determination (Att #5)

Lily Ortega gave an update on our staff and training. Currently there are seven (7) Service Coordinators specializing in Self-Determination with a case load of 1:40. In January of 2024 we will be kicking off a transition of training for all staff, we will be retraining all staff who originally attended the orientation. Case Management Supervisors will also have a break out session for trainings.

Beginning January or February many of the families attending the orientation will now have to stay and receive case management through their traditional Service Coordinator.

Gloria provided additional clarification about the Total Numbers of Active Participants in SDP. Liz Ornelas also gave some input.

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

### 1. Fiscal Year 21/22

- a. Roxy provided an update on Autism Society of Los Angeles-IF Training. The next training will be in March 2024, there is 11 Spanish speaking facilitators and 5 Cantonese speaking facilitators.
- b. Roxy provided an update on Ochoa's Consulting-Parent Coaching Project. They are currently on stage two (2) in the process of working with 30 families to develop the one page profile and person centered plan.

### 2. Fiscal Year 22/23

- a. Roxy gave an update on Tammy Evrard Consulting. Contractor Tammy has been working with Consumer Advocate Patrick Schattilly, the flyer has been finalized. They will go through an interview process with an application will be developed with a series of questions to identify about 8-10 advocates to become subject matter experts on Self-Determination
- b. Updated was provided for Heluna Health/Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center wants to do 3 projects (Community of Practice, Meet & Greet, and Speakers Series). Information was provided by Yvette Baptiste and Olivia Hinojosa. FRC had their first event, kick-off for Community of Practices, their consultant provided a training for the community. They will be having their first Meet & Greet on December 8,

2023 with the intent to have families, consumers, providers, and regional centers who have interest in this subject.

3. Fiscal Year 23/24

Liz went over the directive “Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program”. She went over some suggestions on needs identified in the past. The funding amount ELARC has is \$92,357.94. Liz wants to put together something that captivates what we’ve seen in these meetings as the priorities, what we’ve discussed and what we might want to invest in. she will include an amount for this fund for 099 insurance. The proposal will go out via email in December and would like a decision to be made in the January 19, 2024 meeting.

V. 2024 Proposed dates: January 16, April 16, June 18, September 17 and November 19 M/S/C (C. Blum/Y. Baptiste) to approve the 2024 Self- Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee schedule.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

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