

ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: January 16th, 2024

In Attendance

The CAC will continue to be held virtually via Zoom, with remote participation only.

Members Present: 9 (virtually by Zoom) Marisol Guerrero, Chair; Danique Rousseve, Vice Chair; Anthony Reyes; Zoey Geisberg; Alex Phoung; Shannon Flores; James Cadiz; Erika Ascencio; Michael Young

Guests: 4: Carmen Lopez Desiree Boykin (SCLARC) Olivia Hinojosa (ELAFRC) Adrian Jimenez (DDS)

Guest Speaker: Alexander Scarlis, Clients' Rights Advocate (OCRA) Eddie Sandoval; Assistant Clients' Rights Advocate

ELARC Staff: Patrick Schattilly; Veronica Valenzuela

Welcome/Opening

- The Chair, Ms. Guerrero began facilitating the meeting at 4:00pm and welcomed the committee and had all members and guests introduce themselves. The opening round question was "How was your Holidays."
- Vice Chair, Ms. Rousseve provided a reading of the CAC Mission Statement.
- The Chair, Ms. Guerrero provided a reading of the ground rules and facilitation statement
- The November 2023 meeting minutes were approved. M/S/C Danique/ Rousseve/ Marisol Guerrero (Unanimous vote)
- Alex spoke about:
 - 1. The importance of Voting Rights
 - 2. Registering to vote
 - 3. The different ways to cast your vote
 - 4. The importance of being an informed voter

Additional Questions:

Alex answered questions from the membership about how to check if you are registered to vote, accessibility of voting locations, and if someone can help you complete the vote casting process.

Announcements/ Burning Issues

- Consumer Advocate reminded members that in person or Hybrid meetings are now possible; if the
 membership wishes to change meeting style, let the Consumer Advocate know and he will make
 arrangements.
- Consumer Advocate will send out a copy of the presentation to those who requested it once Received from Alex Scarlis or Eddie Sandoval.
- Next Meeting: March 19th 2024 2024 4pm-6pm. Topic will be Governor's Preliminary Budget presented by Gloria Wong, ELARC Executive Director.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

Consumer Advisory Committee	March 19th, 2024	4:00pm-6:00pm	By Zoom
ELARC Board	February 13th, 2024	6:00 pm- 8:00pm	By Zoom
Vendor Advisory Committee	February 22nd, 2024	10:00am- 11:30am	By Zoom
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee	March 19th, 2024	6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	By Zoom

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ARCA: Association of Regional Center Agencies

ASA: Autism Society of America

BOD: Board of Directors

CAC: Consumer Advisory Committee

CPAD: Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled

CMSD: ELARC Community Services Department (Resource Development and Quality

Assurance)

CSD: ELARC Consumer Services Department (Service Coordination)

DDS: Department of Developmental Services
ELARC: Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

FAC: Family Advisory Committee

FRC: Family Resource Center GHL: Guide to Healthy Living

I & T: ELARC Information and Training Unit

OPS: Regional Center Operating Budget
PICI: Partners in Community Inclusion

POS: Regional Center Purchase of Service Budget

SD: Self-Determination

TASK: Team of Special Advocates for Kids

VAC: Vendor Advisory Committee
VLF: Vendor Leadership Forum