



Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

January 16, 2024 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: Alejandra Caldera, Alexander Scarlis, Carl Blum, Carola Maranon, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

Members Absent: Cathay Liu

ELARC Staff: Adriana Villasana, Edith Hernandez, Lily Ortega, Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas, Roxy Ortiz

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

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Liaison: Adrian Jimenez

Guests: Sandra Gonzalez-Toscano, Olivia Hinojosa, Lisette Duarte, Kim Sinclair, Georgina Atkins, Elizabeth Haynes

I. Welcome

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

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

Kim Sinclair from Autism Society Los Angeles provided updates from their event.

Parent Georgina Atkins who was a parent vendor for SLS stated she finds Self-Determination a lot of work, and would like to work on ways to make it easier. She asked if ELARC offers any kind of training for parents

Parent Elizabeth Haynes shared her input being part of FMS and Self-Determination. She would like to share solutions, asked if there is an apparatus to help facilitate. Liz H. commented and let them know she would provide updates later on the meeting, she suggested connecting with Yvette and Olivia from FRC.

Sophia C. from SCDD gave an update that they continue to hold virtual meetings every Monday.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for November 20, 2023

M/S/C (C. Blum/J. Nieves) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of November 20, 2023 with the correction of Alejandra Caldera being marked as absent, but did attend the meeting.

IV. Updates

A. Statewide

1. Roxy provided updates on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directives:
 - a. Self-Determination Program: Remote Services will be provided to Self-Determination services, including pre-enrollment. This directive provides the requirements listed to be able to provide remote services.
 - b. Self-Determination Program: Coordinated Family Support Services in the SDP, Self-Determination services can now be included in the coordinated family support and will not be part of the individualized budget
 - c. Self-Determination Program: Updated Goods and Services speaks about the operation listed, directive that adds the coordinates family support services to the list of services
 - d. Self-Determination Program: Updated Initial PCP and Pre-enrollment Transition Supports Guidance is a summary of the two directives, separation of the FMS services as transition supports are being separated out and general supports are standing alone and deadlines on how to build from them.
 - e. Self-Determination Program: Financial Management Services Transition Supports continues with the pull out of the FMS from the previous directive. Detail from separating the 009 from the general transition support and the FMS no longer being part of that bundle and what are some of those requirements in regards to those FMS payments
 - f. Self-Determination Program: Billing Requirements for Services is a protocol in regards to Self-Determination services being provided by local business' or community resources and payments for these type of services
 - g. Self-Determination Program: Participant Focus Group – one participant per region will be selected. ELARC had 3 candidates/nominees, the DDS survey was given to each to fill out.
2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) – No Advisory Committee was held but they did have a town hall meeting in December. They wanted to collect input from participants on what is working and what is not working. Carola M. attended the town hall and shared her experience in regards to IF and FMS

B. ELARC

1. Community Services

Liz H. provided an update on the Fiscal Management Services (FMS). The ARCA proposal to DDS for start-up funds. The proposal consist of a few million dollars in start-up funds to get an RFP that will train, support, and provide all the services for FMS. Hopefully by the next LVAC meeting in April we will have somebody. ELARC will be the lead regional center for Southern CA.

Yvette asked if there would be one FMS per region. Liz answered, most likely yes but there might be more. Yvette stated she is concerned we will throw money away at the problem

2. Case Management

Adriana Villasana provided an update on the most recent date and demographics on the Self-Determination Program Participant's Progress as it relates to Self-Determination.

Liz Ornelas included, any Service Coordinator who will be working with any consumer who wants to move forward with Self-Determination will take a mandatory orientation to gain the knowledge needed to assist the consumer

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. Recruiting and training IF in targeting Spanish and Chinese speaking. The third series was completed in November. Ms. Sinclair shared the final sessions are going to be held on March 11, 18 and 25 via zoom.
- 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. Two (2) participants have dropped out, but those slots are expected to be filled.

2. Fiscal Year 22/23

- a. Update was provided for Heluna Health/Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center wants to do three (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 held their Meet & Greet on December 8, 2023 and Olivia gave detail about their Meet & Greet
- b. Roxy gave an update on Tammy Evrard Consulting. Due to and unforeseen emergency, the project was on hold, however work has resumed. We are ready to get back in track with the Leadership Academy.

3. Fiscal Year 23/24

Liz gave an update on the 009 insurance coverage. The LVAC funds used as startup for the 009 insurance coverage would be reimbursed is it gets approved.

Liz Spoke with Gloria Wong and CFO Patricia Alvarez and asked if we could manage the funds and they told her we could, so instead of going through an organization to get funds it could be done internally and it would make easier to manage and report on.

Liz asked if we can vote on today to make a decision about the 009 startup fund, no decision needs to be made today on who the award would go to but conceptually to vote on how we want to use the funds. There was questions/opinion and concerns back and forth.

Carl Blum made a motion to allocate \$60,000 for the startup funds and the remainder for the outreach engagement training for the non-English speaking M/S/C (C. Blum/M. Ye) – There was 3 members who abstained: Alejandra Caldera, Carola Maranon, Yvette Baptiste

- V. 2024 remaining dates: April 16, June 18, September 17 and November 19
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm

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