



## Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

### April 16, 2024 Meeting Notes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189724494?pwd=ak9rdjRjdGV0enpXbngwaklRT2EvUT09>

You can also dial in using your phone (669)

900-9128 or (346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 851 8972 4494

Passcode: 626659

*The Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee meeting was held by remote participation.*

**Members Present:** Alejandra Caldera, Alexander Scarlis, Carl Blum, Carola Maranon, Cathay Liu, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Yvette Baptiste

**Members Absent:** N/A

**ELARC Staff:** Gloria, Wong, Lily Ortega, Liz Harrell, Liz Ornelas, Roxy Ortiz, Raven Jackson

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

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

**Guests:** Margarita, Wendy A., Patrice Linehan, Kim Sinclair, Letty Lopez, Independent Facilitator, Lisette Duarte, Jane Sakurai, Irene Ye

I. Welcome

Yougeng Sun called meeting to order at 6:04pm and welcomed everyone

II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)

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

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

Yvette Baptiste gave an update on the next community of practice meetings help every 3 - 4 months. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 1pm-2:30pm.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for January 16, 2024

M/S/C (C. Blum/ J. Nieves) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of April 16, 2024 with Alex additions that after section 481, how directives are hard for parents to understand and how independent facilitator's role is becoming very technical and it should be highlighted. Parents can seek guidance through SCDD, IF, and Regional centers staff.

## IV. Updates

### A. Statewide

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

- a. Self-Determination Program: Department sent more of a clarifying directive to an already existing directive that was issued on December 26, 2023. January 22, 2024 clarification was for service providers and their invoice to be in compliance with the updated billing requirements from December 26, 2023 directive.
- b. Self-Determination Program: Provided clarification to the specific date to be provided after March 31, 2024. Those billing requirements go into effect on that particular directive.
- c. Funding To Support Implementation Of Self-Determination Program: New requirement that the department want all Regional centers to report on the LVAC Implementation fund. The first rollout of reports covered three fiscal's years, 21/22, 22/23, and the current year 23/24. The deadline to complete the first report was March 31, the requirement to complete this report is a collaboration with the LVAC members. Roxy worked with Mr. Sun to compile the data. The reports was submitted on March 29, 2024. The department will request these reports every six months.

2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC) – Mr. Sun attended the meeting held on April 15 from 10am -3pm with a lunch break. Lots of discussion with no solution. There was a DDS presentation. DDs listens and take notes, but not sure if they have solutions. They are good hearted people, but six hours was wasted. Mr. Sun was treated like a member of the public and not a committee member. Roxy stated she can help Mr. Sun how to put it under Q&A. The meeting ran smoothly, but not much solution. There was a question in the chat on how to register for the meeting. Roxy will provide a link in the chat for the next meeting.

### B. ELARC

#### 1. Community Services

Gloria opened up about comments being made about an article in the LA Times. ELARC not listed in the article, but wanted to make reference to the fact that we are very proud of every effort made to reach out to as many families as we can to educate them.

Liz H updated that DDS has made available to the Regional Centers limited time purchases service dollars for startups due to health and safety or extraordinary circumstances. We decided as a state wide group all 21 Regional Centers putting in a proposal for the 21 Regional Centers. We are mutually requesting POS startup funding because of extraordinary circumstances for the need for FMS. Six million

to be invested into expanding FMS resources to support the implementation of The Self-Determination Program. We have not been approved yet.

Yvette asked how the budget in real time work does. Liz answered, it's the same thing like a bank's website, you can see your balance and see what has cleared, etc.

## 2. Case Management

Lily Ortega stated The Self-Determination Program is a choice and option. We need to ensure our families get the right support with information.

## 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. Exceeded projected numbers of 60 and trained 91 independent 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. A motion will be requested later to reallocate remaining funds due to contractor not being able to fulfill completion of current contract.

### 2. Fiscal Year 22/23

- a. Update was provided for Heluna Health/Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center has completed one meet and greet on December 8, 2023. They are planning to have a community of practice group for April 29, 2024. The next meet and greet is planned for the summer, possibly July or August. The final meet and greet to complete by the fall of 2024.
- b. Roxy gave an update on Tammy Evrard Consulting. Have met with Tammy, the flyer has been finalized. Starting the recruitment process in May, June, and July. With an anticipation start date of this leadership academy in August. Kicking it off with an orientation. With about 10 sessions before graduation.

### 3. Fiscal Year 23/24

Liz gave an update on the 009 insurance coverage. Set up internal system to manage the 60,000 funds.

Liz proposed that you roll the \$27,708.80 into the project you envisioned for Fiesta to provide or award it to the Autism Society to perhaps enhance their independent facilitator training with more business practice.

Josefina made a motion to allocate \$27,708.80 to Autism Society. M/S/C (J. Nieves/Y. Baptiste)

Liz requested approval for a suggested motion to allocate \$32,357.94 to Fiesta Educativa to implement outreach, engagement, and training with non-English speaking individuals and families that are currently in SDP, interested in SDP, and unaware of SDP.

Yvette made a motion to allocate \$32,357.94 to Fiesta Educativa for 6 training in one year related to The Self-Determination Program. M/S/C (Y. Baptiste/C. Maranon)

- V. 2024 remaining dates: June 18, September 17 and November 19
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

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