



## Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee

June 18, 2024 meeting minutes

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Zoom Meeting:*

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

**Members Present:** Alexander Scarlis, Carola Maranon, Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye, Virgilio Orlina, Yougeng Sun, Sabrina Perkins

**Members Absent:** Carl Blum (excused), Cathy Liu, Yvette Baptiste

**ELARC Staff:** Lily Ortega, Liz Harrell, Roxy Ortiz, Maria Canas, Valerie Cobla (note taker)

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) L.A Regional Office:** Albert Feliciano.

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

**Guest:** Taleen Khatchadourian, Kim Sinclair, Cynthia Rivas, Sandra's OtterPilot, Sheila B (Sheila Buck), Glynda Giverr#, Monica G., stella@girasolhive.org, Michael Velasco, E Flores, Iris Barker, Lisette Duarte, Melissa Tang, Mary Farfan, Letty Lopez (Letty)

- I. Welcome: Mr. Sun called meeting to order at 6:03pm and welcomed everyone.
- II. Community Input (3 minutes per person)
  - Albert Feliciano from SCDD LA Office, covering for Sofia Cervantes, gave the latest update about Statewide Trainings offered every Monday. June 24, 2024 training will be focused on Alternative Conservatorship and Supportive decision making. This June training will be held in Spanish. July training will be focused on the topic of Living Options. To sign-up for SCDD's SDP Orientation please click on the following link: <https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/>
  - Taleen Khatchadourian from Guidelight Group. Guidelight Group offers trainings for Independent Facilitators throughout California. Taleen would also like to discuss some concerns she is encountering.

III. Approval of Draft Minutes for April 16, 2024 (ATT #1)  
M/S/C (A. Scarlis/V. Orlina) to approve the Minutes of the Self Determination  
Local Volunteer Advisory Committee of April 12, 2024 with the correction.

IV. Updates

A. Statewide-

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

a. Self-Determination Program: Updated Billing Requirements for  
Services Billing at “Other Rate” (ATT #2) This is referencing the  
additional guidance provided, and clarification to the December  
26th Directive the department sent out. Regarding, Billing at  
other rates, Which does not include Self-Determination  
providers who bill at an hourly or daily rate. Does not include  
local businesses and community resources. Also, does not  
include any regional center vendors providing services in  
accordance with the program design.

Liz Harrell explained that this update is intended to provide  
clarity for the Self Determination Providers.

b. Self-Determination Program: Update to Financial Management  
Service Provider Requirements (ATT #3) This is referencing the  
requirement for the Financial Management Service Provider  
supporting participants in the Self-Determination Program.  
Effective May 1, 2024, FMS providers are no longer required to  
file the Surety Bond with the vendoring regional center.

c. Self-Determination Program: Employer Burden and Other  
Employment-Related Costs (ATT #4) Dated April 25, 2024, this  
was in regards to the employer burden, another employment  
related cost. This is applicable to employing a SDP participant  
staff under the two models, which is the co-employer or the  
sole employer model. Also talks about standardizing the profit  
for notification of the employer burden in the employment  
related costs. An approved form will be required to be  
submitted by 3 specific timelines.

Lily Ortega explained that this is good news for our  
participants. One of the benefits to our participants is that the  
burden can only be adjusted one time per year.

D. Updated SANDIS reporting requirement.

2. Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SSDAC)
  - No updates.

## B. ELARC

1. Community Services: Liz Harrell, Manager of Community Services Dept.
  - Liz Harrell gives updates on ARCA Directors of community services did write the department a proposal for the Development Start-Up Funds expansion of FMS services across the state of California. That was approved. \$6 million was spread out amongst 5 different service provider organizations. Overall, the growth of the FMS
2. Case Management: Maria Canas gave an update that as of last month May 2024, ELARC has had a total of 215 individuals that have successfully enrolled in Self Determination Program. Our numbers are continuing to grow. Also, as mentioned previously, the state budget for the participant trade specialist is going to sunset at the end of the fiscal year, however ELARC has committed to continue funding through the end of January 2025. Overall good progress here at ELARC.

## C. Funding to Support Implementation of the Self-Determination Program (ATT #5)

1. Fiscal Year 21/22
  - a. Autism Society of Los Angeles- IF Business Practice Training.
    - Kim Sinclair gave an update on the progress of contracts. This consist of two key elements, Self-Determination law and directive module and the 099 vendorization requirements module. The 099 module will provide focus on the 91 people that were previously trained more resources and clarity. These modules are provided in both English and Spanish.
2. Fiscal Year 22/23
  - a. Heluna Health/ Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center.
    - Roxy Ortiz gave an update on the last meeting which took place on May 30th, 2024. They had a community of practice meeting with the core group. Discussions: Defining Core Group, Flow chart and currently working on a 2nd date for their Meet & Greet.
  - b. Tammy Evrard Consulting
    - Roxy Ortiz explained that this was to develop the self-determination program Dream Academy. We are happy to report that Patrick, the consumer advocate, has been working very closely with Tammy to develop and finalize the flyer & application. Next steps, focusing on the recruitment process beginning July 1st- August. The academy will then start with an Orientation at the beginning of September. That class will then be scheduled to graduate on October 15th. Be on the lookout for more info...
3. Fiscal Year 23/24
  - a. ELARC- Start Up Funds for 099- Insurance:

Liz Harrell gave updates on the Start-Up Funds for 099. We are actively trying to have our current vendors who are already vendored for the 099 in General Service, tap into those funds. Currently we are having issues with getting more people vendored for 099 general service. We have 61 people that were just trained and are about to learn business practices, we would for them to get vendored as well. They can receive the startup funds to pay for insurances and other expenses. Ideally we would like to see these projects link together.

Q.) How is ELARC entering the 099 POS authorizations? A service coordinator said it doesn't get put into the system until the participant has transitioned to SDP. How does that encourage IF's to want to work 099?

A.) Lilly Ortega explained, 099 is currently up to 40 hours of services. We are advising our Service Coordinators to check with the agency that is doing the transition supports to get together and identify all levels of support they are planning to provide to the participant. There is an updated form that will have you itemize the types of planned services, that is giving to the Service Coordinator to be added to the IPP. Once an invoice is received that you have completed these transition supports, then we go ahead and submit the POS request to pay.

b. Fiesta Educativa- Outreach, Engagement, and Training

- Roxy gave an update, that contract is in the process of being finalized and signed

Mr. Sun opened the floor for Public Input or concerns.

V. 2024 Remaining Meeting Dates: September 17 & November 19

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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