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ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee July 23, 2015 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Josefina Nieves, Carl Blum, Mei Ye, Cathay Liu,

Members Absent: Adriana Banuelos, Krystal Leal, Michelle Morales, Jackie Dai

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles Office Staff: Julie Eby-McKenzie

Summary:

- The members viewed the draft informational Self Determination video made by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS.) DDS has advised the video should go public within one month and will alert Regional Centers when it is available for posting on their websites.
- Gloria provided the Statewide Self Determination Project update:
 - The DDS Stakeholder Committee is guiding the process. DDS has reported that the application for federal funding will be resubmitted after the application is posted for public review for 30 days. The public posting should occur on or around August 7. After the 30 day review, the application is submitted for a 90 day review by the federal Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS.) CMS will either approve, deny, or return for clarification during that time.
 - Liz is serving on the Statewide Training Workgroup, a subgroup of the Stakeholder Committee. There are seven training modules in development.
 - DDS will be issuing a directive that the Local Advisory Committee meetings must be open to the public.
- Outreach and Information Planning
 - Liz reported on initial Information and Training activities by ELARC related to Self Determination:
 - January 2015 part of presentation at ELARC U parent training session
 - June 28 Vendor Advisory Committee update
 - July 23, overview to ELARC Community Services Staff
 - August 10 (scheduled) overview to ELARC Service Coordination Staff
 - November 4 (scheduled) Family Advisory Committee Information Session (need to confirm with Julie)
 - Entering into collaborative agreements with Fiesta Educativa and Chinese Parents Association to provide outreach/information on SD program.
- The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles (LA) Office materials on Self Determination were reviewed.
- Virgilio Orlina was voted in as Chair of the Committee and will serve as the Designee to the Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee. Josefina Nieves will be his vice chair.
- Next meeting will be an open meeting, tentative date of 9/22 at 6:00 pm, will confirm.

Discussion Points:

- Open meetings of this committee should take a “let’s learn together approach” with informational presentations on SD along with the business of the meeting. Insure that information is provided a section at a time.
- Julie works with a team of Self Advocates who do a great peer to peer training on SD.

- Virgilio (who is current chair of the ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee {CAC}) wants to include a Self Determination update at every CAC meeting.
- Concern about the confusion people are experiencing about how to enroll, when to enroll. Need timeline and clarity from DDS.
- SCDD LA materials are useful and should be utilized, need more information translated.

Decisions:

- The format of the two hour meetings will be one half informational and one half governance, with recognition that sometimes the informational piece will need to take more time and at other times, governance may need more time.
- Liz and Julie will develop a proposal that outlines topics for the next few meetings.
- The members decided a 6:00 pm start time worked better for them.
- **NOTE:** The members decided to meet again on September 22. However, after the meeting, it was determined that there was not a meeting space available. A separate email to members will be sent to determine another date in September as well as a date in December.