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**ELARC Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of July 14, 2015
Approved as Corrected September 8, 2015**

Present:

Robert Hazard, President
Terry Munoz, Treasurer
Lida Chavez, Secretary
Anthony De La Rosa, Vice-Chair
Diane Lasell
Felicitas Navera
Deborah Gallardo
Tony Borrego
Yue Li, VAC Representative
Virgilio Orlina, CAC Representative

Staff Present:

Gloria Wong, Executive Director
Felipe Hernandez, Chief of
Consumer Services
Rosalie Estrada, Executive Asst.

Absent:

Elias Fonseca (excused)

Guests:

Refer to Sign-In Sheet



I Welcome & Roll Call

The ELARC Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M. by Robert Hazard, President. A quorum was present to conduct necessary business.

II Introductions & Opening Round

The Board and guests were introduced.

III Community Input

Julie Eby-McKenzie, State Council, Los Angeles office, reported the State Council is hosting a facilitator training and there is still space available. The training will be held at the California Endowment Center. Anyone interested should call the State Council office.

Terry Munoz reported South Pasadena had their annual 4th of July parade and since their city was hosting the Special Olympics they honored South Pasadena residents who participated in the Special Olympics. There were a total of seven grand marshals and her son Miguel Munoz was one of the grand marshals. *Terry reported both she and Diane are on the Special Needs Committee and stressed how important it is for the*

community to see individuals with special needs. The Committee has been attending the 4th of July parade for 4 years.

Bob Hazard, President, reported Mercedes Diaz has invited the Board to attend an open house in Santa Fe Springs of the their medically focused day program on July 28th.

IV Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A. Minutes of the BOD Meeting on June 9, 2015

Terry Munoz noted some minor typographical errors.

M/S/C (Anthony De La Rosa/Lida Chavez) To approve the Minutes of June 9, 2015 as amended. Unanimous.

Robert Hazard and Terry Munoz met with Virgilio Orlina and indicated they would like to nominate Virgilio Orlina to serve on the Board of Directors. Mr. Orlina is currently the Chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC).

M/S/C (Terry Munoz/Lida Chavez) To appoint Virgilio Orlina as ELARC Consumer Board member. Unanimous.

Gloria Wong added he is a very dedicated member of the CAC and has demonstrated strong leadership qualities in his short tenure as Chair of the CAC.

V. Executive Director's Report

The board was reminded of the board training scheduled for July 29, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the board room. Elizabeth Harrell, Supervisor, Information and Training will assist with the training.

A reminder there will be no Board meeting in August or December.

A. Budget Update

1. Fiscal Year 2014-2015

(a) Purchase of Services (POS):

POS Update: ELARC is currently reporting a deficit from a high of \$9,504,149 and a low of \$9,426,782. To date there has been no allocation to offset this deficit. Gloria Wong reported there is a deficiency bill which has been passed to allow for full funding of the statewide deficit.

(b) Operations: Budget Performance

There is currently a surplus in the Operations Budget of approximately \$226,068. Of this amount \$59,926 is exclusively for clinical services, these funds are not transferable to any other operational costs.

2. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 – Special Session Update

The Budget Conference Committee did not approve the 10% restoration to regional center operations and service providers. Upon passage of the Budget Act some items that were not resolved in the regular budget process were deferred to a “Special Session” for resolution. The Governor’s proclamation for a “Special Session” includes discussion on regional centers request for a 10% restoration and issues about system oversight.

The primary focus of the “Special Session” is on the health care coverage expansion that significantly increased the number of Medi-Cal participants and program costs. The Managed Care organizations tax covered for the cost of new Medi-Cal participants and increased costs. As a federally funded program (Medicaid) California was notified that the federal government would not support the managed care tax in its current form. This would result in a \$1.1 billion loss in revenue to California.

The “Special Session” is tasked with determining what other sources of funds is available to offset the federal cut. The Governor is adamant that if the legislature is unable to backfill this loss from existing general funds he will introduce a \$1.1 billion cut to the 2016-17 Governor’s Preliminary Budget which will be released in January 2016.

✓ Governor’s Proclamations

The Budget Conference Committee met to discuss “open” issues that were not resolved at the Legislative level during the normal budget process. The committee meets in private session and includes the Governor and select legislators. The meeting is intended to negotiate and find resolution to the “open” issues. Ultimately the process resulted in the issuance of the Governor’s proclamations which deferred “open” issues, including regional centers, for resolution in a “Special Session”.

✓ AB 93: Budget Act of 2015

Highlights of three documents relating to the 2015-2015 State Budget was distributed and reviewed.

✓ SBX 2-1 (Beall)

Introduced in the Special Session Senate Bill X 2-1 authorizes the 10% restoration to regional center operations and service providers. Senator Beall is a staunch supporter of the regional centers and expediently introduced a bill that did not retreat from the original request made by the Lanterman Coalition.

✓ Cash –Flow Update

Gloria Wong reported that it was a close call but ultimately we averted having to borrow from our City National Bank pre-approved line of credit. The first payment run for current fiscal year was scheduled for a “Monday” payment and the previous “Friday” the promised deposits from the State did not materialize. Fortunately, over the weekend funds were deposited allowing the “Monday” payment to proceed without having to tap ELARC’s line of credit.

B. Performance Contract

There will be two community meetings to review and provide input to the 2016 Performance Contract. The meetings are scheduled for August 6, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Alhambra Board room with videoconferencing to the Whittier Office. Additionally there will be an evening session from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Palm Park in Whittier. There will be reports on the budget, an update on the current 2015 Performance Contract and the draft Performance Contract for 2016. Trailer Bill Language was passed as part of the Budget Act which amended the requirements for future "Performance Contracts". Specifically the amendment calls for regional centers to be monitored on the "Purchase of Services Disparity" report. DDS has not issued a directive to date, therefore ELARC is proceeding with a local objective on the subject.

A draft of the Performance Contract 2016 will be available for circulation during the last week of July.

A draft of the 2016 performance contract will be presented to the board at the September meeting for consideration and input. The final draft will be reviewed at the October board meeting for approval to submit to DDS by the November 1st deadline. .

C. Caseload Ratio Correspondence

A copy of the letter to the Department of Developmental Services dated June 11, 2015 was shared with the Board of Directors. The letter is in response to ELARC's caseload ratio survey as of March 1, 2015 and the information presented at the public meeting.

D. Self-Determination Update

The application has not been submitted for federal approval to date. The DDS Advisory Committee is meeting on July 20, 2015 and a status update in the application process will be provided. The majority of the application development is being conducted through numerous sub-committee discussions: development of training curriculum for consumer participants and for regional center service coordinator staff, independent facilitator training, fiscal management agency requirements and training, person centered planning and developing a criteria for criminal background checks of utilized providers by consumers.

E. Lanterman Act 50th Anniversary

A committee has been established to plan for the Lanterman Act's 50th Anniversary. Gloria will keep the board updated with the planning.

F. DDS – Conflict of Interest Reporting

1. Latest Version

DDS has forwarded an updated Conflict of Interest report and the Board will need to

complete the revised form. The forms will be collected at the July 29th Board Training for submittal to DDS in August.

VI Consumer Services Report

Felipe Hernandez reported the following:

1. ELARC is close to getting a housing complex in Eagle Rock. The complex consists of 19 apartments for persons with developmental disabilities. The units will also be made available for near homeless individuals, veterans and senior citizen but most units are for regional center consumers. Doris Weis, Community Services Specialist with ELARC is the contact person.

2. The Multi-Faith Committee was formed with ELARC staff . The committee works with consumers who have expressed a need to find a place where they can go and workshop. A referral list has been developed for consumers. In the near future this committee will work with consumers who do not have family or friends who are near the end of life and may need hospice and someone to visit with them. The Multi-Faith Committee is non-denominational.

3. *An Employment Forum was held approximately three weeks ago. The president of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce was invited to meet with vendors and discuss employment services for individuals with special needs.*

4. ARCA is sponsoring a webinar on July 30th at 10:00 a.m. on how to identify children under the age of 3 years with a developmental disability.

VII Committee Reports

A. Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC)

Virgilio Orlina, CAC Chairperson, thanked the Board of Directors for supporting him in his role as the CAC Chair and with his new appointment as a board member.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Alhambra Board Room, video-conferencing with the Whittier Conference Room will be available. They will be discussing employment, how to get in contact with the Department of Rehabilitation and how to use their services.

The CAC has been discussing topics for the new calendar year and revisiting the review of their Bylaw's.

Jesse Padilla, ELARC Consumer Advocate will be hosting an event called "Get Safe" with an organization "Get Safe USA. It will be held at the Asian Youth Center from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CAC is scheduled to attend a Get Safe training on August 26 to be held in the Board Room.

CAC Topics for 2016:

3/15 Loss & Grief

4/17 Employment

7/19 Housing & Section 8

9/20 Self-Determination Update

11/1 Communication Forum with Consumers & Parents

B. Family Advisory Committee (FAC)

Felicitas Navera reported attendance at the FAC meetings has been poor. When training sessions are scheduled attendance does increase.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2015.

C. Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC)

Yue Li, Chairperson of the VAC reported their last meeting was held on June 25. Attendance is an issue of concern as well. A training on Special Incident Reports and medical issues is in the planning stages. Also to be scheduled are training sessions on behavior modification, early intervention and transportation.

Yue invited the Board of Directors to their next meeting scheduled on July 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Board Room. Elizabeth Harrell will be providing an update on Self-Determination.

D. Finance/Personnel Committee

1. Independent Audit – Lautze & Lautze (CPA firm)

All regional centers are required to obtain an annual independent audit which is required under the contract with the Department of Developmental Services. Lautze & Lautze and the Board Finance/Personnel Committee along with agency staff participated on a conference call on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. This call launched the financial audit for previous fiscal year 2014-'15. The first half of the conference call included Robert Hazard, President and Terry Munoz, Secretary and ELARC staff, Gloria Wong, Executive Director, Patricia Alvarez, Chief of Administrative Services, Sophia Tang, Controller, who answered survey questions presented by auditors. The second half of the meeting was an executive session with board members and auditors only, no staff was present.

In August the auditors will begin the review of material and documents. In September they will spend approximately two weeks at ELARC. They will present their findings to the Board Finance Committee in October/November 2015.

VIII Miscellaneous

Anthony De La Rosa reported the Ride for Autism will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Information on the ride may be found on [www. Rideforautism.org](http://www.Rideforautism.org). The proceeds will go toward military families with children with special needs. Additionally a portion of the proceed will be contributed to “Saddle Up” , an organization that offers free horse-back riding for developmentally disabled individuals.

M/S/C (Diane Lasell/Lida Chavez) There being no further business to discuss the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by:

Original Signed by Lida Chavez

Lida Chavez, Secretary, ELARC Board of Directors

Recorded by: Rosalie M. Estrada, Executive Assistant

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