



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee September 29, 2015 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Josefina Nieves, Krystal Leal, Michelle Morales, Jackie Dai

Members Absent: Carl Blum, Mei Ye, Cathay Liu,

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell

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

Guests: Refer to Sign In Sheet, 26 guests signed in

Interpretation was offered in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair. A quorum was present to conduct business.

This was the first public meeting of the Local Advisory Committee. Gloria Wong explained the format of the meeting would be the first half an informational session and the second half focused on the work of the committee. The Committee decided to hold the meetings in this format so that the members and the public can learn together about Self Determination. At the time the Committee meets approximately every six weeks. The next meeting will be December 1. The 2016 schedule should be finalized at that meeting. It was also announced that the Committee is jointly appointed by the State Council and ELARC and that there is one vacancy for which the State Council will be interviewing. Julie Eby-McKenzie advised that interested parties should contact the Los Angeles office of the State Council at (818) 543-4631 to apply. Gloria then introduced Julie to present "Basic Overview of Self Determination."

Presentation

- Please reference the power point handout. Julie advised the audience that this presentation is only intended to "scratch the surface" and that future sessions will provide more in depth information about all the various aspects of the program.
- There was the opportunity for the guests ask questions and obtain clarification regarding the program throughout the presentation.

Updates

- **Statewide Self Determination Project Update**
 - Gloria shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Stakeholder Committee is guiding the process. DDS has reported that the application for federal funding will be resubmitted by the end of September. It was necessary to resubmit the application because DDS had to re post the application public review for 30 days. The public posting started August 7. Once the application is submitted, there is a 90 day review period by the federal Centers for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS.) CMS will either approve, deny, or return for clarification during that time. It is likely that the process will take longer than 90 days.
 - Liz Harrell shared that she is serving on the Statewide Training Workgroup, a subgroup of the Stakeholder Committee. There are 15 training modules in development now; some are sub topics of larger topics. The idea is to insure that core competencies are

established for the various areas of Self Determination training but there is an ability for local regional centers and their communities to customize the format of the training sessions to best meet their communities' needs.

- **Outreach and Information Planning**

- Liz shared that ELARC has confirmed that both Fiesta Educativa and the Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled will be entering into a collaborative agreement regarding information and training activities. Please refer to the draft collaborative agreement distributed. Liz will be meeting with the Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Autism Society, located in Whittier, to explore working with their organization as well.
- ELARC and SCDD staff jointly presented a basic overview of Self Determination at the Fiesta Educativa conference on September 11, 2011.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Michelle Morales, Krystal Leal) to approve the agenda and minutes. Unanimous vote to approve. No "no" votes, no abstentions.

Community Input

Virgilio asked for community input. It was acknowledged by the members that there was significant community input during the presentation.

One guest commented that the Advisory Committee was fortunate to have Gloria and Liz working with ELARC due to their experience with the pilot project.

Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting

Virgilio announced that the next meeting will be held on December 1, 2015 at 6 pm in the ELARC Boardroom. Agenda Items will include:

- A presentation on Bagley Keene Act
- A presentation on the Principles of Self Determination
- A discussion regarding tracking attendance and effectiveness of information sessions
- Finalization of the 2016 meeting schedule

Chair Announcement

Virgilio advised the members to please refrain from discussing the business of the committee if there are more than two members present. Julie explained that this is related to Bagley Keene and would be covered at the next meeting. One guest quickly reviewed the intent and spirit of Bagley Keene, noting that the main intent was to insure transparency and community involvement and that this committee had achieved both quite well.

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Michelle Morales, Krystal Leal) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote to approve. No "no" votes, no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm