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ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee June 1, 2015 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Josefina Nieves, Carl Blum, Mei Ye, Cathay Liu, Krystal Leal, Michelle Morales, Jackie Dai

Members Absent: Adriana Banuelos

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell

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

Summary:

This was the first meeting of the Local Advisory Committee. Members introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds. There was a presentation on Self Determination law, the status of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Waiver and Timelines, and the Role of the Advisory Committee. This was followed by discussion and a brief overview on where to find Self Determination information on the ELARC and Department of Developmental Services (DDS) websites.

Discussion Points:

- Thought needs to be given to supporting participants in understanding the role of the Independent Facilitator and how to determine a fair rate of pay.
- After reviewing the requirements regarding DDS funding of the background check and fingerprint procedure, there was concern about what that process might look like and how it may become too cumbersome.
- Vendor requirements regarding the FMS need to be clear, so all parties understand roles and rates are fair.
- The DDS video should be out shortly and will be posted on the ELARC website. This could serve as the “kick off” for our outreach/information efforts.
- Advising on the outreach plan is the first task at hand for this committee, ELARC will partner with parent/consumer run organizations to provide information. The committee will need to advise on how to get the word out, when to have the meetings, and where.
- A representative from this committee will participate in the Statewide Self Determination Committee. It could be the chair, if the members wish to appoint a chair, or a designee.

Decisions:

- Next meeting: July 23, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the ELARC Boardroom.
- Members will discuss future meeting dates and discuss plans to conduct open public information sessions.
- An agenda will be sent to members along with reminder correspondence prior to the meeting.
- The committee will further discuss appointment of a chair and/or designee to the Statewide Committee.