



## **ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee December 1, 2015 Meeting Notes**

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

**Members Absent:** Krystal Leal

**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, 15 guests signed in

Interpretation was offered in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair. A quorum was present to conduct business. Gloria Wong greeted the attendees and the members introduced themselves. Virgilio introduced Liz to present on the History and Principles of Self Determination.

### **Presentation: "The History and Philosophy of Self Determination"**

- Please reference the power point handout.
- There was the opportunity for the guests ask questions and obtain clarification regarding the program throughout the presentation.

### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

- **Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Josefina Nieves, Jackie Dai) 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.

### **Presentation: "Open Meetings" presented by Liz Harrell and Julie Eby McKenzie**

- Please reference the power point handout.
- 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 was resubmitted at the end of September. The waiver is now currently within the 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. There is another DDS Stakeholder Committee meeting will be held next week and more information should be made available as to the status of the waiver.
  - Correspondence from the State Council regarding pulling together the first meeting of the Statewide Advisory Committee was distributed. Per law, this Committee must be developed to guide process on

the state level. Virgilio will serve as the ELARC Advisory Committee’s representative. A date for the meeting has not been set.

- Liz Harrell briefed the committee on the work of the Statewide Training Workgroup, a subgroup of the Stakeholder Committee. There are 15 training modules still in development now; some are sub topics of larger topics. The target date for all to be drafted in December 29.

- **Outreach and Information Planning**

- Liz shared that ELARC has signed collaborative agreements regarding information and training activities with Fiesta Educativa, the Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled and the Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Autism Society. ELARC hopes to also enter into a collaborative agreement with the Autistic Self Advocacy Network as well. Dates are being calendared for information sessions with these groups for 2016 in coming weeks.
- Tracking attendance and effectiveness of information sessions: A list of all Self Determination Information sessions conducted thus far was distributed. The list includes the number signed in as attendees as well as the interpreted languages offered. This will be maintained by ELARC for ongoing review.

**Set Meeting Schedule**

A document that outlined meeting dates and topics for 2016 was reviewed and approved by the committee. The approved dates and topics are outlined below. It was advised that it is important to note that these topics might be changed as the year progresses depending what questions may be raised, the topics attendees express a desire to learn more about, and the progress of the waiver application.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic</b>                | <b>Comments</b>  | <b>Presenter</b>             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| February 2  | Budget part 1               | In part 1 of Budgets, we will discuss how the budget is determined, the flow of money in self-determination vs. under regular RC services, and how extraordinary circumstances that would require a change in budget would be handled. | Julie and Liz co-present     |
| April 5     | Budget part 2               | In part 2 of Budgets we will discuss the budget categories (as determined by DDS) and how money can be moved between budget categories.  | Julie and Liz co-present     |
| June 7      | Person Centered Planning    | Person-centered planning is the centerpiece of SD and a plan that is carefully thought through will lead to much better outcomes   | Liz lead, Julie support      |
| Sept 6      | The Independent Facilitator | Working with an Independent Facilitator as told by a panel of former brokers and current SD pilot participants   | Liz to facilitate discussion |
| Nov 1       | Working with the FMS        | Understanding the role of the Fiscal Management Service and how the participant will interact and work with this entity  | TBD                          |

**Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting**

Virgilio announced that the next meeting will be held on February 2, 2016 at 6 pm in the ELARC Boardroom. Agenda items can be submitted by committee members up until two weeks prior to the next meeting to allow time for Chair review and compliance with 10 day posting requirement. February 2 agenda Items will include:

- Presentation: The Budget Part 1
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update

**Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Josefina Nieves, Michele Morales) to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous vote to approve. No “no” votes, no abstentions. **Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm**