



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee February 2, 2106 Meeting Notes

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

Members Absent: Michelle Morales, 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, 4 guests signed in

Interpretation was offered in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese with no RSVPs for this service

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair. A quorum was present to conduct business. Gloria Wong greeted the attendees. Virgilio introduced Julie to present on the "Budget: Part 1"

Presentation: "Budget: Part One"

- Please reference the power point handout.
- This presentation focused on how the budget is determined, the flow of money in self-determination vs. under regular Regional Center services, and how extraordinary circumstances that would require a change in budget would be handled
- 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) (Carl Blum, Josefina Nieves) to approve the agenda and minutes.** Unanimous vote to approve. No "no" votes, no abstentions.

Community Input

- Virgilio asked for community input. There was none.

Updates

- **Statewide Self Determination Project Update**
 - Correspondence from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that outlined a series of specific questions regarding the Medicaid Waiver application was reviewed. It was pointed out that questions of note included: the proposal that the budget not be augmented for the mandatory use of the Fiscal Management Service (FMS,) the role of the Independent Facilitator versus the Service Coordinator, auditing of the FMS and training of the Independent Facilitator. It was reviewed that the application was resubmitted by DDS at the end of September, 2015. When DDS addresses the questions from CMS and resubmits the application again, the 90 day review period by CMS will start over. CMS will either approve, deny, or return the application for clarification again during that time. There is another DDS Stakeholder Committee meeting to be held next week and more information should be made available as to the status of the DDS response to the questions.
 - Correspondence from the State Council regarding the first meeting of the Statewide Advisory Committee was reviewed. The meeting will be on March 3. Virgilio will be participating to represent the ELARC Local Advisory Committee. It is a public meeting and all members are welcome to attend.

- An update on the work of the Statewide Training Workgroup, a subgroup of the Stakeholder Committee was provided. There are 15 training modules that are now considered “final” and are being routed to the full stakeholder group for review. The modules are intended for use to train Regional Center staff on core competencies in Self Determination, with the idea the curriculum can be adapted for use with other audiences. It is anticipated that the status of the waiver application should affect some of the content of these “final” modules.
- **Outreach and Information Planning**
 - The exact dates for information sessions with Fiesta Educativa, the Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled and the Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the Autism Society are still being finalized.
 - A meeting with the current 25 Self Determination Pilot participants is scheduled for 2/22. This is intended to provide them an update on the new program and help them prepare for eventual transition to the new model. This is not a public meeting.
 - Liz will be on a panel discussing Self Determination at the Autism Society of LA’s “It’s a New Day Conference” on February 19.

Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting

There was discussion regarding as to if the committee needs to meet as frequent as scheduled in light of the apparent delay in implementation as DDS addresses the questions from CMS and the subsequent resubmittal of the application and trigger of a new 90 day review period. It was decided to keep the April 5 meeting as planned and include a report on the Statewide Advisory Committee from Virgilio with discussion as to perhaps amending the planned meeting schedule at that time.

April 5 agenda Items will include:

- Presentation: The Budget Part 2
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update
- Report on the Statewide Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Josefina Nieves, Jackie Dai) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote to approve. No “no” votes, no abstentions. **Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm**