



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: September 15, 2015

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: Deborah Gallardo

Guests present: N/A

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Mary Hosokawa, Gloria Wong, and Blanca Rodriguez

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

- Jesse attended the ARCA CAC meeting in Sacramento and the following topics were discussed:
 - The budget and legislation
 - What more can we do?
 - The Lanterman Coalition
 - Advocacy and much more including our Facebook page

- Jesse attended the Access Services meeting on August 24, 2015. There were updates on the progress of the approval of new policies and fare structure. He spoke on behalf of the consumers and riders on how the fare changes could affect everyone involved. There will be a decision made and the policy will be implemented by 2016.

Budget & Agency Update – Gloria Wong

- Gloria Wong gave a brief explanation on how the deficit has impacted our Regional Center. Furthermore, she reported that we have started a new fiscal year as of July 1, 2015. We ended the fiscal year with a deficit, which means we overspent our contract allocations. Between Januarys – June 2015 there was a very aggressive campaign to request a 10% restoration to regional center operations and cuts. A couple of efforts made were visiting legislators and a letter-writing campaign. Despite our attempts, Governor Brown decided not to restore cuts to our system. We have not given up and we will continue to reach out to legislators.

- The update on Self-determination is that we are relying on federal funds in order for the program to begin. Self-determination cannot proceed until the federal government approves it. The review and approval process by the federal government may take some time; we do not have a set date of when this program will begin. ELARC's Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee will be having meetings on September 29th and December 1st that will be open to the public. It will be held in the ELARC Boardroom in Alhambra. For further information and updates, visit our website www.elarc.org and click on the Self-determination tab.

Economic Security & Money Management Presentation

- Sherry Beamer, presented on the topic of economic security and money management tips that are available to consumers. The following is a brief summary of the items that were discussed:
 - What makes a good personal budget?
 - Benefits of budgeting
 - Wants vs. Needs
 - Tips to help you stay on budget
 - Creating your own budget

For a copy of the PowerPoint presentation or for further information please contact Jesse Padilla at jpadilla@elarc.org

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on housing rights.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	November 3, 2015	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
FAC	November 4, 2015	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	November 10, 2015	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	November 19, 2015	10:00am - 11:30am	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ARCA:	Association of Regional Center Agencies
ASA:	Autism Society of America
BOD:	Board of Directors
CAC:	Consumer Advisory Committee
CPAD:	Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled
CMSD:	ELARC Community Services Department (Resource Development and Quality Assurance)
CSD:	ELARC Consumer Services Department (Service Coordination)
DDS:	Department of Developmental Services
ELARC:	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
FAC:	Family Advisory Committee
FRC:	Family Resource Center
GHL:	Guide to Healthy Living
I & T:	ELARC Information and Training Unit
OPS:	Regional Center Operating Budget
PICI:	Partners in Community Inclusion
POS:	Regional Center Purchase of Service Budget
SD:	Self-Determination
TASK:	Team of Special Advocates for Kids
VAC:	Vendor Advisory Committee
VLf:	Vendor Leadership Forum