



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: July 21, 2015

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: N/A

Guests present: Lourdes Bustamante, Christine Pacheco, Denise Jordan, Norma Jordan, Lily Chau, Stephanie Ibarra, Camille Chang, Anthony Reyes, Carina Gonzalez, Angelica Reyes, Eric Yeun, George Gonzales, Alexis Guevara, Karina Orozco, Chryseis Herrera, Savannah Moore, Joseph Jefferson, and Mark Burton

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Mary Hosokawa, Veronica Valenzuela, Lilia Ortega, Gloria Wong, Darlene Chapa, and Blanca Rodriguez

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

- Jesse attended the ARCA CAC meeting in Sacramento and the following topics were discussed:
 - The CAC has developed a Facebook page to spread the word about ARCA CAC and for individuals to post and share different ideas.
 - The group discussed the Lanterman Coalition and the ten things you can do to connect with your Legislature, how to rebuild California, and how to do our part in preventing future budget cuts. A majority of the State budget is going to water, education, and Medi-Cal.
 - Finally, there was a presentation on an Employment blueprint which talks about the different trends of people who are employed.

- Jesse reported that at the Access Services meeting there were updates on the progress of the approval of new policies. There was a presentation of a proposed New Fare Policy. The FTA and the Board gave an extension to hear more input and comments from the public. The Paratransit Coalition is going to start a petition to try and prevent the fare change.
 - They are still having issues with the bus stop stand signs at large facilities they are looking into rectifying that problem.
 - They have also worked on a strategic 5 year plan and people can go on the Access website to give feedback.
 - Access Services is working with the Special Olympics World Games Staff on how to provide pickups and drop-offs for the public to go to the World Games to watch.

- Jesse announced that on Wednesday, August 26 2015 there will be Get Safe training at the Asian Youth Center in San Gabriel from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. It will benefit all consumers in learning about personal safety, and what to do in an emergency. Flyer was distributed to all in attendance.

Budget & Agency Update – Gloria Wong

- Gloria Wong 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 January – 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. For further information and updates, visit our website www.elarc.org and click on the Self-determination tab.

Employment Presentation

- Veronica Valenzuela, ELARC's Individualized & Inclusive Support Unit Supervisor, presented on the topic of employment and options that are available to consumers. The following is a brief summary of the items that were discussed:
 - Employment Options
 - Competitive employment
 - Supported employment
 - Customized employment
 - Internships
 - Work activity programs

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, September 15, 2015 at 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on economic security and money management.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	September 15, 2015	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
FAC	September 2, 2015	10:00am – 12:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	September 8, 2015	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	September 24, 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