



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2016

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: N/A

Guests present: Alexis Guevara, Nadia Azucena, Celia Montes, Moses Luna, Joshua Ortiz, George Sanchez, Isaac Hernandez, Carlos Garcia, Justin Dickey, Susan Hendershot, Michelle Ortega, Hiroshi Nagota, Catalina Aguilar, and George Gonzales

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Mary Hosokawa, Gerard Torres, and Blanca Rodriguez

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

- At the recent Access Services meeting, the following announcements were made:
 - Access is still having issues with the bus stop stand signs at large facilities and is currently working to rectify the problem.
 - They signed a new contract for customer service which their Board approved. The name of the company is ALTA Services.
- Jesse announced that there will be a Supported Life Conference presented by the Supported Life Institute and the SCDD Sacramento Office on October 6th and 7th. The training will cover various topics such as relationships, personal power & rights, family supports, and other interesting areas. Save the date flyers will be distributed.
- The DDS CAC is looking for individuals to join the Department of Developmental Services Consumer Advisory Committee. A flyer with information on how to apply was distributed for those who are interested in participating. For questions or concerns, please contact Jesse Padilla at (626) 299-4854.
- A class action lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles to improve access for persons with mobility disabilities to the city's sidewalks, curb ramps, and other walkways, has been resolved. The settlement calls for a \$1.4 billion investment to repair city's sidewalks and other walkways over the next 30 years. A handout will be given upon request.

Systems Update – Virgilio Orlina

- The latest update on the Self-Determination program is that the State asked questions on specific sections of the Self-Determination Program Waiver Application that was submitted. The Department will be working with the Department of Health Care Services to provide written responses to answer CMS' questions and to secure the approval of the waiver. If you are interested in knowing more about the Self-Determination program, visit our ELARC website and click on the Self-Determination tab on our home page.
- The next Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 5, 2016 at 6:00pm in the ELARC Boardroom. The topic of discussion will be on the self-determination budget. The presenters will be Julie Eby-McKenzie and Elizabeth Harrell.

Grief and Loss Presentation

- Margarita Duran, Health Care Facilities / Medically Fragile Unit Supervisor, shared tips on how to cope with grief and loss. This interactive discussion covered different areas such as the loss of a loved one, job, divorce, and illness. For helpful resources on this topic or if you would like a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, please contact Jesse Padilla at jpadilla@elarc.org

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on employment and education.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	May 17, 2016	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
Family Information Session	October 13, 2016	9am – 12pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	June 14, 2016	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	May 26, 2016	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