



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2016

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: N/A

Guests present: Anthony Reyes, Jade Weinrich, George Sanchez, Nadia, Isaac Hernandez, Desirae Lopez, Peter Ruiz, Jason Tsuji, Natalie Gonzalez, Angelica Reyes, Denise Jordan, Paola P., Richard R., Miranda, Diana Casillas, Vinh Trieu, George Gonzalez, Susan Hogue, Paul Hogue, Sergio Marrero, Erick Ayala, Euren Arat, Luana Acuña, Liz Lyons, Eric Yeung, Jesse Perez, Alexis Guevara, Mark Matsui

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

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

- Access Services
 - At the recent Access Services meeting, Jesse joined the Mobility Subcommittee, which is a group that will help find ways on how to improve and encourage more riders to use Mobility Training.
 - ARCA CAC
 - Jesse attended the ARCA CAC and announced the latest update on the budget. There is a new Managed Care Tax organization that will bring more money into the system which will help improve it.
 - CAC Recruitment
 - Outreach efforts to increase attendance and leadership in the Consumer Advisory Committee have been showing positive results. Jesse will continue to reach out to individuals served by ELARC so they can participate and attend more CAC meetings.
 - Statewide Self Advocacy Conference
 - Jesse attended the Statewide Self Advocacy Conference. There were two sessions and the following topics were discussed:
 - Assertiveness: How to become more assertive, not aggressive. This workshop explained the difference between the following: Body language, assertiveness, demanding, and anger.
 - Education: A panel of individuals with disabilities shared their story on how they reached their education goals. There were four individuals who have graduated from college.
- For more information on this conference, please contact Jesse Padilla at (626) 299-4854.

Systems Update – Gloria Wong, Executive Director

- The budget situation is much better this year. We will be finishing off the fiscal year on June 30th and a new one begins July 1st. Things have improved dramatically for us this past year. The governor has approved funding for our system which will allow us to hire more service coordinators and adding an Employment Specialist position for every regional center.
- This year the Lanterman Act celebrates its 50th anniversary of supporting people with developmental disabilities in the community. This very significant law has given rights to people with developmental disabilities to receive the services and supports they need in the state of California. In order to honor the Lanterman Act, each of the 21 regional centers will be compiling their own video that describes what the Lanterman Act means to them. Individuals we serve, families, service providers, and staff is encouraged to participate and include their thoughts and comments.

Education and Employment Presentation

- Luana Acuña, Executive Director from In2vision Supported Employment Programs gave a beneficial presentation on the supported employment programs and options. She explained how SEP agencies can help find individuals find jobs, filling out job applications, and preparing for interviews, and other job readiness skills.
- Mark Matsui, DSPP Director of Rio Hondo College presented on the wide array of college services Rio Hondo College has to offer for individuals with disabilities. Below are a few of the many specialized services they have to offer:
 - Registration assistance
 - Assistive technology
 - Alternate media
 - Test-taking accommodations

For copies of the PowerPoint presentations 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 on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on housing.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	July 19, 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	September 13, 2016	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	July 28, 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