



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee April 5, 2016 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Michelle Morales, Krystal Leal, Cathay Liu, Mei Ye. Carl Blum, Jackie Dai

Members Absent: Josefina Nieves

ELARC Staff: Gloria Wong, Liz Harrell, David Castaneda

State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Los Angeles Office Staff: Julie Eby-McKenzie

Guests: Refer to Sign-In Sheet, guests signed in

Spanish interpretation was utilized. There were no RSVPs for interpretation service in any other languages.

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 Liz to present on the "Budget: Part Two"

Presentation: "Budget: Part Two"

- Please reference the power point handout.
- This presentation focused on a review of the previous presentation "Budget: Part One," the role of the law and waiver application as it relates to our understanding of the individual budget, the current proposed service categories in the Self Determination Program, how money can be moved within and between service categories, and what happens if needs change during a budget year.
- 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, Mei Ye) 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**
 - Virgilio provided the update on the first meeting of the Statewide-Self Determination Advisory Committee. They met March 3, 2016 at the Westside Regional Center. In attendance were all Chairs from the Local Self-Determination Advisory Committee of the 21 Regional Centers. There was a large turnout of audience members that consisted of some committee members, parents, consumers and support groups. About five participants in the Self-Determination Pilot Project were there. The role of the committee is to identify self-determination best practices, effective consumer and family training materials, implementation concerns, systematic issues, ways to enhance the program. And also, make recommendation regarding the most effective method for participants to learn of individuals who are available to provide services and supports. Among the best practices discussed in the statewide meeting includes training on Person Centered Planning, continues training for Regional Center Staffs and committee members about Self-Determination, Training for Families and Consumers, practice over and over again, to keep the momentum going and tell the people that this is a working progress. The message was for the local committees to inform, promote, and lead.

- Gloria and Liz provided the update on the developments from the most recent Statewide Self Determination Workgroup meeting, held March 23, 2016:
 - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has had dialogue with Centers for Medicaid/MediCal (CMS) on the 181 questions. Focus on Fiscal Management Services cost issue; oversight of providers, health and safety, and duplicative services
 - Resubmittal target was March 30 (*not submitted as of our 4/4 meeting date*)
 - “Settings” rule: development of a tool to assess if settings are inclusive and community based. Small workgroup to address.
 - FMS subgroup still working on issues around rates and vendorizations. Also issue regarding payment in advance.
 - Video is now translated into several languages (not just subtitled.)
 - Training modules under review by the full workgroup
- **Outreach and Information Planning**
 - There was a meeting with the current 25 Self Determination Pilot participants on February 22, 2016. We focused on providing an update on the new program and helping them prepare for eventual transition to the new model.
 - Liz presented on a panel discussing Self Determination at the Autism Society of LA’s “It’s a New Day Conference” on February 19, 2016.
 - Liz will be presenting:
 - An update on Self Determination and a mini-talk on the relevance of the Person Centered Approach to planning in Self Determination to the ELARC Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) on April 28.
 - A Self Determination Overview on May 21 at the Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled (CPAD,) per our collaborative agreement.
 - A Self Determination Overview on May 28 at the San Gabriel Valley/Greater Long Beach chapter of the Autism Society in Whittier, per our collaborative agreement.
 - A training on the Person Centered Approach to the IPP and how it relates to Self Determination for the Inclusion Institute on June 25.

Frequency of Meetings

At the February 2 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. At today’s meeting, this discussion resumed with a decision to keep to the training schedule as planned at this point with an acknowledgement that there will be delay in implementation and that information is likely to change as the waiver goes through changes.

Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 7. There was discussion regarding the FMS and the importance of clarity of the role of the FMS, the costs, and the need to have resources ready to go when the program is implemented. Julie pointed out that a local group of vendors and advocates are exploring this issue and suggested they may have information to share. Liz will explore.

June 7 meeting agenda Items will include:

- Presentation: Person Centered Planning
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update
- FMS Discussion

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Carl Blum, Jackie Dai) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote to approve. No “no” votes, no abstentions. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**