



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee September 6, 2016 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Mei Ye, Carl Blum, Josefina Nieves

Members Absent: Cathay Liu, Krystal Leal, Jackie Dai, Michelle Morales

ELARC Staff: Liz Harrell

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

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

There were no RSVPs for interpretation service.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair. A quorum was present to conduct business. Liz Harrell greeted the attendees. Virgilio introduced Julie to present on "The Role of the Independent Facilitator," along with Gail Skvirsky-Bohn, former broker (facilitator) for the ELARC Self Determination Pilot Project; and Carol Takhar, current ELARC Pilot Project Participant.

Presentation: "The Role of the Independent Facilitator"

- Please reference the power point handout.
- Julie provided an overview of the role of the facilitator as described in the law. Gail and Carol spoke of their experiences both as a facilitator and as someone who had worked with a facilitator in Self Determination.
- There was the opportunity for the guests ask questions and obtain clarification throughout the presentation.
 - Audience members were interested in how the facilitator interacted with the Service Coordinator; what support the regional center would provide in developing facilitator resources, and the training required for facilitators. Additionally, there was concern expressed regarding a potential of there being a shortage of quality facilitators when the program initially rolls out.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- **Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Carl Blum, Josefina Nieves) 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 advised that the next meeting of the Statewide-Self Determination Advisory Committee was in the process of being scheduled. He shared highlights of the June 21 meeting. He participated at the LA office of the State Council via teleconference. He shared that he updated the committee on the activities of the ELARC committee and there was discussion about the need for local committee members to play an active role in the outreach efforts regarding Self Determination.
 - Liz provided the update on the status of the implementation of the program statewide.
 - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has continued with their dialogue with Centers for Medicaid/MediCal (CMS) on the 181 questions related to final approval of the waiver application. DDS is working with CMS on technical assistance to answer the questions and finalize the application. They had initially shared that there would be a July release for

public review and subsequent August submittal of the application for approval, however as of this date there has not been any public posting.

- With approval of the budget, the Lanterman Act was amended. The language regarding the Self Determination project was amended to include language regarding the role of the advisory committee in outreach and training efforts. A handout with the exact language was provided. There was discussion that members were already playing a role in outreach efforts that had occurred.
- The modules for training the Regional Centers are considered final and should be implemented later this fall.

- **Outreach and Information Planning**

- Liz presented a training on the Person Centered Approach to the IPP and how it relates to Self Determination for the Inclusion Institute on June 25.
- SD Service Coordinator David Castaneda presented an overview of Self Determination in Spanish to a Fiestas Familiares meeting of Fiesta Educativa. Josefina remarked that he did a wonderful job and was very clear about the program.
- Liz will be partnering with Chris Arroyo from SCDD to present an overview of Self Determination in both English and Spanish at the Fiesta Educativa conference on September 30
- Liz will be presenting to the ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee on November 1

Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 1. Agenda Items will include:

- Panel Presentation: The role of the Fiscal Management Agent (FMS.) Liz has contacted Victor Lira from Premier to participate. There will be an overview based on what we know now and what is expected.
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update
- Planning 2017 Meeting Schedule

Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Josefina Nieves, Mei Ye) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote to approve. No “no” votes, no abstentions. **Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm**