



## **ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee November 1, 2016 Meeting Notes**

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

**Members Absent:** Josefina Nieves, Krystal Leal, *please note that Michelle Morales has advised that she is resigning from the committee*

**ELARC Staff:** Gloria Wong, 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. Gloria Wong greeted the attendees. Virgilio introduced Victor Lira and Christine Sheppard to present on "The Role of the Fiscal Management Service (FMS)"

### **Presentation: "The Role of the FMS"**

- Please reference the power point handout.
- Christine and Victor provided an overview of FMS services, an update on the SD waiver as it related to the FMS, and spoke of their experiences working as an FMS agency in the current Self Determination pilot.
- There was the opportunity for the guests ask questions and obtain clarification throughout the presentation.

### **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

- **Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) (Carl Blum, Mei Yei) 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 an update on the Statewide-Self Determination Advisory Committee.
    - The committee met on October 26. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) reported on the status of the Centers for Medicaid/MediCal (CMS) review of the waiver application and the training modules. There was a survey sent out regarding outreach and there was discussion regarding how pre-enrollment will work and the role of the Advisory Committees in pre-enrollment.
  - Gloria provided the update on the status of the implementation of the program statewide.
    - It has been nearly three years since the law passed. DDS has continued with their dialogue with CMS on the 181 questions related to final approval of the waiver application. DDS is working with CMS on technical assistance to answer some 30 remaining 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. The issue of the payment of the FMS may need to go back to the legislature should it be deemed that payment shall not come out of the budget as part of the waiver approval.

- The modules for training the Regional Centers are considered final and should be implemented early in 2017.
- **Outreach and Information Planning**
  - Liz just presented to the ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee on Self Determination prior to this meeting (at 4 pm on 11/1)
  - Liz partnered 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 Harrell, Liz Rodgers (ELARC Autism Specialist) and Chris Arroyo from the State Council presented a training on the Person Centered Approach to the IPP and how it relates to Self Determination at ELARC on October 13.
  - New collaborative agreements are in place for 2017 with the Chinese Parents Association, Fiesta Educativa, and the Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Autism Society Chapter.

**Planning 2017**

A proposed plan for the 2017 meetings was approved as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
February 7	The Role of the Regional Center in Self Determination		Liz & David Castaneda
April 4	What have we learned from the pilot experience?	Panelist of current participants, the Service Coordinator-how to apply what ELARC has learned to our roll out of the new program	Liz facilitates panel
June 6	Reaching Everyone with Information about Self Determination	Panel with parent leaders from CPAD/Fiesta	Liz facilitates panel
Sept 5	TBD	Dependent on the status of the waiver	
Nov 7	TBD	Dependent on the status of the waiver	

These topics might be changed as the year progresses depending what questions may be raised, the topics attendees express a desire to learn more about, and the progress of the waiver application.

**Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be February 7, 2017 Agenda Items will include:

- The role of the Regional Center in Self Determination.
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update

**Motion/Second/Carried (M/S/C) ( Jackie Dai, Carl Blum) to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous vote to approve. No “no” votes, no abstentions. **Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm**