



ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee April 4, 2017 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Virgilio Orlina, Mei Ye, Jackie Dai, Yougeng Sun

Members Absent:, Krystal Leal, Carl Blum, Josefina Nieves, Cathay Liu

ELARC Staff Gloria Wong and Liz Harrell were out of town and not present at the meeting.

ELARC Staff: David Castaneda

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 not present. Virgilio greeted attendees and introduced David as the facilitator as Liz Harrell was out of town. David facilitated the panel presentation of Eddie Bueno, Accredited and Theresa Chen, Parent of a Pilot Participant on "What ELARC has learned from piloting Self Determination."

Presentation: "What ELARC has learned from piloting Self Determination"

- Please reference the power point handout.
- There was the opportunity for the guests ask questions and obtain clarification throughout the presentation.

Questions tended to focus on the new program, questions included:

- The types of services and supports that can be purchased
- How the budget is determined
- The decision making process in Self Determination
- Working with a fiscal management organization
- How will quality assurance work

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- As there was no quorum, the agenda and minutes will be approved at the June meeting.

Community Input

- Virgilio did ask for community input. Please refer to the questions/discussion notes from the presentation

Updates

- **Statewide Self Determination Project Update &**
 - Virgilio provided an update on the Statewide-Self Determination Advisory Committee, which has been gathering information on how the local committees operate and share information. They will be meeting again soon.
 - David provided the update on the status of the implementation of the program statewide.
- The new Self Determination program can start once California obtains approval from the Federal government. That approval process is achieved through California submitting an application for a "medicaid waiver." The application was originally submitted about two years ago.
- The application had been returned to the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with 181 questions, now down to about 2 -3 questions primarily around service descriptions (ie- what's the difference between respite and day care?)

- Anticipated that DDS will finish up the descriptions, finalize the full response, and have the application ready to go within a month. They have spent this time working with CMS to rework the application. The application does have to be reviewed by the California Department of Health Services prior to sending to CMS.
- Once the application is with CMS again, the “90 day Clock” starts-meaning CMS has to respond within 90 days to the application. There is no requirement to post the application for 30 days prior to sending it to CMS, so, if the application is approved on schedule, SD could roll out within 4 to 5 months
- We will keep you posted. When the application is sent to CMS, we will post the date on our website.
- We are gearing up to roll out training and outreach in light of this news. DDS will distribute a Training Webinar to the regional centers in approximately a month. The required pre-enrollment trainings at the regional centers will commence after the approval of the waiver as part of the implementation process.

Develop Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 6, 2017 Agenda Items will include:

- “Reaching Everyone with Information about Self Determination:” A panel presentation.
- Statewide Implementation Update and Outreach and Information Update

Meeting adjourned