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ELARC Self Determination Local Advisory Committee June 5, 2018 Meeting Notes

Members Present: Jocabed Garcia, Carola Maranon, Virgilio Orlina, Josefina Nieves, Yougeng Sun, Carl Blum, Marlene Ramirez

Members Absent: Cathay Liu, Mei Ye

ELARC Staff: Araceli Anguiano, 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

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Virgilio Orlina, Chair.

Community Input

Virgilio requested any community input:

- Marco Corona from Peoples Care shared that his organization is looking forward to working with participants in the Self Determination program and they have had the pleasure of serving someone in the current pilot. They see the ability for consumers to really think independently and be creative. He and other staff from Peoples Care also stated that David Castañeda is an outstanding Service Coordinator and especially helpful. David is the current Self Determination Service Coordinator.
- Julie referenced the flyer for the upcoming SCDD training on Person Centered Planning and Facilitation that will be held in South Gate on June 16.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda and minutes were approved.

Updates

- **Statewide Self Determination Project Update and Outreach/Information Planning**
 - Virgilio reported that Statewide SD Advisory Committee has not met since their March 13 meeting and no meeting is scheduled yet.
 - Gloria shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is still awaiting approval of the Medicaid waiver application and anticipates it soon. There are many subgroups of the statewide workgroup working on various components of the project, Liz will update in more detail.
 - She also shared that many regional centers are busy focusing at the local level as they begin to plan implementation in their communities.
 - Liz gave an overview of the major components in process:
 - Guidances on the FMS, the Independent Facilitator, the settings assessment and budget development are in the works at DDS with the statewide advisory committee contributing via many subgroups. Additionally, a curriculum is in development for the Orientation that is required of every participant. Lastly, DDS will be setting a date for participant selection.
 - There was discussion regarding the need for DDS to have everything in place before Orientation. Carl pointed out that parents are going to need a lot of support and its not fair to explain things when systems are not in place. For example, the FMSs should be

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vendored and ready to go. In fact a “fair” with FMS providers and Facilitators would be ideal after the orientation.

- ARCA also has workgroups that are in communication with the statewide group, looking at the more “nuts and bolts” of the rollout at the RCs. ELARC staff met with several representatives of other RC Administrative departments to review the budget and payment processes. Liz Ornelas and David Castaneda are testing budget process software for DDS as well.
- Liz gave an update on current efforts and future plans for outreach and information about Self Determination.
 - A fact sheet and brochure were shared. Ideas on distribution included going through service providers
 - Update documents were reviewed regarding number of informational sessions, names submitted, and demographic information
 - A proposal for informational sessions through mid 2019 was reviewed. Members suggested it may be too much as workload to run the program is going to be demanding.

Next Meetings: September 4, 2018 and November 6, 2018. Members did decide that they would meet earlier than September should the pending waiver approval significantly impact implementation planning.

Meeting dates and topics are subject to change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.