



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Date of Meeting: January 17, 2017

In Attendance

CAC Chair: Virgilio Orlina

CAC Vice Chair: N/A

Guests present: Anthony Reyes, Thomas Sandoval, Jesse Perez, Irene Andal, George Gonzales, Rocio Atenco, Catalina Aguilar, Susan Hogue, Paul Hogue, Angelica Reyes, Huy Huynh, and Camille Chang

ELARC Staff: Jesse Padilla, Brendali Maldonado, Gloria Wong, Elizabeth Harrell, Evelyn Casimiro

Consumer Advocate Report – Jesse Padilla

➤ CAC

- Jesse provided his report and gave information on:
 - The ABLE Act/CalABLE
 - Employment Blueprint
 - His meeting with the ARCA CAC
 - No cuts to our system this fiscal year so far
 - Grassroots Day
 - Cameras on ACCESS cars/vans
- He also asked the group if a future topic on Facebook would be interesting.

➤ Wage Increase

- The Department of Developmental Services sent out a 3 page letter (2 pages of enclosures), yesterday, to regional center executive directors regarding rate changes and adjustments due to the increase of the State minimum wage from the current \$10 per hour to \$10.50 per hour, scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2017 for employers with 26 employees or more. For more information about this rate adjustment for the state minimum wage increase, can also contact the Department of Developmental Services for questions regarding Non-Residential Rates at (916) 654-2300, or for questions regarding Residential Rates at (916) 654-2140.

➤ ARCA CAC Meeting

- Below is summary from the January 13, 2017 ARCA CAC Meeting:
 - Chair suggested to have a CAC page within the main ARCA page (it would include a description of what the group does, directory of members and pictures) -move away from the current FB page (Hard to update- page would be deleted) – Motion: Approved
 - Legislative season beginning (2 year cycle)
 - Governor’s budget (first draft-January) Updated and revised in May
 - No cuts in our system
 - ARCA board meeting (next week)
 - Working on report: program closures
 - 42 million dollars in budget for minimum wage increase
 - Grassroots day April 5, 2017

Self-Determination Presentation – Elizabeth Harrell

- Elizabeth Harrell, ELARC Information and Training Unit Supervisor, gave a basic overview on the self-determination program. She went over the difference between regular regional center services and the self-determination program. If you would like copies of these presentations, please contact Jesse Padilla at (626) 299-4854.

Announcements/ Burning Issues

No announcements or burning issues.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:00pm held in our Alhambra and Whittier via videoconferencing. The topic will be on *SSI & Benefits*.

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

CAC	March 21, 2017	1:30pm-3:30pm	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
ELARC Board	February 14, 2017	6 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
VAC	January 26, 2017	10:00am - 11:30am	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ARCA:	Association of Regional Center Agencies
ASA:	Autism Society of America
BOD:	Board of Directors
CAC:	Consumer Advisory Committee
CPAD:	Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled
CMSD:	ELARC Community Services Department (Resource Development and Quality Assurance)
CSD:	ELARC Consumer Services Department (Service Coordination)
DDS:	Department of Developmental Services
ELARC:	Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
FAC:	Family Advisory Committee
FRC:	Family Resource Center
GHL:	Guide to Healthy Living
I & T:	ELARC Information and Training Unit
OPS:	Regional Center Operating Budget
PICI:	Partners in Community Inclusion
POS:	Regional Center Purchase of Service Budget
SD:	Self-Determination
TASK:	Team of Special Advocates for Kids
VAC:	Vendor Advisory Committee
VLF:	Vendor Leadership Forum