



ELARC CONSUMER ADVISORY CONGRESS NOTES

Date of Meeting: May 20th, 2025

In Attendance

The CAC will be held hybrid in person and virtually via Zoom

Members Present: 15 (In Person or virtually by Zoom Marisol Guerrero (President), Michael Young, Suzanne Gallego, Salvador R., Alexandria Martinez, Juan, Nancy Wong, Jeremy B, Elise Duarte, Kim Merzouk, Alejandra Ordorica, David Parker, David L, Juan Galan, Elton Huang

Guests: 6 Eddie Sandoval (OCRA Alex Gastellum (OCRA) Victor (Families First) Jesse Silva Reach Lissete Duarte / Chris Young (support staff for members)

Guest Speakers: Alexander Scarlis (OCRA) Yvette Felipe (REACH

ELARC Staff: Patrick Schattilly, Ernesto Jauregui, Katia Ayon

Welcome/Opening

- Due to technical issues the Consumer Advocate Patrick Schattilly called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. with permission from the President, Ms. Guerrero welcomed the committee and had all members and guests introduce themselves. The opening round question was “What are your plans for the 4th of July”.
- The Consumer Advocate Mr. Patrick Schattilly provided a reading of the CAC Mission Statement. and provided a reading of the ground rules and facilitation statement. (Due to technical issues)
- The CAC minutes for March 2025 were passed using the Majority of members’ present. M/ M. Guerrero /S M. Young/C Unanimous
- Fair Hearings was presented By Alexander Scarlis
Alexander Scarlis spoke about:
 1. An Overview of the Fair Hearings Process
 2. What to expect in a Fair Hearing.
 3. Role play to demonstrate Fair Hearings basics
- In collaboration with our Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC)
Yvette Felipe Supervisor of REACH Services spoke about
 1. How REACH supports the individuals they serve living their best most fulfilling lives
 2. The Services Reach offers

Additional Questions: Announcements/Burning Issues

1. There was a role play of a Fair Hearing. After which Alexander Scarlis and OCRA staff answered questions, about timelines , evidence, and (Notices of Action NOA's)
2. The Congress tabled a vote on bylaws but gave consent for the bylaws to go to the community for comment. The new bylaws will be voted on at the July meeting with election of officers.
3. To obtain slides and copies of meeting materials it was asked that those in attendance contact the Consumer Advocate

Next CAC meeting will be July 15th 20th 2025, from 1-3pm the meeting will be hybrid on Zoom and in person the topic will be Employment George De La Loza ELARC Career Pathways Officer will present.

CAC officer elections will occur

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm

OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

Consumer Advisory Committee	July 15th, 2025	1:00pm-3:00pm	Hybrid
ELARC Board	June 10th, 2025	6:00 pm- 8:00pm	By Zoom
Vendor Advisory Committee	May 22nd, 2025	10:00am-11:30am	By Zoom
Self Determination Local Volunteer Advisory Committee	June 17 th , 2025	6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	By Zoom

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
CMDS:	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