



# ELARC: Committee Notes



**Committee:** FAC  CAC

**Date of Meeting:** May 17, 2011

**Attendance:** Yvonne Prieto, Christina Beyelia, Delonne Rodgers, Louis Rivera, De Sean Clay, Jose Camaito, Roman Castro and Jennifer Nash

**CAC Chair:** Miguel Lugo, Christina Beyelia (Co-Chair)

**ELARC Staff:** Jesse Padilla, Liz Harrell, Gloria Wong, Gerard Torres, Mary Hosokawa

**Guests:** Adriana Passarella, Hope Barba, Mark Starford, Marisela Marcos, Tony Prieto

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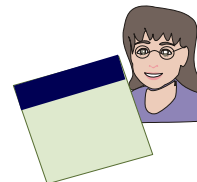
## Budget Update by Gloria Wong

### 1. Gloria addressed the following:

- May revise of the state just released
- "\$15billion shortfall in state budget. No further cuts added to the DDS System. The current tax increases will expire and the state will need to generate more revenues (money) In order for the budget to be balanced. There are 13 proposals on how the Regional Centers can save money
- "What about Day program services" some members asked. Gloria answered no however some or a few of them did have to close. Things may change when the budget is signed. Regional Centers may be covering dental under Delta dental now that Medi-Cal is not covering services, you will need to talk to your SC though since every case is individual.
- Tony asked about the impact on Operations and SC availability. Gloria answered that all ELARC staff are working less hours but are still expected to return calls in a timely manner. She advised individuals to call the Supervisor with concerns about specific SC issues. She also reminded members about the timelines in the law regarding IPP decisions. Tony also emphasized importance of making change talking and meeting with Legislatures.
- Christina asked about how to make creditors stop calling her about unpaid bills. Gloria advised her to talk to her SC about generic resources to assist her with this situation.

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**2. Minutes from May 17, 2011 CAC meeting were approved**

**3. Jesse provided the Consumer Advocate Report and an update on TAP Card.**

The Card is a pass but can be used like a debit card and customers will have to put money on the card. It will only be used for transportation.

The visa logo continues to be an issue.

**4. Bylaws:**

We discussed the Bylaws and the Positions of the officers and everyone was ok except with certain parts of the procedures and positions of the CAC membership and being on the Board. Also explained what the Bylaws are and how the Bylaws pertain to the CAC. We had a discussion on what CAC Members prefer to be referred to as and the Ballots were past out and the Choices were Advocate, Self Advocate, Community Members or clients.

**5. Emergency Operations update:**

a. Liz provided a presentation on Emergency Operations and asked members if they would like to work on a plan on Emergency Operations in order to keep people with disabilities safe. The Emergency plan has different parts

1. Plan for Regional Center safety
2. How will Regional Centers continue to operate after a disaster?
3. Training and information in the community

**6. Education/Transition**

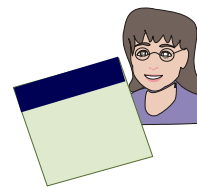
a. Mary provided an overview of Education/Transition and Mary provided information on what her role is with consulting with education issues.

**7. Announcements/Burning Issues/For next meeting(s):**

- a. Jesse TAP Card follow up
- b. Fact sheet on Transition & Education
- c. Jesse will follow up on minutes correction
- d. Tony updated the group on the work he and Yvonne did in Guam, helping raise awareness of self-advocacy and making change.
- e. Listo is hosting Vendor Resource Fair on Wednesday June 8, and wants to market it to Consumers.
- f. Future CAC work:
  - i. Emergency Preparedness
  - ii. Transition/Education
  - iii. Legislative Training

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## OTHER ELARC COMMITTEES and UPCOMING MEETINGS

FAC	Aug 3, 2011 (Performance Contract Meeting)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Contact Liz Harrell for details: eharrell@elarc.org
	<b>Sept. 7, 2011</b>	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
	<b>Oct. 5, 2011</b>	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	
ELARC Board	<b>June 14, 2011</b>	6:00 pm	Alhambra Boardroom
	<b>July 12, 2011</b>		
VAC	<b>June 23, 2011</b>	10:00 am - 11:30 am	Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier Boardrooms
	<b>July 22, 2011</b>	10:00 am - 11:30 am	
CAC	<b>Aug. 16, 2011</b>	4:00pm - 6:00pm Video Conference: Both Alhambra and Whittier	Contact Jesse Padilla for details: jpadilla@elarc.org

### 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
SDS:	Self Directed Services
TASK:	Team of Special Advocates for Kids
VAC:	Vendor Advisory Committee
VLF:	Vendor Leadership Forum

