

Vendor Advisory Committee Meetings
Thursday, April 26, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Reports from VAC Workgroups:

Ethics update:

No updates

Emergency Operations Planning Update:

No updates

CAC Update:

Jesse Padilla, ELARC Consumer Advocate announced the new Vice Chair is Marisol Guerrero. The next CAC meeting is on Tuesday May 15th from 4pm to 6pm. The topic is Employment, "How Do I Find a Job" and George De La Loza will be the speaker. Gloria Wong will be attending to give a Systems Update focusing on the May Revise and Self Determination waiver.

Reports from VAC groups:

Training:

Everyone is encouraged to fill out the training topics survey on the ELARC website, please go online and fill it out.

Networking:

This meeting will be held after the VAC meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming 2019 community resource fair. ELARC's Vendor Advisory Committee will sponsor and they are looking for another organization to co-sponsor. The Networking group has targeted "the Alhambra" campus as a potential location which is the same location as the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center. Networking Chair, Ron Rozen encouraged all who are interested in being involved in the planning and executing of this event to stay after the VAC meeting and join the networking subgroup to discuss.

Legislative:

Legislative group member Maria Moberg discussed her account of her Grass Roots Visit to Sacramento. She recounted it being positive and well attended. She stated that there were lots of supports and the members in attendance were able to give testimonials which by her account had the strongest impact.

Report on Board of Directors Meeting

VAC co-chair Bryan Chacon reported on the Board of Directors Meeting that was held April 10, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm. During the meeting Gloria Wong presented on a breach at DDS, the breach was due to a break-in. The rooms affected were vandalized and there was a small fire, this could have affected about 589,000 consumers and about 15,000 staff members. This is an ongoing investigation that is still going on. Notification was mailed out to all consumers that could have had their information compromised.

He also reported that there was a presentation on the equity, reduced case load project which was delivered by the unit manager Carmen Luna and her unit that has been spear-heading the project.

Overall reports show that it has been a positive outcome for all parties involved. ELARC looks to secure more funding to be able to continue this project as it has been successful.

Upcoming events/Announcements:

- Cristina Ontiveros presented April 2018 topic for vendors to utilize with their staff as described in the agenda, on ELARC website and prior VAC meetings regarding the HCBS final ruling. This information can be found on the ELARC website. It's important to discuss these items with vendor staff and provide the responses to Christina by 4/30/18.
- Frances informed everyone that there will be a mandatory training module in the future that will be available on the website.

Training from Liz Harrell – Self-Determination Update and Overview

PowerPoint slides were passed out for everyone in the meeting.

Self Determination (SDP) is a program by which individuals have an annual budget from which to purchase services and supports outlined in their IPP. SDP allows flexibility for individuals. You can buy services, not just those through the regional center. The individual controls the budget to buy services. All Regional Centers will be implementing SDP. DDS is expecting federal approval of the program in early June. Interested consumers must attend an informational session. Their name is then added to a list submitted to DDS for potential participation in the program.

ELARC's next informational meeting for self-determination is on May 17th from 2pm-4pm at the Palm Park. Consumers can go on the DDS website and check with their UCI number to see if their name is on the after enrolling.

Emergency Planning

The next meeting is on September 27, 2018.

Employment Forum Workgroup

Frances shared that the group is working on letters to go out to vendors to identify 1 to 2 consumers to represent consumer responses and facilitate input from other consumers in the survey target group at their sites.

Electronic Visit Verification

Those on the VAC meeting mailer list should have received a copy of the informational page posted on the website for additional information These are waiver requirements. Primarily, for those providing personal assistance services/personal care workers.

VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting Every 1st Tuesday of the month. The next Go-To meeting will be held, Tuesday, May 8th from 1pm-2:30pm. Call Christina Razo at 626-299-4847 for information to join the conference call and participate in this meeting.