

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Training: “Preview of Medical System Safety & Health Issues by Dr. Dolores Figueroa, ELARC Physician Consultant.

Preventive Healthcare and Precautions Workshop for service providers will be on **September 19, 2018 from 9:30am-12pm** – it will cover review of diabetes management and much more.

Reports from VAC Workgroups:

Ethics update:

No updates

Emergency Operations Planning Update:

No updates other than there is a meeting after the VAC meeting today.

CAC Update:

Jesse informed us that the topic at the last meeting was about Employment, “How Do I find a Job”. George De La Loza, ELARC Employment Specialist shared how they can reach their career goals in a timely manner and shared success stories of how other consumers reached their goals with his assistance. Gloria Wong gave the CAC a Systems Update focusing on Self-Determination and the May Revise. The next CAC meeting is on July 17th. The topic will be self-advocacy. Jesse reminded the group he is available to do presentations to consumers and consumer consultations throughout the year. Contact him if you have any questions.

Reports from VAC groups:

Training:

Last couple of meetings there was a workshop on how to fill out the survey on the ELARC website under Vendor Advisory Committee. The VAC Leadership continues to strongly encourage everyone to go online and fill out the survey.

Networking:

Ron thanked everyone who participated in the last Networking meeting. He reviewed the highlights of the last meeting: Discussion of the Pros and Cons of having the event on the Alhambra campus quad - The Pros - the event being on an integrated campus supports the values of HCBS community integration with non-disabled population. Open space is accessible to all individuals regardless of their mobility limitations, Individuals and families are familiar with the campus, it will be a great introduction regarding the diverse community resources to the other professional programs on campus. The Cons - limited space limits participants tables; and weather can impact the outdoor venue; The group then addressed solutions for the Cons. Companies can share tables. There will also be a host table where companies who did not get a table can leave their brochures. Besides renting chairs and tables we will also rent large portable coverings to protect the vendors and participants from the weather. The group agreed that the phrase “neighbor to neighbor” celebrating our diversity and exploring our community resources will be our 2019 Community Resource fair themes. Food options for the event were reviewed. Refreshments purchased from Costco vs. catering were discussed. No decision was made. The group is still exploring what is more reasonable. They would like all food items to be user friendly. Ron requested

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a talent search. He asked the vendors if they have any musically talented individuals that they serve to inquire about their interest in performing at the Community Resource fair. He also reported the group is still looking for a co-sponsor.

Ron invited everyone to attend the June 28th meeting. The agenda for this June 28th meeting will be to solidify our plans and expected outcomes of the Community Resource fair. A few representatives will then schedule a meeting with Felipe Hernandez, Chief of Consumer Services to present the individual and family focus of the Community Resource fair inviting his input and support. The date for this community event is tentatively scheduled for the fourth week of April 2019.

Legislative:

Lisa Peterson reported that the Senate rejected the Uniform Holiday Schedule and that the Rate Study surveys are to be released to vendors this Friday.

Independent Living Services (ILS) and Supported Living Services (SLS) Forum

Doris Weis reported that there is a Housing Rights Training on July 28, 2018. The group is discussing upcoming ELARC changes to the SLS Contract items.

Report on Board of Directors Meeting

Bryan Chacon attended the May 8th 2018 board meeting from 6pm-8pm. Gloria Wong and Felipe Hernandez presented the POS drafts to the Board of Directors for approval. The following POS guidelines were reviewed and opened up to for comments:

Health Services Early intervention
Adult Day Programs
Independent Living Services
Medical Supplies
Medical Equipment
Assistive Technology
In Home Respite Services

All revisions were approved by the board. Bryan also stated that copies of the drafts are available on the ELARC website. It was also reported that Executive Director Gloria Wong presented on the self-determination program in terms of it moving from Pilot to Program. ELARC will be opening up 90 slots in addition to the 24 transferring over from the Pilot to total 119. Gloria Wong also presented on the budget update for the fiscal year 17/18 through March 2018. ELARC POS has a deficit of approximately 3.2 MM and that the Regional Center System as a whole is about 50% with a surplus and 50% with a deficit and should at the end of the year even out.

Upcoming events/Announcements:

- Frances reported that the VAC Leadership Group would like to take action on a couple of items: (1) return to odd-year elections per the bylaws and (2) resolve extended leave of absence for the VAC Chair Person for past 4 months. All 23 vendors present at this meeting voted unanimously after the **M** (Ron Rozen)/**S** (Adrian)/**C** (23 VAC members) to extend the term of office for the current VAC Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) through November 2019. All 23 vendors present at this meeting voted unanimously after the **M**(Lisa Peterson)/**S** (Ron Rozen)/**C**

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(23 VAC members) to hold a special election on June 28, 2018 for the Vice Chair Person due to Bryan Chacon assuming the Chair Person office for the remainder of the extended term of office. Please send the nominations for the Vice Chair to brchacon@maxhealth.com so that we have the names on the ballot for the June meeting. Bryan Chacon will be assuming the Chair Person office due to the executive committee decision and resignation of Jose Reyes. Thereby, leaving the Vice Chair position vacant.

- HCBS Final Rule Requirements – The vendor meeting agenda discussion items for May are located on the ELARC website. We have to make sure we are following person centered practices. Meeting notes should be submitted by the last day of the following month.
- Frances reported an error made in the meeting agenda for today. It should have included the May 24 meeting date for the Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup.
- Ron Rozen pointed out that there is a conflict with the June 28 VAC meeting and the Employment Forum Workgroup meeting date/time which will impact some vendors who attend both meetings resulting in poor attendance at either meeting. Frances said she would follow up with the Employment Specialist (George De La Loza) to see if anything could be done to change the date/time.

Emergency Planning

Meeting next week.

Networking Meeting

Next meeting will be June 28th

Employment Forum Workgroup

The sub group continues to work on the PC 2018 Contract outcome to survey consumers, vendors and ELARC Service coordinators about the job developer and job coaching service.

VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting Every 1st Tuesday of the month. The next Go-To meeting will be held, Tuesday, June 5th from 1pm-2:30pm. You can call Christina Razo at 626-299-4847 or email to crazo@elarc.org about receiving an invitation and how to participate in this meeting..

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am