

Vendor Advisory Committee Meetings
Thursday, October 25th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Reports from VAC Workgroups

Ethics Update: Frances is meeting with Lisa in January to complete the VAC produced Ethics Training Material. Recruitment flyer for workgroup members will be released on Monday with more information about this workgroup.

Emergency Operations Planning: We are looking for more participants within the targeted area of Whittier for the Table Top Activity on November 7th.

ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Update: Next meeting is on Tuesday November 13th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm and the topic is Emotional Health. The speaker will be Erin Wurtenburg and she will cover emotional wellness, fun/healthier ways to cope with stress and anger, and will teach a few brain exercises.

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Trainings: Trainings are scheduled through March 2019. Please continue to give suggestions on ELARC website.

Networking: ELARC network group is meeting with Alhambra Unified School District to collaborate on a Transition Fair that will take place Saturday March 16th 2019 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. A Save the Date Commitment list was passed around to sign up.

Whittier Wellness Move-n-Groove is on November 9th at Adventure Park from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Legislative: Go vote! Frances reminded group that there is legislative information on the ELARC website. Any information that ELARC does share with the community is not endorsed by ELARC. Rather the information is provided informational purposes only for individuals to use in making their own decisions about their position in matters on the ballot or for legislative activities. The ARCA Report 2018 – “Building A System for Tomorrow” is available at <http://www.elarc.org/budget-legislation/budget-update> you are encouraged to read it. In addition, consider other sources (including but not limited to Provider organizations, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability Rights California, CDCAN Reports) of information about legislative items.

Report on Board of Director’s meeting

PICI group (Whittier Spanish speaking and Alhambra) provided a presentation regarding their children and what they have been able to accomplish throughout the year. Budget Operations and POS update was provided.

Training: “How to Create a One Page Profile” by Liz Rogers

Liz Rogers explained the benefits of a One Page Profile and how to fill it out for the individual you are supporting. A One Page Profile is an ever-evolving document that presents the individual and offers people supporting him or her tools to help them succeed. It offers information on how to help them be comfortable, safe, and happy.

Upcoming Events/Announcements:

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Next Meeting will be November 15th because of Thanksgiving. All 2019 Workgroups will be scheduled.

VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum): Briefing sessions are held half hour before our VAC meeting. Everyone is welcomed to attend

Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Worksheet: In 2019, EOP meetings will be from 11:30am to 12:30p after VAC meetings during designated months to be determined.

HCBS Final Rule Series - Principles, Guidelines and Implementation Activities topic was “What is Integration?” Vendors are encouraged to continue working on identifying areas that need to be changed to meet the 2020 HCBS Final Rule requirement. ELARC is working to have all agencies be compliant.

Local Minimum Wage Update: The budget to cover the minimum wage increase has been approved, but the federal approval is still pending. The state will provide \$25 million, but that amount will be federally matched. The process is on its course for approval. It has to be reviewed and approved by multiple parties before the funding can be redistributed. Although it is in process, vendors will not have access to the money. DDS has been asked to post budget updates about this bridge funding; the post is reportedly near completion and should be posted soon. You can also subscribe to ELARC e-notifications for updates.

Upcoming Ask Campaign: Every year ELARC has team for Grass roots in the Spring. Frances provided an update on the 9/13/18 meeting as Gloria mentioned during her presentation in September. ELARC will be developing teams of four to go and ask legislators to support service providers and Regional Centers. There are 12 district offices in the ELARC region, 10 of which are up for election with new legislators. Groups will go to their office to meet with them the first two weeks of December because we cannot meet with candidates until they are sworn in. Vendors may be contacted to take part in the visits as delegate members.

We encourage you to go to ARCA’s website to educate yourself on how the minimum wage increases will affect services and agencies. It is important to understand all sides and know which one we are on in order to talk to legislators effectively.

Self Determination Trainings: Orientation Trainings are mandatory for consumers selected to participate. if you would like to be involved in the Self Determination program there are two trainings coming up:

- **Self Determination for Service Providers:** November 28th, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the ELARC Boardroom. RSVP required by November 21st to Christina Razo at crazo@elarc.org
- **Self Determination Independent Facilitator Train the Trainer Session:** December 4th, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the ELARC Boardroom. RSVP required by November 29th to Christina Razo at crazo@elarc.org

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am