VAC July 25th, 2019

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Community Comment

There were no community comments

- III. Training: Sinan Khan, Associate Director, Response from the Office of Emergency

 Management, LA County presented on emergency preparedness; You are more prepared than you think.
 - A. Sinan reviewed the "County of Los Angeles Emergency Survival Guide" and "County of Los Angeles Stay Safe! Stay in Control!" booklet.
 - B. He touched on the topics of why preparing for an emergency is important, how self-assess whether you are prepared, establishing a support team, creating emergency plans, assembling emergency supplies and maintaining an out-of-state contact list.

IV. Report from VAC Groups

- A. Ethics
- B. Emergency Operations planning
- C. Training
 - i. Training Topics Scheduled:

October 24th, 2019: Systems Update – Gloria Wong January 23rd 2020: **OPEN** (CalABLE – Pending)

ii. VAC Training/Issue Agenda Topic Survery: Submit agenda training/issue topics that are meaningful and useful to you as a vendor on an ongoing basis.
 http://www.elarc.org/service-providers/vendor-advisory-committee

D. Networking

- i. Social Security Workshop 8/28/2019 10AM-12PM
- ii. Abilities Job Fair 9/10/2019 10AM-1PM. Abilities First was hosting this job fair, an email list was sent around.
- E. VAC Election Meeting November 21st, 2019
 - Update Nominations/Nomination Schedule. So far had 3 nominations, 2 Chair and 1 Vice Chair. One was declined, two were still pending. Leadership overviews were passed around to the meeting attendees. Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary are open.

F. Legislative

i. Trailer bills language changes – There were 20 line items, about 9 line items were different from last year. Bryan had the list that detailed what changes were made.

V. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Update

Jesse Padilla, ELARC Consumer Advocate informed the group that they had a meeting the week prior and a first responder law enforcement officer, Tony Salazar, came to present. The officer expressed the importance of creating an emergency card with phone numbers, medications, and other important information a first responder would need to know. CAC is currently searching for topics to prepare for next year as well. Next meeting is Tuesday September 17th, 2019 from 4PM-6PM being held at the ELARC boardroom on the topic of tenant housing rights.

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VI. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, July 9, 2019

Bryan attended for the group. The Executive Director's report consisted of fiscal year 2018 – 2019 POS budget update. There is a minimum of 57K and a maximum of 209K, this does not account for CPP allocation. Operations budget 18-19 through June had a modest budget balance of 126K. A Self-Determination flowchart was given to the board that clearly outlines the start to finish process that begins with notification of selection of services. State wide, 267 consumers have opted out, 19 consumers being from ELARC. They are currently in the process of reselecting consumers.

VII. HCBS Final Rule Series – Principles, Guidelines and Implementation Activities

Maribel spoke about the "ELARC Service Provider Self-Assessment". The survey template was developed and being updated. It would be sent out within the next few weeks. DDS will also be rolling out an assessment during Fall 2019. Maribel also showed a timeline that gave a snap shot the direction of HCBS, efforts that ELARC has done, highlighted the compliance funding, and DDS shared that from May – September 2019 they would doing trainings, outreach, and feedback for all Regional Centers and Service Providers on the Service Provider Self-Assessment. The department hired a consulting group named PCG which will be hosting the trainings and gathering feedback from all stake holders (providers, consumers, regional center staff). From September 2019 to Jun 2020 the department will be distributing the trainings. PCG released that we would be hosting 14 trainings, some in person and some online. Registration can be done online at https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5094337/HCBS-Final-Rule-Training-Registration and a webinar will be recorded and posted on DDS website.

VIII. Upcoming service provider and leadership forums:

A. VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum)

VLF is a briefing session 30 minutes before regularly scheduled VAC meeting to review the meeting agenda. Next meeting is Thursday September 26th, 2019 at 9:30am in ELARC's Boardroom and videoconference in Whittier office, everyone welcome to attend.

B. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup

Meeting schedule: September 26th, 2019 and November 21st, 2019 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Vendors are strongly encouraged to attend.

C. VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting

First Tuesday of every month from 1:00PM-2:30PM, Teleconference. Next Meeting September 3rd, 2019. Contact Elisa Salazar at (626) 299-4772 or esalazar@elarc.org for meeting invitation to access GoToMeeting and phone conference line.

D. Network Group Meeting

Meeting Schedule: October 24th, 2019 11:30AM-12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom.

E. Independent and Supported Living Forum

Meeting schedule: July 25th, 2019 11:30AM-12:30PM in ELARC Boardroom.

F. Employment Forum and Workgroup

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<u>Employment Forum</u> is the subcommittee meeting for all providers to discuss employment first philosophy and implementation

Meeting Schedule:

- Thursday, 9/19/2019, 9:30AM-11:30AM, Boardroom.
- Thursday, 12/4/2019, 9:30AM-11:30AM, Boardroom.

