

ELARC VAC Mtg Notes (1.24.19)

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - A. Public Comment was made open to all members present. No comments made.
- II. Report from VAC work groups
 - A. Ethics
 1. VAC/Ethics VAC members were invited to become involved in work group to ensure a broader input into a reworking important guidance on ethics for all vendors.
 - B. Emergency
 1. Feedback was being received following a series of workshops and exercises held in different geographic areas.
- III. ELARC CAC Update
 - A. Last month's efforts revolved around legislative involvement by having workshops on how to write to legislators. The next CAC meeting is on Tuesday March 19th from 4pm to 6pm. The topic will be Relationships/Advocating. The two speakers are Self Advocates, Julie and Rigo Gaona, who will cover boundaries, different kinds of relationships and effective ways of advocating.
- IV. Report from VAC Groups
 - A. Training - More training opportunities to be made available to VAC membership
 - B. Networking- Upcoming Transition Community Resource Fair in March 2019; opportunity for greater partnership with local school districts.
 1. Application for vendor participation in event and outline of event proceedings and layout were discussed. Applications made available to VAC membership on this day.
 - C. Legislative - Final results and findings for Burns & Associates DDS Vendor rate study forthcoming. Will have impact on State budgetary considerations. More information on DDS website. Participation was crucial, not all service codes were represented.
- V. Report to Board of Directors
 - A. Current representative will be leaving ELARC and going to DDS. Final day was 1/31/19. Elizabeth Ornelas is interim. Roxy Ortiz will move to EOP.
 - B. Update on Self-Determination - Currently evaluating how selected specialized caseloads have been working, at this time a waiting list exists for next selected specialized cases. Upcoming training on FMS ebilling. Upcoming trainings for Service Providers on Self-Determination being organized.
- VI. HCBS Final Rule Series
 - A. 4 Key principles discussed as essential for providers to observe and promote so as to be HCBS compliant.
- VII. Training - ELARC Pilot Project (Disparity Data)
 - A. Overview of Disparity Data coming into public view in CA, Discussion of contributing factors to Disparity Data.
 1. Overview of Legislative efforts and DDS mandates/reforms instituted to address disparity. Very limited progress thus far.

Training - ELARC Pilot Project **continued**

- B. ELARC proposal to address is the Reduced Caseload Project
 - 1. DDS funded project up for renewal
 - 2. Project's target is Equity not Equality
 - 3. Informed consent obtain from families deemed eligible for enhanced case management
 - a) Max caseload at 40 (200 cases participating)
 - b) Hispanic and Cantonese families participating
 - 4. Assessment Tools for Project
 - a) Family Surveys (63% had better understanding of DD's)
 - b) Consumer Surveys (102 participated)
 - c) Service Provider focus groups