

ELARC Vendor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes January 23rd, 2020

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00am in the ELARC boardroom and via video conference at the Whittier ELARC office.

I. Welcome and introductions

II. Community Comment

There were no community comments.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee update

Jesse Padilla announced that the first meeting of the year was held on January 21st 2020. Gloria provided a systems update for FY 19 – 2020. Main topic was on IHSS with an emphasis on how to navigate the IHSS system, what their role is and how they determine eligibility. Next meeting is February 15th, 2020 from 4pm – 6pm.

IV. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Ethics

Deferred, no update.

B. Emergency Operations Planning

Having first meeting after February VAC meeting, February 27th 2020 11:30am – 12:30pm.

C. Training

- i. Training Topics will alternate every other month with the HCBS Forum
- ii. Scheduled:
 1. February 27th 2020: HCBS Forum
 2. March 26th 2020: Pending Training - CalABLE
- iii. VAC Training/Issue Agenda Topic Survey: 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. Bryan Chacon passed around a sign-up sheet for the Networking Group to the VAC.
- ii. Alhambra Unified School District Update - Community Resource fair scheduled on May 5th 2020, it is still early in the planning process.
- iii. New Co-Chair Recruitment – VAC members were encouraged to note it on the sign-up sheet if they were interested in being a Co-Chair.
- iv. Outreach Opportunities

E. Executive Committee Officers, Introductions

- i. Election meeting 2021- Executive Committee Officers Nominations

- ii. Special Election, February 27th, 2020 for the Chairperson position. Interested parties can email Bryan Chacon at brchacon@maxhealth.com
- iii. Current Leadership, Lisa Peterson from Shield Healthcare and Joel Moreno from Maxim Healthcare introduced themselves to the VAC.

F. Legislative

- i. Governor’s Budget Overview – Roxy Ortiz provided an update on the Governor’s Budget Overview and highlights include:
 - 1. 5.3% is projected for caseload growth
 - 2. \$899M in OPS (6.8% increase from FY 19/20)
 - 3. \$7.83B in POS (13.9% increase from FY 19/20)
 - 4. \$16.5M decrease to caseload ratios for children under 5 (1:45)
 - 5. \$4.54M for START training model for those dually diagnosed.
 - 6. Performance Incentive Program is being proposed to meet an advanced tier of performance measures and outcomes.
 - 7. Proposal to extend sunset provision of 12/31/2021 to 6/30/2023
 - 8. Proposal for supplemental rate increase of 8.2% for Service Codes 116, 805, and 520.
 - 9. DDS opened up a Southern Region Office in Costa Mesa.
- ii. Roxy encouraged the group to attend the Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 Hearing on Health and Human Services, chaired by Senator Richard Pan. Meeting on January 22nd, 2020 at 9am. Another hearing coming up was Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Meeting scheduled on January 28th 2020 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Roxy will also be hosting community practices on how to organize grassroots planning.

V. Training: “Mental Illness & Hospitalization” – Marisa Phan, Regional Director – Crisis Response Project Southern California.

- A. Goal is decrease police involvement and unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations
 - i. When hospitalizations are necessary, CRP will facilitate the process with the Department of Mental Health.
 - ii. Available 24/7 365 days a year
 - iii. Vendedored with East Los Angeles Regional Center, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, Westside Regional Center.
 - iv. CRP can take cold calls (a client that was not referred to them by a partner Regional Center) but they prefer a referral to find out about a client.
 - v. For any hospitalizations, consumers must have their current list of medications prescribed to them.

VI. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, January 14th, 2020

Chair Bryan Chacon attended for the group. Important highlights include:

- A. On December 4th 2019 all Regional Centers were notified by the Department of Developmental Services that all centers must enroll as “Medi-Cal Provider”. Not submitting the application with all the required information will put in jeopardy 40% of federal funding received by Regional Centers.

- i) The Lanterman Coalition's priorities for FY 20-21 Budget include:
 - 1. Provide a 3-year plan for implementation on the rate study recommendations.
 - 2. Remove rate increase suspension trigger for the rate increases approved in FY 19-20.
 - 3. \$400M General Fund, which would be used for:
 - a) 1/3 of rate increases proposed in finalized rate models
 - b) 3.3% rate increase to adjust for the \$1 increase to min wage starting Jan 1, 2021.
 - c) Consistent with a recommendation in the rate study, rate augmentations of \$100 per month for service staff fluent in non-English languages
 - d) Emergency 8.2% rate increase for early intervention and ILS.

- j) Linh informed HCBS compliance survey is being sent out soon. Providers will receive an email from Community Services Specialist to complete the survey. There will also be DDS Cyber Security trainings at ELARC on April 21st and April 22nd. Online registration will be on the ELARC website once the times are confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am