

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 23rd, 2020

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00am via video conference Go To Meeting.

- I. **Welcome and introductions**
 - A. Please email Eren Perez at eperez@elarc.org to mark participation in the meeting
- II. **Community Comment**

There were no community comments.
- III. **COVID-19 Update and Discussion – Liz Harrell**
 - A. DDS Directive announced 4/2/2020: Extension of Waivers, Modifications, and Directives due to COVID-19
 - i. https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DDSDirective_Extensions_04022020.pdf
 - B. DDS Directive announced 4/15/2020: Guidance for Residential Facility Payments and Rates, Vendor Audits, HCBS Info, RBT Certification, CIE and Parental Fees
 - i. https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DDSDirective_Requirements-Waived_04152020.pdf
 - C. DDS Directive announced 4/16/2020: Training Resources for Residential Service Providers Hiring Direct Support Professionals
 - i. https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/DDSDirective_TrainingResources_04162020.pdf
 - D. Webinars have been emailed to providers as well as COVID-19 FAQ.
 - i. <http://www.elarc.org/home/showdocument?id=13355> – link for FAQ
 - E. Personal Protective Equipment
 - i. PPE are requested by the LA County Department of Public Health. However, LA DPH has run out of the equipment at the moment. DDS is delivering hand sanitizer to ELARC for Service Providers.

IV. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic and Contact

Jesse Padilla announced that the next meeting is on Tuesday May 19th 2020 from 4pm to 6pm. The topic is on “How to make new friends”. Wesley Witherspoon, Consumer Advocate from USC will be the guest speaker.

V. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Ethics

Deferred

B. Emergency Operations Planning

Workgroup meeting, 4/23/2020 at 11:30 with Roxy Ortiz

C. Training

- i. Training Topics Scheduled:
 1. May 28th 2020: Managing Mobility Partners
- ii. 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. Alhambra Unified School District Update – Postponed until further notice
- ii. 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.
- iii. Outreach Opportunities

E. Executive Committee Officers, Introductions

- i. Election meeting 2021- Executive Committee Officers Nominations

F. Legislative

Deferred

VI. HCBS Final Rule Series – Principles, Guidelines and Implementation Activities
“Remote Services or Alternate Locations”

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, April 14th, 2020

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

- a. There was a recap of all of the DDS Directives.
- b. HCBS Final rule series: announcement deadline was extended to June 30th, 2020 – the topic was reviewed which was “what everybody ought to know about the DDS Survey”

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am