

## Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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. Training: “Revisioning” for Post COVID-19
    - i. Getting Back to Work: A Layered Defense Approach
  - B. DDS Directive announced 5/1/2020: COVID-19 Resources for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
    - i. [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective\\_COVID-19ResourcesForIDD\\_05012020.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_COVID-19ResourcesForIDD_05012020.pdf)
  - C. DDS Directive announced 5/7/2020: Additional Guidance on Payments for Non-Residential Services:
    - i. [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective\\_PaymentsForNonresidentialServices\\_05072020.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_PaymentsForNonresidentialServices_05072020.pdf)
  - D. DDS Directive announced 5/18/2020: Extension of Waivers, Modifications, and Directives due to COVID-19
    - i. [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective\\_Extensions\\_05182020.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_Extensions_05182020.pdf)
  - E. DDS Directive announced 5/22/2020: Amended Requirements for Reporting incidents Related to COVID-19.
    - i. [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective\\_AmendingSIRReporting\\_05222020.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_AmendingSIRReporting_05222020.pdf)

- F. DDS Directive announced 5/22/2020: Guidance for Fingerprint Clearance and Transfers.
- i. [https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective\\_FingerprintClearance\\_05222020.pdf](https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DDSDirective_FingerprintClearance_05222020.pdf)
- G. Links to Federal, State, and LA County public health guidances are listed below. Note that information can change daily
- i. Federal:  
CDC updated guidances at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc&Page=2>
    - a. 5/14/20 CDC decision tree for re-opening workplaces: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/workplace-decision-tree.pdf>
    - b. 5/14/20 CDC decision tree for re-opening child care centers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Childcare-Decision-Tree.pdf>
  - ii. State
    - a. CDPH link to Statewide Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk which outlines how businesses statewide guidance for businesses to follow, if they are permitted to open per county health rules  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>
    - b. CDPH updated guidances  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>
- H. Webinars have been emailed to providers as well as COVID-19 FAQ.
- i. <http://www.elarc.org/home/showdocument?id=13355> ó link for FAQ

#### IV. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic and Contact

Jesse Padilla announced that the next meeting is on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 4pm to 6pm. The topic is on "How to make new friends". Leslie Weatherson, 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. July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020: Systems Update, Gloria Wong
- 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. New Membership recruitment
- ii. Outreach Opportunities ó look into Tele-networking

### E. Executive Committee Officers, Introductions

- i. Election meeting 2021- Executive Committee Officers Nominations
- ii. Bylaws update

### F. Legislative

- i. VAC May Revise Budget Update ó Roxy Ortiz
- ii. Projected \$54.3B deficit for 2020.
- iii. Revenue decline:
  - a. Corporate tax 22.7%
  - b. Income tax 25%
  - c. Sales tax 27%
- iv. Withdrawn, modified, maintained:
  - a. \$16.5M decrease to caseload ratios for children under 5 ó Withdrawn
  - b. \$4.54M for START ó Withdrawn
  - c. Performance Incentive Program ó Withdrawn
  - d. Provider Supplemental Rate Increase ó Withdrawn for service codes (116, 520, 805).
  - e. Parental Fees ó Modified
  - f. Development of 5 enhanced behavioral health homes ó Maintained
  - g. 5.3% for caseload growth ó Maintained
  - h. Temporary Supplemental Rates for specific providers ó Maintained
  - i. Uniform Holiday Schedule ó Implement

- j. Regional Center operations reductions
- v. DDS Savings Proposals
  - a. Implement Provider Payment Reductions (\$230M). Reductions from 7.5% to 14%
  - b. Expenditures/Utilization Reviews (\$70M). Includes service standardization, expenditure plans for OPS and POS, and utilization reviews of various services and those who have the highest level of supports.
- vi. Budgetary Hearings
  - a. Legislature ó June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - b. Governor ó June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - c. Budget ó Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

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

“How to match virtual resources with what is Important to and for a person” ó

- A. Handout is available. Maribel Garcia is also available to assist with the resources at [margarcia@elarc.org](mailto:margarcia@elarc.org)

**VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

- A. 18 deaths and 112 positive for consumers of Regional Centers for California.
- B. Next meeting with have a deep dive on the May Revise budget proposals.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:35am**