

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 23rd, 2020

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00am via video conference Go To Meeting by Vice Chair Lisa Peterson

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. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic and Contact

Jesse Padilla announced that the next meeting is on Tuesday September 15th 2020 4pm ó 6pm. Topic will be Access Transportation. Jesse is also hosting consumer hang out calls.

IV. System Update: Gloria Wong, ELARC Executive Director

- A. Preliminary Budget Cut Proposals ó Released in May 2020 by Governor Newsom.
 - i. Proposed: \$230M payment discount (reduced rate)
 - ii. Proposed: \$70M utilization savings from POS.
 - iii. Proposed: \$30M reduction in Regional Center operations budget.
- B. State Senate and Legislature reversed all proposed budget cuts.
- C. Absentee billing
 - i. Extension approved until 8/31/2020
- D. Questions to Gloria
 - i. Q: Is a fade out of absentee billing possible?
A: VAC should work together to send a letter to ELARC to advocate for this suggestion.
 - ii. Q: Will PPP money granted to vendors need to be paid back to Regional Centers?
A: Service Providers should again work together to advocate for relief of paying back any loans or grants.

V. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Ethics

Lisa Peterson provided updates ó

- i. Liz and Lisa are working on the Ethics document for CAC.

B. Emergency Operations Planning

- i. Ron informed the group that there are no updates.
- ii. Next EOP meeting is September 24th 2020.

C. Training

- i. Training Topics Scheduled:
 - 1. September 24th ó CALAble - Pending
- 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. Meeting after July 23rd 2020 VAC.
- ii. New Membership recruitment
- iii. 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. *Included in Gloria's systems update.*

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

A. Gloria covered COVID-19 Directives

B. Surveillance report was reviewed. Includes internal employees at ELARC and consumers.

C. Self-Determination funds were approved to be used in implementation. 3 proposals were approved:

- i. A handbook
- ii. On-going facilitator training support
- iii. Funds to support consumers in their transition into self-determination

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

“Ways to cope with Stress when Integration is limited”– Maribel Garcia

A. Hand out was given to all attendees.

VIII. Upcoming service provider and leadership forums (please check website for most updated information, due to current public health crisis, meetings may be held remotely):

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 July 23, 2020 9:30 using gotomeeting, everyone welcome to attend. See Go To Meeting invite below:

VLf Meeting

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/451159133>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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B. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup

Meeting Schedule 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: September 24: November 19.
Vendors are strongly encouraged to attend.

C. VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting

First Tuesday of every month from 1:00 . 2:30 pm. Next Meeting September 8, 2020. Everyone welcome to attend. See Go To Meeting invite below:

VAC Planning Meeting

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/351012645>

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D. Network Group Meeting TODAY

Meeting Schedule 11:30am to 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: July 23.

E. Independent and Supported Living Forum

Meeting Schedule: 11:30am . 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: October 22.

F. Employment Forum and Workgroup

Employment Forum is the subcommittee meeting for all providers to discuss employment first philosophy and implementation.

2020 Meeting Schedule, 9:30 . 11:30 am in ELARC Boardroom - Alhambra:

September 15

December 2