

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 19th, 2020

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00am via video conference Go To Meeting by Chair Bryan Chacon

I. Welcome and introductions

- A. Please email Eren Perez at eperez@elarc.org to mark participation in the meeting

II. Community Comments

No community comments.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic & Contact

Jesse Padilla was not in attendance. VAC Chair Bryan Chacon provided the group with the CAC update. Next meeting is scheduled 1/19/21 4pm – 6pm, during the meeting the group will be electing a Chair and Vice Chair for the committee.

IV. COVID-19 Update

Liz Harrell reminded the group that ELARC will continue to hold weekly check ins for providers on Fridays 1:30p – 2:30p.

- A. Directives website: dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/
 - i. Alternative Non-Residential Services directive – goal is to implement alternative services by November 2020. Rates are still being worked on by DDS.
 - ii. ELARC is looking into providers that can help with surge capacity staffing.
 - iii. DDS put out a consumer and family survey on their website via survey monkey.

V. CalABLE Training – Anne Osbourne, Program Manager

- A. **CalABLE 101 is the state investment program for individuals with disabilities**
- B. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmZvXudyV1w&feature=youtu.be>
- C. Launched in 2018 and have \$30M in managed assets.
- D. Individuals with a disability that occurred before age 26 are eligible
- E. Earnings in CalABLE account are 100% federal and California state tax-free
- F. Assets up to \$100,000 will not affect SSI and Medicaid
- G. Qualified Expenses range from education, employment support, housing, transportation, assistive, technology and healthcare.

VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Ethics

- i. Ethics draft – Sent out to the group
- ii. VAC will send to Board of Directors for approval after voting on the draft in January 2021 meeting.

B. Emergency Operations Planning

- i. EOP meeting was held after the VAC meeting.

C. Training

- i. 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. 13 individuals that previously signed up – Ron compiled 5 subcommittees from these individuals.
- iii. Outreach Opportunities – look into Tele-networking, Webinars, Zoom platforms.

E. Executive Committee

- i. Election Meeting 2021- Executive Committee Officers
Nominations
- ii. Bylaws update – still work in progress.

F. Legislative

- i. No updates

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday November 10th 2020

Chair Bryan Chacon did attend meeting and provided agenda updates to the VAC group:

A. Caseload plans of corrections. ELARC is below caseload ratios, ELARC has a plan of correction based on various categories. ELARC did not meet 3 of the 7 ratios.

B. 2019 Community Report issued on ELARC websites that featured inspirational stories and staff.

C. Self-Determination – local advisory meeting on 11/17/20. A total of 95 participants are registered.

VIII. HCBS Final Rule Series - Principles, Guidelines and Implementation

Activities:

A. Heightened Scrutiny Handout (from October)

B. CROI and the Holidays

IX. 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 January 28, 2021 at 9:30am 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.

United States (Toll Free): 1 877 568 4106

United States: +1 (312) 757-3129

Access Code: 451-159-133

B. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup

Meeting Schedule 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: 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

January 5th 2021. 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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Access Code: 351-012-645

D. Network Group Meeting

Meeting Schedule 11:30am to 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: 2021
TBD

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:
December 2