

## **Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

- I. **Welcome and introductions**
  - A. Group was addressed to mark participation in the meeting in the chat.
- II. **Community Comments**

No community comments.
- III. **ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic & Contact**

Jesse Padilla provided an update in the previous meeting on Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 6pm. The CAC held their election for chair and vice chair Topic is Person centered planning, Liz Rogers and Lizette Villa are the guest speaker. Next meeting is Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021, Gloria will be joining the CAC to provide the systems updates.
- IV. **AB 637 Public Meeting on 4/13/2021**
  - A. Board of Directors approved ELARC's AB637 waiver.
  - B. Also working with North LA Regional Center on the AB637 waiver.
  - C. Proposing new rate methods for various services, but they are going to propose a new rate model for each service.
- V. **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. Community care licensing has issued a new pin, informational webinar was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> on the community care licensing website.
  - B. Payment Protection Program loans directive is being developed by DDS.
  - C. Directives website: [dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/](https://dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/)
- VI. **Report from VAC Work Groups**
  - A. **Ethics**
    - i. Ethics draft – presented to the Board of Directors and approved. It will go into effect.
    - ii. It will be on Vendor Orientations in the future.
    - iii. Training in June 2021 for VAC.

## **B. Emergency Operations Planning**

- i. Met after the February VAC meeting. Discussions were surrounding PPE, EPG, and updating the everbridge emergency system. Next meetings in May and September.

## **C. Training**

- i. Self Determination (SCDD Chris Arroyo) April 22, 2021
- ii. Gloria Wong, Systems Update May 27, 2021
- iii. Ethics June 24, 2021
- iv. Mobility Management Partners October 28, 2021
- v. New Training Survey is ready:  
<https://www.elarc.org/governance/advisory-committees/vendor-advisory-committee/vac-training-survey>

## **D. Networking**

- i. New Membership recruitment
- ii. VAC Funds: Event Management and Support
- iii. Outreach Opportunities – look into Tele-networking, Webinars, Zoom platforms.
- iv. Renewal of Forums/Workgroups: Behavioral, Residential, and Transportation

## **E. Executive Committee**

- i. Bylaws Next Steps
- ii. Election Meeting 2021
  1. Formation of Nominating Subcommittee: Executive Committee Officers Nominations

## **F. Legislative**

- i. Deferred

## **VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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

- A.** Directives were presented at the BOD meeting.
- B.** DDS is instructing that all Regional Centers reach out to 65 and older consumers to inform the resources surrounding vaccination.
- C.** Self Determination – local advisors meeting April 20, 2021

## **VIII. HCBS Final Rule Series FORUM – Principles, Guidelines, and Implementation Activities – Lizette Villa and George**

- A.** Benefit Planning Forum

- i. How to support individuals that are concerned about losing their SSI benefits if they find employment
  - ii. Resources for individuals seeking employment
- B. Work Force integration**
  - i. Consumers do not call in sick.
  - ii. Comprehensive employment opportunities
  - iii. Transition services, employment conversations start while the consumer is in school when decided to work or to go to school and get a degree

**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 April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 9:30am using gotomeeting, everyone welcome to attend. See Go To

Meeting invite below:

VLF Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931

Passcode: 982933

Phone: 1 669 900 9128

**B. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup**

Meeting Schedule 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: May 27<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021. Everyone welcome to attend. See Go To Meeting invite below:

VAC Planning Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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**D. Network Group Meeting**

Meeting Schedule 11:30am to 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: 2021 March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021, and October 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **E. Independent and Supported Living Forum**

Meeting Schedule: 11:30am – 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>

### **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:  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, Jun 15<sup>th</sup>, September 21<sup>st</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **G. Early Start Forum**

All meetings run 2pm – 4pm

i. April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

ii. October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Contact Dora Ramirez, Community Services Specialist at [dramirez@elarc.org](mailto:dramirez@elarc.org) to be added to the mailing list for details.