

## **Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 22<sup>nd</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 did not attend the meeting. Liz Harrell informed the group that the next CAC meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4pm via zoom. Topic is healthy relationships, consumer hang outs April 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 11am.
- IV. **Liz Rodgers, ELARC Autism Specialist: Current Social Cultural Environment COVID-19 Update**
  - A. Liz Rodgers let the group know she is available for Workshops with providers for Social and Cultural Environment
- 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. Directives website: [dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/](https://dds.ca.gov/corona-virus-information-and-resources/)
  - B. Governor is aiming to open the state by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- VI. **Report from VAC Work Groups**
  - A. **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.
  - B. **Early Start Forum**
    - i. **Maria Moberg** – held first Early Start Forum.

- ii. The forum is requesting that reports from providers are submitted in a timely manner.
- iii. Speech and Language reports: Need to clearly justify the reason for continuation of services.

### **C. Training**

- i. Gloria Wong, Systems Update May 27, 2021
- ii. Disability Thrive 10 mins overview 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. Virtual Resource Fair
  - a. New gmail: [elarcresourcefair2021@gmail.com](mailto:elarcresourcefair2021@gmail.com)
- iv. Renewal of Forums/Workgroups: Behavioral, Residential, and Transportation

### **E. Executive Committee**

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

### **F. Legislative – Roxy Ortiz updated the group**

- i. Each year the Regional Center advocates for groups.
- ii. Secured 10 out of 12 meetings with State Senators.
- iii. Budget has been the focus:
  - 1. Uniform holiday schedule
  - 2. Maintaining the 8.2% rate increases that are going to sunset as of 12/31/2021.
  - 3. Minimum wage for the provider community
  - 4. \$55M budget increase to increase Regional Center hiring, aiming to hire 150 Service Coordinators.

## **VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday April 13<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** – Liz Harrell

A. Fully launching June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021.

B. What is Self Determination?

- i. Program where a consumer or legal representative is given a specific budget and they can choose how to allocate their funding for their own services.

C. Regulatory Requirements

- i. Vendors need to participate in an orientation.
- ii. All services still need to be listed in the consumer IPP.
- iii. FMS is a required service.

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 May 28<sup>th</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 23rd. 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 May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Everyone welcome to attend. See Go To Meeting invite below:

VAC Planning Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931  
Passcode: 982933  
Phone: 1 669 900 9128

**D. Network Group Meeting**

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

**H. Forums in Development with Dates and Times TBD:**

- i. Behavioral Services: Contact Maria Cañas at [mcanas@elarc.org](mailto:mcanas@elarc.org)
- ii. Residential Services: Contact Monique Perez at [mperez@elarc.org](mailto:mperez@elarc.org)
- iii. Transportation Services: Contact Mayra Magaña at

[mmagana@elarc.org](mailto:mmagana@elarc.org)