

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 27th, 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 informed the group that the previous CAC meeting was May 18th 2021 at 4pm via zoom, topic was healthy relationships with the speaker from North Los Angeles Regional Center and Gloria Wong with systems updates. Next meeting July 20th 2021, topic on personal budgeting.
- IV. **Gloria Wong: Systems Update**
 - A. ELARC Re-opening plan
 - i. ELARC is opening June 15th 2021.
 - ii. ELARC is asking for everyone coming to have an appointment and to wear a mask.
 - B. 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget
 - i. Budget will pass by June 15th 2021
 - ii. \$75B surplus for California budget from 2020.
 - iii. May Revise Proposal includes: Eliminating the uniform holiday schedule, Provider supplemental rate increase proposed to be permanent, Bilingual staff differential in pay, DSP training, employment grant for internship programs, funding for Emergency Preparedness, performance incentive program for Service Coordination.
 - iv. Short falls: No mention of Burns and Associates rate study, 921 Service Coordinators needed to improve ratios,
 - C. Self-Determination
 - i. As of July 1st 2021, any consumer interested can sign up.
 - ii. 40% of consumers that started the process fully transitioned.

V. Liz Harrell COVID -19 Updates

- A.** ELARC re-opening on June 15th 2021.
- B.** Reach out to ELARC Community Services for assistance on transportation rates.
- C.** Curative is willing to do mobile vaccination clinics, please reach out to Liz Harrell if interested in hosting at your vendor site.
- D.** Liz Harrell reminded the group that ELARC will continue to hold weekly check ins for providers on Fridays 1:30p – 2:30p.

VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Emergency Operations Planning

- i. Deffered

B. Training

- i. Disability Thrive 10 mins overview May 27th, 2021
- ii. Ethics June 24, 2021
- iii. Interactions with Law Enforcement October 28th, 2021
- iv. New Training Survey is ready:
<https://www.elarc.org/governance/advisory-committees/vendor-advisory-committee/vac-training-survey>

C. Networking

- i. New Membership recruitment
- ii. VAC Funds: Event Management and Support
- iii. Virtual Resource Fair
 - a. New gmail: elarcresourcefair2021@gmail.com
- iv. Renewal of Forums/Workgroups: Behavioral, Residential, and Transportation

D. Executive Committee

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

E. Legislative

- i. Deferred.

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday May 11th 2021

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

A. ELARC 2020 Report: <https://www.elarc.org/about-us/our-community-report>

VIII. **Presentation: Disability Thrive**

A. Have 2 webinars a month, 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month. Next one on June 9th 2021 is on Change Management.

B. Recordings are posted on their website.

C. Service support center – can provide training on alternative services.

IX. **HCBS Final Rule Series FORUM – Principles, Guidelines, and Implementation Activities** – Postponed.

X. **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 June 24th 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: 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 June 1st 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: June 24th 2021,
and October 28th 2021

E. Independent and Supported Living Forum

Meeting Schedule: 11:30am – 12:30pm in ELARC Boardroom: July 22nd,
November 18th

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 15th, September 21st and December 14th 2021

G. Early Start Forum

All meetings run 2pm – 4pm

i. October 7th, 2021

Contact Dora Ramirez, Community Services Specialist at 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
- ii. Residential Services: Contact Monique Perez at mperez@elarc.org
- iii. Transportation Services: Contact Mayra Magaña at

mmagana@elarc.org