

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 22nd, 2021

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00am via video conference Go To Meeting by VAC Secretary Joel Moreno.

- 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**

Roxy Ortiz informed the group that the next meeting September 21st 2021, topic on self-determination.
- IV. **ELARC Updates – Liz Harrell**
 - A. ELARC has a vacancy for the Consumer Advocate position and is accepting applications.
 - B. Community Services is going through restructuring in July 2021. Working on condensing to 2 Consumer Representatives.
 - C. ELARC working on creating an open proposal period for new vendors and service codes.
 - D. All Regional Centers were contacted by DDS to ensure that all providers are in compliance with WIC 4652.5 which is around independent reviews and audits based on how much funding the provider receives from ELARC.
 - E. ELARC will be reaching out to vendors to get updates on COVID Surge services and resources to ensure vendors are still taking referrals.
 - F. ELARC will be working on getting consumers vaccinated.
 - G. August 10th 2021 directive was rescinded.
- V. **Report from VAC Work Groups**
 - A. **Emergency Operations Planning**
 - i. Deferred, no meeting in July 2021.
 - B. **Training**
 - i. Special Incident Report training and review October 28th, 2021

- ii. 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 – Roxy Ortiz

- i. Rate increases according to Burns and Associates rate study being implemented through 5 year period.
- ii. Rates will have various quality benchmarks.
- iii. Early start approval, start mobile crisis team, \$10M general fund to support Regional Center system for various service programs related to Early start.
- iv. Link to her presentation:
<https://www.elarc.org/home/showpublisheddocument/15000/637625482776570000>

VI. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday July 13th 2021

Liz Harrel did attend meeting and provided agenda updates to the VAC group:

- A.** Conflict of interest reporting statement was completed by all ELARC Staff.
- B.** Juneteenth is now an ELARC holiday and was added starting 6/2022.
- C.** Glora Wong reviewed waivers and self-determination updates.
- D.** There are now 4 supervisors in the self-determination program.
- E.** Public meeting to review the performance contract, August 11th 2021 at 10am.

VII. HCBS Final Rule Series FORUM – Principles, Guidelines, and Implementation Activities – Lizette

- A.** Forum: CROI and the Individual Service Plan

VIII. Upcoming Service Provider Forums And Workgroups

Please check website for most updated information. Meetings are held virtually until further notice.

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 September 23, 2021 at 9:30.

Everyone welcome to attend. See Zoom 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. VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting

First Tuesday of every month from 1:00 ó 2:30 pm. Next Meeting is September 7, 2021. Everyone welcome to attend. See Zoom invite below (both VLF and VAC planning use the same zoom invite):

VAC Planning Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09>

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C. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup

All meetings run 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (immediately following VAC meeting)

- September 23, 2021

Contact Roxy Ortiz, Information and Training Supervisor, at rortiz@elarc.org for meeting details

D. Network Group Meeting

All meetings run 11:30am to 12:30pm (immediately following VAC meeting)

- October 28, 2021

E. Independent and Supported Living Forum

All meetings run 11:30am ó 12:30pm (immediately following VAC meeting)

- July 22, 2021
- November 18, 2021

Contact Maria Colón, Community Services Specialist at mcolón@elarc.org for meeting details.

F. Employment Forum and Workgroup

All meetings run 9:30 to 11:30 am

- September 21, 2021
- December 14, 2021

Contact George De La Loza, Employment Specialist at gdelaloza@elarc.org
for meeting details.

G. Early Start Forum

All meetings run 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- October 7, 2021

Contact Dora Ramirez, Community Services Specialist at dramirez@elarc.org
to be added to the mailing list for meeting details

H. Forums in Development with Dates and Times TBD:

- Behavioral Services: Contact Maria Cañas at mcanas@elarc.org
- Residential Services: Contact Monique Perez at mperez@elarc.org
- Transportation Services: Contact Mayra Magaña at mmagana@elarc.org
- NEW!** Self Determination Forum: Contact Ursula Cerezo at ucerezo@elarc.org

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