

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 23rd, 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. **ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Announcement: Topic & Contact**

Consumer Advocate position continues to be vacant. Roxy Ortiz informed the group that the last meeting Gloria provided budget updates, Brenda Lee presented on Self-Determination, new chair Anthony Reyes, vice chair Marisol Guerrero had facilitated the meeting.

- III. **ELARC Updates – Liz Harrell**
 - A. Nov 1st 2021 deadline for alternative services check-in. Service Coordinators are also checking in to ensure it is still a need.
 - B. On Sept 9th, LA County requested that Regional Center employees also adhere to the Sept 30th 2021 deadline for healthcare workers.
 - C. ELARC is waiting on direction from DDS for the rate realignments.

- IV. **Report from VAC Work Groups**
 - A. **Emergency Operations Planning**
 - i. Meeting after the VAC at 11:30am.

 - 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. Strengthening Providers' Participation in the Different Forums that Connect with the VAC
 - ii. 13 vendors are interested in the virtual resource fair.
 - 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 starting 4/2022.
- ii. Rates will have various quality benchmarks.
- iii. Waiting on trailer bill language.
- iv. Link to her presentation:
<https://www.elarc.org/home/showpublisheddocument/15000/637625482776570000>

V. Report on Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday September 14th 2021

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

- A. 2022 draft performance contract was reviewed by Gloria.
- B. One motion was entertained, a program model from the University of New Hampshire that provides community based crisis intervention for the IDP population. It is called S.T.A.R.T, stands for Systematic Therapeutic Assessments and Treatment.
- C. Glora Wong reviewed waivers and self-determination updates.

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

- A. Sustainability and Matching staff PowerPoint was reviewed.

VII. Community Comment

- A. Desy is planning a vaccination clinic.

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 October 28, 2021 at 9:30am. 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 October 5th, 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

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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)

- 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

- 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. Self Determination Forum

All meetings run 10am ó 11am Via Zoom

- October 27th2021
- January 26th 2022
- April 27th 2022

I. 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
- iv. **NEW!** Self Determination Forum: Contact Ursula Cerezo at ucerezo@elarc.org

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