

## ***Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 27, 2022***

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00 am via video conference Zoom by VAC Secretary Melissa Carrillo.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

- A. Group was addressed zoom etiquette and to mark participation on the chat.

### **II. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee**

The first meeting of the year was held on January 18, 2022. The committee received great feedback on the training for Person centered planning, materials and ideas for implementing support system for consumer. Next meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 from 4-6 pm. There will be double speakers Gloria will present the budget and George De La Rosa will speak on Integrated Employment. If interested email Patrick Schattilly at [pschattilly@elarc.org](mailto:pschattilly@elarc.org)

### **III. ELARC Update:**

#### **A. Covid-19 Update**

An Omicron variant update and information on the testing kit available through mail. There will be provider check in on 1/28/2022 through zoom link is available on the [www.elarc.org](http://www.elarc.org) site.

#### **B. Rate Adjustment/Rate Study**

information was provided about how there will be rate adjustments for many of the service codes. A spreadsheet will be sent or has been sent to majority of the providers, providers need is to resend back to ELARC. The phase 1 will happen by April 1<sup>st</sup> and information is due by January 31, 2022. There was mentioned of a one-week delay.

#### **C. START**

No update

### **IV. Report from VAC Work Groups**

#### **A. Networking**

- i. Ray Diaz and Ron Rozen reported on the letter of the correspondence for the rate study.

Link to rate models

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-study/rate-models>

DDS Rate Study information

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-study-implementation>

send an email if there is interest or feedback [Elarcresourcefair2021@gmail.com](mailto:Elarcresourcefair2021@gmail.com)

send interest or feedback on the correspondence of the rate study.

- ii. Next Networking meeting will be held on Feb. 24, 2022 following the VAC meeting.

#### **B. Emergency Operations Planning**

No update/ Next meeting will be March 24 following the VAC meeting 11:30 am

C. Independent and Supporting Living Forum

The work group met on Dec. 2021. Discussion was made about putting in living assessment/person centered information for the committee from the regional center to review more quickly on this new upcoming 2022 year. Feedback was welcomed and a reminder that Residential is welcomed to enter the forum.

D. Self Determination Forum

The forum met and discussed FMS. The next meeting will focus on HCBS which Lizette will be leading with more details on the forum.

E. Early Start

No update/Meeting dates are not yet determined.

F. Legislative Forum

On February's meeting Roxy will give a legislative update.

**V. HCBS Final Rule Series Forum**

Lizette Villa briefed an overview of HCBS Final Rule

Training Dates for HCBS will be Feb. 16, April 26, June 26 and October 25

**VI. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The Board of Directors did a sendoff/ thank you for Bryan Chacon as the VAC Chairman and Welcomed Kimberly Bermudez as the new VAC Chairman who was an attendee at the meeting and provided agenda updates to the VAC group.

Information about Regional Centers have competitive integrative employment for consumer and currently 3 are assisting with projects at the regional center and looking to continue.

Social Rec- Committee meetings are taking place. A fact sheet is being providing to service coordinators to inform families about the policy that will be in place.

Rate adjustments information was shared.

Self Determination- ELARC will mimic their equity units where caseloads will be low (1 to 40 self-determination) where families will be supported in a smaller caseload ratio.

**VII. Training**

A. Electronic Visit Verification

Presented by Jennifer Parson and January Crane from DDS. An overview of the federal electronic system. Phase 1 and Phase 2 were explained to the VAC group.

Any questions email is [evv@dds.ca.gov](mailto:evv@dds.ca.gov)

Website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/evv/>

All PCS providers can register in the portal to submit data information.

**VIII. Community Comment**

No comment

**IX. 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 February 24, 2022 at 9:30am. Everyone welcome to attend. See Zoom invite below

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VLF Meeting</b> <b>Join Zoom Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting ID:</b> 896 3723 0931</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Passcode:</b> 982933</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phone:</b> 1 669 900 9128</p>
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**B. VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting**

First Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Next Meeting is February 1, 2022. Everyone welcome to attend. See Zoom invite below (both VLF and VAC planning use the same zoom invite):

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>VAC Planning Meeting</b> <b>Join Zoom Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting ID:</b> 896 3723 0931</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Passcode:</b> 982933</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Phone:</b> 1 669 900 9128</p>
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**C. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup**

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

- March 24, 2022

Contact Roxy Ortiz, Information and Training Supervisor, at [rortiz@elarc.org](mailto:rortiz@elarc.org) for meeting details

**D. Network Group Meeting**

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

- February 24, 2022

**E. Independent and Supported Living Forum**

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

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Contact Maria Colón, Community Services Specialist at [mcolón@elarc.org](mailto:mcolón@elarc.org) for meeting details.

**F. Employment Forum and Workgroup**

All meetings run 9:30 to 11:30 am

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Contact George De La Loza, Employment Specialist at [gdelaloza@elarc.org](mailto:gdelaloza@elarc.org) for meeting details.

**G. Early Start Forum**

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

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

**H. Self Determination Forum**

All meetings run 10am – 11am Via Zoom

- January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022
- April 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

**I. 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)
- iv. **NEW!** Self Determination Forum: Contact Ursula Cerezo at [ucerezo@elarc.org](mailto:ucerezo@elarc.org)

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