

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 26, 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. From the Chair

- Minute approval/No changes were made for April 28, 2022 minutes
- Motion to approve Minutes made by Ron
- Second by Andrea
- No one opposed or abstained

Welcome Video:

The video has been postponed until next VAC meeting due to additional submission.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

The meeting was on May 17, 2022 There was double speakers

Eddie Salvador of the Office of Client's Rights Advocacy (OCRA) presented on what is OCRA and how it helps ELARC individuals.

Jacob Romero who is the HIPAA coordinator presented on Fair Hearing and rights.

Next Meeting July 19th with primaries coming up schedule changed topic will be about voting.

Patrick will be speaking at 3 conferences:

1. Transition Summit - June 3rd
2. Independent Living Options
3. Statewide Advisory Council – May 28th

Patrick will also be speaking on Ability First – Self Advocacy – June 23rd

Patrick will be doing a workshop or forum on budget and money management

IV. ELARC Update:

A. Rate Study:

Provider check on June 3rd at 1:30 pm main topic will be about the rate study.

The payments being mailed out will reflect the adjustment which are retro of April 1st. If vendors have direct deposit, it should be in on Monday May 30th. The letters will be sent in batches and batch one was sent out on May 25th for the following service codes will be posted on the elarc.org website.

Appealing a rate, the vendor will need to fill out a form for every service code in question.

B. DDS DSP Survey:

Encouraging vendors to participate in the survey. It is a tool that is used for data and beneficial. An incentive (not known of what the incentive is) of is in place if the survey is completed by June 30th.

C. Workforce Staffing Workgroup:

ELARC will be putting together a workforce staffing workgroup – Liz Harrell posted her email lharrel@elarc.org for those who are interested in participating in the workgroup.

D. Covid 19:

There is a surge on covid cases, follow the strictest guidelines
Visit the DDS website to see the most updated directives.
More discussions will be on the vendor check in.

E. Business Associate Agreement Update

No update

** Culture specialist Matzara Palacios will be speaking next VAC meeting.

V. Training

Gloria gave a presentation on Budget update.

VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Special Meeting: EVV Forum-

No report was made but was mentioned that all sessions are recorded and can be found on the www.elarc.org website.

B. Emergency Operations Planning

Meeting taking place after VAC meeting today May 26th.

C. SLS/ILS Workgroup

No meeting/No report

D. Networking

June 8th Webinar for Disability Thrive <https://scdd.ca.gov/iddthrive/> participants will be DDS and other providers

Providers can go to this website from ARCA regarding regional center underfunding and rates.

website is <http://thearca.org/advocacy/take-action>

Would like to continue working on having individuals or vendors to connect to via email at Elarcresource2021@gmail.com regarding having discussion about the rates on the next

meeting. Reminder that DDS/DSP survey was released please complete information by June 30, 2022.

E. Self Determination Forum

Forum meets every other month the Wednesday before the VAC at 10 am.
Focused on the self-determination budget and spending plan.
Next focus will be on independent Facilitators.

F. Early Start

No Meeting

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday March 8, 2022

The Board of Directors meeting took place on May 10, 2022,

Kimberly reported on the self-determination local advisory committee who have not met and the success on ELARC having on the self-determination program case load study.

Next meeting June 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

VIII. HCBS Final Rule Series Forum

Lizette recapped on the rules from #1 to 5 of the federal requirements.

IX. Community Comment

No Community Comments

X. Upcoming Service Provider Forums and Workgroups

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

Next VAC meeting will be held on June 23, 2022

**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

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

VAC Planning Meeting

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

C. Network Group Meeting

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

- February 24, 2022
- June 23, 2022
- October 27, 2022

D. Independent and Supported Living Forum

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

- November 17, 2022

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

E. Residential Forum

- July 28, 2022

Contact Monique Perez, Community Services Specialist at mperez@elarc.org for meeting details.

F. EVV Forum SPECIAL ONE TIME FORUM

- April 28, 2022

Contact Doris Weis, Community Services Supervisor at dweis@elarc.org for meeting details.

G. Employment Forum and Workgroup

All meetings run 9:30 to 11:30 am

- March 22, 2022
- July 26, 2022
- November 15, 2022

Meeting ID: 889 0954 7737

Passcode: 964520

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88909547737?pwd=U2dtOTUreUh5VHE0aWxOa1hNYlBoT09>

or Dial in: (669)900-9128

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

H. Early Start Forum

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

- April 21, 2022
- Fall Date TBD

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

I. Self Determination Forum

All meetings run 10am – 11am Via Zoom will go every other month in 2022

- March 23, 2022
- May 25, 2022
- July 27, 2022
- September 21, 2022
- November TBD

Contact Ursula Cerezo, Community Services Specialist at ucerezo@elarc.org for meeting details.

J. Forums in Development with Dates and Times TBD:

- i. Behavioral Services: Contact Maria Cañas at mcanas@elarc.org
- ii. Transportation Services: Contact Mayra Magaña at mmagana@elarc.org

XI. Next VAC Meeting:

- April 28, 2022

XII. VAC Meeting Dates

- January 27
- February 24
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 26

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