

## ELARC SDP VAC: 9.28.22

- Welcome and Introductions
- Notetaker Responsibilities
- Updates
  - Challenges being faced with FMS: Crisis with FMS providers due to stopping services and putting individuals on waiting lists. There are individuals that may not be being paid on time.
    - Working at micro-level to work with individual situations
    - Working at regional macro level with FMS providers who have not been paying individuals.
    - Working at State level
    - Ombudsman to support with these situations to resolve individual situations and address the challenges at the state level.
- DDS Directives: All following directives are on the DDS website.
  - Program Directives
    - SDP Regional Center Payment of FMS Services for SDP participants
      - Costs of FMS services no longer come out of the budget
    - SDP: Initial Person-Centered Plan and Pre-Enrollment Transition Supports Guidance
      - Strategy around how to fund this through the individual's plan
      - Needed to be help in the spending plan development included
      - Transition was beyond PCP so it was revamped how this would be approached.
      - Beginning 10/1/23 changes:
        - Will be initial funding of \$1,000
        - Initial pre-enrollment transition support and can be free through vendored services
        - New service code: 099: ELARC will put out more information regarding this service for the provider community
    - SDP: FMS Payments and Notifications
      - RC must notify the FMS within 3 days of changes being made.
      - RC must pay FMS weekly to address the cash flow issue to enable them to make payroll.
    - SDP: Adjustment to Individual Budgets
      - As a vendored provider, if you provide the same services as a vendored program, you will also receive the rate increase.
- ELARC Updates
  - Difficulties with the FMS and how they are interacting with the participants.
  - Growing SD participants with the number now in the triple digits.
  - Statewide effort to work on the FMS crisis.
  - Existing vendors are welcome to become and FMS to provide services to the families.
- LVAC Funds
  - By law required to have a committee determines how to utilize funds to support the SDP implementation.
  - State released approximately \$94,600 on 9/28/22 for LVAC to decide how to utilize this.
  - Will meet to review how to spend the funds at the 10/15/22 from 6-8 Tuesday meeting

- Meet Brendali Maldonado, Participant Choice Specialist
  - State of CA mandated that each RC would have Participant Choice positions.
  - Helping individuals to understand SDP, training and supporting families, monthly orientations and create support for SDP within the community.
  - Meet with SDP Service Coordinators weekly.
  
- Provider SDP Process Tool
  - Will provide the Service Provider Roadmap flowchart. Please provide feedback.
    1. Orientations
    2. The Budget
    3. The FMS
    4. The Spending Plan
    5. Billing for Services
    6. Questions to ask the FMS
    7. Communication
    8. Are you an FMS?
    9. Change in FMS?
    10. Any Questions?



- ELARC will pay for the initial assessment with a POS. If the FMS is changed, who will notify the vendor and who is responsible.? The service coordinator should be responsible to notifying the vendor.
- Service Agreement: FMS are providing the agreements. Should they have a start and end date and only includes the number of hours per month? Do vendors need to go back and have another service agreement?
  - Service agreement should be between the participant and the FMS not a provider.
  - Service Provider/Participant agreement can be found on DDS website under Orientation.

- Should we make a packet for our provider community? ELARC will run some ideas by the group to help support this.
- Next Meeting: November 23, 2022
  - Focus on the role of the independent facilitator and how they work in the provider community.