

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023

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 January 26, 2023
- Motion to approve Minutes made by Jess
- Second by Santos
- No one opposed or abstained

November 2023 Elections –

Emails were sent with information to the VAC and the timeline for elections was attached to that email. New positions would start Jan 2024.

Virtual Vendor Fair for Service Coordinators Spring/ Early Summer 2023-

ELARC is planning around Spring/ Early Summer 2023 where vendors can meet with service coordinators through virtual rooms.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

Patrick presented on the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Elections is on March 21st terms are 2 years and must be over 18 years old.

IV. ELARC Update:

A. HCBS Final Rule:

Karen provides an update on HCBS on the compliance on the providers, the next step is maintaining documentation.

B. Coordinated Family Services:

Department is referring it as a pilot program, collect information data on vrending providers qualifications.

No limit on vendors, no limit on due dates please send out the letter of interest.

Please visit website to see more of the qualifications.

Early Start - Directive was released on Jan 25th there is allocation funds for infants and families to help with the impact of pandemic it is a one time and time limited.

Reimbursement for early start training does have a requirement to receive the reimbursement.

C. Quality Incentive Program (QIP):

No updated information on QIP

D. Covid 19 Update:

State of Emergency ending on February 28, 2023, more info on Directives that will expire at the end of the month on the DDS website. Continue following the most restrictive guidance from CDC and Public Health for health purposes.

V. Training

No Training presented. March 23, 2023 Training on Active Shooter: Alhambra Police Department and Gina Esparza, ELARC Emergency Operations Manager.

VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Residential

Ron presented on residential, next committee in July 2023 reach out to Liaison is Christine from ELARC.

B. Workforce Staffing Workgroup

No Report/ Working on another Job Fair.

C. Emergency Operations Planning

Next meeting March 23rd

D. SLS/ILS Workgroup

Deferred

E. Networking;

Ron presented on Networking. Next meeting will be June 2023

F. Self Determination Forum

Meeting March 22nd from 10-11:30 am

G. Early Start

Maria presented, meeting will be in April 2023

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday February 14, 2023

Melissa reported a recap on the board meeting. The Board on presented AB 37 and transportation services, HCBS deadline March 1, 2023, case load improvements for 1:40, self-determination, Grassroot date March 2023.

VIII. Legislative:

Roxy presented legislative update, Grassroot virtual March 28-29th

IX. Community Comment:

No 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 on March 23, 2023

VLF Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931

VAC Planning Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931

Passcode: 982933

Phone: 1 669 900 9128

A. VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting

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

B. Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup

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

- March 24, 2022
- May 26, 2022
- September 22, 2022

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 mcolon@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:
September 22**

XII. VAC Meeting Dates

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

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