

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 22, 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 July 28, 2022 minutes
- Motion to approve Minutes made by Adriana
- Second by Ron
- No one opposed or abstained
- Kimberly mentioned about the planning session overview for the training for the VAC meetings that can help vendors.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

Patrick presented on the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Meeting took place on Sept 20th cultural competence Adriana Roman presented.

Office elections will be held on 2023 if any consumer would like to run, please reach out to Patrick through email, phone, or fax deadline is Dec 15th. Office elections are for Chair and Vice Chair.

Resource California Telephone Access it is a user-friendly phone to help those with disabilities. <https://californiaphones.org>

IV. ELARC Update:

A. START Program Overview in November:

In November the program will provide more in-depth information. A wrap around service to individuals who have developmental intellectual disabilities, mental health diagnosis, or symptomology. DDS has funded regional center.

B. NCI:

Judy Perez, ELARC Associate Chief of Consumer Services, a in person survey for the year 2022-2023 the run date will be October 22 through June 2023.

C. HCBS Validation/ Remediation:

March 2023 the state must be in compliance with HCBS. The validation and Remediation forms are now being reviewed.

D. Rate Adjustment/ Rate Study Update:

Phase 2 is rolling out now, you may be contacted. October 7 will be a provider check in.

E. End of Alternative Services and Revised TDS

October 7 provider check in. Alternative services are coming to a close on December 31, 2022. Tailored day services have been changed and expanded that it can support day program. More details will be mentioned on the October 7 check in.

F. Covid Update:

No changes regarding Covid recommending to complying with the most restrictive public health order. DDS directive clarifies regarding the end of the weekly testing for unvaccinated people. Nothing has changed for vaccination.

Monkey Pox is another Public Health concern. Please reach out to the regional center if any consumer or provider needs assistance if exposed.

Announcement for service providers and resource development on October 1st will be the opening proposal.

If anyone has information on providing or how to get transportation for service providers will reach out to Liz Harrell for any suggestions. charrell@elarc.org

ELARC is looking for a financial management willing to work with self-determination. Liz Harrell point of contact please email at charrell@elarc.org. Meeting on Tuesday September 27th at 11 am. Please see website for more information.

V. Training

Vanessa Lauren Forensic Specialist presenting about Law Enforcement/ Forensic Specialist.

Reminder: the agenda shows the upcoming 2022-2023 Trainings.

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VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Residential

July 28th the residential subcommittee met. General discussion overview issues of the rate implementation. Focused on how it affected residential providers. If any residential providers interested, please reach out to Ron.

B. Workforce Staffing Workgroup

November 3, 2022 Afternoon/Evening Job Fair

C. Emergency Operations Planning

Meeting after VAC meeting, there will be guest speakers of Emergency management department of disability.

D. SLS/ILS Workgroup

No meeting/upcoming meeting on October

E. Networking

Next meeting on October 27 after VAC meeting

F. Self Determination Forum

Next Meeting on Sept 28th Brendali Alvarado will be presenting.

G. Early Start

Next meeting will be on October 28th from 2-4 pm the agenda and save the date will be sent.

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday July 12th, 2022

Joel presented on Board of Director meeting

- Gloria reviewed 2023 overall performance contract
- Jorge De La rosa spoke about employment
- Crystal spoke about early start and data points in ELARC
- Edith Hernandez spoke about minor residing with family
- Richard gave an update on Finance

VIII. HCBS Final Rule:

Liz providing information on the available funds for Regional Centers to help providers to get aligned with the HCBS/ Remediation.

IX. Legislative:

Roxy presented the budget was passed and signed implemented on July 1st. Guidance and directives on the department on implementing for those trailer bills languages.

X. Community Comment:

A parent spoke about a concern. ELARC assisted with the concern.

XI. 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 October 27, 2022

**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 welcome 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 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

**XII. Next VAC Meeting:
September 22**

XIII. VAC Meeting Dates

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

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