

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2023

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Group was addressed zoom etiquette; meeting being recorded and to mark participation on the chat.

II. From the Chair

A. Minute approval for VAC meeting on July 27, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes made by Ron
Second by Steven Chang
No one opposed or abstained

B. November 2023 Elections:

Joel Presented information on the November 2023 elections timeline. Joel presented the nominees for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Nominees are Joel Moreno for Chair, Maria Moberg for Vice Chair and Melissa Carrillo for Secretary. The bios will be uploaded on the elarc.org website.

C. Virtual Vendor Fair

Virtual Vendor Fair for Service Coordinators will be November 8, 2023 from 2:00- 4:00 pm there is still space for vendors to register.

- D. **Correspondence to DDS-** the letter will be sent within a few days. A meeting to be set withing the month of October. Once more information comes in it will be informed.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

Patrick presented on the Consumer Advisory Committee for September 19, 2023 meeting. The meeting was regarding coping with grief and loss. November 21st will be the next meeting regarding Understanding the Regional Center.

IV. ELARC Update:

A. Business Associate Agreement:

Jacob Romero HIPPA specialist officer presented on business associate agreement and guided vendors on how to fill out the agreement. His contact information is jromero@elarc.org phone number is (626) 299-4645.

B. Workforce Initiatives: DSP Training Stipend

Check in on October 6 will be regarding where to get information and how to share that information with Regional Center. Time: (1:30-2:30 pm).

C. Rate Study Implementation:

At the moment there is a hold and waiting to see what is the next phase.

- D. **Quality Incentive Program-** A quality incentive was just released for prevention and wellness it does apply to FHA and RCFC.

V. Training

LA County Public Health Q&A: Maria Ochoa gave information and answered questions regarding some of the directives that have been in place or ended.

Upcoming Training topics 2023-2024: Library as Community Partner November 2023
Health and safety waivers, Law enforcement: Planning, DDS on Quality incentives (QIP)

VI. Report from VAC Work Groups

A. Residential

Next meeting TBA

B. Networking

Next meeting is on October 26, 2023 after the VAC meeting

C. Emergency Operations Planning

Meeting following the VAC meeting.

D. SLS/ILS Workgroup

Next meeting is in November 2023

E. Self Determination Forum

Meeting on Oct 25th

F. Early Start

Next meeting will be in October 5, 2023

VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday September 12, 2023

Joel reported on the Board of Directors that took place on September 12, 2023.

- VIII. Legislative:** Patrick announced that the legislative window has closed down until next year when the legislative goes back in session. Los Angeles county had their national voter registration drive Sept 19.

IX. HCBS Final Rule:

There will be a training on Oct. 11 and Nov. 14 regarding HCBS on how to maintain compliant from 11:00- 2:30 pm. RSVP with Laiza Valdovinas or reach out to Karen.

X. Community Comment:

No Community Comments

XI. Upcoming Service Provider Forums and Workgroups

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

A. VAC Planning/VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum) *different dates but same zoom invite*

- i. **VLF** is a briefing session 30 minutes before regularly scheduled VAC meeting to review the meeting agenda. Next meeting is September 5, 2023 at 9:30.
- ii. **VAC Planning** focuses on planning the next meeting agenda as well as long term planning for the VAC. It is held the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Next Meeting is August 1, 2023 (*No VAC meeting in August but planning meeting will occur and focus on 2024 planning*)

VAC Planning/VLF Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931

B. VAC Forums for 2023

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
Emergency Operations	9/28	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Gina Esparza gesparza@elarc.org	
Networking	10/26	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Ron Rozen RonR@mdhnetwork.com	
Independent Living/SLS	11/6	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Cindy Parras cparras@elarc.org	
Residential	7/27	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Kristine Cheung kcheung@elarc.org	
Employment	7/19 11/15	9:30 -11:00	George De La Loza gdelaloza@elarc.org	
Early Start	TBD	2:00 – 4:00	Luisana Cruz lcruz@elarc.org	October Date TBD
Self Determination	7/26 10/25	10:00 -11:30	Liz Harrell eharrell@elarc.org	
Behavioral	TBD	TBD	Jessica Barba	Not meeting- based on interest

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
			ibarba@elarc.org	
Transportation	TBD	TBD	Mayra Magaña mmagana@elarc.org	Not meeting - based on interest

II. **Remaining 2023 VAC Meeting Dates**

All Meetings Held on Fourth Thursday of the Month unless otherwise noted

- No Meeting In August
- September 28
- October 26
- November 16 (*3rd Thursday due to Holiday*)
- No meeting in December

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