

## ***Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 26, 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 September 28, 2023**

Motion to approve Minutes made by Maria

Second by Steve

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.

#### **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. Items that vendors would like to share can be dropped off at the Whittier location or Alhambra.

- D. **Correspondence to DDS-** Joel presented the VAC with information about the meeting that was done with DDS and letting DDS how the rate study has affected all vendors. SCLARC VAC joined the meeting with ELARC VAC.

### **III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee**

Patrick presented on the Consumer Advisory Committee for October 2023 meeting. The next meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> topic will be regarding Understanding the Regional Center. All CSC meetings that are occurring in 2024 will be in a flyer that will be posted. At the moment CSC has voted to stay with zoom meeting for the start of the 2024.

### **IV. ELARC Update:**

#### **A. Workforce Initiatives: DSP Training Stipend**

Karen presented more information on the DDS Training Stipend; the agreement has to be signed and submitted to be able to do the stipend and will be up to the vendor. Visit DDS website to confirm qualifications for the stipend.

#### **B. Rate Study Implementation:**

Barba presented on rate study.

- V. Training**  
 Dennis Munoz presented on The Public Health Institute and LA County Health Department “Together Toward Health” initiative.  
 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  
 No meeting
  - B. Networking  
 Next meeting is following the VAC meeting
  - C. Emergency Operations Planning  
 Meeting was held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> with Gina and spoke about Go Kit initiative that includes PPE, flashlights and other items that can assist in an emergency. The Great shakedown practice took place on October 19. The committee encourages staff to be prepared at home.
  - D. SLS/ILS Workgroup  
 Next meeting is in November 2023
  - E. Self Determination Forum  
 Meeting took place on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Lili Ortega few providers and parents were in the meeting.
  - F. Early Start  
 Maria presented the meeting took place on October 5, 2023.
- VII. Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023**  
 Joel reported on the Board of Directors that took place on October 10, 2023
- VIII. Legislative:** Roxy presented on the policy of legislation; she did reference a link to get more information <https://arcanet.org/about-arca/legislation/>
- IX. HCBS Final Rule:**  
 Karen Present on information to the Final rule with maintaining in compliance.
- 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 <a href="mailto:gesparza@elarc.org">gesparza@elarc.org</a>	
Networking	10/26	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Ron Rozen <a href="mailto:RonR@mdhnetwork.com">RonR@mdhnetwork.com</a>	
Independent Living/SLS	11/6	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Cindy Parras <a href="mailto:cparras@elarc.org">cparras@elarc.org</a>	
Residential	7/27	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Kristine Cheung <a href="mailto:kcheung@elarc.org">kcheung@elarc.org</a>	
Employment	7/19 11/15	9:30 -11:00	George De La Loza <a href="mailto:gdelaloza@elarc.org">gdelaloza@elarc.org</a>	
Early Start	TBD	2:00 – 4:00	Luisana Cruz <a href="mailto:lcruz@elarc.org">lcruz@elarc.org</a>	October Date TBD
Self Determination	7/26 10/25	10:00 -11:30	Liz Harrell <a href="mailto:eharrell@elarc.org">eharrell@elarc.org</a>	
Behavioral	TBD	TBD	Jessica Barba <a href="mailto:jbarba@elarc.org">jbarba@elarc.org</a>	Not meeting- based on interest
Transportation	TBD	TBD	Mayra Magaña <a href="mailto:mmagana@elarc.org">mmagana@elarc.org</a>	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 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to Holiday*)
- No meeting in December
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