

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 16, 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 October 26, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes made by Maria

Second by Bryan

No one opposed or abstained

B. November 2023 Elections:

Voting took place for the new VAC Committee. Joel will be Chairman; Maria will be Vice-Chairman and Melissa will be Secretary.

C. Virtual Vendor Fair

Joel mentioned that the Virtual Vendor fair was a success and will be looking to see how the future fairs will look like.

- D. **Correspondence to DDS-** Joel Presented an update and the moment a committee has been created and is working on structuring the letter and continue to work with DDS to hear and help with the rates affecting majority of the vendors.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

Patrick presented on the Consumer Advisory Committee for November 2023.

Patrick mentioned that if any vendor or individuals that are interested in making handmade ornaments to put on the tree to drop off by Nov. 21st.

IV. ELARC Update:

A. Workforce Initiatives: DSP Training Stipend

Early Start reimbursement has extended to Nov. 2024

B. Rate Study Implementation:

A response is still pending.

C. Vendor Fair:

Liz thanked everyone who participated, there will be a survey sent to the service coordinators first to get feedback, then will be sent to vendors through email.

- V. **Training**
Ivonne Arreola reported on Library as Community Partner.

- VI. **Report from VAC Work Groups**
 - A. Residential
No meeting

 - B. Networking
Melissa reported on the meeting that took place on October 26, 2023
Key points were about getting back the workforce website back on, having a mixer to get vendors to meet each other, and talked about the rate study.
The networking committee encourages vendors to participate in the committees to continue building a strong VAC.

 - C. Emergency Operations Planning
No report

 - D. SLS/ILS Workgroup
Meeting will be following after the VAC meeting.

 - E. Self Determination Forum
No report

 - F. Early Start
No report

- VII. **Report on Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2023**
Joel reported on the Board of Directors that took place on November 14, 2023.

- VIII. **Legislative:** Patrick reported on Legislative

- IX. **HCBS Final Rule:**
Karen Presented no clear directions but soon the dept is providing how to receive direct practice.

- 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 jbarba@elarc.org	Not meeting- based on interest
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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