

East Los Angeles Regional Center
Vendor Advisory Committee

02/26/2015

CAC Update

Next meeting is Tuesday March 17, 2015. The topic will be Education Rights and Post Secondary Education.

May 19, 2015 CAC meeting topic will be Relationships.

Political Education Committee Update

Committee has not met.

Ethics Committee Update

Committee has not met.

FAC Update

No update. No one in attendance

Roxy Ortiz, Information and Training Specialist, ELARC

Legislative Advocacy

Vendors were asked to join in legislative appointments. There are still workshops available to help prepare people to know what to say. Flyers were distributed as well as local advocacy materials with Roxy's business cards. Vendors are encouraged to visit their local legislators.

Monique Perez, ELARC

Monique reviewed the flyers emailed to vendors. (1) La Sierra/CSUF Careers Day and Resource Fair; (2) Security and Privacy Training; (3) Person Centered Thinking. Vendors are encouraged to regularly check the website for training opportunities. It was also noted that new vendors are required to attend Person Centered Thinking training and there is still space available.

Frances Jacobs, ELARC

Frances reviewed the VAC bylaws briefly and showed all in attendance where to find them on the ELARC website. All were encouraged to review and become familiar with the bylaws. The VAC executive committee should act in an advisory capacity to the ELARC Board of Directors.

Armando Villegas, Listo, Inc., VAC Chairperson

Elections are still open for the VAC Executive Committee which includes the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Everyone is encouraged to email nominations to Armando at Listoinc.@hotmail.com as well as to Monique at Mperez@elarc.org. People can nominate themselves for any of the positions as well. Nominations are due by March 12, 2015. Frank Fernandez of People's Care nominated Barbara Nguyen of People's Care for Vice Chairperson. Barbara Nguyen of People's Care nominated Frank Fernandez of People's Care for Vice Chairperson.

Board Meeting update:

The desired outcomes of Grass Roots Day were shared in the Board of Directors Meeting.

It was mentioned that there is possibly a 2 billion dollar surplus that the governor is keeping a secret, the legislative advocacy is going after that money.

The Uniform Holiday Closure was discussed and may possibly be revoked. There are no changes as of yet and more information will be gathered before a decision is made.

The ARCA has developed a document titled On the Brink of Collapse, to be shared with legislators.

There is a research proposal for a study on the barriers to accessing services.

The Self-Determination application submitted by DDS did not post by the required deadline; this will delay the timeline.

Frances Jacobs, ELARC

Frances mentioned that the POS public meetings were held and the information is posted on the ELARC website for reference.

ELARC will be following up on the zero tolerance and whistleblower policies to have been developed and implemented by all vendors.

Three consumers began internships at ELARC.

ELARC would like feedback from vendors for the Emergency Response Procedures. The workgroup will continue work on the document.

Other announcements

Autism Walk is coming up

March of Dimes Walk is coming up

Meeting adjourned