

East Los Angeles Regional Center
Vendor Advisory Committee

01/22/2015

CAC Update

Met 01/20/15, Gloria Wong gave a budget update. Training on Employment Rights and Public Benefits was planned, presenter was a “no-show”

Next meeting will be Tuesday 3/17/15. 4:00-6:00p.m. in the ELARC boardroom. Topic to be Education and Rights

Political Education Committee Update

No report- has not met

Ethics Committee Update

Has not met

FAC Update

No update. No one in attendance

Roxy Ortiz, Information and Training Specialist, ELARC

Grass Roots Day- April 15, 2015

ELARC plans to visit local representatives as well as participate at the Capitol. Contact Roxy Ortiz to participate. Talking points of visits to be: (1) Request 10% restoration of past reductions to service providers and to regional center operations (2) Request 5% continuous annual adjustment to service providers and regional center operations until such time as there is a completed assessment resulting in needed funding reforms to adequately fund the Regional Center system operations.

The ELARC Board of Director’s Meeting to be held in April 2015, is cancelled due to Grass Roots Day.

Legislative Workshops:

Workshops are scheduled for 1/29, 2/18, 3/23 and 4/8 in Alhambra. A flyer with the dates will be made available.

Board Meeting update: Armando Villegas

Self -Determination

The application was submitted by DDS to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare by the required deadline, December 31, 2014. They have 90 days to respond. There are three potential outcomes: (1) approval; (2)denial; (3) request modifications to the submitted application which will restart the 90 day countdown.

The Self-Determination Committee continues to work on trainings to teach how Self-Determination will work and what the client and vendor requirements will be.

RFP

There is an RFP for housing. See Doris Weiss for information

Budget update

Statewide all regional centers are reporting a deficit totaling \$344 million for the fiscal year 2014/2015. The Summary of Regional Center Expenditure Projection Report was distributed and reviewed at the board meeting.

Caseload Ratios

The Regional Center is out of compliance, a report is pending.

Other announcements**VAC Nominations, Armando Villegas**

It's time for nominations for the Vendor Advisory Committee.

Cesar Torres, Inclusion Services, nominated Steve Lopez, In 2 Vision for Co-Chairman Armando Villegas, Listo nominated Jeanette Demirjian, CAPC, Inc. for Secretary.

Armando explained the role of Chairman, Co-Chairman and Secretary. Nominations will be left open for two weeks. Any other nominations can be emailed to Armando, via Monique at mperez@elarc.org

Jeanette Demirjian, CAPC, Inc.

Jeanette brought a concern to the VAC, that due to some recent changes in services at CAPC, because of fiscal responsibility, and staff turnover, a couple of Service Coordinators had publicly questioned CAPC supervisors on the state of CAPC, and whether or not the company was closing. Jeanette encouraged all vendors to support one another, refrain from gossiping about other companies, and asked if any other companies had similar experiences. No other vendors had similar experiences. Advice was given for CAPC to request to attend a Regional Center Unit Meeting to educate/inform Service Coordinators.

Armando Villegas, Listo

Armando asked the group if any vendors had experienced the referral process being skipped, and being provided an authorization to provide services. No other vendors had this experience.

Dora Ramirez, Community Services Specialist, ELARC

There will be a workshop for Emergency Preparedness. See the ELARC website for information.

All vendors are to implement a Zero Tolerance policy for abuse and mandated reporting and a whistleblower policy. It should include information for situations when staff is the alleged perpetrator. It should also include a chain of support for individuals for follow up services if necessary. ELARC will audit all agencies to ensure such policies exist, staff have been trained on the policies, and signatures of staff were collected.

Meeting adjourned

