

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting
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Reports from VAC Workgroups

Networking/Community Resource Fair outcome:

Frances presented the financial report and balance sheet from the Resource fair. An account summary was presented for bookkeeping records. Ron added that he was able to reduce the liability cost of insurance down to reflect the true cost of vendor participation. There was a discussion of all the cost factors to keep track for next year. Ron debriefed the workgroup on what went well such as attendance, variety of vendors, plenty of raffle prizes, lots of snacks, positive networking, live music, and photo booth. Things we can improve on for next year are access to parking, better plan incentives for survey, vendors left before 6pm, and re-evaluate the sign-in. Review of ELARC Intern Summary of Event. There were some recommendations as well for having more support staff, reduce paperwork for participants, and presentation of task and duties prior to event to minimize confusion. Special shout out to Jesse and his partnership with ELARC. His table received the most positive responses in regards to being the most informed and visually appealing table.

Reports on Training:

No update.

Report on Board of Directors Meeting:

No update.

Legislative:

No update.

CAC Update:

The CAC had a meeting last week 5/16/17 on Healthy Family Relationships. There was a great turnout and the presentation went really well, very interactive. Next meeting is Tuesday 6/18/17 on Mobility/Travel Training by Access Services. Topics will include who qualifies for mobility training and the safety of being out and about. Jesse Padilla also announced there is a Vice Chair position available.

Ethics:

No updates. Just one page handout of what Ethics committee is from last month. If you need copy of hand out reach out to Bryan.

Emergency Operation Planning (EOP):

Liz suggested a table top event exercise for emergency planning. We will table top a location, scenario, and providers. At the next meeting 7/27/17 we will discuss the event planning for communication, shelter, and transportation. There is also a Red Cross Training on 9/26/17.

Special Guest Presentation:

Crisis Response Program (CRP): Marisa Engle, Program Director for the Crisis Response Project – Eastern Los Angeles came to do a presentation on services provided. Marisa talked about their commitment to the community and how CRP works. Their goal is to prevent psychiatric or police involvement. She also discussed how to use CRP when a crisis is occurring, when CRP will arrive, and when to call 911. There was discussion on what CRP will do during a crisis and what CRP will not do. Marissa informed she is available to vendors directly for consultation regarding ELARC consumers. She can be reached at (310)

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927-7655 for further information. For ELARC consumer crisis support, please call the hotline phone number (626) 508-1964.

Upcoming Events/Announcement:

- VAC agenda preparation planning meeting teleconference 6/6/17
- Reminder -sample survey for ABX21 due by 5/31/17. Projected release of final version for 6/1/17. Vendors have until 10/17/17 to submit it. If vendors don't report on how the money is being used they will forfeit the money and have to refund.
- Two things all vendors should be on top of. Checking the DDS and RC websites to keep informed about what is going on in legislation, and budget updates.
- HCBS compliance. We need to gear up to be in compliance to the HCBS final rule on integrated settings. Every vendor has to be delivering services into integrated settings. Due date has been extended to March 2022.
- Five ELARC vendors were awarded HCBS Compliance Funding grants. The trend for grants that were awarded is that grantees were honest about not knowing what to do and advised they needed to train people to be ready.
- Paid internship program and competitive employment program. ELARC wants to partner with VAC for informational meeting sessions in July and August. One in each area; Alhambra, Whittier, and a third location at a job center site. Everyone agreed that Wednesday is a good day to meet on this subject.
- There is an Association of Persons Supporting Employment (APSE) conference in Portland OR on 6/20-6/22. This program helps further employment initiative.
- ARCA is reviewing regional center contract language for the safety and protection of client records, access to records, how you exchange records, sharing of information via email, vendor responsibilities for having a security officer and handling of breach or violation when an individual's records actually were or could have been accessed by someone who was not supposed to have them.
- Gloria Wong, Executive Director, will give a systems update on 6/22, what's happening in the legislative activities and ARCA.
- Affordable housing; ELARC is working on a new multi-family housing project to lease up in Eagle Rock area called T. Bailey Manor. There are 16 one bedroom units set aside. ELARC will continue to develop more housing. Looking to set aside units at Cesar Chavez/Soto for a transit oriented housing development. Development is in progress but proposal has not been submitted yet.