

Vendor Advisory Committee Meetings
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Reports from VAC Workgroups:

Ethics Update:

Continuing to recruit for interested parties to participate in completion of the training material for vendors to use with their staff.

Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Update:

There will be a meeting on July 27th from 11:30am-12pm with Liz Harrell. This meeting is to go over all the plans that vendors have completed using the template provided for emergency preparedness. The goal is to have all ELARC vendor plans submitted to ELARC by August 1st. For those vendors attending the July they are encouraged to bring their EOP drafts.

Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Update:

Jesse Padilla did not attend but left a flyer on the next CAC meeting that will take place on July 18th from 4pm-6pm. The guest speaker will be a Senior Mobility Counselor.

Reports from VAC Groups:

Training:

No updates

Networking:

Ron would like to see how we can get better at reaching out to different vendor groups (i.e., Forums) meeting with ELARC staff. Since we just experienced the resource fair, Ron would like to see the good and the bad on the outcome of the resource fair. He would like for us to see what we can do to plan ahead and make it an even more successful event next time.

Legislative:

No updates

Report on Board of Directors Meeting

Ron and Bryan attended the meeting. Gloria did a presentation on ARCA and dealing with disparity and purchase of services. There are different things that they are looking at to help those disparities. There is data that shows that Hispanics and Asians are getting the least of their services compared to others. They would like to see how they can compensate for this and advocate for better case levels.

Upcoming events/Announcements:

- There will be a Person-Centered Planning Training in October for those that are interested. If you are interested, please reach out to Liz Rodgers at lrodgers@elarc.org to participate. Location will be elsewhere, details TBD.
- On July 19th, there will be a Paid Internship Program and Competitive Integrated Employment Informational session at the ELARC – Alhambra site. There will be 2 other sessions in August, dates/location TBD.

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- The VAC is seeking service category liaisons for behavioral services and adult day programs.
- 5.82% FSLA increase for designated vendors will be retroactive to October 15, 2015. This applies for respite services (862), personal assistance (062), and supported living services (896).
- ELARC Behavioral Forum is scheduled for Thursday, June 29th in the ELARC Board Room. Please RSVP.

VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum)

Ron informed the group that they would like more people to attend. Meetings are typically from 9:30am-10am before the VAC meetings.

AB279 Training

Roxy Ortiz gave a training on Assembly Bill 279 – Holden Update.

Roxy also informed vendors that there will be a training on Governmental Affairs on August 2nd from 1pm-4pm at ELARC.

ELARC Website and Navigation Training:

Brendali Maldonado gave a training on how to navigate and find information on the ELARC website. There is a Service Provider tab where you can see all important notices and information relating to vendors. Trainings can also be seen from this tab. Resources and Publications – this tab can provide links and information for service providers including HCBS information. They are trying to add text to speech but there is no information on when that will happen. Brendali would like for all of us to follow ELARC on Facebook and Twitter where they post things online with stories, articles, and events.

HCBS

Christina Ontiveros, ELARC HCBS Program Evaluator/CSS went over the ELARC website to teach us how to navigate through the site and see where we can find any updates and information regarding HCBS Final Rule Implementation.

VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting Since the 1st Tuesday falls on a Holiday, the meeting will be held, Tuesday, July 11th from 1pm-2:30pm. You can contact Ofelia Martinez at omartinez@elarc.org for information if you would like to participate.

Networking Group Meeting – Next meeting will be held on July 27th.