

Vendors Advisory Committee Meeting

September 28, 2017

Legislative - Frances gave an update about Legislative activity. ELARC is working with Vendors / parents to meet the ABX 2-1 Service Provider Survey deadline.

Doris Weis (ELARC Community Services Specialist) shared that HACLA is opening Section 8 waiting list. Information is on ELARC's website too. Lottery winners will be placed on a waiting list, HACLA has not opened slots since 2004. Ron stated that he has heard of a meeting at Fairview in which it was discussed that the Housing Authority may be flexible in moving vouchers to any city or county.

Frances informed the attendees that San Gabriel /Pomona Regional Center will be hosting an ARMADILLO training for service providers that are working with Sex Offenders on how to develop plans for this population. SGPRC only has 30 open slots available; it is a two-day training and a flyer will go up today or tomorrow on ELARC's website.

ELARC, SGPRC and IRC are hosting a Benefits Planning training at SGPRC on November 6, 2017 and it is an all-day training.

ABX 2-1` State Survey Update: ELARC is at 81.17% completed as of 09/19/2017. ELARC has done major outreach with vendors for survey to be completed.

Maria asked, what the next step is? Ron stated that it is a fulfillment that vendors need to meet. DDS will collect and tally all surveys and provide a report to the California Legislature.

Frances discussed Performance Contract – each Regional Center has a contract with DDS about services and process to go out in the community for input. There are VAC activities that were reviewed as action items in the Employment Outcome section of the 2018 ELARC Performance Contract DRAFT pending ELARC BOD approval on 10/10/17. The document is available for review at the ELARC website.

Employment Forum Meeting will take place on Monday, October 2, 2017 at ELARC. During the 2018 Performance Contract community meeting there was input that **Job Coaches are not equipped to assist clients with keeping their jobs. Job Developers are not equipped with finding jobs for people.**

Frances introduced Michael Martinez (Dept. of Rehab) Community Resource Specialist who provided a presentation on "Department of Rehabilitation Provider Requirements & Services". Michael used to be a vendor for DOR and he will be participating in the ELARC Employment Forum meeting on 10/02/17 at 9:00 am at ELARC.

Michael pointed out to the California Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blue Print for change. He stated that DOR can arrange for a Trial Work Experience even before client becomes eligible for DOR Services. DOR can open a case for a 16 year old that applies for services, there is NO law or cap preventing them from that. DOR is a temporary service (90 days). Because of WIOA, DOR can provide services to younger adults as young as 14 year olds. DOR rates have been frozen since 2008-2009 and

pays fees for service and it can take up to 45 days for DOR to pay from the date invoice is submitted by service provider. Michael also stated that in 2009 State employees had to go on furloughs and vendors waited 6 months to get paid. Michael mentioned that there are 8 Community Resource Specialists throughout the State of California. DOR can also pay for clients that need services for Community College. Michael clarified that Service Providers need to be a Non-Profit to provide Supported Employment Services

Frances provided a report on Board of Directors Meeting that took place on September 12, 2017. Gloria Wong from ELARC provided the board with an update on Performance Contracts and Employment Outcomes as a report is provided to DDS on a quarterly basis. Performance Contract will be approved during October's Board of Directors Meeting.

Employment Forum – 8 vendors have committed to assist in solving issues.

Emergency Operations Planning Meeting took place after the VAC meeting and the following was discussed:

There will be a Mutual Aid Table Top Exercise targeting the Whittier Geographic area on November 1, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at:

EALRC Whittier Office

13215 Penn

Whittier, CA. 90602

Purpose: the purpose of this exercise is for service providers within a designated geographic area to come together to review a real potential disaster scenario and discuss how they would respond, communicate, share resources, and continue operations. Intended outcomes include but are not limited to: identifying the barriers to communication and sharing resources, ideas and solutions to such barriers, and identifying next steps.

Roles: Facilitator, Observe(s), Participants, Note Taker

Depending on size of group-may break into smaller groups-each group will need a small group facilitator to keep the group focused on discussion and note taker.

- Welcome and Opening Round 15 minutes
- Purpose Review 5 minutes
- Tabletop "Rules of Play" 5 minutes
- Tabletop Exercise Discussions 5 minutes
- "Hot Wash" (Wrap Up) 20 minutes

- Next Steps 10 minutes
- Close 5 minutes