

## Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

### I. Welcome and Introductions:

- a. Frances Jacobs, ELARC Liaison talked briefly about the Employment Forum Meeting on 11.1.2017 coming up. She would like for vendors to start thinking of questions for a survey that is in the 2018 Performance Contract employment outcomes. Specifically, ELARC and the Vendor Advisory Committee including the service providers involved in the Employment Forum will develop, release and utilize survey data to implement a plan to ensure the quality and effectiveness of job developer and job coaching services. Point of the survey is to get facts regarding employment, concerns and issues experienced in providing services/supports to consumers and how we can address the concerns and issues. .
  - i. Email any questions you may come up with for the survey to Frances at [fjacobs@elarc.org](mailto:fjacobs@elarc.org)

### II. Reports from VAC groups

- a. Ethics- Still on hold, no updates
- b. E.O.P- Working towards their first table top discussion, which will be held on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (by invite only due to the location targeted event area for the exercise). The focus will be to identify encounters and how to address and/or share the information for future planning during disasters and how to prepare them.

### III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee Update

- a. Topic will be Emergency Preparedness
  - i. Showing consumers what to pack
  - ii. What do in case of any emergency situations (be prepared and ready)
  - iii. Meeting will be held on 11/21 from 4pm-6pm
  - iv. Conducting on-going outreach at vendor sites

### IV. Report from VAC groups

- a. Training- Frances is currently still working on establishing the link connection from ELARC website to the Vendor site that will administrate the survey. The purpose of this survey is to provide vendor participation through access to submit topics or concerns as agenda items for the VAC meeting.
- b. Networking- will meet right after the meeting, for updates
- c. Legislative- no updates

### V. Board of Directors

- a. Brian from Maxim attended the meeting on 10/10
  - i. Gloria presented her executive report and touched based on the disparities funding bill that was passed. Brian stated that if anyone was interested in the full report he would be more than happy to send it out.

### VI. Training: "AB 279, death & beyond"- presented by Roxana Ortiz

- a. The minimum wage increase rate adjustment for local jurisdictions proposed bill did not pass but let's not get discouraged. Roxana urges everyone to get in touch with their city council and mayors to bring awareness, continue building relationships and have open discussions about the issues with the minimum wage rate increases affecting our vendors and communities.

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- b. On 1/10/18 the governor will propose the budget for the year- start reaching out now to discuss MW rate increase adjustments needed by vendors with your city council.
- c. DDS opposed the bill addressing this MW rate increase adjustment process
  - i. Letter provided by Roxana
    - 1. One of the main reason is because DDS currently has a case study that will end on 3.1.19. This study will include an assessment of the effectiveness of the methods used to pay each category of the community service provider.