

Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) Meeting
Thursday September 27, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Report from VAC Work Groups

Ethics

Currently still looking for recruitment for the committee. No additional updates.

Emergency Operations Planning

Liz Harrell and ELARC staff will facilitate a tabletop exercise for a disaster event with approximately 40 vendors in the specified event area on November 7, 2018 in Whittier. Representatives from the Department of Developmental Services, Los Angeles County AFN Coordinator for Office of Emergency Management and San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center are expected to be present to observe. Liz Harrell will provide a report at the November 15th VAC Meeting.

ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

The last CAC meeting was held on 09/18 regarding Self-determination. Jesse reminded everyone that the next meeting is on 11/13. It will be on Emotional Health and Wellness providing fun and practical ways to cope with anger and stress. Everyone is welcomed. Jesse also announced the Annual State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony and that over the next month ELARC will be accepting ornaments made by consumers. These crafted ornaments will be sent to the State Capitol in time for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Reports from VAC Groups

Training

Currently still looking for additional topics on training. Everyone is encouraged to go on to ELARC's website and fill out the survey regarding training topics that may be of interest to you as the vendor.

Networking

Ron is still working out the logistics for the fair, regarding take down and set up fees, right now he said it may cost about \$2500. Aiming for the last week of April. Ron announced that Felipe might be partnering with a High School to host a vendor fair for students graduating and going out into the work community. If he is able to partner with the high school the fair would be held sometime in the fall. Next meeting will be held on 10/25 after the VAC meeting.

Legislative- No Updates

Report on Board of Directors Meeting, September 11, 2018

Last meeting was held on 08/28. George D. Employment Specialist talked about CIE and additional support options that are available to consumers and families. There was a presentation about the ELARC Reduced Caseload Disparity Project. In January 2019, there will be a training topic at the VAC regarding reduction in case load for Service Coordinators participating in the pilot project to address the disparity issues with some of the population ELARC's service area is currently facing.

HCBS Final Rule Series- Principles, Guidelines and Implementation Activities

“GEM – Good Enough for Me?”

Ron Rozen shared this is a great way to approach the final ruling implementation. The handout should make it easy for all vendors to complete and submit to the regional center.

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TRAINING: "System Update", Gloria Wong ELARC Executive Director

Gloria Wong presented highlights on the: January 2019 preliminary budget and impact for the community services system; So Cal Regional Centers meeting with a Coalition of 17 Service Providers on 9/13/18 – (1) pursuing a unified voice regarding financial issues for our system, (2) strategic action plan to address legislators is in development for 2019-20 Budget, particularly a message for 8% across the board increase (3) Timing before Rate Study Release in March 2019, (4) Frances will work with ELARC vendors to expand in addition to the 17 present at the meeting for a unified voice; (5) So Cal Director's Group is also developing a matrix to collect information on individuals impacted and each regional center wants their vendors to be a part of that effort; Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) had meetings with governor candidates Cox and Newsome – (1) ARCA will be releasing a new white paper titled, "Building A System for Tomorrow"; there is a 6 billion dollar budget for 21 regional centers half of which is from federal funding and if we lose it the money will have to be backfilled from the general fund; Grass Roots Day In March/April 2019; May Revise for the proposed budget; no word yet on the 25 million for minimum wage increases in local jurisdictions; Self Determination Update - (1) DDS selected 2500 consumers to participate, ELARC has 110 (2) 9,139 individuals registered as a show of interest (3) Mandatory Orientation Is in development at the state level; POS Disparity – (1) ELARC Report was sent to DDS, (2) local public meetings have been conducted, (3) Online summary reports are available on line at DDS website, (4) ELARC has 3 primary groups (White, Hispanic and Asian) dealing with the disparity issue, (5) ELARC now has a third project pending to mitigate differences. ELARC's specialized unit with lower caseloads as a pilot has been very successful. Gloria ended her presentation reminding everyone that November 6th is Election Day.

Upcoming Events/Announcements:

Yvette Baptiste, Director – Family Resource Center (FRC) offered to do a training for the VAC on how to collaborate and work with families which would be for one-half hour. She shared that the FRC had received grant funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health – Early Intervention to provide opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to learn about Health & Wellness. Loneliness and frustration is a real issue bringing risks. Their idea is to have a half day event in Whittier for the community. FRC is hoping to host this event "The Whittier Move and Groove" at the Lee Owens Park. They are looking for a co-sponsor with an address in Whittier – would any vendors be interested? The City of Whittier is requesting that there must be a Whittier address used in order to utilize the park facilities. The proposed event date is the end of October 2018.

Bryan Chacon reviewed the announcements from the agenda with the participants as follows:

VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum)

Briefing sessions are held half hour before our VAC meeting. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Workgroup: Next meeting is on September 27th from 11:30am-12:30pm. Vendors strongly encouraged to attend.

VAC Agenda Preparation Planning Meeting: Held every first Tuesday of every month from 1pm-2:30pm, teleconference. Next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 2018. Please contact Christina Razo if you would like to conference in.

Networking Meeting: Next meeting is on October 25th from 1130am-1230pm in ELARC board room.

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VAC Training/Issue Agenda Topic Survey: Submit agenda training/issue topics that are meaningful and useful to you as a vendor on an ongoing basis

Independent and Supported Living Forum: meeting scheduled on November 15th from 1130am-1230pm in the ELARC Boardroom. Lupe Vasquez (Almansor) was introduced as one of the VAC Liaisons from this Forum to brief the group on their activity.

Employment Forum Workgroup: Meeting is scheduled on December 11, 2018 from 1pm to 3pm – Location to be determined.

Community Placement Plan (CPP) & Community Resource Development Fund (CRDP): ELARC proposal submitted to the Dept of Developmental Services on 8.30.18. Currently under review for approval projected by mid-October 2018.

17th Annual Early Start Vendor and Community Fair, September 18, 2018 from 3pm-5pm. Maria Moberg (Centro De Ninos Y Padres) provided a brief report about this event.

Self-Determination program launching October 1, 2018 Updates on the status of the program will be posted to the DDS website page as they become available.

CalABLE Update Expecting to launch the program around mid-December

Public Review of ELARC Proposal to Reduce Purchase of Service Disparity Important discussion on October 2, 2018 from 10am-1130am in the ELARC Boardroom

Important Changes Regarding Parking at ELARC Alhambra Office Site Effective Oct 1st there will be an increase to the fee for the visitor parking at 1000 S. Fremont Ave. The minimum fee will \$1.00 and the maximum fee will be \$5.00

FEMA- Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) National Test FEMA & the FCC will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alert on Oct. 3rd beginning at 2:18pm EDT for the WEA message and 2:20pm EDT for the EAS message.

Training Opportunities (Flyers sent with agenda) Cyber security Workshop for providers 10/9/2018 10am-12pm at FDLRC. Joint DOL/DLSE labor workshops, 10/22/18 730am-530pm Brea Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 am