

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 27, 2025

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:00 am via video conference Zoom.
Minutes prepared by Carmen Baltazar (VAC Secretary)

I. Welcome and Introduction by Liz Harrell

- A. Group was addressed zoom etiquette; meeting being recorded and to mark participation on the chat.

II. From the Chair- Joel Moreno

- a. Joel presented January Minutes and February Minutes to be approved by the VAC. Both January and February Minutes approved.
- b. Joel discussed upcoming VAC elections. Positions available; Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
- c. Joel reviewed Vendor Spotlight parameters and reminded Vendors to contact him if interested in signing up. Joel's email is jomoreno@maxhealth.com

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee

- a. Patrick discussed CAC meeting outcomes. He shared about topics discussed during the CAC meeting. He stated that the consumers plan to draft new by-laws.
- b. Next CAC meeting is on May 20, 2025

IV. ELARC Update:

- a. Jackie Zhang invited VAC to be part of the 2nd annual Spring Palooza that is taking place on April 26th 10am-2pm at ELARC in Alhambra.
- b. Liz discussed and reviewed DSP collaborative for the LA County. The DSP collaborative will be utilized as a job seeking and job linking tool for individuals and vendors to be able to hire direct service providers. This resource will be free for vendors to use. All 6 regional centers in SoCal will participate in the DSP collaborative.
- c. Liz shared that the acknowledgement forms and the exception forms have been extended to be completed by May 30, 2025.
- d. Liz reminded vendors to ensure communication is taking place with the community services liaison that is assigned to respective vendors.
- e. Maria- Vice Chair shared about grassroots and the outcome of it. She shared that the experience was great and positive.
- f. Karina Andrade expressed concerns related to hold harmless policy and expressed need to gain clarity regarding the department of education.

V. Training:

- a. VAC Forum/ ILS/ SLS postponed

VI. NEW forum voting

- a. Karina Andrade presented Membership committee. The membership committee will provide information for outreach to vendors. It will also plan to host a vendor mixer, develop a newsletter for vendors and will be added to the ELARC website.
- b. New forum was approved to be added. Carmen approved, Joel second motion.

VII. Report from VAC Forums/Work Groups

- A. Residential
N/A
- B. Networking
N/A
- C. Emergency Operations Planning
N/A
- D. SLS/ILS Workgroup
Forum postponed- more details to come
- E. Self Determination Forum
N/A
- F. Early Start
N/A

VIII. VAC Funds:

- a. No funds used

IX. Board of Directors Meeting

- a. Karina shared that it was a great meeting, shared about service providers perspective, wage barriers, and transportation barriers.

X. Vendor Spotlight

- a. Butterfli Transportation Services presented for Vendor Spotlight. Butterfli provides transportation services for regional center consumers, they provide wheelchair services, their booking process and charging fees. Vendors interested may contact the service coordinators for the respective consumer to link them for transportation services.

XI. Legislative: N/A

XII. Community Comment:

- a. A vendor suggested a training related to conservatorship and alternatives to conservatorship in English and Spanish.

XIII. Upcoming Service Provider Forums and Workgroups

- A. **VAC Planning/VLF (Vendor Leadership Forum)** *different dates but same zoom invite*
 - i. **VLF** is a briefing session 30 minutes before regularly scheduled VAC meeting to review the meeting agenda. Next meeting is on **April 24, 2025**
 - ii. **VAC Planning** focuses on planning the next meeting agenda as well as long term planning for the VAC. It is held the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

ELARC

2025 VAC Meetings

10:00 am - 11:30 am

(Zoom link will be available once flyer is finalized and will be available on ELARC website.)

January 23	Hybrid (Boardroom and Zoom)
February 27	Zoom
March 27	Zoom
April 24	Zoom
May 22	IN PERSON ONLY- ELARC Assembly room
June 26	Zoom
July 24	Hybrid (Boardroom and Zoom)
August	No Meeting
September 25	Zoom
October 23	Hybrid (Boardroom and Zoom)
November 20	3 rd Thursday due to thanksgiving (Zoom)
December	No meeting

VAC Planning/VLF Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 3723 0931

B. VAC Forums for 2024

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
Emergency Operations	2/22	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Gina Esparza gesparza@elarc.org	
Networking	3/28	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Melissa Carrillo mcarrillo@elarcainc.org Karina Andrade Kandrade@elarcainc.org	
Independent Living/SLS	11/21	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Cindy Parras cparras@elarc.org	

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
Residential	7/25	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Kristine Cheung kcheung@elarc.org	
Employment	3/13	9:30 -11:00	George De La Loza gdelaloza@elarc.org	
Early Start	TBD	2:00 – 4:00	Luisana Cruz lcruz@elarc.org	October Date TBD
Self Determination	4/24	10:00 -11:30	Liz Harrell eharrell@elarc.org	
Behavioral	TBD	TBD	Jessica Barba jbarba@elarc.org	Not meeting- based on interest
Transportation	TBD	TBD	Mayra Magaña mmagana@elarc.org	Not meeting - based on interest

II. Remaining 2025 VAC Meeting Dates

All Meetings Held on Fourth Thursday of the Month unless otherwise noted

- May 22- IN PERSON ONLY
- No Meeting In August
- September 28
- October 26
- November 16 (*3rd Thursday due to Holiday*)
- No meeting in December

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