

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: This meeting was via Zoom

The VAC Meeting commenced at 10:05 am

Minutes prepared by Priscilla Garcia (VAC Secretary)

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Group was addressed; meeting being recorded and marked participation upon signing in.

II. From the Chair, Joel Moreno

- a. May 2026 meetings approved.

III. From the ELARC Consumer Advocate, Patrick Schattily(absent), Liz presented

- a. Patrick provided updates regarding the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC).
- b. The next CAC meeting will be held on July 21, 2026 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.
- c. The meeting topic will focus on Employment and Career Pathways, presented by George De La Loza.
- d. A vote will take place regarding opening the Whittier Office beginning in September.
- e. Providers were encouraged to notify and support individuals interested in attending.
- f. Patrick announced the next Consumer Advocate and Network Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2026 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM in Room 4229.
- g. The August meeting will feature activities related to the Governor's Christmas Tree Project

IV. ELARC Updates, Liz Harrell & Karen S.

- a. Liz announced that the **Boyle Heights Fire** had been declared a State of Emergency.
- b. Providers impacted by the emergency may be eligible for **absence billing**.
- c. Information was shared regarding a new DDS directive affecting service codes **531, 532, and 533**, transitioning billing from hourly to daily rates based on hours of service provided.
- d. Providers were encouraged to contact their Community Service Liaison with questions regarding the implementation of the directive.
- e. Liz announced that residential service provider admissions agreements will be updated in July to align with HCBS Final Rule requirements.

- f. Residential providers were reminded of the upcoming provider check-in scheduled for **July 24, 2026**.
 - g. Liz shared that Executive Director **Gloria Wong** plans to retire within the next eighteen months.
 - h. State budget updates were reviewed, with current information indicating a favorable outlook for developmental services funding.
 - i. Providers were encouraged to maintain compliance with HCBS, EVV, and financial audit requirements.
- V. **Trainings / Presentations: Behaviorism Health Services**
 - a. Presentation will be forward to the VAC
- VI. **DSP Collaborative**
 - a. Updates were shared regarding the DSP Collaborative website.
 - b. The site is currently awaiting funding approval for a Position Manager role through San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center before fully launching.
 - c. Providers may already register and begin preparing information for future job postings.
 - d. Members were advised to watch for announcements regarding a DSP Collaborative Job Fair anticipated for Fall 2026.
- VII. **Legislative and Policy Action, Brendali Maldonado**
 - a. N/A
- VIII. **VAC Forums / Workgroups, Joel and Workgroup Leads**
 - a. DSP Collaborative meeting following the VAC
 - b. SDP and other workgroups updated will continue according to VAC Calendar
- IX. **VAC Funds, Joel Moreno**
 - a. Used some for refreshments for May events
- X. **Board of Directors Meeting, Joel**
 - a. Held on April 14, 2026
 - b. POS Data, ELARC published all POS data, is on website
- XI. **Service Code Spotlight: N/A**
 - a. N/A
- XII. **Community Comment**
 - a. N/A
- XIII. **Next VAC Meeting & Forums / Workgroups**
 - a. REMINDER: July in Board Room

ELARC VAC Contact and Meeting Information

Please note that meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Keep up to date by checking the ELARC website at www.elarc.org and subscribe on the website for alerts and updates.

VAC Leadership

- Chair: Joel Moreno at jomoreno@maxhealth.com
- Vice Chair: Maria Moberg at mariamoberg@yahoo.com
- Secretary: Priscilla Garcia at pgarcia@jaynolan.org

2026 VAC Meeting dates

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

2026 VAC Meeting Dates and Forum/Workgroups

Month	VAC Meeting Date/All mtgs at 10:00 am	Location	Events/Trainings	Forum Follows Meeting	Forum Does not Follow Meeting	Spotlight
January	January 22	Zoom	DSP Collaborative Demo Training	Emergency Ops		Heart & Soul Yoga
February	February 26	Boardroom	Roxy from ARCA Training	DSP Collaborative	SDP Forum on February 24 at 10 am	
March	March 26	Zoom		Membership	Employment Forum on March 11 at 9:30	MDH
April	April 23	Zoom	Public Records Act with Jorge Morales	Emergency Ops	Early Start on April 23 at 1:30	Early Start Service Codes
May	May 28	Assembly Room	Gloria Wong/SC Meet & Greet Event	NO FORUM	SDP Forum on May 26 at 10 am	EVENT
June	June 25	Zoom		DSP Collaborative		Behaviorum
July	July 23	Boardroom		Membership	Employment Forum on July 15 at 9:30	Day Services
August	NO VAC mtg				SDP Forum on August 25 at 10 am	NO MTG
September	September 24	Zoom	CA Association of People Supporting Employment First PENDING	Emergency Ops		Transportation
October	October 22	Assembly Room	Edith Hernandez/SC	NO FORUM	Early Start on October 22 at 1:30	EVENT

			Meet & Greet Event			
November	November 19	Zoom		DSP Collaborative	Employment Forum on Nov 10 at 9:30 SDP Forum on November 17 at 10 am	
December	NO VAC mtg					NO MTG

2026 VAC Planning

- **Vendor Leadership Forum (VLF)** is a briefing session 30 minutes before regularly scheduled VAC meeting to review the meeting agenda. Next meeting is June 25 at 9:30 am via ZOOM, it will be a virtual meeting only.
- **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.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637230931?pwd=Z0RRbGt0ZUFBYnduRTN6aUQ5emRQdz09>

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