

Vendor Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 24, 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 called for motion to approve March 2025 minutes. Minutes were approved.
- B. Joel discussed VAC elections, shared about nominations, planning meeting, the positions plus the responsibilities.
- C. Joel reminded everyone about provider spotlight. Any vendor interested may reach out to Joel to coordinate.

III. ELARC Consumer Advisory Committee- Patrick Schattily

- A. Patrick announced that the Consumer Advisory Committee is now named Consumer Advocates Congress.
- B. Next CAC meeting is on 5/20 (hybrid meeting). This meeting will focus on fair hearings. CAC by laws will be reviewed and also article iii- membership/ roles.
- C. Patrick shared about "Consumer Advocate" on the road (May-July) to present. Vendors may contact Lizette (Supervisor) to schedule meetings.
- D. Patrick plans to speak at Spring Palooza.

IV. ELARC Update- Liz Harell

- A. DDS- extended deadline to May 30st exception form+ acknowledgement form. ELARC needs to report form updates. All vendors must sign or will risk termination.
- B. Transportation- 1:1 rate for day services- waiting to hear back from DDS by 5/30.
- C. How to check is providers have met all requirements to continue vendorization. Vendors can check on DDS website, search for vendor name under rate reform-provider directory. Reminder- all providers must be in provider directory (non-negotiable). Please contact Monique Perez for more information. mperez@elarc.org.

V. Training:

- A. 5/22: System updates
- B. 6/26: PCT by Karen Sibrian

VI. Report from VAC Forums/Work Groups

- A. Residential
N/A
- B. Networking

N/A

C. Emergency Operations Planning

N/A

D. SLS/ILS Workgroup

Taking place on 4/29

E. Self Determination Forum

Taking place on 5/21

F. Early Start

Meeting taking place on 4/24

G. NEW Forum- Membership

No new updates

VII. VAC Funds: None

VIII. Board of Directors Meeting

Performance contracts was discussed, there were several presenters. More on ELARC website.

IX. Vendor Spotlight

N/A

X. Legislative:

New bills are being presented- more information to come in October 2025.

XI. Community Comment:

Karina Andrade shared about City of LA- Department of Disability. They are currently struggling with limitations for medical equipment due to budget cuts.

XII. 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
- 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.

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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 2025

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
Emergency Operations	2/27, 5/22, 9/25	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Gina Esparza gesparza@elarc.org	
Independent Living/SLS	4/29, 11/21	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Cindy Parras cparras@elarc.org	New-Two Sessions
Residential	7/25, 10/23	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Jennifer Barragan jbarragan@elarc.org	New-Two Sessions
Employment	3/12, 7/9, 11/12	9:30 -11:00	George De La Loza gdelaloza@elarc.org	
Early Start	4/24, 10/23	2:00 – 4:00	Luisana Cruz lcruz@elarc.org	
Self Determination	2/26, 5/21, 8/27 11/19	10:00 – 11:00	David Castaneda dcastaneda@elarc.org	
Behavioral	6/26	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Jessica Barba jbarba@elarc.org	New-One Meeting

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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