

ELARC Vendor Advisory Committee AGENDA

Date: October 23, 2025

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: This meeting will be HYBRID both in the ELARC Boardroom located at 1000 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, 91803 AND via ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81403029444?pwd=RFY0QTVNdXlkMUx3V3NLYkxSVk11UT09>

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Purpose: The Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) of the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) was formed as a result of legislation (Welfare & Institutions Code §4622 and §4626(a)3) and for the purpose of providing advice, guidance, recommendations, and technical assistance from vendors to the ELARC Board of Directors and staff. The Committee seeks to foster improvement in the capacity of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) system and ELARC to provide for the needs and aspirations of people with developmental disabilities. (*ELARC VAC Bylaws, 2/25/2021*)

#	Agenda Item	Intent	To Be Discussed/Presented this Month	Lead Presenter	Time
1	Welcome	Welcome to all	Reminders about signing in, Zoom etiquette, and meeting being recorded	Joel Moreno, VAC Chair	10:00
2	From the Chair	VAC Business & Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 Provider Spotlight Reminder• Review & Approval of minutes (motion required)• Election Year: Nov Election• 2026 Meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two IN PERSON meeting/events in Assembly Room in May and October○ Two IN PERSON Meetings in the Boardroom○ Six ZOOM only meetings	Joel	10:05

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3	From the ELARC Consumer Advocate	Updates on the activities of the Consumer Advocates' Congress and Self Advocates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC meeting • From the Desk of the Consumer Advocate 	Patrick Schattilly, ELARC Consumer Advocate	10:10
4	ELARC Updates	Updates on matters affecting the ELARC community, including but not limited to state policies, directives, and agency practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate Reform/Provider Directory • Standardized Vendorization Process • Public Records Act • Agency & Community Services Updates • DSP Collaborative Update • CPP/CRDP 25/26 Projects 	Liz Harrell, Community Services Manager	10:15
5	Training/Presentations	Learn with others about important topics impacting our work together	<p>Training Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TODAY!!! Legislative and Policy Overview: Funding Implications on Service Providers with Teresa Anderson from Public Policy Center on October 23 • November 20-DSP Internship • 2026-Dates TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Records Act ○ Gloria Wong: System Update ○ Edith Hernandez: Chat with the Chief ○ Taking Legislative Action with Roxy Ortiz from ARCA ○ CA Association of People Supporting Employment First (ASPE) 	Joel	10:30
6	Legislative and Policy Action	Discuss policy issues and state budget matters and plan how to take action	Merging the former Networking Forum into Legislative Updates into a time for	Brendali Maldonado/Maria Moberg	10:50

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			providers to work together on pertinent issues		
7	VAC Forums/Workgroups	Updates from any forums/workgroups that recently met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EOP update from Sept Meeting Residential TODAY! Early Start THIS AFTERNOON! 	Joel and Workgroup Leads	10:55
8	VAC Funds	Report on use of funds set aside to support Event Management	MOTION Use of Funds for Refreshments for 10/23/25 meeting	Joel	11:00
9	Board of Directors Meeting	Report on this month's ELARC Board Meeting	Decide if any actions/feedback to the Board is needed this month	Joel	11:05
10	Provider Spotlight	This is an opportunity for Service Providers to share an overview of the services their organizations offer, answer questions, network, and make connections that will benefit those we mutually serve.	Participate and Learn!	TBD	11:10
11	Community Comment	Opportunity for attendees to share updates or feedback with VAC	Open	Joel opens to all members	11:20
12	Next VAC Meeting & Forums/Workgroups	Mark your calendar & participate!		Joel	11:30

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: Carmen Baltazar at carmenb@almafamilyservices.org

VAC Forums/Workgroups for 2025

Forum/Workgroup	Dates	Time	Contact	Comments
Emergency Operations	2/27, 6/26,,9/25	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Gina Esparza gesparza@elarc.org	
Independent Living/SLS	3/27,11/21	Immediately follows VAC meeting	Cindy Parras cparras@elarc.org	New-Two Sessions
Residential	7/24, 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	

2025 VAC Meeting dates

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

November 20	Zoom only/Meeting is 3 rd Thursday due to Holiday
December	NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

VAC members are welcome to develop forums/workgroups on any services/topics such as Behavioral Services, Day Services, or Transportation. Contact Liz Harrell at eharrell@elarc.org if there is interest in such development.

2025 VAC Planning

Two different dates but same zoom invite

- **Vendor Leadership Forum (VLF)** is a briefing session 30 minutes before regularly scheduled VAC meeting to review the meeting agenda. Next meeting is November 20, 2026 at 9:30.
- **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. Next Meeting is November 4, 2025.

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