



**SCLARC VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2017 MEETING MINUTES--APPROVED**

IN ATTENDANCE: see below

I. Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by chair JB Wagoner. Karina Andrade started the meeting with icebreaker “where would you want to be if not here/work”.

II. Public Comments

Sacramento visit: SCLARC consumer staff visited Sacramento and saw legislators. Visit/topic was about rates for vendors.

III. Minimum Wage & Sick Pay Policy

Some handouts were distributed to those present detailing the minimum wage increases as well as the State/City of LA sick time policy. A handout summarizing the State and various cities policies was discussed by Karina Andrade. Copies were not made due to the large number of pages the document contained. Karina stated she would email everyone a copy of the document.

IV. SCLARC Executive Director Report (Dexter Henderson)

Nancy Barggman: Has been confirmed as the new Director of the Department of Developmental Services. She is a great person to lead the department.

Self-determination: self determination is closer than anticipated so we will provide more information as we receive more information. Every regional center has a S.D. Advisory Committee. If you are interested, contact the VAC to get more information.

HCBS proposals: DDS has \$15mill available to vendors to come into compliance with HCBS. There were 835 proposals submitted statewide totaling requests for over \$100 million dollars. 94 projects were funded, 77 of which were for day programs. SCLARC received approval on 4 of 69 for approximately \$350 thousand dollars.

Telephone concerns: SCLARC has tried different things to alleviate this issue, such as increasing number of receptionists to 3 and changing the way that phones are routed to alleviate the issue but it has not been as successful as expected. SCLARC is considering adding another line. There is high volume of calls primarily on Tuesday and Thursday.

V. Presentation

Mandated Reporter--by Monique Watts, Fair Hearing Manager

Some takeaways from the training:

Mandated Reporter: are school teacher, social workers, licensed professional, doctors, child care providers (employee of a youth center), educators (includes custodians, kitchen staff...), law enforcement among many others, commercial film and photo processors among others. Volunteers are not mandated reporters per penal code but are encouraged to be trained and report.

Definitions for abuse type: 1. Child Abuse: someone under 18 2. dependent adult abuse 18 and up and 3. elder abuse is 65 and over

What must be reported: abuse or suspected abuse.

Type of events that would trigger reporting: death of a child, physical injury, sexual abuse, neglect, willful harm and injury, endangering, unlawful corporal punishment. For dependent adults/elders: physical abuse, neglect, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, abandonment.

Comments such as “I am not getting food”, “I am left alone at night...” is a cause for concern for possible abuse. In a school setting, a RN might notice something like bruising or marks on a student and feel something is wrong.

Reporting timeline for adults is immediately and 48 hours for the report. Keep the SC informed and aware of any verbal/written reports you do, an SIR may be required. Always follow up with an SIR to regional center if it is an RC client, it's important to keep entire circle of support knowledgeable.

For adults outside of long term care facility: suspected abuse or neglect, IMMEDIATELY, adult protective services. one of the flyers has new reporting information on adult protective services, new contact information is there for them, they prefer verbal call-in and do report within 48 hours.

Make sure to have an up to date picture of the participant, if someone elopes, it's important to have an up to date picture of the participant with their file at all time. Report suspected abuse even if the abuse happened 6 months ago, i.e. student says my dad beat me 6 months ago

Client on client abuse: de-escalate the situation, start reporting to RC, parent or caregiver can decide to escalate to the police. You do not always need to report to the police, it depends on how serious the situation is.

Summary: know or suspect that there is abuse, report it. Hard proof is not needed to make a report. What if we make a mistake? It is better to err in the direction of over reporting than under reporting.

Two Downey parent groups, Familias Unidas/Familias Sin Limites were at the meeting and verbalized incidents with their own consumers. They liked the presentation and were happy to have attended and would like to know about options for their children.

VI. Minutes

VAC minutes for the March 8, 2017 meeting were approved with the following correction:

--Correct proper spelling of Carmen Haley's name.

Approval moved by Karina Andrade and seconded by Carmen Haley.

VII. VAC Executive & Committee Reports

A. Committees:

Membership: VAC is looking for members to join the 15 member board. We are planning a summer mixer on July 20th. Save the date.

Compliance: There are 2-3 topics that the subcommittee is considering for presenting to the VAC membership.

Legislative: no report at this time.

Strategic Planning: the board is planning on implementing a break-out session during the VAC meetings in the future.

Next VAC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2017

April 12, 2017 MEETING MINUTES—APPROVED on 5/10/17

SCLARC VAC MEETING
SIGN IN SHEET
April 12, 2017

1. Kristal Rodriguez	BuenaVida Learning Services
2. Karen Neal	Tracey's Place
3. Sylvia Ortiz	Peak Performance Training
4. Andres Velasco	SMS Transportation
5. Ms. Illona Hendrick	Hendrick Home
6. JB Wagoner	Arc Mid-Cities
7. Veronica Solano	The Jeffrey Foudnation
8. Amber Morales	SVS
9. Casandra Vanna	
10. Desiree Boykin	SCLARC
11. Tina Scruggs-Tate	Family Hands
12. Lara Okinubi	Ideal Program Services
13. Carmen Haley	Family Way
14. Diana Hernandez	24 hr Home Care
15. Martha Rodriguez	Fobi Pharmacy
16. Kelli Marsh	CADHC
17. Karina A. Andrade	EL ARCA ADHC
18. Worknesh Wakero	W&W RCF
19. Viri Salazar	South Bay Vocational Center
20. Wendy De Leon	Brighter Outlook
21. Shameka Bolden	Brighter Outlook
22. Mary Cady	Shield Healthcare
23. Yvette Torres	Premier Healthcare
24. Elsie Tatum	Smileys G.H.
25. Perla Landeros	PALS
26. Chanoy Hill	TOH
27. Herlinda Rodriguez	PAC
28. Alicia Cortez	PAC
29. Dan Merrell	Maxim