



**SCLARC VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES--DRAFT**

IN ATTENDANCE: see below

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Illona Hendrick

II. Welcome & Introductions

Illona Hendrick, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were approved without corrections. Minutes were moved by Karina seconded by Pedro.

IV. 2020 Vendor Information

Ms. Kelli introduced the training topic calendar for 2020 for the VAC. The VAC does not meet in August 2020 or December 2020. The topics were selected from the survey sent out to vendors late last year. The topics were the most popular and most chosen by those that completed the survey.

Kelli reviewed the contact list for vendor help and for the clinical department. The VAC will bring a suggestion box going forward for vendors to add any comments or suggestions.

V. Vendor Fair Q&A

Illona spoke about the vendor fair. There are some rules that the LA Convention Center has stated should be followed. Illona reviewed a list of rules. The Convention Center does not want you to take in any food to sell or give away. We want to make sure that vendors understand that there is to be no food or drinks allowed. The VAC may be charged a penalty if people take food or drinks.

All service coordinators are asked to attend to the vendor fair. There are over 200 service coordinators that will attend as well as management. Vendors were also reminded that no individual give-away should be valued at more than \$25. SCLARC staff is prohibited from accepting any type of gift that is valued over that amount.

VI. Dr. Kim Bowie---- Updates Q&A

Dr. Bowie distributed some documents. She stated it is important to make sure that SCLARC has a valid e-mail address to communicate information with you. If you have more than one e-mail address you would like to provide, that is ok. In addition, Dr. Bowie wants to make sure that you provide SCLARC with a physical number where they can reach a facility. Sometimes, they have a cell phone number on file for multiple facilities and that delays getting information to a specific facility.

The new temporary rates will be entered into the e-billing system in January so that they show up in February when you do the billing. There may be some clean-up that has to take place. The temp increase is going to be 8.2% for most vendor codes that are part of the increase. Supported employment will have a 7.6% increase. This temporary increase is due to Senate Bill 81. The state is waiting for the Federal approval for CMS matching funds. All regional centers that use your vendor number will have the new temporary rate in their system as well.

Some service codes will not see an increase. Facilities licensed by Department of Health will not see an increase. Specialists codes that are on the negotiated rate but normally have rates set by CMS will not see an increase. These codes include 114, 115, 116, 117 that will not see an increase.

The rates take effect January 1, 2020. It may take some time for Community Services to get the report showing the new rates. There may be an e-mailed contract addendum with the new temporary rate. ARM facilities will not get notification letter.

Minimum wage went up to \$13 in California on January 1 for employers with 26 or more employees in the same tax ID. Contact SCLARC if your reimbursement rate for 1:1 service is less than State minimum wage. Vendors can ask for a health and safety waiver exemption. Waivers for local minimum wage increases follows the same process.

VII. Executive Director Report

Mr. Henderson welcomed everyone and wished everyone a happy new year. It is good to see so many vendors at the first meeting of the year. It is important to be involved. On January 10, the final comments on the rate study are supposed to come out. The 8.2% temporary rate increase is already in the law to the end December 2021. It is hoped a permanent solution is found and approved by the legislation. As vendors, it is necessary to voice concerns and advocate for the rates. Although 8.2% is a start, it is not sufficient.

VIII. New/Old Business

Public Comments:

Desiree: the new name is the Advocates Advisory Committee. It meets every fourth Monday for 10am to 12pm.

Vendor: would like to know in advance which trainings have CEU's in advance. The VAC will inquire and let vendors know.

Martha Rodriguez: shared a flyer of new services related to pharmacy that is authorized by SCLARC. Consultant pharmacist reviews the consumer profile to identify and resolve any medication-related problems. Vendors interested in learning more can contact Martha at mrodriguez@pharmacistathome.com

Brandi: felt that the pharmacy program Martha mentioned was really helpful for her home to make sure she is in compliance.

IX. VAC Executive & Committee reports

Membership Committee: no report

Compliance Committee: no report

Legislative Committee: no report

Strategic Committee: no report

X. Vendor Fair Registration/Payment

Vendors were provided an opportunity to reserve their space for the vendor fair.

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting will be on February 12, 2020.

SIGN IN SHEET

January 8, 2019

1. Samira Mendez	Loving Heart Loving Home
2. Devin R	RCFE Residential
3. Illona Hendrick	Hendrick Home
4. Karina Andrade	EL ARCA
5. Desiree Boykin	SCLARC staff
6. Maya Borna	Maya Borna, Inc.
7. Bridget Bah	Collaborative Skill Mgt
8. Vash Sar	SAR Adult Home Care
9. S Royal	Creative Employment
10. Pedro Travieso	Mariro, LLC
11. Christian Alvarez	Passport To Learn, Inc.
12. Amy V	Easter Seals
13. Veronica Solano	The Jeffrey Foundation
14. Rey Aro	WSC
15. Jules Z.	WSC
16. Kelli Marsh	CADHC
17. F. Harris	SCRS
18. Martha Rodriguez	Fobi Pharmacy
19. Pam Cutchins	We are Community
20. Anselma Heredia	Self Reliant Employment Support
21. Riva H	Inclusion Services
22. Andres V	SMS Transportation
23. Teela Page	SMS Transportation
24. Angie Gallon	SVS
25. Maria Gonzalez	On My Own, Inc.
26. Moesha Walker	VL Open Hearts
27. Marguerite S	24 Home Care
28. Maggie Ortega	Ability First
29. Francesca La lanne	ECF Art Center
30. Delawrence Grant	Understanding Needed Integration
31. Mariyah Givens	Crisis Response Project
32. Jenee King	Mentors for Life
33. Deja Wilson	Precise Care
34. Lethe Lee	Clarion Therapy Services, Inc.
35. M Lopez	Creative Optons Plus
36. Angel Dominguez	Parenthood Partners and Family Services
37. Magellan B	New Directions in Living
38. Esteban Miranda	DESI
39. Karen Chavez	Roseview Torrance/Common Ground
40. Darlene Dexter	Empower
41. Cheryl Johnson	CORD
42. Regina Johnson	Gossett Residential Services
43. Alma Morales	Premier HealthCare
44. Dele Silva	Brite New Horizons
45. Lara Okunobi	Ideal Program Services
46. Kimberly Rodgers	SCLARC Advocate Advisory
47. Christian Alvarez	Exceptional Children's Foundation

48. Marvin Cofer	Better Days Residential
49. Rafael Lopez	Crisis Support Services
50. Joseph Jose	Sunshine Residential
51. Princess Torres	JAT Adult Home
52. Keishna Tabor	Butterfli
53. Melody Ussery	Stepping Stones
54. Marianet Tirado	Peak Training Institute
55. Joyce Williams	Milestone Program
56. Manuel Garcia	Premier HealthCare
57. Raquel W	Partnership in Living
58. Renee	Ladera Home
59. Amy Valdiviezo	Easter Seals
60. Dorrie Woods	Travel for Me
61. Tracy Williams	Home Sweet Home
62. Felisiha Lewis	Wright Road
63. Angelica Real	Easter Seals
64. Karen William	Self Reliant Employment
65. Michelle Wright	VAS Interpreting
66. Carina Caamal	Solutions Plus Services
67. Patricia Singim	PALS
68. Yosman Marroquin	Marroquin Facility
69. Linda W	Alternative Learning Center
70. Malcom Clay	Pathways to Success
71. Kyra Sanchez	Sleep Easy
72. Michael Hernandez	Cambrian Home Care
73. Carolina Pineda	Maxim HealthCare
74. Imelda Ochoa	Training for Tomorrow
75. Elizabeth Nelson	Epic Residential
76. Shnieka Royal	Creative Employment